



# Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

For the period from: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 To: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

**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**

This year, the energy crisis has caused people to struggle to pay vet fees, including neutering or spaying and microchipping as well as treatment needed for illness and injury. More people are parting with their pets due to having financial difficulties. Another reason that has worsened over the last year, people are finding it very difficult to find rented properties that will accept pets. There are fewer rental properties due to landlords selling up.

We have helped as many people and their cats as we can. This has included help towards vet bills or actually rehoming their much-loved pet because they cannot afford to keep them. 'Stray' cats, especially those who are undoctered, are on the increase which makes it difficult to get them into care immediately. We prioritise those who are sick or injured. We have taken 120 cats into our care during this period.

We have helped 50 feral cats and kittens this year including 40 being health checked, neutered, microchipped and released where they have shelter and food with the farmer or owner addressing all their welfare needs. 10 feral and semi-feral kittens have been rehomed into domestic homes having been health checked, neutered or spayed, microchipped and vaccinated.

We have registered with a third veterinary practice who kindly help us with feral and semi-feral cats and kittens, and also with stray cats in poor condition, seeing them immediately, even out of hours. It is very reassuring that we can get these cats and kittens immediate treatment and attention. We are still struggling with indiscriminate breeding for financial gain and Internet selling of animals, but we can always rely on Trading Standards for their support.

## **Financial review**

Once again, this year, we raised funds from the many kind donors with standing orders, cash and online donations, as well as boot sales. This year we only held one of our annual fayres, which are labour intensive, as have been very successful in holding various appeals on social media to meet the considerable veterinary bills we have received this year. We are very grateful to our many generous supporters.

As we help cat owners on low incomes with veterinary treatment, it will come as no surprise that there was an increase in need this year due to the cost-of-living crisis. As usual, vet bills are our biggest expense. Thankfully, our overheads this year have been less than 2% of our expenditure, leaving over 98p of every pound donated 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 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022

### Section A - Receipts and payments

<b>A1 Receipts</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>	<b>Last year</b>
	<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	26,189	0	0		30,602
Legacies	4,000	0	0		0
Fund raising	17,460	0	0		23,661
<b>Subtotal (Gross income)</b>	<b>47,649</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>54,263</b>

### A2 Asset and investment sales

	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### A3 Payments

Vets Fees - General	32,907	0	0	0	48,089
Vets Fees - Special Scheme	10,609	0	0	0	7,731
Prescriptions	2,278	0	0	0	826
Microchips	122	0	0	0	124
Food	5,173.00	0	0	0	4,012
Cat Litter	2,715	0	0	0	2,008
Fundraising expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Advertising & Publicity	281	0	0	0	0
Equipment	454	0	0	0	461
General Expenses	63	0	0	0	220
Insurance	178	0	0	0	168
Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0
Bank charges	165	0	0	0	168
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>54,945</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63,807</b>

<b>A4 Asset and Investment purchases</b>					
	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
<b>Subtotal</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## 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>
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Balance of receipts	-7,296	0	0
	Cash funds	43,360	0	0
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>36,064</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Not applicable	0	0	0
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Not applicable	0	0	0
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Not applicable	0	0	0
<b>B3 Liabilities</b>	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 2023

**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:** 22-03-2024

**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