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Anim-Mates

Registered Charity
No. 1098252

Animal Rescue based in north west Kent

Annual Report and Accounts 2020



Rescue



Care



Rehome

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Saving just one animal won't change the world,
but it surely will change the world for that one animal

Anim-Mates Trustees' Report for the Year 2020

Since 2002 Anim-Mates, run entirely by volunteers, has rescued, cared for, and re-homed thousands of unwanted and stray animals in north west Kent.

At our sanctuary in Ash, Kent, we have continued to introduce new or improved facilities for the animals in our care.

On pages 6 and 7 we have set out our financial accounts for the year. There you will see how the Corona virus (Covid19) restrictions have affected our income. Compared to the previous year public donations have dropped by 45% and donations dropped into our collection pots were reduced by 69%. We were able to reduce our administration costs by almost 45%.

Almost all our income was spent on animal care, food and veterinary costs plus one-off expenditure of new housing and security.

The limited number of fosterers and homes for the animals while in our care continued to be a challenge. We prioritised taking in animals who were injured, in danger of being put to sleep, and/or were unneutered.

Most of the animals needed routine vet care such as vaccinations and neutering. Some needed treatment that was far more expensive. We never had an animal put down, except on veterinary advice, which itself we often challenged.

If for some reason we were unable

to take in an animal, we made every effort to find another animal rescue group that could.

In our Care-for-Life scheme we cared for a large number of animals who, through illness, age or disability, cannot be re-homed. To these animals we promised they will be in the care of Anim-Mates for the rest of their life.

Our outreach team continued to visit feral cat colonies. They trapped the adults, had them neutered and, after recovery, returned them to their habitat.

Feral kittens have been patiently domesticated and found new homes.

Everyone at Anim-Mates is a volunteer and we wish to record our thanks to those volunteers mentioned in this annual report, and to others who, for whatever reason, wish to remain anonymous. Without their help and time, all given freely, Anim-Mates would not exist and many more unwanted animals would continue to be homeless.

Whilst the Covid pandemic restricted our fundraising activities we were pleased to see an increase in the number of new volunteers working at the sanctuary.

Trustees

Bobbie Bajwa

Teresa Bloomfield

Roger Brown

Stephen Peirce

Our Policies



Anim-Mates exists to relieve the suffering and distress of animals in need of care and attention in north west Kent, in any or all of the following ways:

- To rescue, provide vet treatment, neuter and rehome stray, abandoned and unwanted animals
- To provide Care-for-Life for animals unable to be rehomed
- To provide vet care/neutering to animals whose owners are unable or unwilling to do so.

Rescue

There are many reasons why animals find their way to us. It can be through the death of the owner, a relationship break-up or moving home. We also receive numerous calls about strays.

If our homes are full, we will contact other animal welfare groups to see if they can offer suitable accommodation.

Care

Every animal that comes to Anim-Mates will be cared for in a fosterer's home and treated as their own pet.

All animals will be examined by one of our vets. Animals needing veterinary care will stay with us throughout the process and will only be rehomed when they are given a clean bill of health.

Mums with kittens will stay with us long-term. Abandoned kittens will stay with us until they are ready to be homed again.

Older animals may remain with us for a long time until that special someone comes along for them.

We will never have an animal put down, except on veterinary advice.

Neutering

One of Anim-Mates' main objectives is to reduce the large number of unwanted

animals. To ensure that no animal for rehoming can breed, all rescued animals will be neutered.

The exceptions will be very young kittens. We will ask new owners to guarantee that the youngsters will be kept indoors until they get them neutered.

We will visit feral cat colonies to trap the adults, have them neutered and returned to their habitat. Feral kittens will be domesticated and rehomed.

Stray Animals

In respect of stray cats we will try to determine if a cat is a genuine stray. The finder will be asked to enquire locally if anyone has lost a cat, and to put a collar on the cat with the message 'If this is your cat please ring me'. If no contact is made within a few days, we will assume the cat is a stray and we will take them in. We check for microchips in the hope of reuniting strays with their owners

A stray animal will be taken into our homes for a minimum of 28 days. During that time we register the animal with all the "missing" agencies and also make checks to see if anyone has reported their pet lost. If all that work proves negative, the cat will then be put up for rehoming.

Rehoming

Each potential new home will be thoroughly checked for suitability before any animal is placed there. This will ensure that the animal is in the best home, with the best possible owner.

Any animal that, for whatever reason, cannot be rehomed will stay with Anim-Mates in our Care-for-Life scheme.

Volunteers

All trustees, fosterers, adopters, homevetters, helpers and Friends of Anim-Mates will be volunteers. Nobody will be paid for their voluntary work. All we will ask of our volunteers is that they show their love of, and for, our animals.

Here's a snapshot of what Anim-Mates achieved in 2020

Animals

We rescued, cared for and rehomed a variety of unwanted domestic pets, the details of which appear on the panel on page 2.

Our Care-for-Life scheme flourishes and is highlighted on page 5.

Animal Housing

At our sanctuary we have continued to upgrade some of the outbuildings that house our 100+ Care-for-Life residents.

Outreach Scheme

To help reduce the number of breeding feral cats, we increased the number of cats that we had neutered. Some very young feral kittens were domesticated and found new homes.

Funding

We received many generous donations from Friends of Anim-Mates, and animal lovers, most of which were Gift Aided. We continued to receive substantial donations and gifts from Support Adoption For Pets, the charity arm of Pets At Home.

Legacies

Some of our supporters who sadly passed away were very kind and left the charity legacies in their wills.

Public Donation Collections

Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we were unable to hold our usual collections at garden centres and supermarkets.

Fundraising Events

The Covid pandemic stopped us from holding our traditional outdoor fundraising events. However, our volunteers took to the internet and raised much-needed funds by organising successful online auctions and quizzes.

Communications

We welcomed new editors of our newsletters and website. Keeping our 800 or so Friends of Anim-Mates up to date with our work was achieved through our newsletters, (printed and electronic) website (anim-mates.org.uk) and on Facebook (facebook.com/oliversfarm).

Wish List

We continued to have an Anim-Mates wish list at the world's biggest online store, Amazon, where anyone can choose gifts from a wide-ranging list of items to be sent directly to our sanctuary.

eBay

A number of animal-loving eBay sellers continued to donate all or part of their auction monies to Anim-Mates.

Plans for 2021

We aim to:

- Continue as an effective hands-on, animal rescue charity
- Maximise the number of feral cats we neuter and rehome or return to their habitat
- Recruit more fosterers to increase the number of care spaces available
- Review and implement the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- Covid permitting, we hope to hold and increase our range of fundraising events
- To bring new and innovative elements to our website.
- Help educate animal owners about the necessity of neutering while there are so many homeless animals and the need for good animal welfare
- Raise the profile of Anim-Mates to help for all the above reasons

Care-for-Life scheme has a wide range of animals

Anim-Mates Care-for-Life scheme is for animals who cannot be re-homed because of age, infirmity or special care needs. We commit to care for these animals for the rest of their lives. They are treated, loved and cared in our sanctuary and in fosterers' homes.



An unwanted, feral pig, a poorly Shetland pony, a blind duck and a lonely rabbit were among those who joined our Care-for-Life scheme in 2020.

Micro pig **Charlotte** came to us when her owners realised she was feral and couldn't cope with her normal behaviour. This cheeky rascal is a constant companion for our other pig, Wilbur, who has taught her to trust and love her carers.

Pony **Wizzard** has locking stifles in his back legs but, with exercise and care, we hope his movement will improve.

Duck **Daffy**, who is blind in one eye, loves tucking into mealworms and salad and enjoys splashing about in the pool he shares with his new friend Ted.

When rabbit **Janet** lost her partner her owners didn't want her to be alone and asked us to give her a home with our other rabbits. She has bonded beautifully with Louie and the pair are inseparable.

Anim-Mates Accounts for 2020

	2020 Unrestricted Funds	2020 Restricted Funds	2020 Total funds	2019 Total funds
Income	To the nearest £	To the nearest £	To the nearest £	To the nearest £
1. Handover donations	728	-		555
2. Adoption Donations	2,010	-		2,030
3. Public donations	38,343	-		69,619
4. Sponsorship	484	-		572
5. Fundraising	20,214	-		29,767
6. Collection pots	1,181	-		3,803
7. Legacies	5,500	-	-	-
8. Bank interest	888	-		838
9. Gift Aid	13,851	-		5,672
10. VAT refunds	60,585			-
	143,784			112,856
Expenditure				
11. Veterinary Fees	44,268	-	44,268	46,184
12. Feed / bedding / stabling	14,708	-	14,708	13,600
13. Equipment	1,458	-	1,458	1,388
14. Insurances	1,731	-	1,731	1,553
15. Postage	768	-	768	1,064
16. Administration	994	-	994	1,637
17. Newsletter	421	-	421	684
18. Professional fees	15,300		15,300	-
19. Fundraising	142	-	142	794
20. Vehicles and running costs	2,769	-	2,769	4,753
21. Building costs/maintenance	11,952	-	11,952	12,767
22. Utilities, water, gas, electricity	1,561	-	1,561	886
	95,442		95,442	85,310
Net Income/Expenditure	48,342		48,342	27,546

See opposite page for notes relating to Income and Expenditure

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

Funds Statement	2020 Unrestricted Funds	2020 Unrestricted Reserve Funds	2020 Total Funds
Opening balance	161,000		161,000
Income and Expenditure	48,342		48,342
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Closing balance	209,342		209,342
Represented By			
Petty cash			
Co-op Bank Current	11,305		11,305
Co-op Bank Deposit	80,000		80,000
Santander Current	40,999		40,999
Close Brothers Deposit		77,038	77,038
Total cash funds	132,304	77,038	209,342

Notes on Annual Accounts for 2020

1. Donations from owners who handed over their animals to Anim-Mates
2. Donations from adopters of Anim-Mates animals
3. Donations given and sent to Anim-Mates
4. Donations from sponsorship of Care-for-Life animals
5. Gross income raised from events organised by our volunteers
6. Collection pots in vets, pets shops and other stores
9. Gift Aid from HMRC on donations, usually claimed in retrospect
10. VAT refunds covering previous 5 years
11. Health checks, follow-up treatments/operations, neutering, vaccinations, flea treatment, medications. Most vets kindly give Anim-Mates a discount on their fees and medications
12. Includes all foods, special dietary foods, sawdust, hay and cat litter
13. Includes furnishing outbuildings, equine fly masks, litter trays etc.
14. Public liability, accidental damage, personal accident, and vehicles insurance
15. For letters and distribution of quarterly newsletters
16. Stationery, leaflets printed in house, website.
17. Printing costs only. Editorial and preparations are done inhouse so these costs are nil
18. One-off cost for VAT consultant which resulted in income. See 10.
19. Initial outlay for fundraising events e.g. hall hire, deposits, items for resale
20. Tractor/van repairs, lightweight Utility Task Vehicle, fuel
21. Conversion, repairs and maintenance of outbuildings and land to accommodate animals.

Unrestricted Reserve Funds are reserved for the Care-for-Life scheme

The organisation behind the animals

Patrons Jenny Seagrove, Jean Moore

Trustees *who administer the charity:*

Bobbie Bajwa

Teresa Bloomfield (Hon. Treasurer)

Roger Brown (Hon. Chairman)

Stephen Peirce

Fosterers/Foster carers *care for the animals in their homes until they are rehomed:*

Bobbie and Arif Bajwa,

Teresa Bloomfield, Karen Constant,

Michaela Houlst, Lisa Inns,

Susan and Tim Jackson,

Suzy Mejia-Buenafío,

Steph Roper, Linda and David Thorburn,

Lauren Whalin, Sarah Williams

Homevetters *assess the homes of prospective adopters for suitability for each animal:* Bobbie Bajwa, Lisa Inns,

Volunteers Bobbie Bajwa,
Teresa Bloomfield, Claire Brooks,
Anne and Roger Brown, Zoe Cartwright,
Nathalie de Chivre, Kate Collins,
Kevin Crew, Sharon and David Dand,
Lynn Davis, Cath Foster,
Sarah and Dave Hickson,
Lisa and Wayne Inns, Shirley Johnson,

Caroline Lakeman, Anastasia Lubina,
Jordan Massie, Jean Moore,
Faye Northover, Angela O'Brien,
Mandy and Saul Pegg, Steve Peirce,
Alison Pugh, Alex Simpson-Usuanlele,
Josh Stephens, Leah Taylor, Kate Towler,
Linda Tunbridge, Jackie Turley,
Vanessa Very, Dennis White, Karen Wright,
Jasmine Wynter

Vets Numerous veterinary practices have given Anim-Mates their expert services, most of whom have kindly given the charity discounts on their fees

Friends of Anim-Mates There are 800+ people who support the work of Anim-Mates by donations and volunteering

Newsletter Alison Pugh, Leah and Mick Taylor

Website Mick Taylor

Hon Auditor David Fowler, FCA (Retired)

Anim-Mates is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales No 1098252

All those persons listed above are unpaid volunteers

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Charity Name Anim-Mates	No (if any) 1095252
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st January 2020	To	Period end date 31st December 2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
Handover donations	728		-	728
Adoption donations	2,010		-	2,010
Public donations	38,343		-	38,343
Sponsorship	484		-	484
Fundraising	20,214		-	20,214
Collection pots	1,181			1,181
Legacies	5,500			5,500
Bank interest	888		-	888
Gift aid	13,851		-	13,851
Vat Refunds	60,585	-	-	60,585
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	143,784	-	-	143,784
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	143,784	-	-	143,784
Veterinary fees	44,268	-	-	44,268
Food, litter& bedding	14,078	-	-	14,078
Equipment	1,458	-	-	1,458
Insurances	1,731	-	-	1,731
Postage	768	-	-	768
Administration	994	-	-	994
Professional Fees	15,300			15,300
Newsletter	421	-	-	421
Bank Charges				
Fundraising	142	-	-	142
Building maintenance	10,466			10,466
Miscellaneous	-			-
Utilities	1,561			1,561
Vehicle running costs	2,769			2,769
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	93,956	-	-	93,956
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Vehicles		-	-	-
Building and equipment	1,486	-	-	1,486
Sub total	1,486	-	-	1,486
Total payments	95,442	-	-	95,442
Net of receipts/(payments)	48,342	-	-	48,342
A5 Transfers between funds				
				-
A6 Cash funds last year end	161,000	-	-	161,000
Cash funds this year end	209,342	-	-	209,342

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Petty cash	-	-
	Co-operative Account	11,305	-
	Santander	40,999	
	Co-operative Savings Account	80,000	
	Cambridge & Counties 120 Day account	-	
	Close Brothers Care for life fund	77,038	
	Total cash funds	209,342	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

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886
3,103
-
75,927

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9,383

85,310

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-
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161,000



**Endowment
funds**
to nearest £

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OK

**Endowment
funds**
to nearest £

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**Current value
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(optional)**

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**When due
(optional)**

Date of
approval



