



Annual Report & Accounts

**February 2024 to
January 2025**

It seems there has been no improvement in animal care this year with the cases of neglect we have seen and a worrying trend of owners leaving many of their pets at the vets. Unable to meet the soaring costs of veterinary treatment when a health problem has presented, the choices are bleak, to sign over the animal to the vets and get rescues involved, if they offer that option, or euthanasia. It must be very distressing for caring vets to euthanise a young animal that could be saved with treatment. One such case was Piper, a Dogue de Bordeaux, only 8 weeks old and tiny, failing to thrive. Breeder not willing to spend any money on her. After a shaky start she started to put on weight and grow and was put on permanent foster supported by Heathlands. Sadly, she only made it to 18 months, her kidneys failed to grow properly and she went into renal failure. A sad outcome for a beautiful dog but she did have a wonderful time in her foster home where she was much loved.

We received a cry for help with a litter of puppies but when we went to collect them, the partner of the lady who had asked for help would not let us take the pups wishing to sell them. Our volunteers refused to be intimidated seeing the dire conditions the puppies were living in, eating cat litter and hardly able to walk through lack of nutrition. The police were called and the man given an ultimatum – hand over the puppies or face arrest. We got the puppies plus 2 other dogs and a hamster. One of the dogs was so matted the skin underneath was raw and she could not walk. It was touch and go for a while but with careful feeding the pups all survived and were rehomed. The older dog with the skin condition went on permanent foster and lived another year.



Beautiful Piper, loved in foster, sadly a short life.

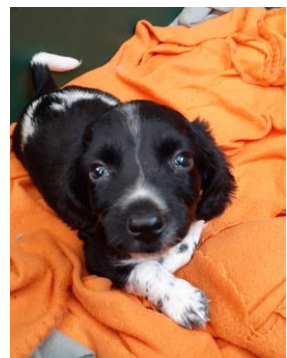


Margot was another pup, left at vets due to cost of treatment.

We had a cry for help with another, unregistered rescue. A one person operation that had collected dogs and cats and failed to provide vaccinations, neutering and more importantly, a chance of a home. They were living in crates most of the day whilst she worked. We took the dogs out a few at a time, did all that needed doing and rehomed them. We also got other rescues involved to help as there were so many. Another case of someone starting out with good intentions, only to flounder due to the cost and time involved in doing rescue properly.

It is not just dogs and cats that suffer neglect. A Budgie was brought in and right away it was obvious that all was not well. The budgie had a crossed bill making eating difficult. It had been to the vet the day before and only been given a mite treatment, the beak had not been trimmed. It was clear the bird could not eat and was very thin. We trimmed the beak and he did start eating, alas too late. He died two days later from starvation. Appalling when you consider it saw a vet the day before entry, and they failed to spot how compromised the poor bird was. Specialist Avian vets are few and far between sadly.

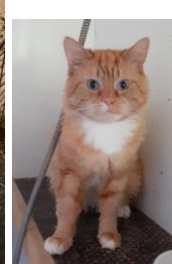
It has certainly been a challenging year; veterinary costs continue to rise. Fundraising opportunities are scarce, but our supporters always step up when we ask for help.



One of the puppies that nearly died through malnutrition



Ralph, one of many taken from another 'rescue' who was living in a crate all day.



Adoptions this year are as follows: 168 dogs, 6 cats, 5 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 2025

		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Fund Raising	£	23,242.00	£ 27,168.00
Donations	£	103,465.00	£ 109,290.00
Gift Aid	£	26,184.00	
Interest Received	£	2.00	£ 2.00
Estimated	£	-	£ 15,388.00
		<u>£ 152,893.00</u>	<u>£ 151,848.00</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
A	Veterinary Services	£ 101,982.00	£ 84,044.00
B	Kennel Fees	£ 17,584.00	£ 17,014.00
C	Fostering	£ 15,879.00	£ 16,138.00
G1	Depreciation	£ 588.00	£ 577.00
H1	Telephone	£ 2,435.00	£ 2,088.00
H2	Stationery & Postage	£ 906.00	£ 581.00
H3	Waste Disposal	£ 1,906.00	£ 2,134.00
H4	Insurance	£ 577.00	£ 545.00
K1	Travelling & Transport	£ 19,575.00	£ 8,802.00
KR	Staff Expenses	£ 2,675.00	£ 8,170.00
H	Miscellaneous	£ 2,868.00	£ 3,203.00
R1	Repairs	£ -	£ -
	Estimated Expenses	£ -	£ 13,100.00
		<u>£ 166,975.00</u>	<u>£ 156,396.00</u>
Excess/(Deficit) of Expenditure over Income		<u>-£ 14,082.00</u>	<u>-£ 4,548.00</u>

HEATHLANDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY
BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Equipment at Cost	£ 61,385.00	£ 60,877.00
Accumulated Depreciation	£ 60,285.00	£ 59,697.00
	£ 1,100.00	£ 1,180.00
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Bank Account	£ 162,490.00	£ 176,295.00
Other Debtors	£ -	£ -
Prepayments	£ 7,652.00	£ 7,475.00
	£ 170,142.00	£ 183,770.00
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Sundry Creditors	-£ 13,617.00	-£ 13,243.00
	<u>£ 157,625.00</u>	<u>£ 171,707.00</u>
<u>Represented by:</u>		
Accumulated Fund b/fwd	£ 171,707.00	£ 176,255.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income	-£ 14,082.00	-£ 4,548.00
	<u>£ 157,625.00</u>	<u>£ 171,707.00</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

31st January 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1067970

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st January 2025

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:

29th November 25

Name:

SCOTT PAUL ROUSE

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

FCA

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