



Annual Report & Accounts

February 2023 to January 2024

We have faced many challenges this past year, the cost of living crises has impacted many people and we have rescued several animals from veterinary practices when owners were unable to pay for treatment, opting for euthanasia instead. Veterinary surgeons who believe the animal stands a good chance of a full recovery, call us if they can persuade the owner to sign the animal over to them instead of putting it to sleep. Of course, that means we are faced with cost of the treatment. A Bengal cat called Trouble, fell from a second-floor balcony breaking a leg. Because the owner delayed taking the cat to a vet, mending the break failed and, in the end, we had to remove the leg completely. It was a happy ending for Trouble, the foster carer who nursed him through his operation and did all the aftercare, adopted him. Having rescued so many via this route, our veterinary costs have increased substantially this year, and we believe will continue to do so. With the sharp rise in treatment and routine procedures like vaccination and neutering, we have seen more animals discarded generally and our own costs at an all time high.

Animals, especially dogs, need time to settle into their new homes. Many are anxious when moved on again, and we have been shocked and disappointed by how quickly some of our animals are returned. One dog, a foxhound called Jacob, was returned in less than 24 hours because he was restless. Another, a crossbreed called Lizzie, was returned after a couple of days when they decided she was too big for the house. This is very disappointing as we go to great lengths to ensure potential adopters have a clear understanding of what is needed when taking on a new pet. We offer back-up training too but still people give an animal up without asking for help.



Jacob returned to us after less than 24hrs because he kept jumping on the couch.

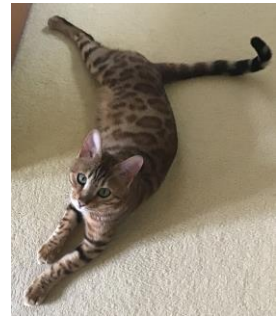


One of the many animals left at vets when owners could not afford to pay the bill.

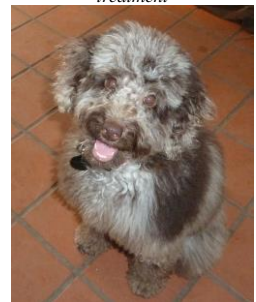
We continue to rescue dogs from Ireland and Romania as well as locally. This year we started to do mandatory testing for Brucellosis for all dogs from Romania prior to travel. Most veterinary practices now demand proof that dogs from mainland Europe have been tested for this disease and are negative before they will treat them because it can be passed to humans. This is in addition to the tests we already carry out for tick borne diseases.

Christmas Eve we had an urgent phone call from our local pound about three dogs whose reclaiming time had expired. They were to be euthanised that afternoon if no rescue space could be found. Our foster homes stepped up and all three dogs were saved. One of the dogs, an elderly Jack Russel we called Ivy, had so many rotten teeth that her mouth was full of abscesses. The level of neglect was astounding, and the poor girl had to have over 20 teeth removed and a course of antibiotics. Despite her obvious discomfort, her temperament was very sweet.

Going forward, we know the reasons for surrendering pets will continue to rise. Rehoming is also affected as fewer people able to take on pets. Our rehoming figures reflect this trend. We can only hope that breeders are similarly affected and that less dogs and cats will be produced. The knock on effect of lockdown continues to be felt when so many animals were bred.



Trouble, who lost a leg because the owner delayed veterinary treatment



Skye, a victim of the cost of living crisis.



Adoptions this year are as follows: 154 dogs, 7 cats, 3 small pets.

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Trustees: Gillian Knight, Karen Barry, Carole Moules. Registered Charity Number 1067970

HEATHLANDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY 2024

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Fund Raising	£	27,799.00	£ 19,764.00
Donations	£	124,047.00	£ 117,317.00
Estimated			£ -
Interest Received	£	2.00	£ -
		<u>£ 151,848.00</u>	<u>£ 137,081.00</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
A Veterinary Services	£	89,144.00	£ 82,094.00
B Kennel Fees	£	17,014.00	£ 20,299.00
C Fostering	£	16,138.00	£ 9,332.00
G1 Depreciation	£	577.00	£ 618.00
H1 Telephone	£	2,088.00	£ 1,891.00
H2 Stationery & Postage	£	581.00	£ 633.00
H3 Waste Disposal	£	2,134.00	£ 1,256.00
H4 Insurance	£	545.00	£ 528.00
K1 Travelling & Transport	£	16,802.00	£ 18,653.00
KR Staff Expenses	£	8,170.00	£ 2,666.00
H Miscellaneous	£	3,203.00	£ 3,474.00
R1 Repairs	£	-	£ 403.00
		<u>£ 156,396.00</u>	<u>£ 141,847.00</u>
Excess/(Deficit) of Expenditure over Income		<u>-£ 4,548.00</u>	<u>-£ 4,766.00</u>



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

HEATHLANDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY

On accounts for the year
ended

31 JANUARY 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1067970

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

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

SP Rouse

Date:

30th NOV 2024

Name:

SCOTT PAUL ROUSE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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