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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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Website and social media:

Website: www.rescuemesanctuary.co.uk
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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".

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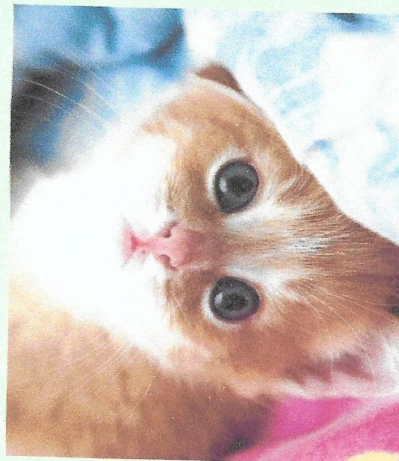
REHOMING

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.

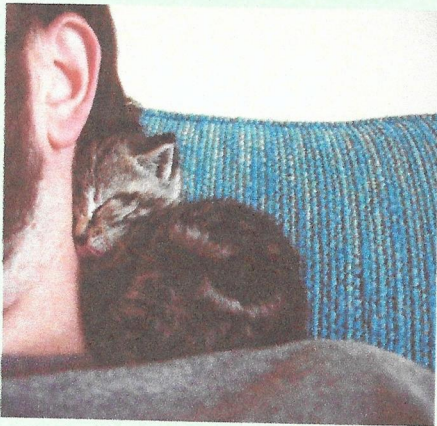
This year we have submitted plans for the refurbishment, after obtaining the necessary surveys to ensure that we would not be affecting any wildlife. We await a decision, which will be delayed due to Covid.



Dr Steph Taylor, Founder and Head Trustee at RMAS

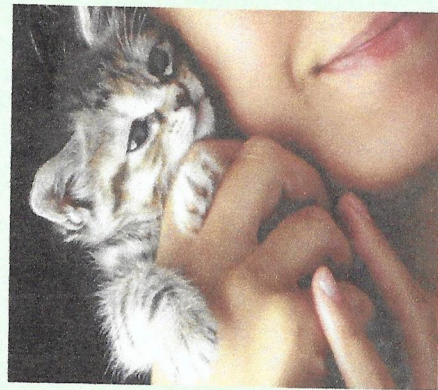
VISION

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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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 from a member of the

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.

to never turn away a call public even if the problem

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 trialed 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 enucleation. 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	Restricted	Endowment	Total Funds	Last Year
	Funds £	Funds £	Funds £	£	£
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	
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Sub Total	172344	1843		174187	146807
A2 Asset and Investment Sales					
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Total Receipts	172344	1843		174187	146807
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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				
Total Payments	110537	3943	114480	76520
Net of Receipts/				
Payments			59707	70287
A5 Transfers Between Funds			Nil	Nil
A6 Cash Funds Last Year End			87699	17412
Cash Funds This Year End			147406	87699

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	
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	Total Cash Funds Agreed with Receipts and Payments Accounts	146606	800	
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B2 Other Monetary Assets

HMRC Gift Aid	1192
Pets at Home Support Adoption for Pets	1095
Pension Contribution	60

	2347

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

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Signed on Behalf of all Trustees:

Signature



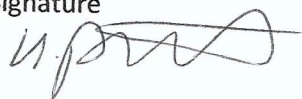
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Date of Approval

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 section 145(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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