

TOGETHER FOR ANIMALS

(A UK REGISTERED CHARITY and COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS TO
31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity Number: 1102985
Company Number: 04476810

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Registered Charity No: 1102985
Company No: 04476810

Trustees and Directors Mr David Bassom – SPANA, (Chair of Trustees until 30th April 2025)
Ms Emma Colborne - Blue Cross
Ms Elvira Meucci-Lyons – Mayhew, (appointed 17/04/2024, Chair of Trustees from 1st May 2025)
Mr Peter Rowbottom - World Horse Welfare
Ms Sherine Wheeler – Mayhew (resigned 17/04/2024)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees and Directors of the charitable company present their annual report with the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Principal Activity

The principal activity of Together for Animals is to raise funds, primarily through Payroll Giving, to help animals in need. The funds are given equally to the four member Charities. These are: Blue Cross, Mayhew Animal Home, SPANA - The Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad, and World Horse Welfare.

Management and Organisation

The charitable company is run by four Trustees (who are also the Directors). New Trustees are selected by the existing Board to represent the Member Charities and to obtain an appropriate mix of skills to ensure good governance of the charitable company. Trustee training, including external courses, is provided when considered appropriate and necessary. The Chair of Trustees is elected by the Board and serves for up to three years, after which the person concerned shall not be eligible for election for at least one year. In exceptional circumstances, a Chair's tenure can be extended if they receive a majority in a yearly vote.

The Board normally meets three times each year: in March, July and November. The March meeting is also the Annual General Meeting.

Public Benefit

The charity works to support animal welfare charities operating in the UK and overseas. In the UK activities include caring for domestic animals, providing education to owners and the public, rehoming pets and carrying out veterinary research. Overseas the charities are active in low-income regions of the world, providing veterinary treatment, educating and training owners of horses, donkeys and other animals and campaigning for improvements in welfare standards.

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REVIEW OF 2024 AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2025

Objectives for 2024	Achievements in 2024	Objectives for 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with PFOs to recruit 300 new payroll giving donors. • Explore signing up Payroll Giving donors through our own relationships with corporates. • Continue to measure and mitigate the risks of the impact of the cost- of-living crisis on income. • Raise £8,000 through campaigns and online fundraising. • Raise newsletter income of at least £1,500 • Review marketing to increase pledged- legacy income pipeline. • Review brand and key messages to increase awareness and income. • Mark the 30th anniversary of Together for Animals with brand and marketing activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 181 new payroll giving donors recruited. • Work continued to promote Together for Animals across the sector. • Secured pieces in the CloF newsletter and CIPP members magazine, Pet and Vet Magazine, Edition Cat and Edition Dog magazines. • Together for Change income was steady and continued to be monitored. • Marketing campaigns and online fundraising raised £26,250. • Newsletter received income of £1,555. • Legacy income pipeline increased to circa £239k. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with PFOs to recruit 250 new payroll giving donors. • Explore signing up Payroll Giving donors through our own relationships with corporates. • Continue to measure and mitigate the risks of the impact of the cost- of-living crisis on income. • Diversify income with the launch of an ELM managed lottery product. • Raise £14,000 through campaigns and online fundraising. • Develop legacy focused campaigns to increase pledged- legacy income pipeline.

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RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

Incoming Resources

Total income in 2024 was £251,002. This was higher than 2023, by £66,480. The change in income was primarily due to £59,782 legacy income received in 2023. No legacy income was received during 2023.

Resources Expended

Expenditure increased slightly in 2024 compared to 2023, by £9,787, to £93,378. This was largely due to an increase in fundraising costs, in particular an increase in agency fees for recruitment of payroll giving donors.

Net Incoming Resources

The amount of net incoming resources was £157,624, which after making allowances for the Charity's reserves requirements, enabled distributions to member charities totaling £155,732. Total distributions to charities in the year were higher than in 2023 by £59,732, a reflection of the legacy income available to distribute.

Risk Review

A full risk review is carried out annually and the risk register is reviewed at every Trustee meeting. During 2024 the Trustees assessed the strategic, operational and financial risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to the major risks identified.

Reserves Policy

It is the intention of the Trustees that the freely available reserves of the Charity should be maintained at a level sufficient to ensure the continuance of its activities, should there be an unexpected short-term adverse fluctuation in income or expected expenditure. These freely available reserves are unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (i.e. are 'free reserves'). A sufficient level of free reserves would guarantee the continuation of the charity's activity, while decisions and actions were taken to find other sources of income or reduce the level of a particular activity. During its November 2023 meeting, the Board of Trustees reviewed the charity's Reserves Policy and agreed that an appropriate level of free reserves equates to approximately £40,000. At 31 December 2024 there was an amount of £50,057 as funds freely available for general purposes.

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Statement Of Trustees' Responsibilities

Law applicable to incorporated charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees (who are also Directors of the company and Trustees of the charity) to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained *in* the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company and the group will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement as to Disclosure of Information to Auditors

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each Trustee has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005 and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Charity.

In preparing the above report, the Trustees have taken advantage of special exemptions applicable to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 30th July 2025, and signed on their behalf by:



Elvira Meucci-Lyons - Chair of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
to the Trustees of Together for animals (A company limited by guarantee)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Together for Animals (a company limited by guarantee) (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Andrew Rodzynski FCA
Wenn Townsend
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacy income	2	250,521	184,170
Income from Charitable Activities:			
Bank Interest		481	352
Total Income and Endowments		251,002	184,522
EXPENDITURE			
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	35,075	34,451
Donations to charities	4	155,732	96,000
Expenditure on raising funds	3	58,303	49,140
Total Expenditure		249,110	179,591
Net Income/(Expenditure)		1,892	4,931
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2024		48,165	43,234
Fund balances carried forward At 31 December 2024		50,057	48,165

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities

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BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Office Equipment	5	83	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	1,798	3,058
Cash at bank and in hand		57,535	60,527
		59,333	63,585
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(9,359)	(15,420)
NET CURRENT ASSET		49,974	48,165
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		50,057	48,165
Represented By:			
Accumulated Funds			
Designated funds		-	-
General unrestricted funds		50,057	48,165
Total Funds		50,057	48,165

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 30th July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Elvira Meucci-Lyons - Chair of Trustees

Elvira Meucci-Lyons

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash used in operating activities	9	(2,867)	14,484
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(125)	-
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(125)	-
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(2,992)	14,484
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		60,527	46,043
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		57,535	60,527

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective from 1st January 2019 - Charities SORP (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Taxation

No Corporation Tax is provided for, as the organisation, being a charity, is exempt. Because of its current activities the charity is not registered for VAT and therefore cannot recover VAT on its expenses.

Funds accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general activities of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. No restricted or endowed funds are held by the charity.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources becoming available to the charity during the year are included when there is a certainty of receipt. Legacies are included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made or property transferred, and the amount involved can be quantified. Cash income from legacies are distributed equally between the member charities in addition to their monthly donations.

Resources expended

Charitable Expenditure includes costs arising in furtherance of the charity's objects. Support costs comprise expenditure incurred in support of charitable activities. Management and administration costs are those associated with the running of the charity itself.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible assets relates to investments in a fundraising database and IT equipment. It was agreed that the cost would be depreciated at a fixed rate of 33% per annum.

Related party disclosure

FRS 102 'Related Party Disclosures' requires the disclosure of the details of material transactions between the company and any related parties, as defined. Details of relevant related party transactions are included in note 10 to the financial statements.

Directors' emoluments

No Trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company) received any emoluments for the period. A Trustees' liability insurance policy is in place and a premium of £1,564 is included in governance costs.

Employee information

The company has one employee, its Development Manager (2023:1).

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2. DONATIONS/LEGACY INCOME

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Legacy income	59,782	-
Miscellaneous donations	30,746	20,551
GAYE Income	140,350	143,421
Standing Orders Income	2,707	2,784
Direct Debits Income	16,936	17,414
	250,521	184,170

3. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Operating Costs		
Office Stationery	402	468
Administration	1,857	1,601
Bank Charges	484	484
Support Services - Administration	21,290	22,470
Staff training	149	126
Management Accounts	5,582	2,712
Database Project Expenses	648	648
Audit Fees	3,057	4,020
Insurance	1,564	1,640
Depreciation	42	282
	35,075	34,451
Fundraising Costs		
Agency Fees	23,452	16,871
Gifts and Samples	-	-
Travel	1,267	1,007
Newsletter	4,888	5,149
Website Development	1,558	1,294
Online Promotion/Email Communications	835	2,173
Marketing	2,729	2,256
Support Services - Fundraising	21,474	18,454
Legacy Promotion	2,100	1,936
	58,303	49,140
Total Resources Expended	93,378	83,591

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4. DONATIONS TO CHARITIES

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Blue Cross	38,933	24,000
World Horse Welfare	38,933	24,000
The Mayhew Animal Home	38,933	24,000
SPANNA	38,933	24,000
	<u>155,732</u>	<u>96,000</u>

5. FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
Balance at 1 January 2024	16,535	16,535
Additions	125	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	<u>16,660</u>	<u>-</u>
Depreciation		
Balance at 1 January 2024	16,535	16,535
Charge for the year	42	-
Balance at 31 December 2024	<u>16,577</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 December 2024	<u>83</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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6. DEBTORS

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Other debtors	201	55
Prepayments and accrued interest	1,597	3,003
	<u>1,798</u>	<u>3,058</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Trade creditors	41	-
Accruals	9,318	15,420
	<u>9,359</u>	<u>15,420</u>

8. EXPENDITURE

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
These include:		
Independent Examiners remuneration	<u>3,057</u>	<u>-</u>
Auditor's remuneration	<u>-</u>	<u>4,020</u>

Neither the Trustees nor persons connected with them received any expenses, remuneration or other material benefits from the charity or any connected organisation.

The number of employees who received total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 was £nil (2023: £nil).

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9. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the period as per SOFA	1,892	4,931
Adjustments for:		
(increase)/decrease in debtors	1,260	(1,405)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(6,061)	10,676
Depreciation	42	282
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(2,867)	14,484

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the year.

11. COMPANY STATUS.

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of the members in the event of a winding up is limited by guarantee to an amount not exceeding £10 per member. At the balance sheet date there were 4 members (2023 - 4).

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12. FUNDS

	Total	Unrestricted
	£	Funds
	£	£
Income	251,002	251,002
Expenditure	(190,807)	(190,807)
Raising funds expenditure	(58,303)	(58,303)
	<u>1,892</u>	<u>1,892</u>
Opening value of funds	<u>48,165</u>	<u>48,165</u>
Transfer between funds	-	-
Closing value of funds	<u>50,057</u>	<u>50,057</u>