

Annual Report to December 31st 2023

Wild Acre Rescue is registered charity 1153315 and the registered address is PO Box 7817, Wolverhampton, WV6 6JH.

The Charity's bank – Lloyds Bank PLC, 134 High Street, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 1DS

Trustees from 1st January – 31st December 2023

Mrs Angela Gelenscer – Secretary/Treasurer (Resigned April 2023)

Mrs Sharon Brace

Mrs Diane Lester

Mrs Ann Evans (Resigned April 2023)

Mrs Deborah Jennings (Resigned January 2023)

Mrs Lyn Crumpton (Appointed April 2023)

Mrs Katie Matthews (Appointed November 2023)

Election of Trustees

Trustees are elected on an annual basis. The next election will be held in June 2024.

The charity has 4 trustees and 25 volunteers.

Charity Objectives

The objective of our charity is to rescue and rehabilitate domestic animals who have been abandoned or neglected. We aim to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention and in particular to maintain rescue homes or other facilities for reception and care of such animals. We also take in animals from homes where the owners are unable to care for/keep them anymore for a variety of reasons.

Activities and Achievements

It has been a difficult year for the charity this year with the resignation of 3 of our long-standing trustees but with the appointment of new trustees, who hold the same values as existing ones, we feel the rescue has gone from strength to strength. We have been able to obtain a dog field for the exclusive use of our long-term foster dogs so they have a safe space to have some exercise. Many of our long-term foster dogs are unable to be walked in spaces where other dogs are present so our dog field allows them the freedom to run around safely. Our cattery is doing well and we have been able to take in and rehome more cats than ever. The cattery provides a safe space for the majority of the cats that come into our care. The cattery also receives a twice monthly visit from a local vet who is able to carry out some treatments on site. We have also found this year we have been called upon to help members of the public with rising costs of veterinary bills for their animals. We have helped where we can with the sickest of the animals. We have also provided support for people who own XL Bully dogs after the change in legislation and them now being a banned breed. We have helped people apply for exemption certificates and with the costs of neutering.

1. Receipts and Payments for the Year Ending 31.12.2023		
Receipts	2022 £	2023 £
Donations	39,276	35,840
Shop takings	49,941	82,012
Market Takings	57,554	-
Ebay Sales	28,494	26,818
Council Grants/Rates/Electric Rebates	241	256
Dog Boarding	6,352	-
Legacies	2,626	1,485
Other Fundraising	3,648	8,829
Total Receipts	188,132	155,240
Payments		
Veterinary Bills	103,228	134,468
Shop/Market Rent	25,652	17,920
Shop/Market Electricity/Gas/Water	9,561	3,248
Shop/Market Expenses	7,763	7,956
Storage Units	-	8,754
Animal Food and Care	6,338	7,759
Motor and Travel Expenses	3,282	1,624
Advertising and Stationary	-	76
House Clearance Expenses	100	-
Removal of Rubbish	7,561	2,331
General Repairs	5,255	8,208
Rates and Insurance	1,213	1,325
eBay Expenses/Postage	6,658	4,902
Dog Boarding	7,844	5,943
Social/Fundraising Expenses	120	497
Morton Mews Cattery	8,338	10,163
Legal Fees		3,261
Total Charitable Payments	192,913	218,435
2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities Year end 31.12.2023		
Cash Funds	2022 £	2023 £
Lloyds Bank	109,336	52,841.00
CCLA	201,297	210,812

	Total Funds	311,297	263,653
Assets			
Van Purchased for Charity Use July 2021 Current Value		8375	7,195
Vehicle Purchased for Charity Use October 2021 Current Value		-	8,000
3. Liabilities	2022 £	2023 £	
Liabilities of the Charity			
	Nil	Nil	

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Independent Examiners Report on the Accounts of Wild Acre Rescue

1 Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

As the charities Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissions under 43 (7) of the Act, where particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of accounts presented with those records. It also includes a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

2. Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect of the requirements

- a) To keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act ;
And
- b) To prepare accounts with accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirement of the Act

Have not been met; or to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed Date 17 APRIL 2024

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