

FLUFFY RETREAT FERRET RESCUE AND WELFARE

England & Wales · Charity number 1163841

Details

Other names FLUFFY RETREAT FERRET RESCUE

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2015-10-06

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

Address 13 Danvers Mead
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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE HUMANE BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS FERRETS BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE CARE, PROTECTION, TREATMENT AND SECURITY FOR FERRETS WHICH ARE IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION BY REASON OF SICKNESS, MALTREATMENT, POOR CIRCUMSTANCES OR ILL USAGE AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO ANIMAL WELFARE IN GENERAL AND THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY AND SUFFERING AMONG FERRETS

Activities: Rescue and placement of abused, unwanted and abandoned ferrets, providing temporary sanctuary for ferrets suitable for adoption and a permanent home for ferrets which cannot be adopted due to health, age or temperament. Provides information and support to ensure successful adoptions. To educate the public in ferret welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among ferrets.

Classification

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

Geography

- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bristol City
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£22,287	£20,458	-	-
2024-04-30	£24,100	£35,996	-	-
2023-04-30	£27,703	£24,576	-	-
2022-04-30	£32,475	£32,309	-	-
2021-04-30	£33,461	£25,720	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PAMELA WEAVER	Chair	2015-10-04
ELAINE LARNE		2015-10-15
Louise Emma Gammon		2020-05-20
MAUREEN KILLIP		2015-10-04

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	May	2022		30	April	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Fluffy Retreat Ferret Rescue and Welfare

Other names charity is known by

Fluffy Retreat Ferret Rescue

Registered charity number (if any)

1163841

Charity's principal address

13 Danvers Mead
 Chippenham
 Wiltshire
Postcode SN15 3TP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Pamela Weaver	Rescue Manager / Chair		
2	Elaine Larne	PR/ Fundraising Manager		
3	Maureen Killip	Social Medica Manager		
4	Louise Gammon	Webshop/Website Manager		

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
H&S Manager	Nick Larne	6 Courtlands, Bewdley Street, Evesham, WR11 4AD

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Pamela Weaver

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed 5 th October 2015
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Trustees are appointed or reappointed every 3 years, or sooner if required, by current Trustee panel

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Conflict of Interests Mitigation Policy and Money Handling Policy are in place.

Regular risk assessments are carried out by the Trustees and trained H&S Manager.

New policy on “Supported Adoption”. Due to changes in the policy from our insurers we can no longer have foster homes looking after our ferrets (except for trustees). We have therefore developed a new policy for “supported adoption” to encourage adoption of ferrets who are end of life or need ongoing veterinary care.

New policy to support a new pilot initiative “Ferret Community Outreach Fund” which supports owners within our catchment area, on low income or benefits, with emergency vet care. All payments are directly to the vet and not to the individual.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and other than occasional training opportunities, receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote humane behaviour towards ferrets by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for ferrets which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage, and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among ferrets.

To offer rescue placement, rehabilitation and rehoming of stray and otherwise unwanted ferrets, found by or surrendered by the general public, vets or other animal organisations.

To carry out home-checking and advising potential new owners to ensure the ferrets safety and care, and that the new owners are prepared.

PR events and ferret racing to raise awareness and remove the stigma attached to ferrets, as well as raising funds for the rescue.

Education days / Training / Volunteering – where possible to provide volunteering opportunities to suitable candidates to learn aspects of animal husbandry as well as many aspects of running a charity.

Where possible to work with and support other rescues.

Where possible to work with other animal organisations and veterinary organisations to promote welfare and teaching.

To disseminate information from government organisations regarding specific legislation or changes in legislation that affect ferret keeping, or changes to known information regarding zoonotic diseases.

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

2022 was a very busy year again, although we found ourselves with a lot of very difficult to manage ferrets in terms of behaviour, and this slowed down our intakes and adoptions.

We were really pleased to be able to offer an apprentice placement this year and have worked closely with her training and development over the winter.

We have also had to adapt further to changes in the way our vets work, and their clinic opening times, which has been challenging.

The cost of living crisis has been an added challenge this year, with so many people unable to afford the rising costs of keeping ferrets, especially the rising costs of vets fees. This has also impacted the number of people interested in adopting ferrets.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our main goals this year were:

Return to full in-person events in 2022

Whilst events have started to return, there were still fewer than normal in 2022.

To continue to create publications for ferret owners, the general public and for vet surgeries

We have created some publications around heat stroke in ferrets, how to manage ferrets safely during the heat and the symptoms to look out for.

We have also worked with a number of veterinary surgeries to put together a new pilot program "Ferret Community Outreach Fund" for people on low income or benefits struggling to pay for vets fees. This program allows vets to approach Fluffy Retreat for funding for emergency diagnostics and treatment, and also for pregnancy prevention. The intention of this fund is to reduce the number of ferrets requiring rescue placement. Many owners who find themselves in a position of not being able to afford an emergency vet bill, have no other option currently than to have the ferret put down or surrendered to a rescue. The goal of this fund is to try to keep ferrets in otherwise loving and good homes where possible. This pilot will continue through 2023.

To continue to raise public awareness through special interest social media stories and PR events.

We have had some very interesting cases in 2022 which we were able to share on public media to raise awareness of ferret illnesses, treatments and risks.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to hold cash in our main bank account of approximately £2000. These funds are held in order to meet all day to day running costs, including emergency vet costs, incurred by the rescue. At the year end date £1,835 was held, all of which was unrestricted funds.

As trustees we have set out guidance that we need to hold a cushion of £2,000 to protect us against immense vet fees in the case of an outbreak of illness. The rescue should not continue to take in any further animals if the overall funds go below this amount.

Any funds over £2,000 will be placed in our Business Savings Account, this account can be accessed when funds have run low, or big purchases are required. This account is to help future proof the rescue and continue to improve facilities.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

We anticipated and budgeted for a loss this year, due to plans to replace the rescue transport. This was not needed. There are no funds in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The rescue has received a large number of donations in the form of raw meat, kibble and litter and this has helped to keep our outgoings down despite a general rise in costs. We have also received a large number of financial donations throughout the year.

We were able to attend a number of ferret shows and PR events in person this year. But were not able to run any online fundraising events.

The ferret community outreach fund was launched, after discussion with the charities commission in early 2023. We had one application within this financial year, which we approved and funded. The funding for the community outreach program is coming from the rescue's savings account.

Section F Other optional information

Future Plans

The rescue has a no-kill policy of ferrets, except where their mental or physical health is impacting on their quality of life. This means that we do, at times, have ferrets that are not suitable for rehoming due to long term health issues. We continue to work to find suitable arrangements for these lifers to try to limit the impact on the rescue.

To continue to create publications for ferret owners, the general public and for vet surgeries.

To continue to raise public awareness through special interest social media stories and PR events.

To promote the Ferret Community Outreach Fund to assist people who are on low incomes or benefits whose ferrets require urgent medical treatment that they cannot fund themselves.

To work with vets to promote surgical neutering of female ferrets in light of the withdrawal of delvosterone injection from the UK market.



To carry out maintenance to the ferret garden, in order to prolong it's life and use in the future.

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Maureen Barbara Killip	Pamela Clare Weaver
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Founding Trustee and Chair

Date



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/05/2022	To	30/04/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
201 Feed sales	564	-	-	564	713
202 Cleaning and litter sales	46	-	-	46	30
204 Non-charitable sales	110	-	-	110	80
205 Charitable Sales	11,232	-	-	11,232	13,443
206 Postage	2,847	-	-	2,847	3,243
209 Microchipping	40	-	-	40	180
210 Fundraising and PR	579	-	-	579	1,244
211 Housing and storage sales	89	-	-	89	120
215 Sundry Donations	8,999	-	-	8,999	8,774
216 Adoption	2,373	-	-	2,373	3,941
217 Gift Aid	695	-	-	695	707
226 Interest (bank interest)	129	-	-	129	4
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,703	-	-	27,703	32,475
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,703	-	-	27,703	32,475
A3 Payments					
301 Feed	1,530	-	-	1,530	2,607
302 Cleaning and litter	2,459	-	-	2,459	1,932
303 Enrichment	50	-	-	50	44
304 Non-charitable sales - costs	46	-	-	46	15
305 Charitable sales - costs	2,580	-	-	2,580	3,940
306 Postage and delivery charges	3,287	-	-	3,287	3,732
307 Veterinary costs	6,949	-	-	6,949	9,612
308 Stationery	707	-	-	707	720
309 Microchipping costs	-	-	-	-	828
310 Fundraising and PR costs	257	-	-	257	400
311 Housing and Storage Costs	-	-	-	-	-
312 Maintenance	260	-	-	260	336
313 Insurance	953	-	-	953	1,076
318 Miscellaneous	24	-	-	24	90
319 Health and safety	65	-	-	65	907
320 Accountant fees	934	-	-	934	848
321 Car repairs and running costs	1,733	-	-	1,733	2,393
322 IT and comms equipment	549	-	-	549	461
323 Telephone (contract)	165	-	-	165	122
324 IT software and subscriptions	937	-	-	937	814
326 Transaction fees and 6001002 Bank charges (ebay and paypal fees)	894	-	-	894	1,126
4005002 Mileage	197	-	-	197	305
Sub total	24,576	-	-	24,576	32,309
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,576	-	-	24,576	32,309
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,127	-	-	3,127	167
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,299	-	-	24,299	24,132
Cash funds this year end	27,426	-	-	27,426	24,299

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Accounts	26,354	-	-
	Floats	429		
	Paypal	598		
	ebay (Adyen)	45	-	-
		-	-	-
		Total cash funds	27,426	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Car YT10 OYJ	Unrestricted	3,000	1,500
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accountant fees	Unrestricted	902	
	Trade creditors	Unrestricted	138	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Pamela Clare Weaver	20/12/2023
	Maureen Barbara Killip	20/12/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Fluffy Retreat Ferret Rescue and Welfare

On accounts for the year
ended

30 April 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1663841

Set out on pages

1 to 5 of the Trustees' Annual Report and 1 to 2 of the Receipts and
Payments Accounts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 April 2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation
of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act
2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a
proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

15 January 2024

Name:

James Gare

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

FCA DChA

Address:

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County Gate, County Way

Trowbridge, BA14 7FJ

FLUFFY RETREAT FERRET RESCUE AND WELFARE

England & Wales - Charity number 1163841

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	01	May	2021	To	30	April	2022

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Fluffy Retreat Ferret Rescue and Welfare
Other names charity is known by	Fluffy Retreat Ferret Rescue
Registered charity number (if any)	1163841
Charity's principal address	13 Danvers Mead
	Chippenham
	Wiltshire
	Postcode SN15 3TP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Pamela Weaver	Rescue Manager / Chair		
2	Elaine Larne	PR/ Fundraising Manager		
3	Maureen Killip	Social Media Manager		
4	Louise Gammon	Webshop/Website Manager		

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
H&S Manager	Nick Larne	6 Courtlands, Bewdley Street, Evesham, WR11 4AD

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Pamela Weaver

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed 5 th October 2015
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Trustee selection methods
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Trustees are appointed or reappointed every 3 years, or sooner if required, by current Trustee panel

Additional governance issues (Optional Information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

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- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

CoVID 19 policy for adoptions, collections and handovers.

Conflict of Interests Mitigation Policy and Money Handling Policy are in place.

Regular risk assessments are carried out by the Trustees and trained H&S Manager.

Fluffy Retreat Ferret Rescue works with other small rescues and sanctuaries around the country and does on occasion provide small donations / funds to these rescues / sanctuaries to assist them in meeting veterinary needs for ferrets in their care, when there has been a big influx or a particularly challenging case, or when they take in ferrets that we are unable to help with due to capacity.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and other than occasional training opportunities, receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote humane behaviour towards ferrets by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for ferrets which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage, and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among ferrets.

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PR events and ferret racing to raise awareness and remove the stigma attached to ferrets, as well as raising funds for the rescue.

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Where possible to work with and support other rescues.

Where possible to work with other animal organisations and veterinary organisations to promote welfare and teaching.

To disseminate information from government organisations regarding specific legislation or changes in legislation that affect ferret keeping, or changes to known information regarding zoonotic diseases.

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

2021 was another very challenging year, adjusting to the changing government advice regarding CoVID, with continuing to respond in a time sensitive manner to a growing number of requests for help. We have still been unable to offer much in the way of on site volunteer opportunities in the current pandemic, but we have found creative ways to get people involved in the work we do, whether it be helping with vet runs and pick ups, or making crochet items to raise funds. We have been able to return to in-person PR events and it was really good to welcome our PR volunteers back. We have continued to make further improvements to the rescue during this time, with our volunteer carpenters.

We have also had to adapt to changes in the way our vets work, and their clinic opening times, which has been challenging.

2021 was incredibly busy, both with handovers and adoptions. We saw more kits in this year than previously. This has continued through the early part of 2022, with a record 24 ferrets coming into the rescue in January alone. Overall we took more ferrets in this year, than in any year previously, so much so that we had to branch out and take on two new vet practices to help with the routine veterinary work, like our neutering program.

Whilst we continue to have fosters for our long term / unadoptable residents, we have moved away from emergency fosters. We have found that emergency fosters can place too much burden on the individual and on the rescue. Our long term fosters continue to bring great benefit to the rescue and to the residents who cannot be rehomed due to ill health.

We were able to invest in a new updated website to aid with adoptions, information and income, without making a loss. With the ever rising costs, in a very uncertain climate, it is important that we continue to maintain a financial cushion.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our main goals this year were limited due to CoVID:

To promote ferret welfare and understanding via social media and a return to in-person PR events.

This year we concentrated on providing updates via social media, especially complex cases or cases of interest.

We have been promoting microchipping, both online and in-person at ferret shows, offering a number of chipping clinics at events and building better connections with vets and other rescues for reuniting found ferrets with their owners.

We have returned to in-person PR events from the beginning of 2022 and look forward to building our events over the coming year.

To celebrate our 10th Anniversary

Due to CoVID restrictions we could not celebrate our 10th year in the manner in which we had anticipated, but our trustees and volunteers came up with some online fundraising and celebratory events to help promote the rescue and good ferret husbandry.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to hold cash in our main bank account of £2,000 as a minimum. These funds are held in order to meet all day to day running costs, including emergency vet costs, incurred by the rescue. At the year end date £2,744 was held, all of which was unrestricted funds.

As trustees we have set out guidance that we need to hold a cushion of £2,000 to protect us against immense vet fees in the case of an outbreak of illness. The rescue should not continue to take in any further animals if the overall funds go below this amount.

Any funds over £2,000 will be placed in our Business Savings Account, this account can be accessed when funds have run low, or big purchases are required. This account is to help future proof the rescue and continue to improve facilities.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

We anticipated breaking even this year, and despite a change in some of our budgeted activities, we were able to achieve this.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

We were unable to hold any ferret shows in this financial year, and were only able to attend two shows held by other organisations, this has a knock on effect on our fundraising. We were able to carry out some creative online fundraising.

The rescue has received a large number of donations in the form of raw meat, kibble and litter and this has helped to keep our outgoings down despite a general rise in costs.

Section F

Other optional information

Future Plans

The rescue has a no-kill policy of ferrets, except where their mental or physical health is impacting on their quality of life. This means that we do, at times, have ferrets that are not suitable for rehoming due to long term health issues. We continue to work to find suitable arrangements for these lifers to try to limit the impact on the rescue.

Return to full in-person events in 2022.


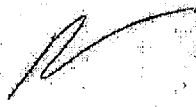
To continue to create publications for ferret owners, the general public and for vet surgeries.

To continue to raise public awareness through special interest social media stories and PR events.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Maureen Barbara Killip	Pamela Clare Weaver
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Founding Trustee and Chair
Date	04/01/2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Fluffy Retreat Ferret Rescue and Welfare

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/06/2021	To	30/04/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
201 - Feed sales	713	-	-	713	383
202 - cleaning and litter sales	30	-	-	30	47
204 - Non-charitable sales	80	-	-	80	47
205 - Charitable sales	13,443	-	-	13,443	13,241
206 - Postage	3,243	-	-	3,243	3,580
209 - Microchipping	180	-	-	180	10
210 - Fundraising and PR	1,244	-	-	1,244	195
211 - Housing and storage sales	120	-	-	120	-
215 - Sundry Donations	8,774	-	-	8,774	9,439
216 - Adoptions	3,941	-	-	3,941	2,545
217 - Gift Aid	707	-	-	707	532
226 - Interest (bank interest)	4	-	-	4	5
3001002 - Reclaimed expense	-	-	-	-	8
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,475			32,475	30,011
A2 Asset and Investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total					
Total receipts	32,475			32,475	30,011
A3 Payments					
301 - Feed	2,607	-	-	2,607	2,661
302 - Cleaning and litter	1,932	-	-	1,932	1,782
303 - Enrichment	44	-	-	44	69
304 - Non-charitable sales - costs	15	-	-	15	40
305 - charitable sales - costs	3,940	-	-	3,940	3,193
306 - postage and delivery charges	3,732	-	-	3,732	3,718
307 - veterinary costs	9,612	-	-	9,612	5,655
308 - stationery	720	-	-	720	762
309 - microchipping cost	828	-	-	828	655
310 - fundraising and PR costs	400	-	-	400	30
311 - Housing and Storage costs	-	-	-	-	135
312 - Maintenance	336	-	-	336	929
313 - Insurance	1,076	-	-	1,076	794
315 - Donations to other rescues	-	-	-	-	25
318 - Miscellaneous	90	-	-	90	126
319 - Health and safety	907	-	-	907	361
320 - Accountant fees	848	-	-	848	807
321 - car repairs and running costs	2,393	-	-	2,393	866
322 - IT and comms equipment	461	-	-	461	363
323 - Telephones (contracts)	122	-	-	122	133
324 - IT software and subscriptions	814	-	-	814	493
326 - Transaction fees and 6001002 - bank charges (ebay and paypal fees)	1,126	-	-	1,126	1,012
4005002 - Mileage	305	-	-	305	285
Sub total	32,309			32,309	24,885
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total					
Total payments	32,309			32,309	24,885
Net of receipts/(payments)	167			167	5,126
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,132			24,132	19,006
Cash funds this year end	24,299			24,299	24,132

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank accounts	23,745	-	-
	Floats	75	-	-
	Paypal	-	-	-
	cash	450	-	-
	Ebay (Adyen)	29	-	-
	Total cash funds	24,299		

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

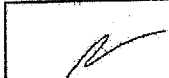

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Gar Y10 OYJ	unrestricted	3,000	1,500
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accountant Fees	320	850	
	Hills Waste	302	94	
	Worm count labs	307	200	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Pamela Weaver	04/01/2023
	Maureen Killip	04/01/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Fluffy Retreat Ferret Rescue and Welfare

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 April 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1663841

Set out on pages

1 to 5 of the Trustees' Annual Report and 1 to 2 of the Receipts and Payments Accounts

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

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 20 January 2023

Name:

James Gare

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

FCA DChA

Address:

Monahans

Chartered Accountants

County Gate, County Way, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 7FJ

FLUFFY RETREAT FERRET RESCUE AND WELFARE

England & Wales - Charity number 1163841

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	01	May	2020		30	April

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

13 Danvers Mead
Chippenham
Wiltshire
Postcode SN15 3TP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Pamela Weaver	Rescue Manager /Chair		
2	Elaine Larne	PR / Fundraising Manager		
3	Maureen Killip	Social Media Manager		
4	Louise Gammon	Webshop / Website Manager	Appointed 20/05/2020 – current	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
H & S Manager	Nick Larne	6 Courtlands, Bewdley Street, Evesham, WR11 4AD

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Trust Deed 5 th October 2015
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Trustees are appointed or reappointed every 3 years, or sooner if required, by current Trustee panel

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

CoVID 19 policy for adoptions, collections and handovers.

Conflict of Interests Mitigation Policy and Money Handling Policy are in place.

Regular risk assessments are carried out by the Trustees and trained H&S Manager.

Fluffy Retreat Ferret Rescue works with other small rescues and sanctuaries around the country and does on occasion provide small donations / funds to these rescues / sanctuaries to assist them in meeting veterinary needs for ferrets in their care, when there has been a big influx or a particularly challenging case, or when they take in ferrets that we are unable to help with due to capacity.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and other than occasional training opportunities, receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote humane behaviour towards ferrets by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for ferrets which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage, and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among ferrets.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

To offer rescue placement, rehabilitation and rehoming of stray and otherwise unwanted ferrets, found by or surrendered by the general public, vets or other animal organisations.

To carry out home-checking and advising potential new owners to ensure the ferrets safety and care, and that the new owners are prepared.

PR events and ferret racing to raise awareness and remove the stigma attached to ferrets, as well as raising funds for the rescue.

Education days / Training / Volunteering – where possible to provide volunteering opportunities to suitable candidates to learn aspects of animal husbandry as well as many aspects of running a charity.

Where possible to work with and support other rescues.

Where possible to work with other animal organisations and veterinary organisations to promote welfare and teaching.

To disseminate information from government organisations regarding specific legislation or changes in legislation that affect ferret keeping, or changes to known information regarding zoonotic diseases.

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

2020 was a very challenging year, with a lot of short notice changes in government advice regarding CoVID. The way that we do everything changed, repeatedly, and this meant that we were unable to offer much in the way of volunteer opportunities on site. However, our volunteers were still so critical to the day to day aspects of rescue life, picking up strays, doing vet runs and even shopping for the rescue. Without this contribution from our volunteers we would have struggled to meet all of the demands. We welcomed a huge input to improvements in the rescue led by volunteer carpenters, which has had a massive impact on improving set ups for our ferrets, and those working with them.

Whilst 2020 was abnormally quiet during the early part of the financial year, we took in more ferrets than we have in any previous year.

We would also like to recognise here the benefit that our foster carers bring to the rescue, enhancing the lives of ferrets that cannot be rehomed, or short term foster in emergencies. This also means that we can free up much needed emergency space at the rescue, whilst still supporting the foster carer with challenging cases.

Any surplus funds are placed into our Business Savings Account to future proof the rescue as it continues to grow.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our main goals this year were very limited due to CoVID:

To promote ferret welfare and understanding.

This year we have concentrated on providing more updates via social media and our website on ferret care. We did not know at the start of the year that we would become a vital resource for the government to get information out to ferret owners with regards to risks posed to ferrets from CoVID and then later to participating in a government level meeting with a view to establishing a GB Ferret Owners register, and dissemination of the outcomes of those meetings.

To continue to improve our storage facilities.

This year we had planned to focus on improving our storage facilities to reduce risk of manual handling. We worked with volunteer carpenters to bring ideas to life and have installed a number of improved storage areas.

To adapt to safe working with CoVID.

Adoptions proved to be very difficult within the CoVID restrictions, and we were unable to carry out adoptions for the first quarter, as these are usually carried out indoors. We worked hard with our carpenters to change one of our sheds into a safe adoption area, and also to improve access to the ferret garden for outdoor adoptions. This has played a critical part in our being able to function in the last year.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We hold cash in our main bank account of approximately £2,000, all of which is unrestricted funds. These funds are held in order to meet all day to day running costs, including emergency vet costs, incurred by the rescue.

As trustees we have set out guidance that we need to hold a cushion of £2,000 to protect us against immense vet fees in the case of an outbreak of illness. The rescue should not continue to take in any further animals if the overall funds go below this amount.

Any funds over £2,000 will be placed in our Business Savings Account, this account can be accessed when funds have run low, or big purchases are required. This account is to help future proof the rescue and continue to improve facilities.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

We had anticipated a loss due to CoVID 19 and restrictions of what we were able to do, but in fact we found support rallied and we did not make a loss this year.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

In this financial year we gifted £25 to another rescue (this was the last shared payment from the collection of donation in lieu of flowers for a dearly departed volunteer – these donations were to be split between ourselves and GEM Ferret Rescue as per his wishes).

We were unable to hold any ferret shows or to carry out any face to face fundraising in the financial year. Our funding primarily came in the form of donations and sales of our charitable purpose goods to promote ferret welfare.

We took in more ferrets in the last financial year than in any year previous. We saw a lot more extreme cases of neglect than in any previous year, but our vets supported us by offering discounts where possible.

Section F

Other optional information

Future Plans

The rescue has a no-kill policy of ferrets, except where their mental or physical health is impacting on their quality of life. This means that we do, at times, have ferrets that are not suitable for rehoming due to long term health issues. We continue to work to find suitable arrangements for these lifers to try to limit the impact on the rescue.

To welcome the return of our volunteers and to train new volunteers in different aspects of rescue work.

To create further publications for the general public and for vet surgeries.


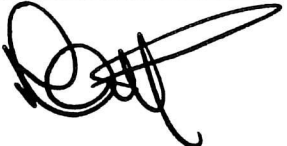
To continue to raise public awareness through social media and PR events, if and when we are able to return to events.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Miss Pamela Weaver	Ms Maureen Killip
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Founding Trustee / Chair	Trustee

Date 21/12/2021



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/05/2020	To	30/04/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
201 - Feed sales	363	-	-	363	469
202 - cleaning and litter sales	47	-	-	47	41
203 - Accessories - code no longer used	-	-	-	-	3
204 - Non-charitable sales	47	-	-	47	180
205 - Charitable sales	13,241	-	-	13,241	13,476
206 - Postage	3,580	-	-	3,580	3,255
207 - vets fees contributions (code no longer used)	-	-	-	-	107
209 - Microchipping	10	-	-	10	20
210 - Fundraising and PR	195	-	-	195	986
211 - Housing and storage sales	-	-	-	-	146
213 - Insurance contributions (this code is no longer used as insurance contributions are paid back into insurance expenses)	-	-	-	-	351
214 - Ferret shows	-	-	-	-	1,078
215 - Sundry Donations	9,439	-	-	9,439	9,407
216 - Adoptions	2,545	-	-	2,545	2,515
217 - Gift Aid	532	-	-	532	911
226 - Interest (bank interest) (previously code 206)	5	-	-	5	25
3001002 - Reclaimed expense	8	-	-	8	-
car contribution (now paid back into car expenses instead	-	-	-	-	493
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	30,011	-	-	30,011	33,461
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	30,011	-	-	30,011	33,461
A3 Payments					
301 - Feed	2,661	-	-	2,661	1,493
302 - Cleaning and litter	1,782	-	-	1,782	2,019
303 - Enrichment (previous on 2 separate codes - for Accessories and Husbandry)	69	-	-	69	69
304 - Non-Charitable sales - Costs	40	-	-	40	92
305 - Charitable Sales - Costs	3,193	-	-	3,193	3,874
306 - Postage and Delivery Charges	3,718	-	-	3,718	3,731
307 - Veterinary costs	5,655	-	-	5,655	6,318
308 - Stationery	752	-	-	752	905
309 - Microchipping cost	655	-	-	655	171
310 - Fundraising & PR costs	30	-	-	30	118
311 - Housing and Storage	135	-	-	135	13
312 - Maintenance	929	-	-	929	73
313 - Insurance	794	-	-	794	1,274
314 - Ferret Shows (fundraising expense)	-	-	-	-	564
315 - Donations to other rescues	25	-	-	25	1,096
318 - Miscellaneous	126	-	-	126	62
319 - Health and Safety	381	-	-	381	151
320 - Accountant fees	807	-	-	807	772
321 - Car repairs and running costs	866	-	-	866	1,233
322 - IT and comms equipment	353	-	-	353	670
323 - Telephone	133	-	-	133	-
324 - IT software and subscriptions	483	-	-	483	-
					06/01/2022

326 - Transaction fees + 6001002 Bank charges (calculated together)	1,012	-	-	1,012	1,022
4005002 - Mileage	285	-	-	285	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	24,885	-	-	24,885	25,720
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,885	-	-	24,885	25,720
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,126	-	-	5,126	7,741
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,006	-	-	19,006	11,265
Cash funds this year end	24,132	-	-	24,132	19,006

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank accounts	24,057	-	-
	Floats	75	-	-
	paypal	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	24,132	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Post office prepay postage	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Car YT10 OYJ	Unrestricted	3,000	1,500
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accountant Fees	Unrestricted	820	
	Hills Waste	Unrestricted	45	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Maureen Killip	21/12/2021
	Pamela Weaver	21/12/2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Fluffy Retreat Ferret Rescue and Welfare

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 April 2021	Charity no (if any)	1663841
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Set out on pages

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** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

23 December 2021

Name:

James Gare

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

FCA DChA

Address:

MHA Monahans

Chartered Accountants

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