



Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

For the period from: 1st June 2021 To: 31st May 2022.

Feline Welfare

Charity No. 1084722

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Charity trustees who manage the charity

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Dates acted</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Mr Douglas Charles John Wills | | Acted for whole of period |
| Mrs Elizabeth Wills | | Acted for whole of period |
| Mrs Nicola Helen Hazelgrove | Chairperson | Acted for whole of period |
| Ms Jenny Young | | Acted for whole of period |

Structure, governance and management

Feline Welfare is a charity governed by a constitution document based on the principles and policies of its founder Mrs Nicola Helen Hazelgrove. The charity is managed by a trust and board of trustees who implement the policies as laid down by the constitution document. Trustees are nominated and elected in accordance with the policy contained therein.

The charity is managed by the trustees who undertake the organisation and implementation of the public charitable work of Feline Welfare. The trustees also undertake the recruitment, training and management of volunteers to assist in Feline Welfare's charitable pursuits including publicity and fundraising.

The charity trustees are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping of proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of Feline Welfare are to promote better welfare conditions for those cats and kittens that do not have the benefit of a loving home and to educate feline owners as to the need for the proper provision of decent living conditions and the need for neutering and spaying.

The aim of the charity is to protect, rescue and rehabilitate cats and kittens, both domestic and feral, that may have been abandoned, made homeless, neglected, injured and/or abused and in need of veterinary treatment.

The activities of Feline Welfare are foremost the rescue and rehabilitation of cats and kittens in need of help. If such cats or kittens are unapproachable because of fear or because they are feral, we will trap them using a humane trap. When a cat and or kitten(s) is taken into our care, he or she is immediately checked by a vet and treated for any injuries, infections and/or illnesses. This includes any visual medical check, X-rays and blood tests for organ damage or dysfunction, illness and routine Feline Aids and Feline leukaemia. Also, all cats in our care are neutered or spayed and also microchipped for easy identification.

We try to persuade as many landowners and farmers as we can to have their feral and/or outdoor cats neutered or spayed. Once the relevant permissions have been granted, we trap them and take them through our routine health check and veterinary treatment before neutering or spaying them. Once they have convalesced, they are either returned to the same site, or we find alternative outside homes for them. We only release feral cats if there is a regular source of food, suitable protected areas e.g., hay barn and with someone ensuring their welfare needs are being met.

Once a cat or kitten has been under our care, we remain responsible for its welfare and protection for the rest of its life. All cats and kittens that we re-home or release back to their usual environment must come back into our care should there be a problem or threat to their resettlement. Before re-homing any of our cats or kittens, we carry out a pre-home visit to ensure any prospective home is suitable. We also carry out follow-up visits to their new homes to ensure all is well, and offer advice when needed on an ongoing basis. We are constantly promoting more responsible pet ownership.

One of our initiatives is our Special Neutering/Spaying and Microchipping Scheme for low-income families. This is particularly significant as the cat situation becomes more demanding, and the numbers needing help rises. Many pet owners find themselves in financial difficulties following redundancy or illness and have consequent difficulties finding employment again. As such, many responsible owners are unable to meet veterinary and sometimes the general costs of keeping a cat/kitten. We help as many people as we can to the best of our ability.

Achievements and performance

Feline Welfare have had increasing success with our Neutering/Spaying/Microchipping Scheme during the past year for low-income families on the Island. Following the restrictions Covid caused with a reduction in availability for routine surgery and treatment this is now improving. We have found it necessary to register with a further two Veterinary Practices to enable us to deliver the care for the cats/ kittens, domestic and feral, and be able to sustain our high level of care for all those who come to us for help, rehabilitation, treatment, surgery and eventually rehoming. On admission, all cats/kittens are screened routinely for feline leukaemia and FIV. General bloodwork will be carried out if felt to be appropriate. Any surgery, emergency and routine, treatments for illness or a variety of conditions are performed and once each one has a clean bill of health, they are vaccinated and microchipped, and then prepared for their new homes.

Every year we are asked to help with feral cats. We are the only Rescue Centre on the Island now who will do this type of work. We health check, neuter/ spay, microchip and release, when possible, to do so, otherwise we look for alternative outside homes for them. We cleared a Waste Disposal site at the end of 2022. Domestic homes were found for 9 kittens and the remaining cats were found alternative outside homes as we were not permitted to return the cats to the site. Several times we have helped sick or injured feral/ semi-feral cats and they have been able to continue their lives as before with a kind member of the public providing food and shelter for them.

Due to the unavailability at Veterinary Practices for neutering/spaying during and to a certain extent since Covid there has been a large increase in indiscriminate breeding. Some cat owners saw the opportunity to make money by breeding their cats. The price of many kittens being sold mostly via the Internet increased dramatically. This inevitably sees an increase in neglect, low standards and abandonment.

We still continue to raise much needed funds via social media, monthly donations, paid directly to our account, sponsored events by our supporters and being remembered in people's Wills.

Where possible we help people with their Veterinary costs. This is generally if they have been faced with a very sizeable Veterinary bill following their pet being injured in a road traffic accident, a fight or some other injury or illness and they are unable to afford the treatment.

We have rehomed 96 domestic cats and kittens and been involved with over 30 feral/ semi-feral cats and kittens.

Financial review

This year, we raised funds from the many kind donors with standing orders, cash and online donations, as well as boot sales. We did online raffles with donated prizes and various appeals on social media, particularly when we had badly injured cats needing extensive surgery or treatment for complex conditions, this helped us greatly to meet very sizeable Veterinary Bill's.

There were still many difficulties with practical day to day running of the charity due to the Covid-19 restrictions. However, people were extremely generous and we maintained a healthy bank balance and paid all expenses. Due to Covid-19 safety issues, our overheads and administration costs continued to increase marginally. We had to purchase PPE equipment and pay for some online fundraising events, though it was still only around 3% of our expenditure, leaving 97% of donations to be spent on feline welfare needs.

As Feline Welfare is primarily a rescue and rehabilitation charity, it does not have any material assets. All income is used on consumable and medical purchases and any permanent equipment used is generally the personal possessions of either trustees or volunteers. The charity needs no land or buildings of its own. Any goods sold at Feline Welfare organised fund-raising events are the property of the individual seller, who has offered to sell their goods at said event and then kindly donated some or all of the proceeds to Feline Welfare. In this way, the charity limits financial liabilities in order to focus on the objectives of the charity.

Annual Accounts Period from 1st June 2021 to 31st May 2022

Section A - Receipts and payments

| A1 Receipts | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | <i>To the nearest £</i> | <i>To the nearest £</i> | <i>To the nearest £</i> | <i>To the nearest £</i> | <i>To the nearest £</i> |
| Donations | 30,602 | 0 | 0 | | 35,177 |
| Legacies | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| Fund raising | 23,661 | 0 | 0 | | 24,763 |
| Subtotal (Gross income) | 54,263 | 0 | 0 | | 59,940 |

A2 Asset and investment sales

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Subtotal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total receipts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

A3 Payments

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| Vets Fees - General | 48,089 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36,599 |
| Vets Fees - Special Scheme | 7,731 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,509 |
| Prescriptions | 826 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,268 |
| Microchips | 124 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 229 |
| Food | 4,012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,153 |
| Cat Litter | 2,008 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,827 |
| Fundraising expenses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 348 |
| Advertising & Publicity | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 |
| Equipment | 461 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 786 |
| General Expenses | 220 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance | 168 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 420 |
| Maintenance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76 |
| Bank charges | 168 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| Subtotal | 63,807 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56,331 |

A4 Asset and Investment purchases

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | <i>To the nearest £</i> | <i>To the nearest £</i> | <i>To the nearest £</i> | <i>To the nearest £</i> | <i>To the nearest £</i> |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Subtotal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | |
| Total payments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | |
| <i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Cash funds this year end</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Section B - Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Category | Details | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | <i>To the nearest £</i> | <i>To the nearest £</i> | <i>To the nearest £</i> |
| B1 Cash funds | Balance of receipts | -9,544 | 0 | 0 |
| | Cash funds | 52,904 | 0 | 0 |
| | Total cash funds | 43,360 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Not applicable | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | |
| B3 Investment assets | Not applicable | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Not applicable | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | |
| B3 Liabilities | Not applicable | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A - Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
FELINE WELFARE

On accounts for the year
ended

31st May 2022

Charity no 1084722
(if any)

Set out on pages 5 & 6 of Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

11 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's
statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met.

Signed:



Date: 15-02-2023

Name: Alan Rossati

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

No professional qualifications but formerly self-employed and responsible for bookkeeping, tax and VAT returns.

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Section B - Disclosure

NO MATERIAL PROBLEMS

**Give here brief details of any
items that the examiner wishes
to disclose.**

NO ITEMS TO DISCLOSE