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Anim-Mates

Registered Charity
No. 1098252

Animal Rescue based in north west Kent

Annual Report and Accounts 2024



Rescued



In Care



Rehomed

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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 2024



north-west Kent since 2002.

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

On pages 6 and 7 we set out our financial accounts for the year. Sadly, like all charities, we have been badly affected by the dramatic rise in the costs of living.

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

Our income generally came from donations, fundraising events, Gift Aid, reclaimed VAT, public collections and legacies.

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

Most of the animals required routine veterinary care, such as vaccinations and neutering. Many required more expensive treatment. We never euthanised an animal except on veterinary advice, a decision we often challenged.

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

If we were unable to take in an animal for some reason, we made every effort to find another animal rescue group that could.

Through our Care-for-Life scheme, we cared for a large number of animals who could not be rehomed due to illness, age or disability. We promised these animals that they would be in the care of Anim-Mates for the rest of their lives.

Our outreach team continued to visit feral cat colonies. They trapped the adult cats, had them neutered, and returned them to their habitat after they had recovered. Feral kittens were patiently domesticated and found new homes.

Everyone at Anim-Mates is a volunteer, and we would like to express our gratitude to the volunteers mentioned in this annual report and to those who, for whatever reason, prefer to remain anonymous. Without their help and time, all of which was given freely, Anim-Mates would not exist, and many more animals would remain homeless.

Trustees

Bobbie Bajwa
Teresa Bloomfield
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 2024

Animals

We rescued, cared for and rehomed a variety of unwanted domestic pets. Our Care-for-Life scheme flourishes and is highlighted on the page opposite.

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

We were able to hold our usual collections at garden centres and pet shops.

Fundraising Events

we attended our traditional outdoor fundraising events, and monthly online auctions which continued to bring in much needed 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 2025

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 our many Care-for-Life animals

Our elderly guinea pig **Ellie** came to us after her life long companion passed away. Now nearly seven years old Ellie shares her life with six other guinea pigs who are in our care.

When **Wizzard** the pony came to us he suffered from has locking stifles in his back legs. Following an operation and with exercise and care his mobility has vastly improved. This lovely boy is one of our herd of Care-for-Life ponies.

Ben, a black and white cat was the victim of a road traffic accident. After spending three weeks at a vets recovering from his injuries, we offered Ben a home at our sanctuary where he enjoys the company of our other feral cats.

Micro pig **Charlotte** came to us when she was nine-weeks-old. Her owners realised she was feral and couldn't cope with her in their suburban home. Charlotte is now fully grown.

Anim-Mates Accounts for 2024

	2024	2023
Income		
1. Handover donations	150	230
2. Adoption Donations	1,005	1,430
3. Public donations	26,917	33,043
4. Sponsorship	190	443
5. Fundraising	12,317	16,289
6. Collection pots	907	1,384
7. Legacies	6,372	1,346
8. Bank interest	5,919	6,374
9. Gift Aid	5,656	-
10. VAT refunds	10,195	17,452
Total income	69,628	77,991
Expenditure		
11. Veterinary Fees	47,052	50,890
12. Food / bedding / stabling	12,677	15,236
13. Animal accessories	1,121	791
14. Insurances	1,520	2,006
15. Postage	766	867
16. Administration	1,939	1,109
17. Newsletter	392	496
18. Fundraising	279	590
19. Vehicles running costs	3,860	3,821
20. Buildings maintenance	4,103	5,250
21. Utilities, water, gas, electricity	2,617	2,551
22. Miscellaneous	6,000	6,000
23. Vehicle purchase	1,914	40,438
24. Building works	1,365	3,063
Total expenditure	85,605	133,108
Net of receipts (payments)	-15,977	-55,117

Anim-Mates Accounts for 2024

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

Opening balance	186,616
Income and Expenditure	-15,977
Closing balance	170,639
Represented By	
Petty cash	-
Co-op Bank Current	11,399
Co-op Bank Deposit	78,618
Santander Current	2,119
Santander Deposit	1,096
Close Brothers Deposit	77,407
Total cash funds	170,639

Notes on Annual Accounts for 2024

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 on goods purchased
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
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, Zoe Cartwright, Kate Collins, Lynn Davis, Julie Doherty-Winch, Tracey Dutreuilh, Caitlin and Lucy Harris, Sarah and Dave Hickson, Lisa Inns, Clair Jarrett, Caroline Lakeman, Anastasia Lubina, Jean Moore, Murielle Morizot, Faye Northover, Angela O'Brien, Alison Pugh, Steve Peirce,

Tamara Phillis, Alex Simpson-Usonianlele, 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 2024	To	Period end date 31st December 2024
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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	150		-	150	230
Adoption donations	1,005		-	1,005	1,430
Public donations	26,917		-	26,917	33,043
Sponsorship	190		-	190	443
Fundraising	12,317		-	12,317	16,289
Collection pots	907		-	907	1,384
Legacies	6,372		-	6,372	1,346
Bank interest	5,919		-	5,919	6,374
Gift aid	5,656		-	5,656	-
Vat Refunds	10,195	-	-	10,195	17,452
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	69,628	-	-	69,628	77,991
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	69,628	-	-	69,628	77,991
Veterinary fees	47,052	-	-	47,052	50,890
Food, litter & bedding	12,677	-	-	12,677	15,236
Equipment	1,121	-	-	1,121	791
Insurances	1,520	-	-	1,520	2,006
Postage	766	-	-	766	867
Administration	1,939	-	-	1,939	1,109
Professional Fees		-	-	-	-
Newsletter	392	-	-	392	496
Bank Charges		-	-	-	-
Fundraising	279	-	-	279	590
Building maintenance	4,103	-	-	4,103	5,250
Miscellaneous	6,000	-	-	6,000	6,000
Utilities	2,617	-	-	2,617	2,551
Vehicle running costs	3,860	-	-	3,860	3,821
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	82,326	-	-	82,326	89,607
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Vehicles	1,914	-	-	1,914	40,438
Building and equipment	1,365	-	-	1,365	3,063
Sub total	3,279	-	-	3,279	43,501
Total payments	85,605	-	-	85,605	133,108
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 15,977	-	-	- 15,977	- 55,117
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	186,616	-	-	186,616	241,733
Cash funds this year end	170,639	-	-	170,639	186,616

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	11,399	-	-
	Santander	2,119	-	-
	Co-operative Savings Account	78,618	-	-
	Santander business	1,096	-	-
	Close Brothers Care for life fund	77,407	-	-
	Total cash funds	170,639	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	OK Unrestricted funds to nearest £	OK Restricted funds to nearest £	OK Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>T. S. Bloomfield</i>	T. S. BLOOMFIELD	5.7.25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

ANIM-MATES

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST DECEMBER 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1095252

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31ST DECEMBER 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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:

David Fowler

Date:

6/8/2025

Name:

DAVID FAN FOWLER

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

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Section B

Disclosure

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.

