

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 09397874 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1167277

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023
for
The Animal Team CIC

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for the year ended 31 December 2023**

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Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Established now for over 12 years, we have grown enormously from those early days into an established and registered Charity at the forefront of animal rescue. With six groups (seven including membership) with membership numbers in the region of 8,000+ (an increase of approx. 500) and working alongside over 900 (an increase of 200), UK and overseas rescues who are registered with us. In these years we have helped hundreds of thousands of animals find their way into new homes and better lives.

Our homecheck and transport groups not only provide rescues with the ability to expand their rehoming areas, but our promptness in getting homechecks and transport runs covered, also means a quicker turnover of rescue spaces - this in turn enables more animals to be saved.

We offer training for new members who have not done homechecks before to ensure we are all carrying them out to the high standard we demand and the rescues expect of us. We successfully trained 116 new homecheckers in 2023, which includes shadowing experienced homecheckers until new members feel confident enough to do them independently. In 2023, 1875 homechecks were attended by trainees alongside an experienced homechecker. We currently have 85 new homecheckers in training.

In addition, we also carry-out assessments of dogs waiting to come into rescue who are being surrendered by their owners.

We also assist pound pullers with transport - these are the people who work tirelessly pulling dogs from death row and finding them rescue spaces and we will often offer financial support for emergency boarding. It's not just dogs ... we have homechecked and transported all kinds of furies; including cats, dogs, mice, owls, piglets and goats!

We cover the whole of the UK with our fantastic volunteers - they are really amazing, loyal and dedicated to rescue work. They will drop everything for an emergency and tirelessly give their time for the animals who need them. Our admins, in all our groups, are a wonderful team of volunteers who work from home and give their time, energy and commitment to come to the help of these animals, working very long hours every day.

For another year our **FREE** services have seen transport and homecheck service requests increase, meaning we are still providing a much-required service for animals across the globe. Assessments saw a decrease which we hope can only be attributed to less people surrendering their animals into rescue.

GROUP	2021	%+ / %-	2022	%+ / %-	2023
Homechecks	4305	Up 22% to	5269	Up 25% to	6614
Transport	491	Up 85% to	909	Up 32% to	1203
Assessment	321	Up 78% to	570	Down 33% to	379

In 2023, our transporters amassed a total of 162,068 miles (a 15% increase on 2022) and transported over 1427 animals (up 57%). These included 44 cats (+ 132%) and 1383 dogs (+ 33%). In addition to the cats and dogs we transported piglets, ferrets, doves and even skunks! We also carried out 379 assessments and celebrate the strength and achievements of this group.

Our Resources group is often the place rescues go when they are struggling to find a home for a particular animal through our Rescue Space Finder group, or if they need our support in other ways. This group is open to the general public and we will assist on any general rescue enquiries. We have helped promote over 2200 animals (+ 120%) from rescue centres looking to be adopted.

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The Charity continues to do its utmost to assist in finding new homes for rescued animals through our social media platforms and hope to reach a greater audience of potential adopters this coming year. Our Facebook pages, groups and our X account continue to grow on a daily basis, with X alone having over 40k followers and our Resources page having 7.9k likes. Social media platforms are directly responsible, through sharing stories, in helping rehome many animals. Our database has increased by 28% to 900 rescues registered.

We continue to build our Foster Register, started as a separate group in 2020 with the support of our approved members. During 2023, we helped 43 animals to go on to a better home.

Fundraising remains a large part of The Animal Team's annual income. Our main sources of income come from our donations and grants. The Charity is dependent upon these donations to finance its work and we are continually challenged to find new ways in which to raise funds and to develop our growth. Our levels of expenditure are reviewed monthly by our Trustees to ensure we remain prudent with expenditure.

Thanks to fundraising efforts we were able to implement a pet foodbank fund which has seen us help the general public, animal charities and foodbanks across the UK provide pet food to those in financial need. We donated over £800 of pet food supplies in 2023.

We are again this year very proud of what we have been able to achieve with the constant support from our volunteers, admin team, rescues and pound pullers. They have allowed and assisted us to continue to maintain the high level of free services we offer to our registered rescues. We are constantly working to review and enhance our procedures, making it easier and more efficient for everyone and of course to provide support to all our active members.

- our job is to protect any animal that comes via us and to try our best to ensure they get the safe, secure and loving homes they so deserve. Here's to the next decade and the next ... we take what we do very seriously and our commitment is unending - thus proving we are **'the vital link between rescues and volunteers'** .

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

09397874 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1167277

Registered office

124 Prince Charles Avenue
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Kent
ME10 4NJ

Trustees

Ms Z Gardner
Ms N J Walters
Ms C A Batters

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

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Ms Z Gardner - Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		7,616	-	7,616	8,375
Investment income	2	51	-	51	-
Total		7,667	-	7,667	8,375
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		9,249	-	9,249	7,667
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(1,582)	-	(1,582)	708
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		10,921	6	10,927	10,219
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		9,339	6	9,345	10,927

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	105	6	111	40
Cash at bank		9,234	-	9,234	10,887
		<u>9,339</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9,345</u>	<u>10,927</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>9,339</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9,345</u>	<u>10,927</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>9,339</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9,345</u>	<u>10,927</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>9,339</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9,345</u>	<u>10,927</u>
FUNDS	6				
Unrestricted funds				9,339	10,921
Restricted funds				<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>9,345</u>	<u>10,927</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

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Z Gardner - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Bank deposit interest	<u>51</u>	<u>-</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	8,375	-	8,375
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	7,667	-	7,667
NET INCOME	708	-	708
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	10,213	6	10,219
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>10,921</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10,927</u>

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Other debtors	<u>111</u>	<u>40</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,921	(1,582)	9,339
Restricted funds			
Transport	6	-	6
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,927</u>	<u>(1,582)</u>	<u>9,345</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	7,667	(9,249)	(1,582)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>7,667</u>	<u>(9,249)</u>	<u>(1,582)</u>

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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,213	708	10,921
Restricted funds			
Transport	6	-	6
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,219</u>	<u>708</u>	<u>10,927</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,375	(7,667)	708
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,375</u>	<u>(7,667)</u>	<u>708</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,213	(874)	9,339
Restricted funds			
Transport	6	-	6
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,219</u>	<u>(874)</u>	<u>9,345</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	16,042	(16,916)	(874)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>16,042</u>	<u>(16,916)</u>	<u>(874)</u>

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7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts and donations	7,616	8,375
Investment income		
Bank deposit interest	51	-
Total incoming resources	7,667	8,375
 EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Fundraising, promotional and merchandise costs	-	1,040
Fuel and transport	3,816	1,222
Rescue donations	911	1,657
Postage and stationery	1,048	1,471
Sundries	1,026	568
Paypal & Ebay fees	47	78
Insurance	2,401	1,631
	9,249	7,667
Total resources expended	9,249	7,667
Net (expenditure)/income	(1,582)	708

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements