RESCUE ME ANIMAL SANCTUARY

England & Wales · Charity number 1157210

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-05-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Bells Farm Prescot Road Melling Liverpool L31 1AR
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Website	www.rescueme.org.uk

Activities

Objects: FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AND IN PARTICULAR THE MORE VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF ANIMALS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION AND IN PARTICULAR TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN RESCUE HOMES OR OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE RECEPTION, CARE AND TREATMENT OF SUCH ANIMALS.

Activities: Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary continues to face increasing workloads due to the cruelty and abandonment of animals within Merseyside and the surrounding areas. The overall vision of RMAS is to grow and develop, to ensure that it is effective and fit for purpose to meet the increasing demand and promote education and animal welfare to the general public.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Cheshire West & Chester
- Knowsley
- Liverpool City
- Sefton
- St Helens
- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	-	-	-	-
2024-07-31	£226,217	£418,728	-	-
2023-07-31	£230,836	£212,910	-	-
2022-07-31	£173,760	£156,612	-	-
2021-07-31	£227,775	£133,537	-	-
2020-07-31	£172,344	£110,537	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
STEPH TAYLOR	Chair	2014-08-01
BARBARA CONNOLLY		2014-08-01
FAYE ROBINSON		2014-08-01
HEATHER JANE PRESCOTT		2014-08-01

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Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary (RMAS)

Trustees' Annual Report

01.08.2023 - 31.07.2024

Charity Name:
Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary

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Website:
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Facebook: rescuemeanimalsanctuary

Legal Status:
Registered Charity No: 1157210
CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
GOVERNING DOCUMENT: Constitution

Charity Objectives:
"For the benefit of the public and in particular the more vulnerable members of our community, to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention and in particular to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals".

REHOMING

A strict rehoming policy is followed ensuring every rescue animal finds their 'forever home'



VETERINARY

Every animal in need of professional veterinary care receives it promptly



The demand this year again remained overwhelming for Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary with 456 animals (again plus numerous small rodents, often pregnant females who gave birth to litters) admitted from desperate situations, many having been turned away from other rescues due to the lack of space. The majority were cats, kittens, dogs, puppies, guinea pigs and rabbits. Once admitted they were triaged, provided with the necessary veterinary treatments and were then placed into our foster home network until rehomed. Sadly, again this year we admitted a high number of diseased kittens from the streets and very young kittens with deceased mothers or who had been abandoned, who needed hand rearing which required a large amount of resources. Notably again this year we admitted some very poorly animals requiring significant veterinary treatments.

We continued this year to take a small number of dogs from the local pound, and also to publicise their plight, so that we succeeded in getting them placed with other rescues. Kind members of the public and our supporters will often offer to rehome them, but we have to insist that they only go to rescues who can properly assess them, as they have often been passed around from home to home and may not have received the appropriate socialization, exercise and positive training. We are aware of the 'fashion' for particular breeds of dogs, which some people buy without regard to how they can meet any particular requirements for the breed, and a lot of these dogs are then abandoned and end up in the pound. For example, there are a large number of bull breeds, especially French bulldogs, plus an increasing number of "pocket bullies" and at present many of the 'pound dogs' do not have a microchip or it is out of date. A number of Trustees and staff have experience in advising on dog behavioural issues, and we will advise an owner if they want to accept advice which may mean that their dog doesn't need to be rehomed.

This year, notably we have again admitted a number of puppies who have cleft palates, most of whom were surrendered to us by their breeders. Some of the clefts were probably caused by inbreeding, as unfortunately some people will want to buy a puppy with a particular colour coat and breeders will often be able to charge a lot more for such puppies. The surrendered puppies were either new born or a couple of days old. The breeders did not have the experience and/or the will to hand rear them, so again this fell to our fosterers and/or our small staff team. Quite often, one or more of the puppies will have died before the breeder will reach out for help. These puppies face an uphill battle because they need constant monitoring and frequent hand feeding, they will need to stay in an incubator and we are always devastated when they do not make it, despite the tremendous efforts made by their dedicated carers. They also require assessment and ongoing veterinary checks and treatment: the breeders who have surrendered them are not prepared to pay for this. We have again this year noted the ongoing increase in brachycephalic ('flat faced') dogs who are at risk of breathing-related problems because of the shape of their noses and jaws.

We continue to operate as a member of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH) and we have been grateful for their guidance provided.

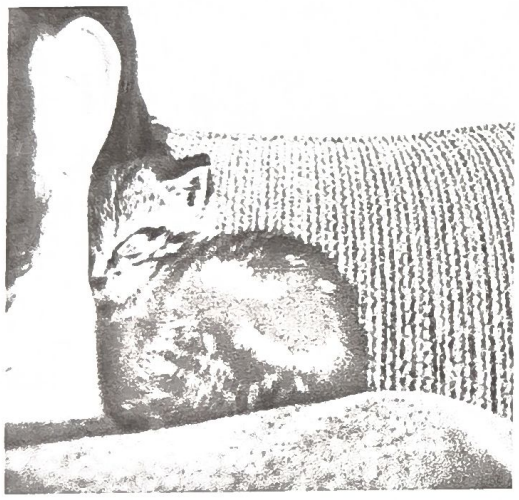
We have a staff member on site from 9 to 5 every day, as we have five staff members, one being full time and four part time, plus from October 2020, Steph Taylor continues as Manager. We have a Veterinary Nurse who works almost full time. We continued to run at full capacity making full use of our network of foster homes.

Our amazingly dedicated team of volunteers has continued to tirelessly fundraise towards the property remodeling and refurbishment of our premises. We are fortunate to have a team of highly committed long-term volunteers, many of whom have been with us since the start of Rescue Me. Sincere compassion and a genuine determination to help our area's most vulnerable animals enables the team to work together to achieve the shared goal of becoming a truly sustainable charitable animal rescue.

Dr Steph Taylor, Founder and Head Trustee at RMAS

VISION

Every animal will enjoy a healthy, happy life in a loving home



AFTER CARE & SUPPORT

New owners are offered experienced after care and support for their new pet



Our Vision:

RMAS continues to face increasing workloads due to the cruelty and abandonment of animals within Merseyside and the surrounding areas.

The overall vision of RMAS is to grow and develop, to ensure that it is effective and fit for purpose to meet the increasing demand and promote education and animal welfare to the general public.

Animals provide measurable benefits to people's physical and mental health and this is one area that the organisation would like focus on in the future.

The aims of the charity are to:

1. Raise awareness of animal welfare issues and encourage the public to adopt these principles;
2. Assist with the neutering, rescue and rehoming of stray and unwanted animals with special attention to those most at risk;
3. Encourage the local community to become involved through various campaigns;
4. Provide education on animal welfare so that we can put a STOP to animal cruelty at the root level;
5. Provide local employment to like-minded individuals
6. To reduce the numbers of cats living in feral colonies with the expansion of our TNR (Trap, Neuter & Release) programme in partnership with other local rescues.

Our Mission Statement

"Our philosophy is to care based solely on its physical characteristic to accept and care for destruct policy and will care until a forever home

> "for the benefit of the public and in particular the more vulnerable members of our community, to relieve the suffering of in need of care and attention and in particular to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals".

accept any animal in to our need and not on any other providing we have the space them. We have a strict non-keep every animal in our can be found".

Our Values

The sanctuary's ethos is to never turn away a call from a member of the public even if the problem is outside the capabilities of the organisation or falls outside the remit, but to assist through the network of more relevant bodies within the community to help with the call and to ensure both the member of the public and the animal (s) in question are supported and cared for in a kind, compassionate and supportive manner.

Public Benefit Need

RMAS has been set up to assist members of the public within the Merseyside region in the rescue, care, support, re-homing and adoption of stray and unwanted animals. The general public benefits from knowing that RMAS will do everything within its capabilities and resources to support both themselves and the animals in need. This includes vulnerable members of the community, people who find they cannot cope, or simply find they no longer can afford to keep their animal due to financial circumstances.

Our activities

Since its formation in July 2013, RMAS has grown from an extremely small organisation to a registered charity with a network of foster homes spread across the Merseyside area and now we have premises.

This has been achieved by the coming together of a group of like-minded, passionate, experienced volunteers who have worked with animals for many years and bring a wealth of experience to the sanctuary together with our Trustees.

Every animal that is taken in by RMAS is assessed and they are all: -

- Neutered (if applicable)
- Microchipped
- De-flead and wormed
- Emergency veterinary care is provided if required

On our 5th Anniversary on 20/07/2018 almost 2,500 animals had been admitted into the sanctuary and the demand for our assistance grows daily. During the year ended 31st July 2019 we admitted 458 animals plus 319 hens; to 31st July 2020 563 animals plus 51 birds and small rodents (this number includes the litters they gave birth to) and to 31st July 2021 501 animals plus 76 budgies, pigeons, small rodents (and litters given birth to) and we also arranged for 9 'home to home' adoptions with our staff and volunteers providing the advice and home checks. During the year ended 31st July 2022 we admitted and rehomed 540 animals (plus litters born) being 400 cats and kittens; 31 dogs and puppies; 60 guinea pigs; 23 hamsters; 20 rabbits; 2 ducks; 2 budgies; a pheasant and a lizard. During the year ended 31st July 2023 we admitted and rehomed 478 animals, being 370 cats and kittens; 71 dogs and puppies; 12 rabbits; 21 guinea pigs; 2 rats; 1 hamster and 1 parrot. During the year ended 31st July 2024 we admitted and rehomed 456 animals (plus litters born) being 328 cats and kittens; 119 dogs and puppies; 6 guinea pigs and 3 rabbits. This makes a total of 5951 animals helped by Rescue Me. This does not include the animals which we have managed to place with other rescues. During this year we had a lot of building work completed which meant that some of our facilities were closed for short periods of time and this meant that the number of animals admitted is slightly lower.

RMAS charges a re-homing fee for our animals, highlighting the ongoing financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interest of any of our animals to re-home them to people who could not afford their upkeep, financial commitment and care.

Current rehoming fees at 31/07/2024 are;

- Cat: £125
- Kitten: £150
- Rabbit: £50
- Dog: £275
- Puppy: £375
- Smaller animals by minimum donation of £5

We also advise on the minimum acceptable housing set ups for smaller animals, because the set ups sold and regarded as acceptable in pet shops are often far too small and with inadequate exercise facilities with little to no possibilities for enrichment activities. We do not rehome unless the adopter provides the right environment and facilities for any of our animals.

We are proud to offer full 'Rescue Back Up' for all of our animals, and we have become aware that many rescues do not operate to these standards.

We continue to offer a unique approach to tackling the 'bigger picture'. This involves our 'in-reach' on-line free-ad work, where we directly reach out to people currently part of the irresponsible re-homing and breeding 'system' which forms the crux of today's overpopulation of domestic pets and a large proportion of the animals that ultimately require rescue. This promotes responsible pet ownership as we offer to neuter any resident pets for free especially the mothers of the young who are being advertised and offer to undertake home checks for animals being advertised. This approach differs from other neutering/rescue services who offer a more passive approach by helping only people who seek out their service. We believe the 'on-line animal free-ad community' will not seek help as this community makes it both free and easy to 'get rid' of pets they no longer want. We have had huge success by directly approaching these people via comments, private messages or emails in a non-judgmental fashion and offering our help for 'free'.

Main achievements and summary

We have continued to utilise our onsite Vet Room to the full, and now have a fully operational Vet Suite in the refurbished premises. We have specific Vet Days when our staff and volunteers ensure a smooth visit from start to finish: animals arrive at precise times with owners driving in through one gate and leaving by the other and they are given times to collect their animal(s) once they have had a suitable recovery to the satisfaction of the Vet/ Vet Nurse.

As it is now compulsory for all cats to be microchipped before they are 20 weeks old, with the details stored on a DEFRA approved microchipping database, the trustees decided that we would neuter and chip all our kittens at 9 weeks' old before they are adopted, which saves them from being recalled so is more convenient.

We continue to make best use of our Hospice/Hospital due to the number of very sick and/or palliative animals that we have increasingly been asked to take in. This was constructed and named "Angel's Place" after Angel, an elderly palliative dog who was cared for at HQ.

We were grateful to receive donations and income via, amongst others, Enthuse (formerly Charity Checkout), PayPal, Online Giving, Payroll Giving, Go Cardless and Justgiving, Petplan, Agria Pet Insurance, Raismore, Vet Club. The Big Help awarded us a grant of £1,000 and we received some donations from individuals who would prefer not to be named. We received £300 from the Mad Dog Race; various amounts from Aughton Meadows Pet Crematorium, from the clientele of the Pear Tree Cattery and from Colormatrix; £5430 from R McGinnis; £1000 from Animal Friends. We also receive grants and do fundraising activities at Pets at Home, both the Edge Lane and the Southport branches.

The Amazon Wish List appeals continue to support our work and many necessary supplies are donated by our kind supporters.

We continue to have support from donors who give regularly via standing order for which we are very grateful. Even with the impact of the cost-of-living increase, this has remained steady.

This year our raffles, Facebook selling group, Ebay selling, street collections and a dog walk continued to bring in funds, as well as sales of clothing, cakes and bric a brac.

The 'Bonus Ball' Lottery brings in a regular income of £195 monthly which is of great help. Some winners have declined to accept their prizes and we are grateful for these extra donations. A lottery has also been set up to bring in another welcome regular income.

Gifted supporters and volunteers continue to make and sell craft items which are always popular, including knitted, crocheted and wooden items such as hog houses for hedgehogs.

We continued to raise money by weighing in clothing, curtains and handbags which were not suitable to sell and from selling used stamps.

A number of supporters and volunteers kindly donated themselves or asked their friends and families to donate instead of giving presents or sending Christmas cards, and this was much appreciated.

We are grateful to those small businesses who hold our charity collection boxes, as well as to those businesses who act as drop off and collection points for pet food, donations and auction items.

Sadly, a number of our supporters passed away during this year and we were extremely honoured to receive donations in their memory. Several volunteers also donated funds in memory of beloved deceased pets.

We have made progress with further renovations of the building which is all subject to Planning Applications and we have engaged specialists to perform the various surveys as required by Sefton Council.

We work in a collaborative way with other likeminded rescue organisations.

As can be seen in the Receipts and Payments Account for this year, compared to last, our income has remained steady, owing to an increase in donations, decrease in adoption fees, roughly the same in fundraising and gift aid and an increase in the contribution (individually assessed depending on the person's circumstances) for Vet Costs, Neutering and Microchipping. We also received reimbursement from VAT Claims. Our expenditure increased in terms of Vet, medicine, kennels and animal transport costs and payroll costs (there was an increase in the National Minimum Wage); we also spent £256666 on refurbishment of the building to create the "Vet Suite" with a suitable operating theatre, recovery room, consulting room and specialist cages and equipment.

We remain optimistic about our future

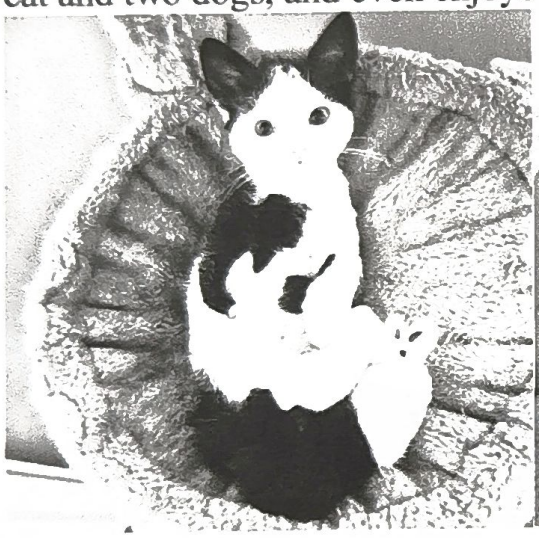
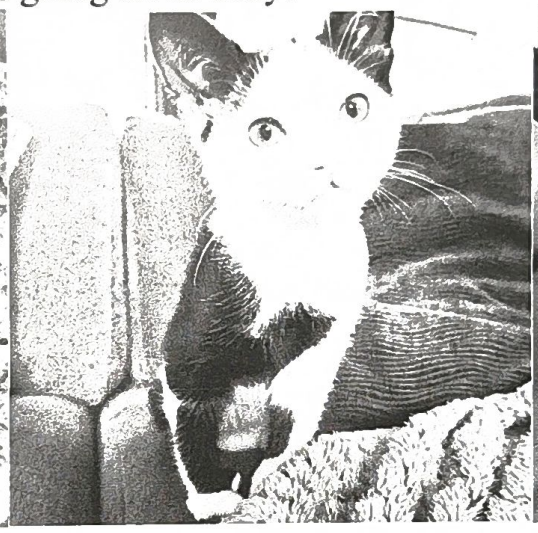
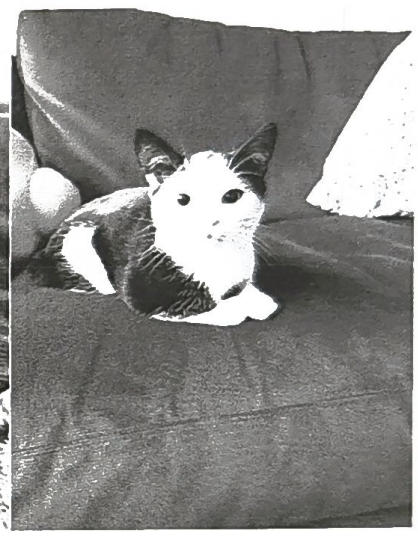
Examples of some of the animals whom we have had the pleasure to care for this year

Zazu: (Cat)

Zazu came to us from a farm in rural Lancashire at approximately 8 weeks old. He was born within a colony of feral cats, and although he had 3 siblings, he was the smallest and very underweight for his age. It was clear he had some congenital issues and all of his feet were deformed, likely as a result of generations of close genetic breeding. All adults were neutered at our on site clinic, and his siblings have gone on to find lovely homes through Rescue Me.

When he arrived at our veterinary clinic, his prognosis was quite guarded. He was also suffering with cat flu, and was unable to use one of his back legs. Zazu, however, did not let this get him down and had such a zest for life that he passed on to everyone who met him. After a course of medication, Zazu's medical condition improved greatly, and although physically he looks different, this did not slow him down and he was usually up to all kinds of mischief.

He can climb, run and play just like a normal cat with no signs of pain or discomfort. He enjoys life in his forever home and is completely adored by his owners. He has three new friends, one cat and two dogs, and even enjoys going on holiday!

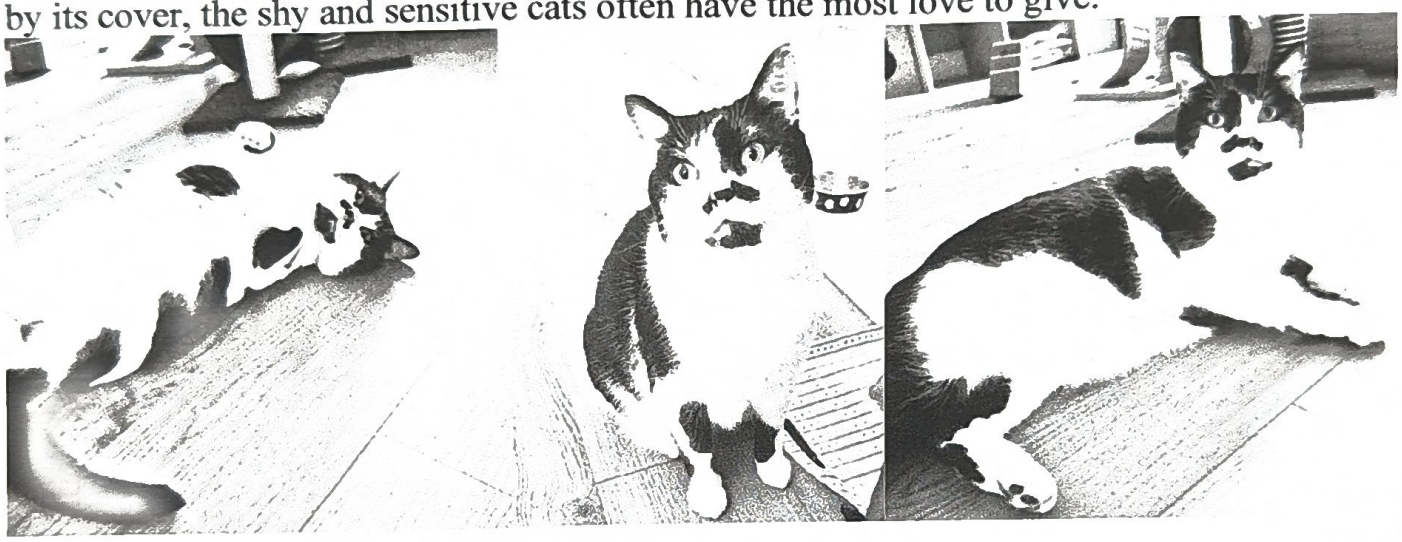
Taz: (Dog)

Taz came to us at 5 weeks old on 2nd March 2024. His breeder was planning to euthanise him as he was vomiting and initial vet tests had not found a diagnosis. Taz came to us in a very poorly state with intractable vomiting but he responded well to puppy gastrointestinal food and medication. Taz was a very highly strung puppy but settled very well with the other pup and dogs who live on site. After some time, we transitioned him over onto normal puppy food and we noticed a return of his symptoms and also observed ''head bobbing''. This was when our vets suspected a liver shunt and so Taz had a specialist blood test which was highly suggestive of a liver shunt. He was referred to a specialist at the University of Liverpool and had imaging investigations. Sadly, an inoperable shunt was diagnosed and Taz was found to have over 80% of his liver missing. The specialist was very guarded about his prognosis. After learning lots about managing this condition with a special diet and medication, Taz's health is stable and he is living a happy life currently at HQ and shares a special bond with Steph.



Skimble: (Cat)

Skimble has had a difficult start to his little life. He was found by a member of the public on a local train in his cat carrier (with no blanket), alone and frightened. He then was taken off the train and left on the busy station platform, afraid at the comings and goings, the busy sounds of the railway. Upon arrival at Rescue Me, we found him to be (understandably) traumatised and shut down because of his experiences, and very mistrusting of any human contact. After all, he had received very little love and care so far! He wouldn't think twice about lashing out when things got too much for him, or giving our staff a growl or a hiss as a warning for them to stay back. He very rarely came out of his igloo bed, his 'safe space'. However, with the care and patience of Louise, one of our dedicated staff members, Skimble slowly began to feel comfortable just being in the presence of a human without anything bad happening to him. This led to him being hand fed tasty snacks and slowly spending more time out of his igloo than in it, eventually showing signs of wanting to be stroked and become a lap cat! At this stage, it was time for Skimble to make the transition into one of our experienced foster homes, where he could carry on growing in confidence and building up trust with a wider variety of people. Since then, he has flourished! Skimble loves meal times and will tell his foster carers if the service is late! He has shown himself to be a playful, talkative and loving cat, who loves to sit on the sofa and play with his favourite toys. It just shows that you should never judge a book by its cover, the shy and sensitive cats often have the most love to give.



Board of Trustees:

Dr Stephanie Taylor, experience in direct animal rescue, management skills and team working

Mrs. Heather Prescott, experience in direct rescue and veterinary work, with excellent IT skills

Miss Faye Robinson, experience in direct rescue work, working with vulnerable people and qualified to Masters Level in animal behaviour

Ms Barbara Connolly, experience in direct rescue work and has a wealth of experience in education

Dr Stephanie Taylor
Chair and Founder of Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary
7th April 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary (the charity) for the year ended 31st July 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity 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 charity'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 section145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent examiner's statement

I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and I am bound by their code of ethics.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

I Wright 22nd May 2025

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07Receipts and Payments Accounts

Charity Name Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary
Charity Number 1157210
For the period from 01/08/2023 to 31/07/2024

Section A **Receipts and Payments**

A1 Receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Last Year £
Donations	72043			72043	66534
Care of Angel					125
Care of Daisy & Petal					230
Hospice Set Up					250
Care of Clyde		20		20	
Care of Parvo Pups		145		145	
Care of Dizzy & Holly		30		30	
Care of Grace		110		110	
Care of Ernie		80		80	
Care of Bambi		50		50	
Adoption Fees	53520			53520	62240
Fundraising	45666			45666	44234
Gift Aid	2924			2924	2617
Contribution to Vet Costs, Neuter, Chip	18716			18716	12893
Contribution to Bills	800			800	800
RSPCA Grant					5000
Big Help Group	1000			1000	
Bank Interest Received	3136			3136	832
VAT Reclaimed	27977			27977	20542
Council Tax Refunded					14539
Sub Total	225782	435		226217	230836
A2 Asset and Investment Sales					
Total Receipts	225782	435		226217	230836
A3 Payments					
Care of Angel					125
Care of Daisy & Petal					230
Hospice Set Up					250
Care of Clyde		20		20	
Care of Parvo Pups		145		145	
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Care of Grace		110		110	
Care of Ernie		80		80	
Care of Bambi		50		50	

Vets, Medicines, Food Microchips, Kennels & Animal Transport	81861			81861	77377
Payroll Costs	50939			50939	48228
Fundraising Expenses	3527			3527	4048
Heat and Light	4745			4745	8882
Council Tax & Water	1130			1130	9338
Insurance	1990			1990	
Postage and Stationery	617			617	106
Telephone, Internet	522			522	798
Legal, Professional, Architect, Planning	10444			10444	6086
Repairs and Skips	2526			2526	1427
Loan Repayment	600			600	650
Staff Travel	44			44	138
Bank Charges and Currency Conversion	194			194	202
Sundry	364			364	443
Refurbishment of Premises:	256666			256666	53995
To Be Recovered From Bank	2124				
				2124	587
A4 Asset and Investment Purchases					
Total Payments	418293	435		418728	212910
Net of Receipts/ Payments				(192511)	17926
A5 Transfers Between Funds				Nil	Nil
A6 Cash Funds Last Year End				276717	258791
Cash Funds This Year End				84206	276717

Section B **Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the End of the Period**

B1 Cash Funds	Details	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Cash Held in Petty Cash		18		
Paypal		2847		
Bank Current Account		12033		
Bank Deposit Account		69308		
Total Cash Funds Agreed with Receipts and Payments Accounts		84206		

B2 Other Monetary Assets

HMRC Gift Aid	3951
HMRC VAT Reclaimed	34636
To be Refunded by Barclays Bank	2123
	40710

B3 Investment Assets

B4 Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use

Bells Farm Property	410000

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund	Due £
Loan Repayable to Stephanie Taylor	Restricted	64340
Vets, Medicines, Food		
Microchips, Kennels	Unrestricted	4765
EDF Energy	Unrestricted	375
Fundraising Expenses	Unrestricted	100
Phone and Internet	Unrestricted	6
Grosvenor VAT Consultants	Unrestricted	5155
Repairs and Skips	Unrestricted	29
Self Employed Manager to 31/07/21	Unrestricted	20833
Self Employed Manager to 31/07/22	Unrestricted	25000
Self Employed Manager to 31/07/23	Unrestricted	25000
Self Employed Manager to 31/07/24	Unrestricted	25000
		170603

Signed on Behalf of all Trustees:

Signature  Name **S Taylor** Date of Approval **07/04/2025**

Signature  Name **H Prescott** Date of Approval **07/04/2025**

Notes to the Accounts

1 Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary purchased premises, Bells Farm, in Melling during year ended 31st July 2018. This comprises of a house; land and outbuildings and the total purchase price was £410,000. The trustees consider that because refurbishment of the premises includes splitting the house into part dwelling and part animal rescue premises, the amounts spent on refurbishment have not added any value to the premises overall.

2 Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary had been outbid on similar properties in previous years, and in order to secure Bells Farm, Stephanie Taylor, Founder and Trustee, loaned the charity the sum of £66,990.

Trustees were of the opinion that Bells Farm was the most suitable property available to date and agreed to this arrangement.

The Loan Agreement for this was signed by all Trustees on 12th February 2018. Clause 2 states that:

> This Loan will be repaid in consecutive yearly instalments of £10,000 each commencing on 6 February 2019 and continuing on the 6th February of each following year until 8 February 2025 with the balance then owing under this Agreement being paid at that time providing the borrower has sufficient reserves to do so and ALL the Trustees are in agreement to release the instalment.

On 6 February 2019, a decision was made to defer repayment of the loan and these funds became restricted to be used for renovation work to enable the site to become fit for purpose with adequate facilities as soon as possible.

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Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary (RMAS)

Trustees' Annual Report

01.08.2022 - 31.07.2023

Charity Name:
Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary

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Legal Status:
Registered Charity No: 1157210
CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
GOVERNING DOCUMENT: Constitution

Charity Objectives:
"For the benefit of the public and in particular the more vulnerable members of our community, to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention and in particular to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals".

REHOMING

A strict rehoming policy is followed ensuring every rescue animal finds their 'forever home'



VETERINARY

Every animal in need of professional veterinary care receives it promptly



The demand this year again remained overwhelming for Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary with 478 animals (again plus numerous small rodents, often pregnant females who gave birth to litters) admitted from desperate situations, many having been turned away from other rescues due to the lack of space. The majority were cats, kittens, dogs, puppies, guinea pigs and rabbits. Once admitted they were triaged, provided with the necessary veterinary treatments and were then placed into our foster home network until rehomed. Sadly, again this year we admitted a high number of diseased kittens from the streets and very young kittens with deceased mothers or who had been abandoned, who needed hand rearing which required a large amount of resources. Notably again this year we admitted some very poorly animals requiring significant veterinary treatments. We did not admit any animals from abroad this year, although we took in Jessie, a cat originally from Bosnia, whose story is detailed below.

We continued this year to take a small number of dogs from the local pound, and also to publicise their plight, so that we succeeded in getting them placed with other rescues. Kind members of the public and our supporters will often offer to rehome them, but we have to insist that they only go to rescues who can properly assess them, as they have often been passed around from home to home and may not have received the appropriate socialization, exercise and positive training. We are aware of the 'fashion' for particular breeds of dogs, which some people buy without regard to how they can meet any particular requirements for the breed, and a lot of these dogs are then abandoned and end up in the pound. For example, there are a large number of bull breeds, especially French bulldogs, and at present many of the 'pound dogs' do not have a microchip or it is out of date. A number of Trustees and staff have experience in advising on dog behavioural issues, and we will advise an owner if they want to accept advice which may mean that their dog doesn't need to be rehomed.

This year, notably we have again admitted a number of puppies who have cleft palates, most of whom were surrendered to us by their breeders. Some of the clefts were probably caused by inbreeding, as unfortunately some people will want to buy a puppy with a particular colour coat and breeders will often be able to charge a lot more for such puppies. The surrendered puppies were either new born or a couple of days old. The breeders did not have the experience and/or the will to hand rear them, so again this fell to our fosterers and/or our small staff team. Quite often, one or more of the puppies will have died before the breeder will reach out for help. These puppies face an uphill battle because they need constant monitoring and frequent hand feeding, and we are always devastated when they do not make it, despite the tremendous efforts made by their carers. They also require assessment and ongoing veterinary checks and treatment: the breeders who have surrendered them are not prepared to pay for this. We have again this year noted the ongoing increase in brachycephalic ('flat faced') dogs who are at risk of breathing-related problems because of the shape of their noses and jaws.

We continue to operate as a member of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH) and we have been grateful for their guidance provided.

We have a staff member on site from 9 to 5 every day, as we have three staff members, one being full time and two part time, plus from October 2020, Steph Taylor as Manager. We continued to run at full capacity making full use of our network of foster homes.

Our amazingly dedicated team of volunteers has continued to tirelessly fundraise towards the property remodeling and refurbishment of our premises. We are fortunate to have a team of highly committed long-term volunteers who have been with us since the start of Rescue Me, and more recently a group of volunteers have joined us with an interest in fundraising in different ways. Sincere compassion and a genuine determination to help our area's most vulnerable animals enables the team to work together to achieve the shared goal of becoming a truly sustainable charitable animal rescue.

Dr Steph Taylor, Founder and Head Trustee at RMAS

VISION

Every animal will enjoy a healthy, happy life in a loving home



AFTER CARE & SUPPORT

New owners are offered experienced after care and support for their new pet



Our Vision:

RMAS continues to face increasing workloads due to the cruelty and abandonment of animals within Merseyside and the surrounding areas.

The overall vision of RMAS is to grow and develop, to ensure that it is effective and fit for purpose to meet the increasing demand and promote education and animal welfare to the general public.

Animals provide measurable benefits to people's physical and mental health and this is one area that the organisation would like focus on in the future.

The aims of the charity are to:

1. Raise awareness of animal welfare issues and encourage the public to adopt these principles;
2. Assist with the neutering, rescue and rehoming of stray and unwanted animals with special attention to those most at risk;
3. Encourage the local community to become involved through various campaigns;
4. Provide education on animal welfare so that we can put a STOP to animal cruelty at the root level;
5. Provide local employment to like-minded individuals
6. To reduce the numbers of cats living in feral colonies with the expansion of our TNR (Trap, Neuter & Release) programme in partnership with other local rescues.

Our Mission Statement

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Our Values

The sanctuary's ethos is to never turn away a call from a member of the public even if the problem is outside the capabilities of the organisation or falls outside the remit, but to assist through the network of more relevant bodies within the community to help with the call and to ensure both the member of the public and the animal (s) in question are supported and cared for in a kind, compassionate and supportive manner.

Public Benefit Need

RMAS has been set up to assist members of the public within the Merseyside region in the rescue, care, support, re-homing and adoption of stray and unwanted animals. The general public benefits from knowing that RMAS will do everything within its capabilities and resources to support both themselves and the animals in need. This includes vulnerable members of the community, people who find they cannot cope, or simply find they no longer can afford to keep their animal due to financial circumstances.

Our activities

Since its formation in July 2013, RMAS has grown from an extremely small organisation to a registered charity with a network of foster homes spread across the Merseyside area and now we have premises.

This has been achieved by the coming together of a group of like-minded, passionate, experienced volunteers who have worked with animals for many years and bring a wealth of experience to the sanctuary.

Every animal that is taken in by RMAS is assessed and they are all: -

- Neutered (if applicable)
- Microchipped
- De-flead and wormed
- Emergency veterinary care is provided if required

On our 5th Anniversary on 20/07/2018 almost 2,500 animals had been admitted into the sanctuary and the demand for our assistance grows daily. During the year ended 31st July 2019 we admitted 458 animals plus 319 hens; to 31st July 2020 563 animals plus 51 birds and small rodents (this number includes the litters they gave birth to) and to 31st July 2021 501 animals plus 76 budgies, pigeons, small rodents (and litters given birth to) and we also arranged for 9 'home to home' adoptions with our staff and volunteers providing the advice and home checks. During the year ended 31st July 2022 we admitted and rehomed 540 animals (plus litters born) being 400 cats and kittens; 31 dogs and puppies; 60 guinea pigs; 23 hamsters; 20 rabbits; 2 ducks; 2 budgies; a pheasant and a lizard. During the year ended 31st July 2023 we admitted and rehomed 478 animals, being 370 cats and kittens; 71 dogs and puppies; 12 rabbits; 21 guinea pigs; 2 rats; 1 hamster and 1 parrot. This makes a total of 5495 animals helped by Rescue Me. This does not include the animals which we have managed to place with other rescues.

RMAS charges a re-homing fee for our animals, highlighting the ongoing financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interest of any of our animals to re-home them to people who could not afford their upkeep, financial commitment and care.

Current rehoming fees at 31/07/2023 are;

- Cat: £125
- Kitten: £150
- Rabbit: £50
- Dog: £275
- Puppy: £375
- Smaller animals by minimum donation of £5

We also advise on the minimum acceptable housing set ups for smaller animals, because the set ups sold and regarded as acceptable in pet shops are often far too small and with inadequate exercise

facilities with little to no possibilities for enrichment activities. We do not rehome unless the adopter provides the right environment and facilities for any of our animals.

We are proud to offer full 'Rescue Back Up' for all of our animals, and we have become aware that many rescues do not operate to these standards.

We continue to offer a unique approach to tackling the 'bigger picture'. This involves our 'in-reach' on-line free-ad work, where we directly reach out to people currently part of the irresponsible re-homing and breeding 'system' which forms the crux of today's overpopulation of domestic pets and a large proportion of the animals that ultimately require rescue. This promotes responsible pet ownership as we offer to neuter any resident pets for free especially the mothers of the young who are being advertised and offer to undertake home checks for animals being advertised. This approach differs from other neutering/rescue services who offer a more passive approach by helping only people who seek out their service. We believe the 'on-line animal free-ad community' will not seek help as this community makes it both free and easy to 'get rid' of pets they no longer want. We have had huge success by directly approaching these people via comments, private messages or emails in a non-judgmental fashion and offering our help for 'free'.

Funding was secured through Cats Protection (CP) for the in-reach programme in 2015, and they distributed low cost neutering vouchers to members of the public during this year.

Main achievements and summary

We have continued to utilise our onsite Vet Room to the full. Volunteers remodeled the inside of what was once a smithy to create a Vet Room which opened in March 2021 which is secure, comfortable, hygienic and with sterile facilities to enable our visiting Vets and Vet Nurses to perform operations safely. We have specific Vet Days when our staff and volunteers ensure a smooth visit from start to finish: animals arrive at precise times with owners driving in through one gate and leaving by the other and they are given times to collect their animal(s) once they have had a suitable recovery to the satisfaction of the Vet/ Vet Nurse. We did our 600th Community Cat Neuter on 30th June 2023.

We were lucky enough to be offered some indoor kennels and it was decided that we would construct a Hospice/Hospital due to the number of very sick and/or palliative animals that we have increasingly been asked to take in. This was constructed and named "Angel's Place" after Angel, one of the dogs mentioned below.

We were grateful to receive donations and income via, amongst others, Enthuse (formerly Charity Checkout), PayPal, Online Giving, Payroll Giving, Go Cardless and Justgiving, Petplan, Agria Pet Insurance. RSPCA Liverpool awarded us a £5,000 grant and we received some donations from individuals who would prefer not to be named.

The Amazon Wish List appeals continue to support our work and many necessary supplies are donated by our kind supporters.

We continue to have support from donors who give regularly via standing order for which we are very grateful. Due to the impact of the cost of living increase, this has deceased.

This year our raffles, Facebook selling group, Ebay selling, street collections and a stall at Bygone Times have continued to bring in funds, as well as sales of clothing, cakes and bric a brac. We did let our Bygone Times stall go when the costs of running it became too onerous.

The 'Bonus Ball' Lottery brings in a regular income of £195 monthly which is of great help. Some winners have declined to accept their prizes and we are grateful for these extra donations. A lottery has also been set up to bring in another welcome regular income.

Gifted supporters and volunteers continue to make and sell craft items which are always popular, including knitted, crocheted and wooden items.

We continued to raise money by weighing in clothing, curtains and handbags which were not suitable to sell.

A supporter's children raised money from sponsored car washes.

A number of supporters and volunteers kindly donated themselves or asked their friends and families to donate instead of giving presents or sending Christmas cards, and this was much appreciated. Money was raised from carol singing.

We are grateful to those small businesses who hold our charity collection boxes, as well as to those businesses who act as drop off and collection points for pet food, donations and auction items.

Sadly, a number of our supporters passed away during this year and we were extremely honoured to receive donations in their memory. Several volunteers also donated funds in memory of beloved deceased pets.

We have made progress with renovations of the building which is all subject to Planning Applications and we have engaged specialists to perform the various surveys as required by Sefton Council.

As can be seen in the Receipts and Payments Account for this year, compared to last, our income has increased, owing to a small increase in donations, slight increase in adoption fees, roughly the same in fundraising and gift aid. This year we have charged a contribution (individually assessed depending on the person's circumstances) for Vet Costs, Neutering and Microchipping. We also received reimbursement from VAT Claims, and a one-off refund of Council Tax.

We remain optimistic about our future.

Examples of some of the animals whom we have had the pleasure to care for this year

Angel: Dog

Angel came to us in a very sorry state. She was spotted in the dog pound by Steph our founder on one of many visits to the local dog pound. She was clearly elderly, underweight, was walking in circles and was quite withdrawn. Steph brought her back to our HQ the same day for a full vet assessment and we realised that she also had terrible dental issues with infections and heart failure. She had a dental and was started on medication to help her heart and she was then placed on a palliative care plan. This sparked the inspiration for our doggy hospice/hospital now known as "Angel's Place". Angel sadly passed away before the hospice was fully completed but was spoilt rotten by our dedicated team during her short time with us.

Russian Blues: Cats

We were made aware of a hoarding situation and stepped in to assist. We took in 20 Russian Blue cats of varying ages from the one home. Many were extremely poorly, with awful gastro issues and ear issues. The very poorly cats stayed on site in isolation in our on site cattery for round the clock care and monitoring which took several weeks to get them back to good health and the other, less poorly cats were cared for by our amazing fosterers. Some of the less poorly cats also needed dentals and all needed neutering. Once they had been treated and had recovered, we found them new homes and they are very happy in their forever homes.

Greta: Dog

Greta, a very nervous heavily pregnant Dachshund was found and collected by the dog warden. We were asked if we had space for her to whelp as it was confirmed she was due to give birth imminently. We found a quiet space for her and she went into labour within hours of arrival. Due to her nervousness, it was tricky to support her through the birthing process. Sadly a few days after she gave birth, she developed severe mastitis and her puppies needed to be hand reared. Greta went off to foster with one of our vets and became a permanent adopted resident with her once she had recovered. Her 4 pups did well and were also all adopted when they were old enough.

Jessie: Cat

Born in Bosnia, Jessie was involved in an accident at a young age that left her without use of her back legs. She learned to get herself around by scooting along on her bottom. After spending 2 months in a Vet's and a year in a Bosnian rescue, she was imported by another UK rescue and directly adopted to a home which was unfortunately not able to provide her with the care she needed. Jessie landed safely with Rescue Me in 2022, much to our relief. We initially understood her hind legs to be completely paralysed, however on arrival she was assessed by Rescue Me's wonderful veterinary team who discovered not only could she feel her legs but she could move them a little too! With little or no muscle mass, incredibly tight tendons causing her back legs to be very straight, and deep spinal pain, the thought of Jessie walking again seemed impossible. But as she was, her toileting was causing sores and infections while the nerve damage to her back was no doubt responsible for severe discomfort. We had to do something to improve her quality of life, and fast, it just wasn't fair to leave her as she was any longer. It has been a long, incredible journey so far, with a wonderful team of fosterers, vets and animal physiotherapists rallying behind Jessie in her fight. She has regular acupuncture treatments to help to alleviate her nerve pain and spark activity in long forgotten pathways, and she no longer

suffers with the painful sores on her rear. Jessie has improved in her time with us, receiving very intensive physiotherapy. Although she is a very happy and affectionate cat, we cannot make any guarantees that she will regain full use of her back legs again, but she is becoming stronger and benefits greatly from regular sessions.

Board of Trustees:

Dr Stephanie Taylor, experience in direct animal rescue, management skills and team working

Mrs. Heather Prescott, experience in direct rescue and veterinary work, with excellent IT skills

Miss Faye Robinson, experience in direct rescue work, working with vulnerable people and qualified to Masters Level in animal behaviour

Ms Barbara Connolly, experience in direct rescue work and has a wealth of experience in education

Resignation 31st December 2022: Mr. David Callender, experience of direct animal rescue work, previously managed an established rescue centre for over 5 years.

Dr Stephanie Taylor
Chair and Founder of Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary
18th April 2024

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Charity Name	**Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary**
Charity Number	**1157210**
For the period from	**01/08/2022 to 31/07/2023**

Section A	**Receipts and Payments**				
A1 Receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Last Year £
Donations	66534			66534	62429
Care of Fred		125		125	120
Care of Angel		230		230	
Care of Daisy&Petal		250		250	
Hospice Set Up					
Adoption Fees	62240			62240	61795
Fundraising	44234			44234	45790
Gift Aid	2617			2617	2805
Contribution to Vet Costs, Neuter, Chip	12893			12893	
Contribution to Bills	800			800	800
RSPCA Grant	5000			5000	
Bank Interest Received	832			832	21
VAT Reclaimed	20542			20542	
Council Tax Refunded	14539			14539	
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Sub Total	230231	605		230836	173760
A2 Asset and Investment Sales					
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Total Receipts	230231	605		230836	173760
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A3 Payments					
Care of Fred					120
Care of Angel		125		125	
Care of Daisy&Petal		230		230	
Hospice Set Up		250		250	
Vets, Medicines, Food Microchips, Transport	77377			77377	39507
Wages, HMRC, Pension	48228			48228	43223
Fundraising Expenses	4048			4048	5667
Heat and Light	8882			8882	5420
Council Tax	9338			9338	5454
Insurance					1887
Postage and Stationery	106			106	864
Telephone, Internet	798			798	649
Legal, Professional, Architect, Planning	6086			6086	10025
Repairs and Skips	1427			1427	2415
Loan Repayment	650			650	600

Staff Travel	138			138	124
Bank Charges and Currency Conversion	202			202	185
Sundry	443			443	57
Refurbishment of premises:	53995			53995	37405
					3010
VAT Paid To Be Recovered From Bank	587			587	
A4 Asset and Investment Purchases					
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Total Payments	212305	605		212910	156612
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Net of Receipts/ Payments				17926	17147
A5 Transfers Between Funds				Nil	Nil
A6 Cash Funds Last Year End				258791	241644
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Cash Funds This Year End				276717	258791
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Section B **Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the End of the Period**

B1 Cash Funds	Details	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Cash Held in Petty Cash		48		
Paypal		466		
Bank Current Account		25342		
Bank Deposit Account		250861		
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Total Cash Funds Agreed with Receipts and Payments Accounts		276717		
		---	---	
B2 Other Monetary Assets				
HMRC Gift Aid		3771		
HMRC VAT Reclaimed		8333		

		12104		
B3 Investment Assets				
B4 Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use				
Bells Farm Property		410000		

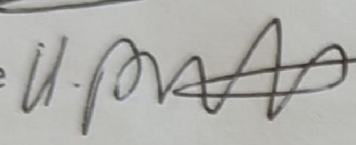
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund	Due £
Loan Repayable to Stephanie Taylor		Restricted	64290
Veterinary Bills Due		Unrestricted	2554
Water Rates		Unrestricted	2300
EDF Energy		Unrestricted	522
NEST Pension		Unrestricted	362
Fundraising Expenses		Unrestricted	205
Refurbishment of Building		Unrestricted	9177
Staff Travel		Unrestricted	22
Self Employed Manager to 31/07/21		Unrestricted	20833
Self Employed Manager to 31/07/22		Unrestricted	25000
Self Employed Manager to 31/07/23		Unrestricted	25000
Grosvenor VAT Consultants		Unrestricted	4870
			155135

Signed on Behalf of all Trustees:

Signature 

Name
S Taylor

Date of Approval
18/04/2024

Signature 

Name
H Prescott

Date of Approval
18/04/2024

Notes to the Accounts

1 Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary purchased premises, Bells Farm, in Melling during year ended 31st July 2018. This comprises of a house, land and outbuildings and the total purchase price was £410,000. The trustees consider that because refurbishment of the premises includes splitting the house into part dwelling and part animal rescue premises, the amounts spent on refurbishment have not added any value to the premises overall.

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8 During the year, after negotiations with Sefton Council, a sum of £14539 was refunded in respect of Council Tax.

9 Insurance for this year was all prepaid on 31/07/22 so nil paid during this year.

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary (the charity) for the year ended 31st July 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity 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 charity'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 section145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent examiner's statement

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01.08.2021 - 31.07.2022

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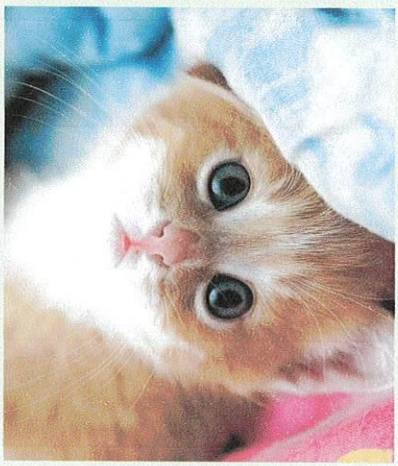
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We started to take a small number of dogs from the local pound, and also to publicise their plight, so that we succeeded in getting them placed with other rescues. Kind members of the public and our supporters will often offer to rehome them, but we have to insist that they only go to rescues who can properly assess them, as they have often been passed around from home to home and may not have received the appropriate socialization, exercise and positive training. We are aware of the 'fashion' for particular breeds of dogs, which some people buy without regard to how they can meet any particular requirements for the breed, and a lot of these dogs are then abandoned and end up in the pound. For example, there are a large number of bull breeds and Akitas at present. Many of the 'pound dogs' do not have a microchip or it is out of date. A number of Trustees and staff have experience in advising on dog behavioural issues, and we will advise an owner if they want to accept advice which may mean that their dog doesn't need to be rehomed.

This year, notably we have admitted a number of puppies who have cleft palates, most of whom were surrendered to us by their breeders. Some of the clefts were probably caused by inbreeding, as unfortunately some people will want to buy a puppy with a particular colour coat and breeders will often be able to charge a lot more for such puppies. The surrendered puppies were either new born or a couple of days old. The breeders did not have the experience and/or the will to hand rear them, so again this fell to our fosterers and/or our small amount of staff. These puppies face an uphill battle because they need constant monitoring and frequent hand feeding, and we are always devastated when they do not make it, despite the tremendous efforts made by their carers. They also require assessment and ongoing veterinary checks and treatment: the breeders who have surrendered them are not prepared to pay for this. We have also noted the ongoing increase in brachycephalic ('flat faced') dogs who are at risk of breathing-related problems because of the shape of their noses and jaws.

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Our Vision:

RMAS continues to face increasing workloads due to the cruelty and abandonment of animals within Merseyside and the surrounding areas.

The overall vision of RMAS is to grow and develop, to ensure that it is effective and fit for purpose to meet the increasing demand and promote education and animal welfare to the general public.

Animals provide measurable benefits to people's physical and mental health and this is one area that the organisation would like focus on in the future.

The aims of the charity are to:

1. Raise awareness of animal welfare issues and encourage the public to adopt these principles;
2. Assist with the neutering, rescue and rehoming of stray and unwanted animals with special attention to those most at risk;
3. Encourage the local community to become involved through various campaigns;
4. Provide education on animal welfare so that we can put a STOP to animal cruelty at the root level;
5. Provide local employment to like-minded individuals
6. To reduce the numbers of cats living in feral colonies with the expansion of our TNR (Trap, Neuter & Release) programme in partnership with other local rescues.

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Our Values

The sanctuary's ethos is to never turn away a call from a member of the public even if the problem is outside the capabilities of the organisation or falls outside the remit, but to assist through the network of more relevant bodies within the community to help with the call and to ensure both the member of the public and the animal (s) in question are supported and cared for in a kind, compassionate and supportive manner.

Public Benefit Need

RMAS has been set up to assist members of the public within the Merseyside region in the rescue, care, support, re-homing and adoption of stray and unwanted animals. The general public benefits from knowing that RMAS will do everything within its capabilities and resources to support both themselves and the animals in need. This includes vulnerable members of the community, people who find they cannot cope, or simply find they no longer can afford to keep their animal due to financial circumstances.

Our activities

Since its formation in July 2013, RMAS has grown from an extremely small organisation to a registered charity with a network of foster homes spread across the Merseyside area and now we have premises.

This has been achieved by the coming together of a group of like-minded, passionate, experienced volunteers who have worked with animals for many years and bring a wealth of experience to the sanctuary.

Every animal that is taken in by RMAS is assessed and they are all: -

- Neutered (if applicable)
- Microchipped
- De-flead and wormed
- Emergency veterinary care is provided if required

On our 5th Anniversary on 20/07/2018 almost 2,500 animals had been admitted into the sanctuary and the demand for our assistance grows daily. During the year ended 31st July 2019 we admitted 458 animals plus 319 hens; to 31st July 2020 563 animals plus 51 birds and small rodents (this number includes the litters they gave birth to) and to 31st July 2021 501 animals plus 76 budgies, pigeons, small rodents (and litters given birth to) and we also arranged for 9 'home to home' adoptions with our staff and volunteers providing the advice and home checks. During the year ended 31st July 2022 we admitted and rehomed 540 animals (plus litters born) This makes a total of 5017 animals helped by Rescue Me. This does not include the animals which we have managed to place with other rescues. The animals rehomed this year were exactly 400 cats and kittens; 31 dogs and puppies; 60 guinea pigs; 23 hamsters; 20 rabbits; 2 ducks; 2 budgies; a pheasant and a lizard.

RMAS charges a re-homing fee for our animals, highlighting the ongoing financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interest of any of our animals to re-home them to people who could not afford their upkeep, financial commitment and care.

Current rehoming fees at 31/07/2022 are;

- Cat: £125
- Kitten: £150
- Rabbit: £50
- Dog: £275
- Puppy: £350
- Smaller animals by minimum donation of £5

We also advise on the minimum acceptable housing set ups for smaller animals, because the set ups sold and regarded as acceptable in pet shops are often far too small and with inadequate exercise facilities with little to no possibilities for enrichment activities. We do not rehome unless the adopter provides the right environment and facilities for any of our animals.

We are proud to offer full 'Rescue Back Up' for all of our animals, and we have become aware that many rescues do not operate to these standards.

We continue to offer a unique approach to tackling the 'bigger picture'. This involves our 'in-reach' on-line free-ad work, where we directly reach out to people currently part of the irresponsible re-homing and breeding 'system' which forms the crux of today's overpopulation of domestic pets and a large proportion of the animals that ultimately require rescue. This promotes responsible pet ownership as we offer to neuter any resident pets for free especially the mothers of the young who are being advertised and offer to undertake home checks for animals being advertised. This approach differs from other neutering/rescue services who offer a more passive approach by helping only people who seek out their service. We believe the 'on-line animal free-ad community' will not seek help as this community makes it both free and easy to 'get rid' of pets they no longer want. We have had huge success by directly approaching these people via comments, private messages or emails in a non-judgmental fashion and offering our help for 'free'.

Funding was secured through Cats Protection (CP) for the in-reach programme in 2015, and they awarded RMAS £13,000 worth of neutering vouchers in 2022.

Main achievements and summary

One of the innovative ways in which we had responded to Covid was to create our onsite Vet Room, because of the difficulty in securing appointments. Volunteers remodeled the inside of what was once a smithy to create a Vet Room which opened in March 2021 which is secure, comfortable, hygienic and with sterile facilities to enable our visiting Vets and Vet Nurses to perform operations safely. We have specific Vet Days when our staff and volunteers ensure a smooth visit from start to finish: animals arrive at precise times with owners driving in through one gate and leaving by the other and they are given times to collect their animal(s) once they have had a suitable recovery to the satisfaction of the Vet/ Vet Nurse. This facility has enabled us to make some inroads into tackling the backlog of spays and neuters. In September 2021 we were delighted to appoint a dedicated Vet Nurse who has quickly become a vital member of our staff team.

We were grateful to receive donations and income via, amongst others, Enthuse (formerly Charity Checkout), PayPal, Online Giving, Payroll Giving, Go Cardless and Justgiving, Petplan, Agria Pet Insurance, Charities Trust, Bristol Animal Rights, Viridian Nutrition, Mad Dog race, Home Roost, Hetty the Groomer and some donations from individuals who would prefer not to be named.

The Amazon Wish List appeals continue to support our work and many necessary supplies are donated by our kind supporters.

We continue to have support from donors who give regularly via standing order for which we are very grateful. Due to the impact of Covid and the cost of living increase, this has deceased.

This year our raffles, Facebook selling group, Ebay selling, street collections and a stall at Bygone Times have continued to bring in funds, as well as sales of clothing, cakes and bric a brac.

The 'Bonus Ball' Lottery brings in a regular income of £195 monthly which is of great help. Some winners have declined to accept their prizes and we are grateful for these extra donations. A lottery has also been set up.

Gifted supporters and volunteers continue to make and sell craft items which are always popular, including knitted, crocheted and wooden items.

We continued to raise money by weighing in clothing, curtains and handbags which were not suitable to sell.

A number of supporters and volunteers kindly donated themselves or asked their friends and families to donate instead of giving presents or sending Christmas cards, and this was much appreciated. Money was raised from carol singing.

We are grateful to those small businesses who hold our charity collection boxes, as well as to those businesses who act as drop off and collection points for pet food, donations and auction items.

Sadly, a number of our supporters passed away during this year and we were extremely honoured to receive donations in their memory. Several volunteers also donated funds in memory of beloved deceased pets.

On 22nd July 2021 work started on the renovations of the roof, in the manner approved via the Planning Application and this has been completed during the current year. We continue pursuing renovations of the building which is all subject to Planning Applications and we have engaged specialists to perform the various surveys as required by Sefton Council.

As can be seen in the Receipts and Payments Account for this year, compared to last, our income has reduced, mainly due to an expected fall in donations in line with national trends and there has been a reduction in adoption fees mainly due to the reduction in the number of dogs and puppies rehomed. However, the amount from fundraising has increased and we remain optimistic about our future.

Examples of some of the animals whom we have had the pleasure to care for this year

Ally & Tippy: Guinea Pigs

Ally & Tippy were a pair of young female guinea pigs who were found dumped in an alleyway after being thrown out with the rubbish. It was clear they'd been there for a while as their cage was full of faeces and urine, and they had no food or water. They are now settled into a loving new home, where they are flourishing and living their best lives.

Nellie-May: Cat

Nellie-May was at risk of being euthanised after she arrived at a local veterinary surgery as a stray. She luckily found her way to Rescue Me, however she required a lot of medical intervention as not only was she an old girl, she was riddled with arthritis, was in the process of kidney failure and had a heart condition. She never let her health dampen her confident character and she has just celebrated her one-year anniversary in her forever home.

Phoenix: Dog

Phoenix came to Rescue Me at 3 days old with a cleft palate, after being abandoned by his breeder for being 'unsellable' due to his appearance! He is a victim of the current fashion for XL bully breeds and his health has suffered due to this industry. During his time with us, it has been discovered that he has got epilepsy, bad skin and weak joints, and is in the later stages of kidney failure, so we are providing him with palliative care. He continues to live each day to the full.

Board of Trustees:

Dr Stephanie Taylor, experience in direct animal rescue, management skills and team working

Mr. David Callender, experience of direct animal rescue work, previously managed an established rescue centre for over 5 years.

Mrs. Heather Prescott, experience in direct rescue and veterinary work, with excellent IT skills

Miss Faye Robinson, experience in direct rescue work, working with vulnerable people and qualified to Masters Level in animal behaviour.

Ms Barbara Connolly, experience in direct rescue work and has a wealth of experience in education

Dr Stephanie Taylor
Chair and Founder of Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary
14th April 2023

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Charity Name **Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary**
Charity Number **1157210**
For the period from **01/08/2021 to 31/07/2022**

Section A **Receipts and Payments**

A1 Receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Last Year £
Donations	62429			62429	102903
Care of Fred		120		120	3693
Vet Room Set Up					1120
Adoption Fees	61795			61795	70880
Fundraising	45790			45790	29409
Gift Aid	2805			2805	2915
Contribution to Bills	800			800	800
Interest Received	21			21	33
VAT Reclaim Backdated to 2013					16022
Sub Total	173640	120		173760	227775
A2 Asset and Investment Sales					
Total Receipts	173640	120		173760	227775
A3 Payments					
Care of Fred		120		120	3693
Vet Room Set Up					1120
Vets, Medicines, Food And Microchips	26786			26786	22096
Animal Transport	75			75	21742
Wages, HMRC, Pension	55869			55869	43307
Care of Frog and Newt					800
Fundraising Expenses	2782			2782	2289
Paypal, Go Cardless and Facebook Fees	2885			2885	3310
Heat and Light	5420			5420	3610
Council Tax	5454			5454	8122
Insurance	1887			1887	3465
Postage and Stationery	864			864	1382
Telephone, Internet	649			649	593
Legal, Professional and Architect Fees	10025			10025	15180
Repairs and Skips	2415			2415	2173
Loan Repayment	600			600	150
Staff Travel	124			124	281

Bank Charges and Currency Conversion	185			185	181
Sundry	57			57	43
Refurbishment of premises:					
New roof	37405			37405	
VAT Paid	3010			3010	
A4 Asset and Investment Purchases					
Total Payments	156492	120		156612	133537
Net of Receipts/ Payments				17147	94238
A5 Transfers Between Funds				Nil	Nil
A6 Cash Funds Last Year End				241644	147406
Cash Funds This Year End				258791	241644

Section B **Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the End of the Period**

B1 Cash Funds	Details	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Cash Held in Petty Cash		84		
Paypal		2988		
Bank Current Account		45690		
Bank Deposit Account		210029		
Total Cash Funds Agreed with Receipts and Payments Accounts		258791		
B2 Other Monetary Assets				
HMRC Gift Aid		4420		
Insurance		1882		
HMRC VAT Charged in Error		3010		
HMRC VAT Reclaimed		14968		
		24280		
B3 Investment Assets				
B4 Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use				
Bells Farm Property		410000		

B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund	Due £
Loan Repayable to Stephanie Taylor		Restricted	64940
Veterinary Bills Due		Unrestricted	8320
Water Rates		Unrestricted	1700
EDF Energy		Unrestricted	258
NEST Pension		Unrestricted	266
Council Tax		Unrestricted	209
Bonus Ball Prizes		Unrestricted	100
HMRC Tax and NIC		Unrestricted	748
Fundraising Expenses		Unrestricted	88
Staff Travel		Unrestricted	11
Self Employed Manager to 31/07/21		Unrestricted	20833
Self Employed Manager to 31/07/22		Unrestricted	25000

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Signed on Behalf of all Trustees:

Signature 	Name **S Taylor**	Date of Approval **14/04/2023**
Signature 	Name **H Prescott**	Date of Approval **14/04/2023**

Notes to the Accounts

1 Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary purchased premises, Bells Farm, in Melling during year ended 31st July 2018. This comprises of a house, land and outbuildings and the total purchase price was £410,000. The trustees consider that because refurbishment of the premises includes splitting the house into part dwelling and part animal rescue premises, the amounts spent on refurbishment have not added any value to the premises overall.

2 Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary had been outbid on similar properties in previous years, and in order to secure Bells Farm, Stephanie Taylor, Founder and Trustee, loaned the charity the sum of £66,990. Trustees were of the opinion that Bells Farm was the most suitable property available to date and agreed to this arrangement.

The Loan Agreement for this was signed by all Trustees on 12th February 2018. Clause 2 states that:

> This Loan will be repaid in consecutive yearly instalments of £10,000 each commencing on 6 February 2019 and continuing on the 6th February of each following year until 8 February 2025 with the balance then owing under this Agreement being paid at that time providing the borrower has sufficient reserves to do so and ALL the Trustees are in agreement to release the instalment.

On 6 February 2019, a decision was made to defer repayment of the loan and these funds became restricted to be used for renovation work to enable the site to become fit for purpose with adequate facilities as soon as possible.

3 In December 2018, Stephanie Taylor moved in to the accommodation created at one end of the premises at Bells Farm. There are outstanding repairs required to the accommodation which the Trustees have discussed, including leaks to the windows, broken gates, difficulty with getting hot water and electric and outside lighting tripping and going off in rain.

The priority is to have the rest of the building works to be planned and overseen by a specialist architect, with experience in planning and building for animal rescues, and for this to be completed as soon as possible.

During this time, Stephanie Taylor has used her accommodation to run the rescue, which has afforded her very little privacy. Animals have been housed there and one room has three crates and cages in it, which have at times been occupied by cats with litters of kittens. The living room contains a crate used for cats and/ or kittens. Administrative work is carried out in her accommodation; volunteers use facilities such as kitchen and bathroom. Meetings have been held in the accommodation. Contractors also use the bathroom and kitchen.

The Trustees therefore decided that as they will not be making any payment off the interest free loan from Stephanie Taylor, that they wish to charge a nominal sum only, being £800 included in the accounts as income, and which has been deducted from the loan. Stephanie Taylor put £200 into the petty cash account this year. This leaves a sum outstanding of £64940 to Stephanie Taylor. The original interest free loan of £66,990 has been in place with an agreement that the charity does not need to pay it back until in a position to do so. This affects Stephanie Taylor's ability to purchase her own property, which is her intention.

4 After discussion by Trustees excluding Stephanie Taylor, and having taken appropriate legal advice, a General Meeting of the Trustees took place on 30th September 2020 at which it was resolved that Stephanie Taylor be paid remuneration of £25,000 per annum to provide full time management services, including to oversee the care and maintenance of the sanctuary, staff supervision and animal welfare. The Trustees were satisfied that this is reasonable and that the remuneration does not exceed market rates, and that this is beneficial for the charity. Appropriate Agenda, Notes and Resolution were minuted and provided by a specialist Legal firm.

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary (the charity) for the year ended 31st July 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity 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 charity'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 section145(5)(b) of the Act

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This year we even admitted a marmoset monkey! For details see 'Molly's Story' below.

We continue to operate as a member of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH) and we have been grateful for guidance provided by ADCH. They recommended a specialist VAT Consultant to us at Grosvenor VAT Consultants, as he had successfully acted for a number of animal rescue charities and used some tribunal decisions to make a case for it being worthwhile for us to register for VAT, and we have been able to recover monies using his expertise and services. We also engaged the services of an Architect recommended by ADCH, as we require specialist plans to be drawn up to further our aims of having the premises refurbished in the best way.

The Trustees decided that the rescue needed a Manager on a full time basis, in order to progress the aims of Rescue Me and also due to the particular demands of Covid. Stephanie (Steph) Taylor was not a party to the meeting when the other Trustees resolved to appoint her; having satisfied themselves that this would be beneficial for the charity and that the remuneration offered was reasonable and did not exceed market rates. The services of a firm of Solicitors was sought to oversee this matter. Steph Taylor took a career break from her professional role and started as Manager on 1st October 2020.

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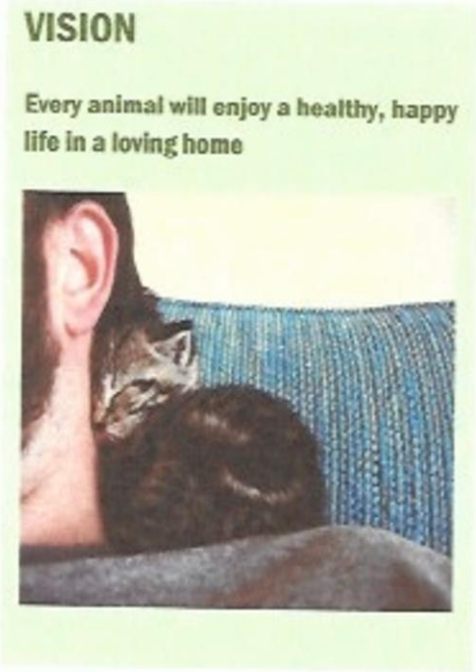
Covid continued to have a significant impact on our way of working as well as on our income and we have continued to adapt. During this time, we have remained open although many rescues were unable to. Last year we had adapted our policies to enable non contact adoptions and adopters now pay their adoption fee electronically. We try to prioritise suitable homes nearest the foster home to limit travel.

We were again able to admit a number of dogs and cats from Irina's Sheltered Hearts rescue in Romania. This rescue has a very good reputation and Irina is very committed to neuter/spay campaigns to limit the number of litters of puppies and kittens that would otherwise be born on the streets and/or abandoned. All animals are fully vaccinated, spayed/ neutered if old enough and have official documents and passports. We use only reputable transporters, to ensure that animals are transported in suitable cages, adequately fed, watered and exercised. Irina also provides videos of cat tested dogs, as many of our adopters want cat friendly dogs, having already adopted a cat or cats from RMAS. A number of Trustees have experience in advising on dog behavioural issues, and in how

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Our Vision:

RMAS continues to face increasing workloads due to the cruelty and abandonment of animals within Merseyside and the surrounding areas.

The overall vision of RMAS is to grow and develop, to ensure that it is effective and fit for purpose to meet the increasing demand and promote education and animal welfare to the general public.

Animals provide measurable benefits to people's physical and mental health and this is one area that the organisation would like focus on in the future.

The aims of the charity are to:

1. Raise awareness of animal welfare issues and encourage the public to adopt these principles;
2. Assist with the neutering, rescue and rehoming of stray and unwanted animals with special attention to those most at risk;
3. Encourage the local community to become involved through various campaigns;
4. Provide education on animal welfare so that we can put a STOP to animal cruelty at the root level;
5. Provide local employment to like-minded individuals
6. To reduce the numbers of cats living in feral colonies with the expansion of our TNR (Trap, Neuter & Release) programme in partnership with other local rescues.

Our Mission Statement

"Our philosophy is to accept any animal in to our care based solely on its need and not on any other physical characteristic providing we have the space to accept and care for them. We have a strict non-destruct policy and will keep every animal in our care until a forever home can be found".

> "for the benefit of the public and in particular the more vulnerable members of our community, to relieve the suffering of *animals* in need of care and attention and in particular to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals".

Our Values

The sanctuary's ethos is to never turn away a call from a member of the public even if the problem is outside the capabilities of the organisation or falls outside the remit, but to assist through the network of more relevant bodies within the community to help with the call and to ensure both the member of the public and the animal (s) in question are supported and cared for in a kind, compassionate and supportive manner.

Public Benefit Need

RMAS has been set up to assist members of the public within the Merseyside region in the rescue, care, support, re-homing and adoption of stray and unwanted animals. The general public benefits from knowing that RMAS will do everything within its capabilities and resources to support both themselves and the animals in need. This includes vulnerable members of the community, people who find they cannot cope, or simply find they no longer can afford to keep their animal due to financial circumstances.

Our activities

Since its formation in July 2013, RMAS has grown from an extremely small organisation to a registered charity with a network of foster homes spread across the Merseyside area and now we have premises.

This has been achieved by the coming together of a group of like-minded, passionate, experienced volunteers who have worked with animals for many years and bring a wealth of experience to the sanctuary.

Every animal that is taken in by RMAS is assessed and they are:-

- Neutered (if applicable)
- Microchipped
- De-flead and wormed
- Emergency veterinary care is provided if required

On our 5th Anniversary on 20/07/2018 almost 2,500 animals had been admitted into the sanctuary and the demand for our assistance grows daily.

During the year ended 31st July 2019 we admitted 458 animals plus 319 hens; to 31st July 2020 563 animals plus 51 birds and small rodents (this number includes the litters they gave birth to) and to 31st July 2021 501 animals plus 76 budgies, pigeons, small rodents (and litters given birth to) and we also arranged for 9 'home to home' adoptions with our staff and volunteers providing the advice and home checks. This makes a total of 4477 animals helped by Rescue Me.

RMAS charges a re-homing fee for our animals, highlighting the ongoing financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interest of any of our animals to re-home them to people who could not afford their upkeep, financial commitment and care.

Current rehoming fees at 31/07/2021 are;

- Cat: £125
- Kitten: £150
- Rabbit: £50
- Dog: £275
- Puppy: £350
- Smaller animals by minimum donation of £5

We also advise on the minimum acceptable housing set ups for smaller animals, because the set ups sold and regarded as acceptable in pet shops are often far too small and with inadequate exercise facilities with little to no possibilities for enrichment activities. We do not rehome unless the adopter provides the right environment and facilities for any of our animals.

We offer full 'Rescue Back Up' for all of our animals, and we have become aware that many rescues do not operate to these standards.

We continue to offer a unique approach to tackling the 'bigger picture'. This involves our 'in-reach' on-line free-ad work, where we directly reach out to people currently part of the irresponsible re-homing and breeding 'system' which forms the crux of today's overpopulation of domestic pets and a large proportion of the animals that ultimately require rescue. This promotes responsible pet ownership as we offer to neuter any resident pets for free especially the mothers of the young who are being advertised and offer to undertake home checks for animals being advertised. This approach differs from other neutering/rescue services who offer a more passive approach by helping only people who seek out their service. We believe the 'on-line animal free-ad community' will not seek help as this community makes it both free and easy to 'get rid' of pets they no longer want. We have had huge success by directly approaching these people via comments, private messages or emails in a non-judgmental fashion and offering our help for 'free'.

One of the problems during Covid has been that a lot more people have wanted to get a kitten, puppy, cat or dog, and this means that the unscrupulous breeders are making a great deal of money from their activities.

We have also noticed an increase in brachycephalic ('flat faced') dogs who are at risk of breathing-related problems because of the shape of their noses and jaws.

Funding was secured through Cats Protection (CP) for the in-reach programme in 2015, and they awarded RMAS £11,000 worth of neutering vouchers in 2021.

Impact of Covid on Neutering

The main impact of the Covid pandemic was the impact in neutering slots available via our vets. At times, neutering could not be undertaken and at others it was allowed but far less slots were available due to changes within the veterinary surgery. We were therefore aware of a backlog of our rehomed animals needing neutering and the community neutering and feral cat Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) work was temporarily halted on and off. Last year we sourced a mobile vet with an adapted van to come to our site to undertake neutering but this was still difficult and our capacity was reduced overall. Rabbit neutering became virtually impossible to access and this impacted on our ability to admit and rehome rabbits, which can sadly be some of the most neglected of pets.

Main achievements and summary

One of the innovative ways in which we responded to Covid was to create our onsite Vet Room, because of the difficulty in securing appointments. Volunteers remodeled the inside of what was once a smithy to create a Vet Room which opened in March 2021. We were donated some equipment and we were able to buy an autoclave, suitable tables and trolleys: we now have a room which is secure, comfortable, hygienic and with sterile facilities to enable our visiting Vets and Vet Nurses to perform operations safely. We have specific Vet Days when our staff and volunteers ensure a smooth visit from start to finish: animals arrive at precise times with owners driving in through one gate and leaving by the other and they are given times to collect their animal(s) once they have had a suitable recovery to the satisfaction of the Vet/ Vet Nurse. This facility has enabled us to make some inroads into tackling the backlog of spays and neuters. In the meantime, we have been grateful to our adopters in being vigilant in keeping animals indoors to avoid litters being born.

We were grateful to receive donations and income via Enthuse (formerly Charity Checkout), PayPal, Online Giving, Payroll Giving, Go Cardless and Justgiving, Pets at Home, Petplan, Agria Pet Insurance, Charities Trust, Charities Aid Foundation. We received £6810 from Edge Hill University Students and £1214 from Liverpool L1 Fundraiser as well as £245 from Copy Lane Police Station Tuck Shop.

The Amazon Wish List appeals continue to support our work and many necessary supplies are donated by our kind supporters.

We continue to have support from donors who give regularly via standing order for which we are very grateful. This has been impacted by Covid, as many supporters have lost their jobs or been furloughed.

This year our numerous and very popular raffles, Facebook selling group, and a few tombolas have continued to bring in funds. Some of the events where we have previously had a stall have not run, due to cutbacks in funding in general for such events and from March 2020 due to Covid.

We were again chosen as the store's Charity of the Year by Pets at Home Edge Lane. The funds raised, the pallets of donated goods and the items donated by kind customers at the store are gratefully received and help RMAS in its work immensely.

The 'Bonus Ball' Lottery brings in a regular income of £195 monthly which is of great help. Some winners have declined to accept their prizes and we are grateful for these extra donations.

Gifted supporters and volunteers continue to make and sell craft items which are always popular. We now have a volunteer who makes wooden items including hedgehog houses.

This year some of the new fundraising activities include Ebay selling, more street collections and a stall at Bygone Times.

We received £300 from the sale of stamps which supporters had collected for a number of years, and also raised money by weighing in clothing, curtains and handbags which had not been sold.

A number of supporters and volunteers kindly asked their friends and families to donate to RMAS instead of giving presents or sending Christmas cards, and this was much appreciated.

We are grateful to those small businesses who hold our charity collection boxes, as well as to those businesses who act as drop off and collection points for pet food, donations and auction items (Covid permitting).

Sadly a number of our supporters passed away during this year. We were extremely honoured to receive donations in their memory and, with his family's permission, would like to specifically mention the loss of one of our long term supporters and adopters Bill Tunna.

Several volunteers also donated funds in memory of beloved deceased pets.

Frog and Newt, two cats who were born as littermates without back legs, together with David (another two legged cat) and Roo (who has full front legs and two very small, different sized back legs) remain as permanent and cheerful foster residents at Bells Farm due to their complex medical conditions and specific care needs. Frog and Newt continue to have their own Facebook page and have appeared in countless newspapers and magazines. The four 'boys' live with Ellen Rae who is a blind female cat. All of these special cats require frequent vet checks, specific care regimes, particular foods and medications. Last year they were joined by Monty, an elderly male dog and Gracie, a nervous female dog, whose specific needs mean that they also live as permanent residents at Bells Farm. During this year, Gracie's confidence has developed so much that she now greets staff and many volunteers with a wag of her tail, regardless of whether they have brought her a treat or not!

On 22nd July 2021 work started on the renovations of the roof, in the manner approved via the Planning Application.

We also decided to use Cliffe Boarding Kennels if required for dogs with specific rehabilitation needs, and in July 2021 we placed (another) Monty there, due to their excellent reputation for rehabilitation and care.

Examples of some of the animals whom we have had the pleasure to care for this year

Andre's Story

Andre, a giant lop eared rabbit, was found as a stray, underweight with a severely matted and dirty backside and long nails. He had to be shaved on his bottom and legs to clean him up. When he first came in to foster he was unable to hop properly: it was assumed that he had been confined to a very small cage. He couldn't even get into a litter tray to start with, but having free roam of the living room in his foster home his legs slowly strengthened, and he decided the sofa next to his fosterer for a cuddle was a good place to be and would jump up onto her knees every morning for his head rubs. He wasn't neutered so became a bit too fond of his fosterer and making sure the sofas smelt of him, but soon calmed down and relaxed after his neuter. He gained weight and got healthier and more confident. He was then ready for a new home and went to a very experienced giant bunny home with new bunny friends, where he is now the leader of the gang, with free roam of the house and garden. This is such a happy ending after the miserable life he must have had before he came to Rescue Me.

Rula and Reuben's Story

Rula and Reuben arrived at Rescue Me in May 2021 as 5 week old stray kittens. They were suffering from a severe bout of cat flu which had left them both with severe eye infections in their left eyes. However, this did not hold them back from showing their true characters and flourishing in one of our lovely foster homes. During their time in foster, they had to undergo daily medication for their infected eyes as well as dealing with upset tummies. This did not stop them from playing and

developing large appetites! While Rula's eye began to show signs of improvement, it was clear that Reuben's eye was not going to heal as the infection was too deep within the eye. The decision was made for him to lose his eye. His surgery took place on the day of their neutering operations to save him from having multiple anaesthetics. The surgery was a success! They were adopted by their foster family and they love their two older feline brothers. They love nothing more than morning dreamies, afternoon zoomies and bedtime cuddles! Congratulations Rula and Reuben! We love a happy ending!

Holly's Story

Holly came to us as a referral from another organisation. She had been purchased from Gumtree by a cat breeder who was hoping to breed from Holly also. When Holly was delivered to her 'purchaser' it was immediately obvious that Holly had a grapefruit sized mammary tumour. Her 'vaccine' card was bogus and she also had terrible ear infections. Her buyer was not happy and was trying to sue the original seller so it was agreed that Holly would come into rescue as neither party wanted her: the dispute was about money. We welcomed Holly with open arms and a promise to get her health back on track. Holly was a true angel and didn't put a paw wrong in foster. She was booked in to have her lump removed and this needed to be done separately from her spay as the wound was so big. Once recovered she was adopted by a Rescue Me supporter who already had a Rescue Me cat and has since adopted a Rescue Me dog to join the family. Holly is living het best life and managed to escape becoming a breeding machine.

Peli's Story

Peli came to Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary when another local rescue reached out for help with a cat described by her previous owner as being, ' a happy 18 month old with several deformities'. On arrival it was clear that Peli was no ordinary cat. First impressions pointed to Cerebral Hypoplasia, also known as 'wobbly cat syndrome', a condition we have seen a few times over the years caused by poor brain development in the womb. Peli was unable to run or jump and had a peculiar way of positioning her hind legs. Despite this she was a curious girl and loves to climb. Provided she has achievable spaced steps she was very capable of getting about and has enjoyed popping up and down the cat tree. She used a litter tray perfectly and was a clean and happy girl. As we spent more time with Peli it was clear she had a number of other issues too, most noticeably a short lower jaw causing an inability to close her mouth and a lot of dribble. Thankfully she was able to eat normally and enjoyed her food very much, even if she got gravy on her face every mealtime. After a few days of assessment, bloods were taken to check for internal issues and her numbers all came back normal. So she was booked in for a spay along with x-rays of her head and hips to rule out any skeletal issues that could explain her strange mobility. It is no exaggeration to say that the x-rays were shocking. Peli's jaw was malformed and only opened a couple of centimetres even under anaesthetic. More shocking though, was her spine where x-rays showed some major curvature. This went a long way to explaining her mobility although it was still believed she had neurological issues too. Despite all her wobbles, Peli was a happy cat and coped incredibly well. She loved cuddles and would climb up onto her fosterer's lap for fuss and play, and was adventurous despite being slower than other cats. Peli has found a wonderful home with a vet who understands her needs and is able to continue to assess her ability and requirements moving forward. She lives happily with other cats and is thriving with her new family.

Molly's Story

Molly, a 6 year old marmoset, came to us in December 2020 after her owner relinquished her to our care. She had been used for breeding and the owner no longer wanted her after Molly's partner had passed away. She was clearly grieving as she missed him, and Rescue Me looked after her in the short term until we secured a specialist placement for her in Wales. She was one of our more unusual temporary residents at Bells Farm and we were very glad to have found her a specialist placement where she can enjoy being with her own kind again.

Board of Trustees:

Dr Stephanie Taylor, experience in direct animal rescue, management skills and team working

Mr. David Callender, experience of direct animal rescue work, previously managed an established rescue centre for over 5 years.

Mrs. Heather Prescott, experience in direct rescue and veterinary work, with excellent IT skills

Miss Faye Robinson, experience in direct rescue work, working with vulnerable people and qualified to Masters Level in animal behaviour.

Ms Barbara Connolly, experience in direct rescue work and has a wealth of experience in education

Dr Stephanie Taylor
Chair and Founder of Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary
16th April 2022

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Charity Name Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary
Charity Number 1157210
For the period from 01/08/2020 to 31/07/2021

Section A **Receipts and Payments**

A1 Receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Last Year £
Donations	102903			102903	87995
Care of Klaus		208		208	
Care of Wink		690		690	
Care of Teddy		480		480	
Care of Boris		125		125	
Care of Alma		145		145	
Care of Gerbils		15		15	
Care of Oodie		5		5	
Care of Andre		50		50	
Care of Serafina		106		106	
Care of Molly		5		5	
Care of T Kittens		5		5	
Care of Rabbits		50		50	
Care of Fagin		982		982	
Care of Max		552		552	
Care of Puppies		30		30	
Care of Sheldon		10		10	
Care of Holly		30		30	
Care of Rula & Reuben		10		10	
Care of Jess		10		10	
Care of Momo		125		125	
Care of Milo		15		15	
Care of F Kittens		45		45	
Vet Room		1120		1120	
Care of Amber					145
Care of Dale					50
Care of David					241
Care of Ellen Rae					15
Care of Leaf					120
Care of Luthien					5
Care of Nancy					158
Care of Qutie-Pie					203
Care of Simon					170
Care of Stevie					161
Care of Storm					20
Care of Tiny Tiff					20
Care of Ursula					30
Dog Transport					100
Animal Food					110
Vet Fees Specified					245
Towards Shed					50

Adoption Fees	70880			70880	72682
Fundraising	29409			29409	6405
Gift Aid	2915			2915	2618
Contribution to Bills	800			800	800
Interest Received	33			33	244
Compensation New Ferry Explosion					1600
VAT Reclaim Backdated to 2013	16022			16022	
Sub Total	222962	4813		227775	174187
A2 Asset and Investment Sales					
Total Receipts	222962	4813		227775	174187
A3 Payments					
Care of Klaus		208		208	
Care of Wink		690		690	
Care of Teddy		480		480	
Care of Boris		125		125	
Care of Alma		145		145	
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Dog Transport					100
Animal Food					110
Vet Fees Specified					245
Towards Shed					50
Vets, Medicines, Food And Microchips	22096			22096	31840
Animal Transport	21742			21742	22342
Wages, HMRC, Pension	43307			43307	25060
Security Cameras	300				300
Care of Frog and Newt		800		800	2100
Fundraising Expenses	2289			2289	167
Paypal, Go Cardless and Facebook Fees	3310			3310	2479
Heat and Light	3610			3610	1284
Council Tax	8122			8122	3094
Insurance	3465			3465	1665
Postage and Stationery	1382			1382	243
Telephone, Internet	593			593	108
Legal, Professional and Architect	15180			15180	19880
Refurbishment					805
Repairs, Storage	2173			2173	288
Loan Repayment	150			150	500
Staff Travel	281			281	166
Bank Charges and Currency Conversion	181			181	145
Sundry	43			43	171
A4 Asset and Investment Purchases					
Total Payments	127924	5613		133537	114480
Net of Receipts/ Payments				94238	59707
A5 Transfers Between Funds				Nil	Nil
A6 Cash Funds Last Year End				147406	87699
Cash Funds This Year End				241644	147406

Section B **Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the End of the Period**

B1 Cash Funds	Details	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Cash Held in Petty Cash		122		
Paypal		2527		
Bank Current Account		28987		
Bank Deposit Account		210008		
Total Cash Funds Agreed with Receipts and Payments Accounts		241644		

B2 Other Monetary Assets

HMRC Gift Aid	2796
Council Tax	401
Insurance	1748
	4945

B3 Investment Assets

B4 Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use

Bells Farm Property	410000

B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund	Due £
Loan Repayable to Stephanie Taylor		Restricted	65540
Veterinary Bills Due		Unrestricted	3813
Water Rates		Unrestricted	1350
EDF Energy		Unrestricted	121
NEST Pension		Unrestricted	262
Bonus Ball Prizes		Unrestricted	100
Legal and professional Fees		Unrestricted	4800
Boarding Fees		Unrestricted	264
Storage		Unrestricted	40
Staff Travel		Unrestricted	45
Self Employed Manager from October 2020		Unrestricted	20833
			97168

Signed on Behalf of all Trustees:

Signature  Name **S Taylor** Date of Approval **16/04/2022**

Signature  Name **H Prescott** Date of Approval **16/04/2022**

Notes to the Accounts

1 Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary purchased premises, Bells Farm, in Melling during year ended 31st July 2018. This comprises of a house, land and outbuildings and the total purchase price was £410,000. The trustees consider that because refurbishment of the premises includes splitting the house into part dwelling and part animal rescue premises, the amounts spent on refurbishment have not added any value to the premises overall.

2 Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary had been outbid on similar properties in previous years, and in order to secure Bells Farm, Stephanie Taylor, Founder and Trustee, loaned the charity the sum of £66,990. Trustees were of the opinion that Bells Farm was the most suitable property available to date and agreed to this arrangement.

The Loan Agreement for this was signed by all Trustees on 12th February 2018. Clause 2 states that:

> This Loan will be repaid in consecutive yearly instalments of £10,000 each commencing on 6 February 2019 and continuing on the 6th February of each following year until 8 February 2025 with the balance then owing under this Agreement being paid at that time providing the borrower has sufficient reserves to do so and ALL the Trustees are in agreement to release the instalment.

On 6 February 2019, a decision was made to defer repayment of the loan and these funds became restricted to be used for renovation work to enable the site to become fit for purpose with adequate facilities as soon as possible.

3 In December 2018, Stephanie Taylor moved in to the accommodation created at one end of the premises at Bells Farm. There are outstanding repairs required to the accommodation which the Trustees have discussed, including leaks to the roof and windows, broken gates, difficulty with getting hot water and electric and outside lighting tripping and going off in rain.

The priority is to have the rest of the building works to be planned and overseen by a specialist architect, with experience in planning and building for animal rescues, and for this to be completed as soon as possible.

During this time, Stephanie Taylor has used her accommodation to run the rescue, which has afforded her very little privacy. Animals have been housed there and one room has three crates and cages in it, which have at times been occupied by cats with litters of kittens. The living room contains a crate used for cats and/ or kittens. Administrative work is carried out in her accommodation; volunteers use facilities such as kitchen and bathroom. Meetings have been held in the accommodation. Contractors also use the bathroom and kitchen.

The Trustees therefore decided that as they will not be making any payment off the interest free loan from Stephanie Taylor, that they wish to charge a nominal sum only, being £800 included in the accounts as income, and which has been deducted from the loan. Stephanie Taylor put £650 into the petty cash account this year. This leaves a sum outstanding of £65540 to Stephanie Taylor. The original interest free loan of £66,990 has been in place with an agreement that the charity does not need to pay it back until in a position to do so. This affects Stephanie Taylor's ability to purchase her own property, which is her intention.

4 Rescue Me took in two kittens, named by the charity Frog and Newt, each was born with only their two front legs and no back legs. A generous donation was made in the sum of £5000 specifically for their ongoing care. This sum was received in July 2018 and was set aside in the deposit account as a restricted fund. During the year ended 31st July 2019, over £2,100 has been spent on their care as they require specialist food, supplements, medications, regular vet checks. The same sum was spent on them during the year ended 31st July 2020 leaving £800 in Restricted Funds which has been used to pay towards their care during the year ended 31st July 2021. The specific donation of £5,000 has now been spent as per the donor's wishes.

5 After discussion by Trustees excluding Stephanie Taylor, and having taken appropriate legal advice, a General Meeting of the Trustees took place on 30th September 2020 at which it was resolved that Stephanie Taylor be paid remuneration of £25,000 per annum to provide full time management services, including to oversee the care and maintenance of the sanctuary, staff supervision and animal welfare. The Trustees were satisfied that this is reasonable and that the remuneration does not exceed market rates, and that this is beneficial for the charity. Appropriate Agenda, Notes and Resolution were minuted and provided by a specialist Legal firm.

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary (the charity) for the year ended 31st July 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity 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 charity'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 section145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent examiner's statement

I am a member of the AAT and I am bound by the code of ethics issued by FRC's Revised Ethical Standard 2016.

Accounts preparation services were provided by Sefton CVS, my employer, and I as examiner have applied the ethical standard to my work.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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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Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary (RMAS)

Trustees' Annual Report

01.08.2019 - 31.07.2020

Charity Name:
Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary

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Legal Status:
Registered Charity No: 1157210
CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
GOVERNING DOCUMENT: Constitution

Charity Objectives:
"For the benefit of the public and in particular the more vulnerable members of our community, to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention and in particular to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals".

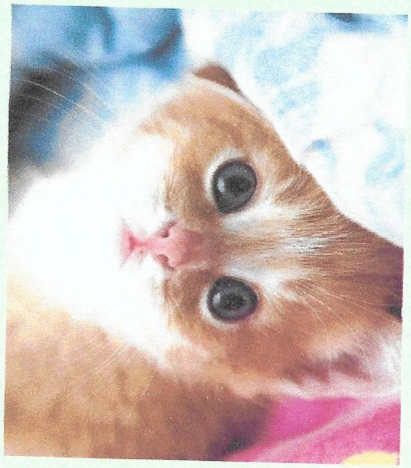
REHOMING

A strict rehoming policy is followed ensuring every rescue animal finds their 'forever home'



VETERINARY

Every animal in need of professional veterinary care receives it promptly



The demand remained overwhelming for Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary with over 563 animals (plus numerous small rodents, often pregnant females who gave birth to litters) admitted from desperate situations, many having been turned away from other rescues simply due to the lack of space. The majority were cats, kittens and dogs and once admitted were fed in to our foster home network until rehomed. Again we admitted a high number of diseased kittens from the streets and very young kittens with deceased mothers or who had been abandoned, who needed hand rearing which required a large amount of resources. We also had a number of elderly cats and notably this year very poorly animals requiring significant veterinary fees. We admitted and tamed feral kittens, rehomed dogs, fancy mice, rats, rabbits, hamsters and gerbils. We admitted a rabbit with 7 new born babies. We continued to run at full capacity making full use of our network of foster homes. The work of the rescue never stopped, such that we admitted one cat with 7 kittens and another with 6 kittens on Christmas Eve.

We were all delighted to receive confirmation in September that RMAS had been accepted as a member of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH), following their physical inspection of premises and of our policies, procedures and protocols. ADCH have been very supportive, and awarded RMAS £5,000 from their Emergency Funds. We have been grateful for guidance provided by ADCH.

In August 2019 our first part time staff member started work, joined by a second in September 2019 and a third in May 2020. This means that we have a staff member on site from 9 to 5 every day.

Covid 19 had a significant impact on our way of working as well as on our income and we have continued to adapt. During this time, we have remained open although it has been reported that only 21% of rescues have been able to. We have adapted our policies to enable non contact adoptions. Adopters now pay their adoption fee electronically. We try to prioritise suitable homes nearest the foster home.

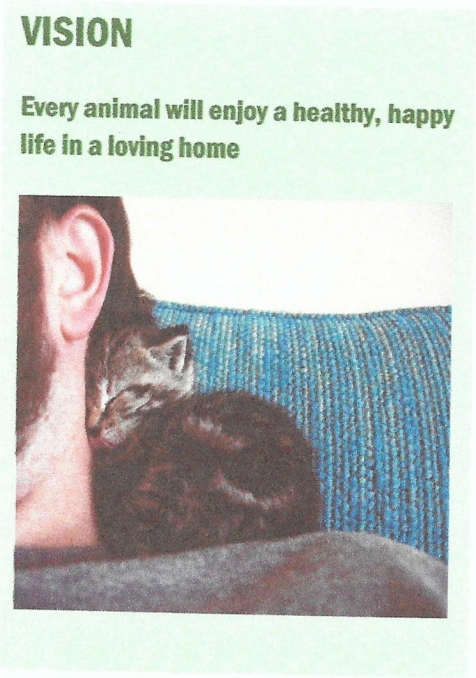
As discussed in last year's Annual Report, The Trustees, after very careful consideration, decided to admit a number of dogs from Irina's Sheltered Hearts (ISH) rescue in Romania. This rescue has a very good reputation and Irina is very committed to neuter/spay campaigns to limit the number of litters of puppies and kittens that would otherwise be born on the streets and/or abandoned. All dogs are fully vaccinated, spayed/ neutered if old enough and have official documents and passports. Trustees also carefully researched a suitable transporter, to ensure that animals are transported in suitable cages, adequately fed, watered and exercised. Irina also provides videos of cat tested dogs, as many of our adopters want cat friendly dogs, having already adopted a cat or cats from RMAS. A number of Trustees have experience in advising on dog behavioural issues, and in how to understand the needs of dogs who have previously lived in a large rescue in Romania. This has been a positive development, and has attracted new volunteers and supporters.

Steph Taylor travelled to Romania at her own expense for a few days, accompanied by volunteers (who all funded their own trips) in order to assess and prioritise the animals to come over to the UK to be rehomed, as they stand a slim to nil chance of being rehomed in Romania. The long term foster animals at Bells Farm, who have medical issues, were all cared for by long term volunteers and the staff team with support and back up from Trustees.

Our amazingly dedicated team of volunteers has continued to tirelessly fundraise towards the property remodeling and refurbishment of our premises. Sincere compassion and a genuine determination to help our area's most vulnerable animals enables the team to work together to achieve the shared goal of becoming a truly sustainable charitable animal rescue.

This year we have submitted plans for the refurbishment, after obtaining the necessary surveys to ensure that we would not be affecting any wildlife. We await a decision, which will be delayed due to Covid.

Dr Steph Taylor, Founder and Head Trustee at RMAS





Our Vision:

RMAS continues to face increasing workloads due to the cruelty and abandonment of animals within Merseyside and the surrounding areas.

The overall vision of RMAS is to grow and develop, to ensure that it is effective and fit for purpose to meet the increasing demand and promote education and animal welfare to the general public.

Animals provide measurable benefits to people's physical and mental health and this is one area that the organisation would like focus on in the future.

The aims of the charity are to:

1. Raise awareness of animal welfare issues and encourage the public to adopt these principles;
2. Assist with the neutering, rescue and rehoming of stray and unwanted animals with special attention to those most at risk;
3. Encourage the local community to become involved through various campaigns;
4. Provide education on animal welfare so that we can put a STOP to animal cruelty at the root level;
5. Provide local employment to like-minded individuals
6. To reduce the numbers of cats living in feral colonies with the expansion of our TNR (Trap, Neuter & Release) programme in partnership with other local rescues.

Our Mission Statement

"Our philosophy is to care based solely on its physical characteristic space to accept and care non-destruct policy and our care until a forever

> "for the benefit of the public and in particular the more vulnerable members of our community, to relieve the suffering of *animals* in need of care and attention and in particular to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals".

accept any animal in to our need and not on any other providing we have the for them. We have a strict will keep every animal in home can be found".

Our Values

The sanctuary's ethos is to never turn away a call from a member of the public even if the problem is outside the capabilities of the organisation or falls outside the remit, but to assist through the network of more relevant bodies within the community to help with the call and to ensure both the member of the public and the animal (s) in question are supported and cared for in a kind, compassionate and supportive manner.

Public Benefit Need

RMAS has been set up to assist members of the public within the Merseyside region in the rescue, care, support, re-homing and adoption of stray and unwanted animals. The general public benefits from knowing that RMAS will do everything within its capabilities and resources to support both themselves and the animals in need. This includes vulnerable members of the community, people who find they cannot cope, or simply find they no longer can afford to keep their animal due to financial circumstances.

Our activities

Since its formation in July 2013, RMAS has grown from an extremely small organisation to a registered charity with a network of foster homes spread across the Merseyside area and now we have premises.

This has been achieved by the coming together of a group of like-minded, passionate, experienced volunteers who have worked with animals for many years and bring a wealth of experience to the sanctuary.

Every animal that is taken in by RMAS is assessed and they are:-

- Neutered (if applicable)
- Microchipped
- De-flead and wormed
- Emergency veterinary care is provided if required

On our 5th Anniversary on 20/07/2018 almost 2,500 animals had been admitted into the sanctuary and the demand for our assistance grows daily. RMAS charges a re-homing fee for our animals again highlighting the ongoing financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interest of any of our animals to re-home them to people who could not afford the upkeep, financial commitment and care of any animal. By 31/07/20, over 3,900 animals had been admitted.

Current rehoming fees are;

- Cat or Kitten: £90
- Rabbit: £50
- Dog: £250
- Puppy: £350
- Smaller animals by minimum donation of £5

We continue to offer a unique approach to tackling the 'bigger picture'. This involves our 'in-reach' on-line free-ad work, where we directly reach out to people currently part of the irresponsible re-homing and breeding 'system' which forms the crux of today's overpopulation of domestic pets and a large proportion of the animals that ultimately require rescue. This promotes responsible pet ownership as we offer to neuter any resident pets for free especially the mothers of the young who are being advertised and offer to undertake home checks for animals being advertised. This approach differs from other neutering/rescue services who offer a more passive approach by helping only people who seek out their service. We believe the 'on-line animal free-ad community' will not seek help as this community makes it both free and easy to 'get rid' of pets they no longer want. We have had huge success by directly approaching these people via comments, private messages or emails in a non-judgmental fashion and offering our help for 'free'.

One of the problems during Covid has been that a lot more people have wanted to get a kitten, puppy, cat or dog, and this means that the unscrupulous breeders are making a great deal of money from their activities.

We have seen evidence of people trying to obtain litters from social media posts, in order to sell them on.

Funding was secured through Cats Protection (CP) for the in-reach programme in 2015, and they awarded RMAS £7,000 worth of neutering vouchers in 2020.

Main achievements and summary

We were grateful to receive donations and income via Charity Checkout/Enthuse, PayPal, Online Giving, Payroll Giving, Go Cardless and Justgiving, ADCH, Barry Green Memorial Fund, Pets at Home, Petplan, Agria Pet Insurance, Charities Trust, Charities Aid Foundation. No More Kennels held a dog grotto which raised funds for RMAS and was great fun for all concerned!

The Amazon Wish List appeals continue to support our work and many necessary supplies are donated.

This year our numerous raffles, Facebook selling group, and a few tombolas have continued to bring in funds. This year a number of the events where we have previously had a stall have not run, due to cutbacks in funding in general for such events and from March 2020 due to Covid.

We were again chosen as the store's Charity of the Year by Pets at Home Edge Lane. The funds raised, the pallets of donated goods and the items donated by kind customers at the store are gratefully received and help RMAS in its work immensely.

The 'Bonus Ball' Lottery brings in a regular income of £195 monthly which is of great help. Some winners have declined to accept their prizes and we are grateful for these extra donations.

Gifted supporters and volunteers continue to make and sell craft items which are always popular.

A number of supporters and volunteers kindly asked their friends and families to donate to RMAS instead of giving presents, and this was much appreciated.

Supporters also held events in their workplaces to raise funds, and this also attracts new supporters.

We are grateful to those small businesses who hold our charity collection boxes, as well as to those businesses who act as drop off and collection points for pet food, donations and auction items.

Sadly a number of our supporters and volunteers passed away during this year. We were extremely honoured to receive donations in their memory. Several volunteers donated significant funds in memory of beloved deceased pets.

Frog and Newt, two kittens who were born without back legs, remain as permanent and cheerful foster residents at Bells Farm due to their complex medical conditions and specific care needs. They continue to have their own Facebook page and have appeared in countless newspapers and magazines. David, another two legged cat with complex medical issues, Roo who has full front legs, and two very small, different sized back legs also live as permanent fosters with Ellen Rae who is a blind cat. All of these special cats require frequent vet checks, specific care regimes, particular foods and medications. They have been joined by Monty, an elderly male dog and Gracie, a nervous female dog.

We continue to have support from donors who give regularly via standing order for which we are very grateful. This has been impacted by Covid, as many supporters have lost their jobs or been furloughed.

Nancy's Story

We received a call from a veterinary nurse we knew who was dealing with a really sad case at work where a very young pup was at risk of euthanasia. Her owners unfortunately couldn't afford any further veterinary treatment and the pup was in a really bad way. The owners were well known to the RSPCA and had 12+ dogs in the house and the pup had been severely injured in a dog fight. She ended up with an utterly horrific massive wound on her back where the skin became necrotic. She was left with the majority of the skin missing on her back and at the edges it was about 1cm thick. On admission, Nancy came straight into one of our foster homes and was the sweetest and most trusting pup but even the photos we had seen before arrival did not prepare us for what we saw and could smell on arrival. Our vets made an immediate plan for a tie over dressing procedure and the reality of a long recovery process was estimated to be 8-10 weeks. One of our veterinary nurses thankfully had a special interest in wound management and she came every other day to the foster home to change Nancy's dressings and give her treatment. We trialled a special honey based dressing and realised the more frequently we were changing the quicker it was healing. Without the dedication of our nurse and foster home Nancy would have never healed at the rate she did. In just under 6 weeks her wound had gone from nearly 20cm diameter to 1cm circle. It took a lot of dedication, medication, experimental bandaging techniques and team work with our vets to get her signed off for homing in just 8 weeks. She got an amazing home offer and now lives walking distance from the beach where she is rather famous. She seemed like an impossible case with the most horrific injuries that regardless of funds seemed beyond our help but as always animals and their resilience amaze us and the best results happen with amazing team work between our foster and veterinary team backed up by our wonderful fundraisers, volunteers and supporters.

Georgina's Story

On 27th December 2019, Georgina was a tiny 5 week old kitten relinquished by her owner after they bought her on gumtree. Little Georgina's admission was delayed several days as her owner kept changing her mind despite not accessing veterinary care and sadly Georgina was dying on her eventual admission but we still stayed up throughout the night hand feeding her and hoping for the best outcome, which was not to be and she sadly passed away. Giardia and cat flu were suspected and we were obviously concerned about other siblings. Luckily, on 11th January 2020, an ad on gumtree was spotted and it was confirmed to be a sibling of Georgina's who had stayed with the mother for much longer which is why she was still alive. Contact was made with the breeder, who agreed to relinquish Greta, and 6 other entire young adults into our care which left them with neutered cats so continued breeding of diseased animals could not continue. All the cats were treated for flu and giardia and when well enough prepped for rehoming and eventually went off to wonderful new homes.

Stevie's Story

In February 2020, a referral from Cats Protection came in concerning a young Staffordshire Bull Terrier pup who was blind. His owner had relinquished all their cats to Cats Protection but also had 2 rabbits and a blind puppy who needed placing and we admitted them into our care. We named him Stevie and he was the happiest little puppy you could meet. His eyes were in a shocking state and the vet could only recommend bilateral eneucleation. This had to be undertaken over 2 surgeries as it was complex with scar tissue complicating the surgery. He recovered well and was completely adapted to being blind and once he was fully recovered he went off to a great home. He is well known in his local area and supporters enjoy regular updates on his new life.

Impact on Neutering

The main impact of the Covid pandemic was the impact in neutering slots available via our vets. At times, neutering was not able to be undertaken and at others it was allowed but far less slots were available due to changes within the veterinary surgery. We were therefore aware of a backlog of our rehomed animals needing neutering and the community neutering and feral cat Trap, Neuter, Release work was temporarily halted on and off. We sourced a mobile vet with an adapted van to come to our site to undertake neutering but this was still difficult and our capacity was still reduced overall. Rabbit neutering became virtually impossible to access and this impacted on our ability to admit and rehome rabbits. It remains an issue in July 2020 that the Trustees are concerned about.

Board of Trustees:

Dr Stephanie Taylor, experience in direct animal rescue, management skills and team working

Mr. David Callender, experience of direct animal rescue work, previously managed an established rescue centre for over 5 years.

Mrs. Heather Prescott, experience in direct rescue and veterinary work, with excellent IT skills

Miss Faye Robinson, experience in direct rescue work, working with vulnerable people and qualified to Masters Level in animal behaviour.

Ms Barbara Connolly, experience in direct rescue work and has a wealth of experience in education

Dr Stephanie Taylor
Chair and Founder of Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary
6th April 2021

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Charity Name **Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary**
Charity Number **1157210**
For the period from **01/08/2019** **to 31/07/2020**

Section A **Receipts and Payments**

A1 Receipts	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Last Year £
Donations	87995			87995	99385
Care of Amber		145		145	
Care of Dale		50		50	
Care of David		241		241	
Care of Ellen Rae		15		15	
Care of Leaf		120		120	
Care of Luthien		5		5	
Care of Nancy		158		158	
Care of Qutie-Pie		203		203	
Care of Simon		170		170	
Care of Stevie		161		161	
Care of Storm		20		20	
Care of Tiny Tiff		20		20	
Care of Ursula		30		30	
Dog Transport		100		100	240
Animal Food		110		110	
Vet Fees Specified		245		245	402
Towards Shed		50		50	
Adoption Fees	72682			72682	31890
Fundraising	6405			6405	11107
Gift Aid	2618			2618	2827
Contribution to Bills	800			800	800
Interest Received	244			244	156
Compensation New Ferry Explosion	1600			1600	
Sub Total	172344	1843		174187	146807
A2 Asset and Investment Sales					
Total Receipts	172344	1843		174187	146807
A3 Payments					
Care of Amber		145		145	
Care of Dale		50		50	
Care of David		241		241	
Care of Ellen Rae		15		15	
Care of Leaf		120		120	
Care of Luthien		5		5	
Care of Nancy		158		158	
Care of Qutie-Pie		203		203	

Care of Simon		170		170	
Care of Stevie		161		161	
Care of Storm		20		20	
Care of Tiny Tiff		20		20	
Care of Ursula		30		30	
Dog Transport		100		100	
Animal Food		110		110	
Vet Fees Specified		245		245	
Towards Shed		50		50	
Vets, Medicines, Food	31840			31840	4728
Animal Transport	22342			22342	10232
Wages, HMRC, Pension	25060			25060	
Secure Fencing					24612
Security Cameras				300	450
Kennels, Pens, Crates	300				8317
Care of Frog and Newt		2100		2100	2100
Fundraising Expenses	167			167	350
Paypal, Go Cardless and Facebook Fees	2479			2479	2194
Heat and Light	1284			1284	2427
Council Tax	3094			3094	1260
Insurance	1665			1665	824
Mail Redirection					490
Postage and Stationery	243			243	21
Telephone, Internet	108			108	179
Surveys, Planning, Legal					
Architect	19880			19880	
Refurbishment	805			805	17461
Repairs, Storage	288			288	
Loan Repayment	500			500	800
Independent Examiner					75
Staff Travel	166			166	
Bank Charges	145			145	
Sundry	171			171	
A4 Asset and Investment Purchases					
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Total Payments	110537	3943		114480	76520
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Net of Receipts/ Payments				59707	70287
A5 Transfers Between Funds				Nil	Nil
A6 Cash Funds Last Year End				87699	17412
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Cash Funds This Year End				147406	87699
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Section B **Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the End of the Period**

B1 Cash Funds	Details	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Cash Held in Petty Cash		11		
Paypal		547		
Bank Current Account		46247		
Bank Deposit Account		99801	800	
Total Cash Funds Agreed with Receipts and Payments Accounts		146606	800	

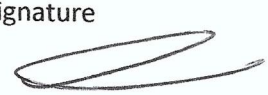
B2 Other Monetary Assets	
HMRC Gift Aid	1192
Pets at Home Support Adoption for Pets	1095
Pension Contribution	60
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B3 Investment Assets

B4 Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use	
Bells Farm Property	410000

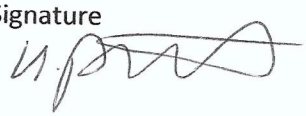
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund	Due £
Loan Repayable to Stephanie Taylor		Restricted	65690
Veterinary Bills Due		Unrestricted	986
Water Rates		Unrestricted	900
EDF Energy		Unrestricted	772
Council Tax		Unrestricted	2288
HMRC		Unrestricted	344
NEST Pension		Unrestricted	239
Independent Examination		Unrestricted	75
Bonus Ball Prizes		Unrestricted	200
			71494

Signed on Behalf of all Trustees:

Signature 

Name **S Taylor**

Date of Approval **06/04/2021**

Signature 

Name **H Prescott**

Date of Approval **06/04/2021**

Notes to the Accounts

1 Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary purchased premises, Bells Farm, in Melling during year ended 31st July 2018. This comprises of a house, land and outbuildings and the total purchase price was £410,000. The trustees consider that because refurbishment of the premises includes splitting the house into part dwelling and part animal rescue premises, the amounts spent on refurbishment have not added any value to the premises overall.

2 Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary had been outbid on similar properties in previous years, and in order to secure Bells Farm, Stephanie Taylor, Founder and Trustee, loaned the charity the sum of £66,990. Trustees were of the opinion that Bells Farm was the most suitable property available to date and agreed to this arrangement.

The Loan Agreement for this was signed by all Trustees on 12th February 2018. Clause 2 states that:

> This Loan will be repaid in consecutive yearly instalments of £10,000 each commencing on 6 February 2019 and continuing on the 6th February of each following year until 8 February 2025 with the balance then owing under this Agreement being paid at that time providing the borrower has sufficient reserves to do so and ALL the Trustees are in agreement to release the instalment.

On 6 February 2019, a decision was made to defer repayment of the loan and these funds became restricted to be used for renovation work to enable the site to become fit for purpose with adequate facilities as soon as possible.

3 In December 2018, Stephanie Taylor moved in to the accommodation created at one end of the premises at Bells Farm. There are outstanding repairs required to the accommodation which the Trustees have discussed, including leaks to the roof and windows, broken gates, difficulty with getting hot water and electric and outside lighting tripping and going off in rain.

The priority is to have the rest of the building works to be planned and overseen by a specialist architect, with experience in planning and building for animal rescues, and for this to be completed as soon as possible.

During this time, Stephanie Taylor has used her accommodation to run the rescue, which has afforded her very little privacy. Animals have been housed there and one room has three crates and cages in it, which have at times been occupied by cats with litters of kittens. The living room contains a crate used for cats and/ or kittens. Administrative work is carried out in her accommodation; volunteers use facilities such as kitchen and bathroom. Meetings are held in the accommodation. Contractors also use the bathroom and kitchen.

Stephanie Taylor also took on a different job role in order to progress the charity, which meant a decrease in salary.

The Trustees therefore decided that as they will not be making any payment off the interest free loan from Stephanie Taylor, that they wish to charge a nominal sum only, being £800 included in the accounts as income, and which has been deducted from the loan. Stephanie Taylor put £300 into the petty cash account this year. This leaves a sum outstanding of £65690 to Stephanie Taylor. The original interest free loan of £66,990 has been in place with an agreement that the charity does not need to pay it back until in a position to do so. This affects Stephanie Taylor's ability to purchase her own property, which is her intention.

4 Rescue Me took in two kittens, named by the charity Frog and Newt, each was born with only their two front legs and no back legs. A generous donation was made in the sum of £5000 specifically for their ongoing care. This sum was received in July 2018 and is set aside in the deposit account as a restricted fund. During the year ended 31st July 2019, over £2,100 has been spent on their care as they require specialist food, supplements, medications, regular vet checks. The same sum has been spent on them this financial year leaving £800 in Restricted Funds towards their care next year.

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Rescue Me Animal Sanctuary (the charity) for the year ended 31st July 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity 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 charity'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 section145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent examiner's statement

I am a member of the AAT and I am bound by the code of ethics issued by FRC's Revised Ethical Standard 2016.

Accounts preparation services were provided by Sefton CVS, my employer, and I as examiner have applied the ethical standard to my work.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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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