

# **HOUNSLOW ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY**

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024**

Normal day-to-day operations continued in 2024, and we were able to undertake home-visits, rescues and trappings without any restrictions. It proved to be another busy year.

In 2024 our charity cared for 368 animals, 291 of which were taken in throughout the year much the same as 2023. Of these, 278 were adult cats or kittens, with a number born to mum-cats whilst in our care. 7 rabbits and 6 guinea pigs were also taken in, making up the total. We continue our practice of homing our rescued animals already vaccinated, microchipped and neutered, age permitting.

HAWS has a non-destruction policy and only advocates euthanasia if an animal is too seriously ill or injured for any hope of recovery. Unfortunately, we lost 15 cats who were in our care this year, 50% up on the total for 2023. These were adult cats with unresolvable medical issues and neonatal kittens who had not had the best start in life.

Over the year we rehomed 194 cats and kittens, 6 rabbits and 4 guinea pigs. We also continued to deal with feral cat colonies, trapping, neutering, and returning to site where they remain under the care of members of the public who feed them and generally look out for them. 52 cats were either returned to site or to owners during 2024. At any one time we routinely have over 120 cats and kittens in foster care and at the end of 2024 had 25 cats in permanent sanctuary. Before adoption, all our animals are lodged and cared for in the homes of our dedicated volunteer foster carers who take an active part in the rehoming process. We also work with a number of excellent veterinary surgeries, where all our cats are initially taken for medical treatment and check-ups prior to fostering – they support us practically and financially by discounting our bills, which helps to reduce our veterinary costs during the year.

Throughout 2024, we continued to receive a high level of contacts by telephone, email etc, keeping volunteers extremely busy. Together with the calls requesting help with feral, stray, and abandoned cats and small animals, there were still a huge number of requests for us to take in unwanted pets – whilst COVID was no longer a factor, the main driver for this appeared to be the general cost of living increases meaning owners could no longer afford to keep their pets.

In 2024 our income totalled £298,063.93 of which £247,536.57 came from legacies. Our pet food and litter costs combined increased to just over £12,800.00, a 14% increase over 2023. This again was caused by an increase in our day-to-day needs, a reduction in the amount of food donations and significant price increases. Our heaviest outlay was again on veterinary expenses. In 2024 these totalled £105,237.40 but this was a decrease from the bills in 2023. Again, we had a number of cats and kittens needing complex medical treatment, and many of our cats had to be boarded at vets for several weeks before they could be moved to a foster home. Unfortunately, we ceased to use one of our long-term partner vets for boarding, due to a change in their company policies. Our expenses for the year totalled £127,344.90 – an under-spend of £171,302.37 against income. As in 2023, had we not received the legacies we could not have helped so many animals during the year.

We carried on our normal fund-raising activities in 2024. We attended the Ealing Animal Welfare Bazaar in March with good results. The Christmas Craft Fair was held in November 2024 and our stall proved very popular with the visitors. Pets at Home continued their support for us, raising money and donating food, which was very gratefully received. We were also able to be present for their 'Santa Paws' fundraising events during December and on other occasions during the year. Sainsbury's in Chiswick also continued to host our pet food donation bin, with good results.

Our website remains the main point of contact for our charity and is a vital tool in our rehoming efforts. All animals that are fit to be rehomed are published online and this is backed by our comprehensive database recording the history of each animal from rescue to rehoming. We have also increased our Facebook and Instagram presence. Every single aspect of the charity continues to be run by unpaid volunteers, enabling us to use our funds solely for animal rescue and care. The Trustees extend heartfelt thanks to all of HAWS' volunteers for their hard work and dedication – without them the charity could not function.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
HOUNSLOW ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/12/2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1065060

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Shakeel Khan

Date:

15/07/2025

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**HOUNSLOW ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY**  
**FOR YEAR END 31st DECEMBER 2024**

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b> £	<b><u>2023</u></b> £
Membership	2,061.50	2,351.00
General Donations & Collections	20,155.15	16,852.19
Donations - Adoptions	18,577.00	35,157.44
Inland Revenue (Gift Aid)	1,806.38	1,925.43
Inland Revenue (VAT Claim)	2,685.01	
Fund Raising	5,242.32	4,432.69
Legacies	247,536.57	129,981.16
	<b><u>298,063.93</u></b>	<b><u>190,699.91</u></b>
<b><u>Admin Expenses</u></b>		
Veterinary Fees	105,237.40	121,276.46
Litter /Hygiene	1,432.14	1,431.14
Food	11,391.20	10,708.14
Equipment	2,022.94	1,989.71
Telephone	921.67	735.22
Charitable Donations	600.00	0.00
Postage Stationery and Printing	107.69	294.84
Transport	2,365.75	2,033.83
Accountancy	300.00	300.00
Website and Software	1,229.67	1,090.99
Bank Charges	78.00	60.00
Garage Maintenance/Repairs	544.62	553.36
Premises Insurance	667.87	484.18
Genral Admin Expenses	240.00	240.00
Fund Raising Expenses	205.95	36.91
	<b><u>127,344.90</u></b>	<b><u>141,234.78</u></b>
<b><u>Operating Profit</u></b>	170,719.03	49,465.13
<b><u>Other Income &amp; Expenses</u></b>		
Interest Received	583.34	580.73
Interest Paid	0.00	0.00
Revaluation of Garage	0.00	0.00
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b><u>171,302.37</u></b>	<b><u>50,045.86</u></b>

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## BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR END 31st DECEMBER 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>				
Tangible Assets		12,000.00		12,000.00
Investments		266,522.45		98,782.83
		<u>278,522.45</u>		<u>110,782.83</u>
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>				
Other Debtors			1,395.05	
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CAF Bank Ltd - Current A/C	253,303.15		256,369.06	
	<u>278,543.22</u>		<u>281,146.68</u>	
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>				
Creditors		4,790.19		10,956.40
Net Current Assets		552,275.48		380,973.11
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>552,275.48</u>		<u>380,973.11</u>
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>				
Brought Forward		380,973.11		330,927.25
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