

**CARING FOR THE ANIMALS TRUST**

**ACCOUNTS TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**CHARITY COMMISSION REF. NO. 1091152**

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CARING FOR THE ANIMALS TRUST

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 which are set out on page 2.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the association's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (The Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to state on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of The Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

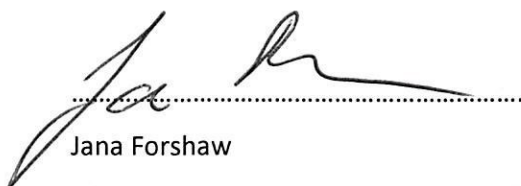
**Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. And examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the association and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration from you as trustees concerning those 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:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met.
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

### Financial Activities

#### Income resources

Donations	53,793.00
Fundraising	3,725.00
Legacies	93,532.00
Gift Aid	10,422.00
	<u>161,472.00</u>

#### Resources Expended for Animal Welfare

Expenditure on Animal Welfare	83,384.00
Printing educational leaflets, newsletters, postage etc	103.00
Public liability insurance	145.00
	<u>83,632.00</u>
Bank charges	301.00
PayPal & Enthuse charges	50.00
	<u>83,983.00</u>
 Total funds brought forward	 69,504.00
Excess of income during the year	77,489.00
Total funds carried forward	<u>146,993.00</u>

Cash at bank	134,860.00
Paypal	1,711.00
Debtor - HMRC	10,422.00
	<u>146,993.00</u>

Approved by the Trustees 10th September 2024

Signed on their behalf

*L. Manley-Bird*

Linda Manley-Bird  
Trustee

CARING FOR THE ANIMALS TRUST  
Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

CARAT continues to support small groups or individuals in Greece who rescue or care for abused or abandoned animals.

As our newsletters never fail to report, overpopulation of stray dogs and cats is still a huge problem in Greece and the cause of much needless suffering which has worsened as abandonment of unwanted animals has proliferated in the wake of the economic crisis and the Coronavirus outbreaks. Attempts to control the problem are therefore of paramount importance and CARAT continues to allocate a large percentage of its income to neutering campaigns for stray dogs and cats. CARAT now has a good working relationship with a number of Greek vets who are prepared to offer lower fees for sterilising strays.

CARAT has continued to support the smaller shelters, rescuers and individuals in Greece who are at the real grass roots of rescue and are often overlooked because they have no time for self-publicity. This year, due to increased support we have been able to offer help to a few new individuals and societies in their tireless work for the strays on the street. Sadly, poisoning is still seen by some as the solution to the stray problem although it is illegal, intensely cruel and ineffective.

This year again we had fewer pleas for help from tourists who have found a suffering animal or who want to adopt the stray dog they have fallen in love with while on holiday. Much clearer guidance on what to do when tourists find an abused animal in Greece and an increasingly proactive attitude from some police forces towards animal cruelty means that many tourists can take action personally without needing to burden local animal welfare volunteers.

Due to time constraints caused by family issues, plus the crisis in rescue within the UK where overproduction of dogs by breeders and the XL Bully ban has led to overflowing shelters and lack of good homes, during 2023 we have concentrated our efforts more upon our sterilising programs for both dogs and cats within Greece than the rehoming of individual animals.

The donkey sanctuary on Crete, Agia Marina Donkey Rescue, which receives regular support from CARAT has continued to rescue abandoned or ill-treated donkeys and has never turned down a donkey in desperate need. CARAT continues to cover the transport costs of bringing these donkeys to the safety of the sanctuary.

CARAT continues to maintain its status as a "no overheads" society, so that all income received directly benefits the animals. It is still a very small organisation but has a loyal following thanks to whose generosity much suffering has been alleviated and many animals have found new caring owners. Thankfully, clear instructions have now been given by the Greek Government to Greek State Vets regarding the issuance of the documents required for animals to leave Greece to find adoptions abroad, and many rescuers who were previously unable to send animals abroad are now able to obtain the necessary papers.