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Anim-Mates

Registered Charity
No. 1098252

Animal Rescue based in north west Kent

Annual Report and Accounts 2023



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 2023



north west Kent since 2002.

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. Sadly, like all charities we have been hit badly by the dramatic rise in the cost of living. With careful financial planning we have kept our outgoings to the same as the previous year.

Almost all our expenditure was on animal care, food and veterinary costs.

Generally our income has come from donations, fundraising events, Gift Aid, reclaimed VAT and public collections and legacies. On average our income was down 36% on the previous year, due mainly to a drop in legacies. We have called on our reserves to cover the difference.

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

Run entirely by volunteers, Anim-Mates has rescued, cared for and rehomed thousands of unwanted and stray animals in

vet care such as vaccinations and neutering. Many 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.

Trustees
Bobbie Bajwa
Teresa Bloomfield
Roger Brown
Stephen Peirce

Our Policies



To alleviate the suffering and distress of animals in need of care and attention in north west Kent in any or all of the following ways:

- The rescue, veterinary treatment, neutering and re-homing of stray, abandoned and unwanted animals.
- Providing care for life for animals that cannot be rehomed
- To provide veterinary care/ neutering for animals whose owners are unable or unwilling to do so.

Rescue

There are many reasons why animals find their way to us. It could be due to the death of the owner, a break up of a relationship or a move. We also receive many calls about strays.

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

Care

Every animal that comes to Anim-Mates is cared for in a foster home and treated as their own pet.

All animals are examined by one of our vets. Animals that require veterinary care will stay with us throughout the process and will only be re-homed if they have a clean bill of health.

Mothers with kittens will stay with us for the long term. Abandoned kittens stay with us until they are ready to be re-homed.

Older animals can stay with us for as long as they need until that special someone comes along.

We will never euthanise an animal

except on veterinary advice.

Neutering

One of the main aims of Anim-Mates is to reduce the large number of unwanted animals. To ensure that no animal is re-homed to reproduce, all rescued animals are neutered.

The exception will be very young kittens. We will ask new owners to guarantee that the kittens will be kept indoors until they have been neutered.

We will visit feral cat colonies to trap the adults, neuter them and return them to their habitat. Feral kittens are domesticated and rehomed.

Stray animals

For stray cats, we will try to establish whether 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 assume the cat is a stray and take it in. We check for microchips in the hope of reuniting strays with their owners.

A stray is taken into our care for a minimum of 28 days. During this time, we register the animal with all the 'missing' agencies and also check to see if anyone has reported their pet lost. If all this work proves negative, the cat is then put up for rehoming.

Rehoming

Each potential new home is thoroughly checked for suitability before an animal is placed there. This ensures that the animal is in the best possible home with the best possible owner.

Any animal that cannot be rehomed, for whatever reason, will remain at Anim-Mates in our Care-for-Life programme.

Here's a snapshot of what Anim-Mates achieved in 2023

Animals

We rescued, cared for and rehomed a variety of unwanted domestic pets.

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, often qualifying for Gift Aided. We continued to receive donations and gifts from The Pets Foundation, 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

Post Covid we were able to hold our usual collections at garden centres and pet shops.

Fundraising Events

After previous Covid restrictions we were once again able to attend our traditional outdoor fundraising events, and monthly online auctions started by our volunteers continued to bring in funds.

Communications

Volunteers have kept our 800 or so Friends of Anim-Mates up to date with our work which 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 2024

We aim to:

- Continue as an effective hands-on, volunteer-led 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)
- We hope to 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.



Some of the many Care for Life animals rescue in 2023

Clockwise above

Bonita joined our happy family of hens at the Olivers Farm sanctuary because her owner relocated and could not take Bonita with her. She now spends her days roaming freely.

Guinea pig **Clarence** has a condition called microthalmia, a genetic disorder that causes small or missing eyes, and has probably been blind since birth. Despite his disability, he is a happy little soul and enjoys cuddles and being tickled under his chin.

When French bulldog puppy **Reggie** broke his front right leg, his owner chose the cheaper option of amputation rather than mending. When he then broke his other front leg, she wanted to have him put to sleep. Thankfully, our vet refused, and the owner agreed to surrender him to us. He's now living his best life with our other rescue dogs.

Shetland **Ralph** joined us from Happy Endings Rescue. His previous owners lost the land next to their home and decided to give up all their horses. This lovely old boy has joined our herd of Care-for-Life ponies.

Anim-Mates Accounts for 2023

	2023	2022
Income		
1. Handover donations	230	295
2. Adoption Donations	1,430	1,030
3. Public donations	33,043	23,997
4. Sponsorship	443	240
5. Fundraising	16,289	15,754
6. Collection pots	1,384	687
7. Legacies	1,346	38,797
8. Bank interest	6,374	1,315
9. Gift Aid	-	12,066
10. VAT refunds	17,452	15,567
Total income	77,991	109,748
Expenditure		
11. Veterinary Fees	50,890	57,619
12. Food / bedding / stabling	15,236	16,748
13. Animal accessories	791	1,912
14. Insurances	2,006	2,405
15. Postage	867	605
16. Administration	1,109	1,087
17. Newsletter	496	610
18. Fundraising	590	222
19. Vehicles running costs	3,821	4,051
20. Buildings maintenance	5,250	1,408
21. Utilities, water, gas, electricity	2,551	2,665
22. Miscellaneous	6,000	-
23. Vehicle purchases	40,438	48,460
24. Building works	3,063	7,028
Total expenditure	133,108	144,820
Net of receipts (payments)	-55,117	-35,072

Anim-Mates Accounts for 2023

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

Opening balance	241,733
Income and Expenditure	-55,117
Closing balance	186,616
Represented By	
Petty cash	-
Co-op Bank Current	9,936
Co-op Bank Deposit	76,689
Santander Current	1,830
Santander Deposit	20,755
Close Brothers Deposit	77,406
Total cash funds	186,616

Notes on Annual Accounts for 2023

1. Donations from owners/finders who handed over 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 pets shops and other stores
9. Gift Aid from HMRC on donations, usually claimed in retrospect
10. VAT refunds
11. Health checks, follow-up treatments/operations, neutering, vaccinations, flea treatment, medications. Most vets kindly give us a small a discount on their fees and medications
12. Includes all foods, special dietary foods, sawdust, hay and cat litter
13. Includes 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
18. Initial outlay for fundraising events e.g. hall hire, deposits
19. All the charity's vehicles expenses ie. services/repairs/tax/fuel
20. Repairs and maintenance of outbuildings and land to accommodate animals
22. Various

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, Lisa Inns, Caroline Lakeman, Sarah Williams, Karen Wright

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

Volunteers Andrew Abrehart, Bobbie Bajwa, Teresa Bloomfield, Claire Brooks, Anne and Roger Brown, Zoe Cartwright, Nathalie de Chivre, Kate Collins, Sharon and David Dand, Lynn Davis, Julie Doherty-Winch, Caitlin and Lucy Harris, Sarah and Dave Hickson, Lisa Inns, Clair Jarrett,

Shirley Johnson, Caroline Lakeman, Anastasia Lubina, Jean Moore, Murielle Morizot, Faye Northover, Angela O'Brien, Alison Pugh. Steve Peirce, Alex Simpson-Usuanlele, Lindsey Simpson, Leah and Mick Taylor, Linda Tunbridge, Jackie Turley, Dennis White, Karen Wright

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 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

Contact Anim-Mates by phone, letter, email and on the web



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

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For the period from	Period start date 1st January 2023	To	Period end date 31st December 2023
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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 £	Last year to the nearest £
Handover donations	230		-	230	295
Adoption donations	1,430		-	1,430	1,030
Public donations	33,043		-	33,043	23,997
Sponsorship	443		-	443	240
Fundraising	16,289		-	16,289	15,754
Collection pots	1,384			1,384	687
Legacies	1,346			1,346	38,797
Bank interest	6,374		-	6,374	1,315
Gift aid			-	-	12,066
Vat Refunds	17,452	-	-	17,452	15,567
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	77,991	-	-	77,991	109,748
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	77,991	-	-	77,991	109,748

Veterinary fees	50,890	-	-	50,890	57,619
Food, litter& bedding	15,236	-	-	15,236	16,748
Equipment	791	-	-	791	1,912
Insurances	2,006	-	-	2,006	2,405
Postage	867	-	-	867	605
Administration	1,109	-	-	1,109	1,087
Professional Fees				-	
Newsletter	496	-	-	496	610
Bank Charges					
Fundraising	590	-	-	590	222
Building maintenance	5,250			5,250	1,408
Miscellaneous	6,000			6,000	
Utilities	2,551			2,551	2,665
Vehicle running costs	3,821			3,821	4,051
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	89,607	-	-	89,607	89,332

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Vehicles	40,438	-	-	40,438	48,460
Building and equipment	3,063	-	-	3,063	7,028
Sub total	43,501	-	-	43,501	55,488

Total payments	133,108	-	-	133,108	144,820
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 55,117	-	-	- 55,117	- 35,072
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	241,733	-	-	241,733	276,805
Cash funds this year end	186,616	-	-	186,616	241,733

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Petty cash	-	-	-
	Co-operative Account	9,936	-	-
	Santander	1,830		
	Co-operative Savings Account	76,689		
	Santander business	20,755		
	Close Brothers Care for life fund	77,406		-
	Total cash funds	186,616	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Anim-Mates

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1098252

Set out on pages

insert the page numbers of the accounts

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 **31/12/2023**

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:

Date:

10/10/2024

Name:

David Ian Fowler

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

F.C.A (Retired)

(if any):

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Section B	Disclosure
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

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