

Trustee Annual Report

Year end 30th June 2022

Mrs C Hennegan, Ms J Bell, Mrs J Gale

28/01/2023

Fat Fluffs Rabbit Rescue Trustees' Annual Report for year ended 30th June 2022 including general charity operations and financial overview

Fat Fluffs Rabbit Rescue & Rehome

Trustees' Annual Report - Year Ended 30th June 2022

Reference and Administration Details

Charity registration - 26 Diddington Lane, Hampton in Arden, B92 0BZ

Trustees: 3 - Mrs C Hennegan, Ms Jocelyn Bell, Mrs J Gale

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document: Constitution

Charity constitution: Association

Trustee selection method: Appointed by existing trustees at trustees' meetings

Objectives and Activities

Fat Fluffs is a rabbit rescue and sanctuary based in Hampton in Arden in the West Midlands. We take in all sorts of rabbits and as far as possible we find them loving forever homes. For those with more challenging personalities or continuing health problems we provide sanctuary for them here and they stay as part of the family.

Public Benefit

The Animal Welfare Act 2006 makes owners & keepers responsible for the welfare needs of animals (place to live, suitable diet, normal behaviour, and protection from pain, injury, suffering & disease) as well as making cruelty unlawful. With an ever increasing number of rabbits currently in rescue throughout UK, estimates stand at 60,000 to date, we see the public benefit of the work of FF as follows:-

- Providing rescue places for unwanted, abandoned & abused rabbits surrendered by the public
- Providing long-term foster care & vet treatment for rabbits with on-going health or behaviour issues surrendered by the public unable to meet the cost of continual treatment
- Give the opportunity of rehome for rabbits to those wishing to provide a permanent, loving home
- Give the opportunity of companionship to individuals or families
- Promoting Rabbit Welfare to the public to educate & raise awareness of their responsibility to meet the needs of rabbits in their care
- Providing advice & support to adopters and the general public on all rabbit welfare matters
- Reducing the number of unwanted rabbits by neutering all incomers to help reduce abandonment and ill-treatment in future

Review of Year – Achievements and Performance

Financial Review

This year we have seen a gradual return to normality and activity has increased both with rehoming and with the boarding as people take their long awaited holidays. Our regular supporters continue to remain faithful to us financially and we have kept our finances steady. We continue to work hard to ensure we maintain a positive relationship with Solihull Council, continuing to meet their expectations and those of our new neighbours. We have found relationships with the local community have improved this last year and we continue to strive to maintain this.

We continue to work hard to control the day to day running costs of the rescue which we have achieved with the help of our ever faithful volunteers as we see the number of rabbits coming into our rescue increase with their vet requirements. We have seen a positive advance in animal welfare and general overall health of our rabbits with the assistance of our medical staff member although our permanent resident number has only increased slightly due to additions and some losses.

Charitable Activities – Rescue, Rehome & Sanctuary

Our sanctuary rabbit group of Fat Fluffs, as mentioned above, has increased slightly in number and currently stands at 12, each with ongoing health and behavioural issues. We sadly lost our permanent foster rabbit this year. Our rehoming figures have increased slightly this last year and we remain in a good position to manage our ever increasing number of rabbits on our waiting list. We have, for the sixth year running now, been able to ensure we keep it open for the entirety of the year by keeping the number of rabbits waiting to below 65 with the hope that, despite people continuing to return to the office working environment, we won't see an exponential rise in the number of unwanted pets follow.

All our rabbits are neutered and vaccinated and receive any necessary required vet treatment. We continue to have a good relationship with Vets4Pets in Shirley and Damson House vets who support us with our more difficult cases. We also have the invaluable support of Rebecca at Oaks Vets in Cotteridge, who excels at bunny tooth care and continues to be unimpressed with some of the states of the new rabbits coming in. We operate with a "quality of life" ethic and all our rabbits are cared for and treated as long as we, and their vet, feel they have this. We will not let a rabbit suffer unnecessarily and have sadly had to let a few of our long term, and very special, rabbits go this year.

This year our trustee team remains at 3 trustees and 3 core team committee members who continue to work hard to keep the running of all the areas of the rescue efficient and safe. We are delighted to be in a position where we are now running the rescue with 2 full time staff members and one part time. They are a great team and we hope to be able to build this team to three full time with one part time in the not too distant future.

Our on site team has changed this year. Our committee team member continues to run and oversee the rescue while we endeavour to find the right person to replace her. We found and hired a replacement but he found the emotional toll of rescue too much and resigned after a short while. We do now have Donna working full time with the medical needs of the rabbits and she is settling well into the role and Martin working part time to look after the volunteers and the site. Martin has volunteered with us for three years and so knows the ins and outs of the rescue and has taken to the position like he has always been here.

Again this year our team of volunteers have excelled themselves; we have seen fewer as a whole as many who were on furlough or reduced hours have now returned to the office. Those who volunteered weekly continue to support us and we have some really great work experience placements this year.

As always this year we are indebted to everyone, employees & volunteers alike, for their on-going commitment, continued hard work and support they give to Fat Fluffs. Everyone involved is key to the existence and growth of Fat Fluffs and we could not have achieved the things we have so far without their help.

Activities for generating funds – Fundraising events & initiatives and Trading

This year we have again had little income from fundraising, due to ongoing restrictions, but we have been working alongside other charities trying to look at ways to take this forward next year and how we can generate additional funds. We have also been looking at a new online venture opening a shop for the rescue. This is something we hope to launch in the next financial year.

Reserves Policy

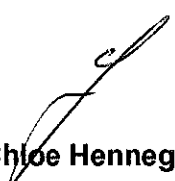
We still have our reserve set to the equivalent to 6 months operating costs, allowing for the additional staffing costs, at £25,000 to cover periods of difficulty encountered. This amount will be reviewed periodically at trustees' meetings. As a team, the year before last, we agreed we needed to look at the possibility of moving site again with the allocated £60,000 which, for now, remains in a restricted fund to facilitate this. However, due to the change in the economy this last year or so, we are reconsidering our options and looking the ways to best use the income and reflect the welfare standards we support for our rabbits. Consideration of the reserve amount will continue to be taken into account with regards to this allocation whether it be returned funds or saleable assets should it be required.

Declaration:

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:



Full name: Chloe Hennegan

Position: Trustee

Signature:



Full name: Jackie Gale

Position: Trustee

Signature:



Full name: Jocelyn Bell

Position: Trustee

Charitable Accounts (Receipts & Payments Method)
July 2021- Jun 2022

RECEIPTS		
Voluntary receipts		
	Direct Donations	7,011.74
	Funding Grant	0.00
	Indirect Donations	18,908.46
	Gift Aid	0.00
	Other	0.00
		25,920.20
Activities for generating funds		
	Fundraising Initiatives (External Third Parties)	392.00
	Fundraising Initiatives (Fat Fluffs)	0.00
	Gifts in kind resale	0.00
	Trade Sales	88.41
		480.41
Charitable activities		
	Rabbit Adoption	14,262.50
	Rabbit Surrender	3,755.00
	Bonding	6,234.00
	Vet cost repayment	133.00
		24,384.50
Investments/dividends/interest		
	Investment Income	0.00
		0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		50,785.11
PAYMENTS		
Cost of Voluntary Receipts		
	Fees	0.00
	Merchandise Purchases	(28.82)
	Other	0.00
		(28.82)
Fundraising Costs		
	Equipment & Assets	0.00
	Stationary Printing & Postage	0.00
	Paypal Fees	0.00
	Trade Merchandise	0.00
	Trade Fees	(166.20)
	Other	0.00
		(166.20)
Cost of Charitable Activities		
	Vet fees	(14,199.46)
	Rabbit Upkeep	(790.96)
	Rents & Utilities	(11,716.35)
	Equipment & Assets	(786.88)
	Wages & transportation	(32.45)
	Rescue Upkeep	(2,112.63)
		(29,638.73)
Governance & Administration		
	Governance	0.00
	Loan Repayment	(15,000.00)
	Website	0.00
	Other	(19.52)
		(15,019.52)
TOTAL PAYMENTS		(44,853.27)
NET INCREASE FOR YEAR		5,931.84



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Fat Fluffs Rabbit Rescue

On accounts for the year
ended

30th June 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1124870

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2022

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

06/03/2023

Name:

John Linn

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

FCA

Address:

20, Gledholt Road, Huddersfield HD1 4HP

Section B

Disclosure

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