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Centre for Animals and Social Justice

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2025

Centre for Animals and Social Justice

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Legal and administrative information
For the year ended 30 June 2025

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Trustees' annual report For the year ended 30 June 2025

The Directors, who are also Trustees of the charity, submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the 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) issued in October 2019.

Objectives

The objectives of the charity are the promotion of humane behaviour towards animals, in particular but not exclusively by undertaking research into all aspects of animal welfare and publishing the useful results of that research, and by educating the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'. The trustees are also mindful of the Charity Commission guidance on political activity and campaigning.

Activities and Achievements

Here are our principal activities undertaken this year to promote animal welfare protection through research and advocacy:

Animal Protection Commission project

In November 2024 we collaborated with The Schweitzer Institute (SI) to host a conference at the University of Cambridge that predominantly focussed upon the proposal for a Governmental Animal Protection Commission (APC), which is the CASJ's priority research and advocacy project. The conference, 66.6% funded by the CASJ, brought together leading NGOs (e.g. the RSPCA and Humane Society) and academics concerned with animal welfare protection and associated public policy and ethical questions. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and the lectures are published online. An open access journal containing the papers presented at the conference has also been published. The conference has played a significant role in advancing knowledge about how to enhance animal welfare protection and has been a key moment in the process of bringing together a coalition of groups and individuals committed to achieving historic improvements in animal welfare through structural governance reform.

The CASJ and SI have built upon this collaborative work to embark on a joint project to:

- a) research and develop a detailed position paper to explore the need for an APC-type body
- b) nurture a coalition of NGOs, academics, cross-party politicians and other policy actors supportive of the APC concept

starting 1 June 2025 for one year, with £16,600 funding provided by the CASJ.

Part of this work involved a second APC-focussed conference in Cambridge in November 2025 and a Parliamentary Seminar at Westminster hosted by Adrian Ramsay MP to be held in April 2026.

‘The Constitutional Animal in the UK: Principles, Procedures and Participation’

Throughout the year, the CASJ was in detailed discussions with Jane Holder, Professor of Environmental Law, and her institution, University College London (UCL), regarding this research project. This research project is designed to help further develop the constitutional foundations of animal welfare protection, focussing on principles and procedures to help shape decision-making as part of a system of effective and enforceable animal protections. The main concern is with how animal welfare protection might become an all-present and influential aspect of policymaking, legislation and the legal order by entrenching animals’ welfare interests in the UK constitution via the development and application of legal principles.

A key aim of the project is to stimulate legal reform for the benefit of animal welfare, via policy making, legal decision-making, and legal education. Thus, in addition to various research publications, both Professor Holder and UCL envisage a number of activities to maximise the impact and wider dissemination of insights arising from the project that will make a major contribution to the advancement of humane treatment of animals. These are expected to include articles in national media outlets as well as engagement exercises with expert advisory committees to the Government such as the Animal Sentience Committee and officials at the Department for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). Also, a major CASJ/UCL international conference on constitutional reform and animal justice, based on this project’s findings, is planned following the project’s conclusion.

The first academic research article from this project, which focusses on the operation of the new Animal Sentience Committee, is expected to be published in early 2026.

The project commenced in September 2025 after we signed a contract with UCL to provide funding of £39,566 to double the time Professor Holder would devote to the project until the end of 2026.

Related to this project, the CASJ’s Dr Dan Lyons was invited by Professor Holder to give a lecture in January 2025 about the CASJ’s research insights to the students in her ‘Animal Justice’ module at UCL.

‘Mapping Emerging Practices of Nonhuman Representation and Participation’

The CASJ earmarked £15,000 of funding towards this project in October 2024, which will curate a thematic collection in Participedia entitled “Including Nonhuman Animals and Nature in Democracy”. Participedia is a database of democratic innovations, particularly more ‘deliberative’ or ‘participatory’ democratic exercises, which is maintained through an international network of academics and civil society groups. Such exercises would include citizens’ juries gathered to deliberate on proposed laws or policies affecting nonhumans animals, as a more democratic and humane alternative to traditional forms of policy-making that are normally dominated by animal harm groups and their allies in government to the relative exclusion of animal protection advocates. The CASJ understands such improvements in democratic processes are necessary to enable fairer representation of animals’ interests and thus achieve our objective of better animal welfare.

The overarching objective of the project is to create a public record of emerging methods and cases in the rapidly developing area of nonhuman representation that provides data to inform future research and practice. The project will also include an on-line launch event and presentation at an international political science conference. A key aim of the project is to provide a knowledge base and essential capacity for further research in the field of non-human representation in animal welfare policy-making. The project team includes leading experts from the University of Westminster (Professor Graham Smith) and the University of Canberra (Dr Lucy Parry), with the University of Westminster’s Centre for the Study of Democracy also contributing financially to the project.

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As is often the case, the discussions, the finalising of the contract, and the recruitment of a research assistant based at the University of Westminster has been a lengthy process. However, the project commenced in December 2025 with the CASJ providing an initial instalment of funding of £6,000 at that time.

International comparative chicken welfare policy study

This year we have been collaborating with Dr Sue Pyke from the University of Melbourne, who has worked with us on this CASJ/RSPCA Australia funded research project to compare the 'welfare' policies regarding chickens bred for meat in four countries.

Dr Pyke has written a paper, with our support and advice, that utilises the terminology for chickens used by animal advocates and industry representatives - as collected and analysed during this research project - in order to examine the discourses around the chickens and the consumption of chickens as meat. She then goes on to study how those discourses affect chicken-eating as a social/cultural practice. In turn, that advances understanding about the relationship between how society talks about these chickens, who number several billion individuals globally each year, and their standards of welfare.

Thus, this knowledge is a crucial step in alleviating what is the most severe animal cruelty problem in the world. The paper, entitled 'Chook Talk and the Controlled Jungle Fowl' has been accepted by Animal Studies Journal and was published in January 2026.

Dissemination at Manchester Centre for Political Theory conference

In September 2024, CASJ Trustee Professor Rob Garner(Emeritus Professor Politics, University of Leicester) spoke at the prestigious Manchester Centre for Political Theory (MANCEPT) conference about the late Dr Siobhan O'Sullivan's pioneering work in the study of animal protection politics which has a strong affinity with the CASJ's research agenda. His lecture, which was part of the 'Animals, Equality, and Democracy: Themes in Memory of Siobhan O'Sullivan' workshop, focussed in particular on the 'political turn in animal ethics'.

The phrase refers to an evolution in thought and advocacy for the sake of nonhuman animals: where moral theorising about animal welfare and rights is being increasingly augmented by work in political theory and public policy that is concerned with how those ethical theories could be converted into long-term, real-world positive change for other sentient beings.

Professor Garner's participation, funded by the CASJ, involved the dissemination of CASJ research to relevant academic experts at the conference workshop as well as the public through publication of his paper on our website.

Future Plans

Our main plans for the future include:

- Funding research for projects in the field of animal protection politics. In addition to inviting research grant applications, we intend to identify research questions we would like to explore and then approach academics to invite them to apply for funding. Particular areas of interest for us include incorporating animal interests into economic models, and discourses around the phrases/narratives 'animal welfare' and 'animal rights'.

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- Participating in the 'Mapping nonhuman representation and participation' project to maximise its impact and examine potential follow-up research projects.
- Continue to work to establish the 'Bringing Animal Politics out of the Academy' project, involving a new 'Animal Politics' subject bibliography, with the aim of communicating animal protection politics research findings to a wider audience to increase research interest and achieve social impact.
- Working with Professor Jane Holder to support and enhance her 'Constitutional Animal' project, through facilitating her access to expert interviewees and feeding in our insights into her project, particularly complementary political science analysis as an adjunct to her law focus.
- Analysing and publishing reports on the information disclosed through our Freedom of Information request to Defra regarding animal welfare policy.
- Analysing the work of the new UK Animal Sentience Committee
- Developing our collaboration with The Schweitzer Institute at Cambridge to develop the concept of a Government Animal Protection Commission. This will include a consultative Parliamentary Seminar to elicit feedback on a draft proposal, and a third Cambridge conference in November 2026.

Reserves Policy

Taking into account proposed budgeted activities and regular fixed costs, our reserves policy is to have a minimum of £235,000 in reserve.

After taking into account our grant commitments at the year end , we held £553,576 as free reserves. The unpredictable nature of the legacy income which is our main source of income means that it is likely that there will always be an excess of reserves held.

The policy was reviewed in May 2025. The policy will be reviewed, at a minimum, on an annual basis.

Investment policy

The CASJ seeks to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk.

We aim for long term reserves to grow at least in excess of the rate of inflation, while generating an income to support future activities. We may consider investing a proportion of long-term reserves in property or equities to achieve this.

Short term reserves should be invested to at least preserve capital value with a minimal level of risk, for example in interest-bearing savings accounts, as they are required to be available to fund research grants and other planned activities over a two year period.

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Structure, governance and management

Centre for Animals and Social Justice was incorporated on 23 June 2011 and registered as a charity on 12 October 2011 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association which were last updated on 17 March 2016. Its legal status is that of a company limited by guarantee (Company No. 07681014) and a registered charity (Charity No. 1144250). It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £1.

Overall management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustee Directors who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Day to day project activity is carried out by the CEO.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a Trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK 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 charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above on 12 March 2026. Signed on behalf of the trustees by:



Angela Roberts
Trustee

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Centre for Animals and Social Justice ("the Company")

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company 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 your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



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16 March 2026

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 30 June 2025

		Unrestricted Total 2025 £	Unrestricted Total 2024 £
	Notes		
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	2	148,797	6,447
Investments - bank interest		13,098	7,246
Total income		161,895	13,693
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	3	108,239	32,962
Total expenditure		108,239	32,962
Net movement in funds		53,656	(19,269)
Total funds brought forward		499,920	519,189
Total funds carried forward		553,576	499,920

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet
As at 30 June 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	8	3,340	2,366
Cash at bank and in hand		616,316	498,061
Total current assets		619,656	500,427
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(66,080)	(507)
Net current assets		553,576	499,920
Total assets less current liabilities		553,576	499,920
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Total net assets		553,576	499,920
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		553,576	499,920
Total funds	12	553,576	499,920

For the year ending 30 June 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The director's acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

Approved by the board on 12 March 2026.

Signed on their behalf by:



Angela Roberts
Trustee

Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 30 June 2025

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

Centre for Animals and Social Justice is a charitable company in the United Kingdom limited by guarantee. In the event that the charity is wound up the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the company information on page 1 of these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and with the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have taken advantage of the exemption to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and are rounded to the nearest £1.

(b) Income

Income is recognised in the SOFA when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the monies have been met, the receipt of the income is probable and its amount can be reliably measured.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be 17 measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material (see note 11).

(c) Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the one-year or multi-year grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the charity.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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1 Accounting Policies - continued

(d) Tangible fixed assets

All items of capital expenditure below £500 are written off as incurred.

Depreciation has been calculated to write down the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of all tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives on a straight line basis.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(f) Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

(g) Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(h) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific artistic projects being undertaken by the charity.

(i) Pensions

The organisation has a defined contributions pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

(j) Operating lease rentals

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

(k) Taxation

As a charity Centre for Animals and Social Justice is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the available tax exemptions to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

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1 Accounting Policies - continued

(l) Contingent liability

A contingent liability is identified and disclosed for those grants resulting from:

- A possible obligation which will only be confirmed by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the trustees' control; or
- A present obligation following a grant offer where settlement is either not considered probable; or
- The amount has not been communicated in the project offer and that amount cannot be estimated reliably.

(m) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Unrestricted 2024 £
Donations and gift aid	131,082	6,447
Legacies	17,715	-
	<u>148,797</u>	<u>6,447</u>

3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Unrestricted 2024 £
Note		
Staff Costs - salaries	4 28,520	25,583
Staff and trustee travel and meeting expenses	6 953	-
Advocacy costs	-	572
Conference costs	2,572	-
Research grants	7 71,166	-
Dissemination	1,496	-
Other research costs	84	-
Computer expenses	1,241	847
Website costs	438	4,964
Fundraising expenses	360	115
Legal and professional fees (including payroll fees)	287	286
Independent examination fee (previous year accountancy fee)	5 984	480
Bank charges	138	115
	<u>108,239</u>	<u>32,962</u>

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4 Staff Costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries	28,520	25,583
Employer's National Insurance	2,889	2,275
Employer's allowance	(2,889)	(2,275)
	<u>28,520</u>	<u>25,583</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000. The average number of employees during the period was 1 (2024: 1).

5 Fees to independent examiner's organisation

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fee for independent examination	984	-
Fee for accountancy	-	480
	<u>-</u>	<u>480</u>

No other fees were paid to the Independent examiner's organisation

6 Trustees and key management remuneration, benefits and expenses

Trustees received no remuneration, benefits or expenses in the year except expenses paid in connection with their duties as trustees (2024: £nil.). One trustee was reimbursed £334 for travel and conference attendance (2024: £nil.)

Key management, which comprises the trustees and the CEO received remuneration benefits totalling £28,520 (2024: £25,583). Travel costs of £619 were incurred in relation to conference attendance.

The CEO is the partner of a trustee. To avoid conflicts of interest any proposed salary increases must be expressly approved by the independent trustees.

7 Research grants

	2025	2024
	£	£
To fund research:		
The Schweitzer Institute for Environmental Ethics	16,600	-
University of Westminster	15,000	-
University College London	39,566	-
	<u>71,166</u>	<u>-</u>

8 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Legacies receivable	-	-
Other debtors	3,340	2,366
	<u>3,340</u>	<u>2,366</u>

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9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors		180	27
Accruals		984	480
Research grant commitments	10	64,916	-
		66,080	507

10 Research grant commitments

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Grant commitments recognised at the start of the year		-	-
New grant commitments charged to the SoFA in year	7	71,166	-
Grants paid during the year		(6,250)	-
		64,916	-

10 Related party transactions

Uncaged Limited donated £25,350 for unrestricted purposes in the year (2024: £868), and Uncaged Campaigns Limited donated £2,500 for unrestricted purposes in the year (2024: £2,851). Dan Lyons, key management, and Angela Roberts, a trustee, are the directors of these companies, and share control. The majority of the funding of these companies comes from donations and legacies from individuals, to support the same charitable purposes as this charity.

There have been no other related party transactions during the year that are not included above or in note 6.

11 Contingent assets

The charity was notified of 3 legacies during the year, but had not received any funds at the year end. In accordance with the accounting policy, no income has been recognised.

The measurable legacies due at the time of the signing of the accounts were valued at £15,160.