

CATS IN DISTRESS

England & Wales · Charity number 1167332

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-05-25

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC 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. TO PROMOTE HUMANE BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS ANIMALS BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE CARE, PROTECTION, TREATMENT AND SECURITY FOR ANIMALS 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 ANIMALS.

Activities: Rescue, rehabilitate & rehome stray, abandoned, mistreated & unwanted cats & kittens.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bath And North East Somerset
- Somerset
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£130,919	£114,009	-	-
2023-12-31	£104,599	£100,166	-	-
2022-12-31	£95,352	£112,151	-	-
2021-12-31	£80,006	£66,774	-	-
2020-12-31	£89,932	£93,397	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
VIRGINIA PARRATT	Chair	2016-05-01
Claire Randall-Cooke		2019-02-19
Holly Marsh-Emberson		2026-02-16
Karen Denning		2024-08-26
Lynette Nicholson		2024-08-26
Mark Cooke		2024-08-26

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Accounts

Cats In Distress

Charity No 1167332

Trustees Annual report for the period 1st January 2024 – 31st December 2024

Our structure and governance remains unchanged.

We are governed by our Constitution dated 25th May 2016.

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Aside from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees

Objectives & Activities

Cats In Distress was established for the public benefit, to promote humane behaviour towards cats in Frome, Somerset and elsewhere by providing care, protection, treatment and security for cats in need of care and attention due to sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage, rehoming such cats where necessary. The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document, dated 25th May 2016. We do this through our rescue, foster and home to home facilities.

Cats In Distress is mainly staffed by volunteers and works predominantly to rescue and rehome owned (and relinquished), stray and abandoned cats. In addition, through our partnership with other charities we work to reunite lost cats with their owners, respond to calls for assistance from the public, and work with veterinary practices, local authorities, other cat charities and animal welfare organisations. More information is available on our website at www.cats-in-distress.org

For the public benefit we promote cat welfare and good practice on our website and through our social media platforms. We provide advice to owners whose cats have gone missing and advertise lost and found cats on our social media platforms. We provide advice and information and advocate neutering and microchipping of all cats.

Only cats suitable for living in a domestic situation and have been properly socialised are rehomed to traditional home environments. All domestic cats & kittens offered for rehoming receive a health check and any necessary veterinary treatment is carried out. Cats for rehoming will be neutered, microchipped, fully vaccinated and given any veterinary treatment required. Five weeks' free pet insurance is provided through Agria, which gives a donation to Cats In Distress for each policy subsequently taken out.

We respond to calls about feral cats. These are cats that have been born in the wild, receive no suitable socialisation between 2-8 weeks and cannot be domesticated. If left, a colony can quickly grow in size to cause problems, so we will neuter feral cats and provide health care, then either return them to their original location, or find a suitable feral placement where food and shelter is available. This is known as TNR, or Trap, Neuter and Return, which is an established welfare practice.

2024 Achievements and Performance

2024 was another challenging year, for the rescue industry in general and we were no different. The continuing economic crisis, the closure of some smaller rescues and continuing rise in vet fees continue to contribute to the number of owners reaching out for help and animals being abandoned. We continued to work both locally & nationally with other animal rescue charities, local authorities and private landlords. We have seen an increase in the number of animals needing help.

Website redesign. A local marketing company offered to give the website a much-needed re-design and complete overhaul. This has been very well received by potential adopters.

New branch – We were approached to provide support to three volunteers from another rescue that was closing in Somerset. They were keen that their knowledge & experience was not wasted, and they wanted to continue to help cats that were in need of rescuing. The Trustees discussed the funding, feasibility and practicalities and unanimously agreed to carry out a trial period. The trial was a resounding success and resulted in three new fosterers and an 8 additional rescue spaces being available

The location of these volunteers was outside our current area for the provision of veterinary services, so Newton Clarke Veterinary were approached and we are happy to be able to make use of both their services and those of Shepton & Wells Vets. Through these negotiations we have now extended our veterinary care to cover Somerset, Wiltshire & Dorset

The charity was a finalist in the BBC Make a difference awards, with our founding trustee being honoured & specifically recognised in making a difference to the lives of so many cats across the region.

Volunteer numbers remained buoyant at around 50 in total.

After ongoing communication from the CC, four new trustees were recruited and appointed to the board, their skills, lived experiences & knowledge bringing fresh ideas and new insights to the board of trustees. Ensuring the long-term viability of the rescue is paramount, with continued emphasis on our duty to further the charity's purpose.

With increased demand, running the charity purely with volunteers has become increasingly difficult. Animal welfare is paramount and at the heart of what we do. After lengthy discussions, the trustees unanimously agreed that, with the increasing pressure being put on the charity, a new paid role, specifically for the care & welfare of the animals was needed, it was agreed that continuing to run the charity on a volunteers only basis, was no longer sustainable.

A recruitment agency was used to advertise the post and the charity received a number of interesting replies. One applicant was Mrs Parratt's daughter, their relationship and conflict of interest was noted by the board. A short list was prepared and interviews carried out by three trustees, with the interviews all recorded and each applicant graded. The Trustees felt the most suitable candidate for the role was Miss Parratt. Although related to the founding trustee, she was deemed to be the most suitable candidate for the role and after discussion with the CC, her appointment as Animal Welfare Manager was agreed at the end of 2024.

Figures

During 2024 we admitted 237 cats, 12 ferals and 106 kittens, 355 in total. Of those, 22 were euthanised on welfare grounds due to invasive and hopeless health issues and 7 died whilst in care. 16 cats received either Neutering or help with owned cat vet fees

We continued to build on our working relationship with other organisations within the rescue industry, assisting & helping on different projects with Search & Scan, RSPCA, Cats Protection & Chippenham Cat Rescue.

For the benefit of the public we continued our work in the community;

Promoting cat welfare via our website and social media and responding to calls and messages from the general public

We provide advice to any cat owner who contacted us for help & advise on all aspects of cat welfare
Giving students of Frome schools and Bath & Frome Colleges access to work experience opportunities.

Continuing our association with the Duke of Edinburgh awards enabled young people to participate in volunteering opportunities.

In addition we welcomed home schooled students with extra-curricular activities.

2024 Financial Review (See accounts)

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

The Charity holds cash in the bank and in hand of unrestricted funds, totalling £43756

Our main source of funding continues to be from donations, but we were also very active in applying for grants. We received grants from Hobhouse Trust (£3000), Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare trust (£5000), Pets at Home Foundation (£7500) and Animal Defence Trust (£1000), Our fundraising activities focussed on events that were organised & hosted by us, these raised £5107. In addition, we continued our association with Pets At Home VIP lifelines and Give as You live online donating.

All our expenditure has been to support the key objectives of the charity namely;

Maintaining and expanding the rescue centre

Recruiting, managing & supporting fosterers and other volunteers in their duties

Providing the appropriate care and treatment of all cats that are admitted to the charity.

Assisting pet owners who are facing economic difficulties, by offering food and/or help with vet fees to enable the pet to remain with the owner.

Working with other charities, local authorities and the police to safeguard animals in critical situations.

Our largest expenditure in 2024 was for vet fees, medication and food, without these elements we would not be able to continue our work.

Name of the Trustees who manage the charity:

Ginny Parratt – Founding Trustee

Claire Randall Cooke – Treasurer

Mark Cooke -Secretary

Lynette Nicholson

Karen Denning

Diane Oliver

**Cats in Distress
Registered Charity 1167332
Payment and Receipts Account
for FY2024**

Income Received:	Gross	Expenses	Net
Donations/Adoptions	94309	0	94309
Commission Received	3999	0	3999
Events	5772	665	5107
Gift Aid	11005	0	11005
Grants	16500	0	16500
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Total Received	131585	665	130919

Expenditure:

Salary and Assoc costs	1649
Vet Fees, Meds and Microchips	54042
Cattery Consumables	15044
Admin and Running Costs	5421
Cat Eqpt	882
Insurance, Mileage and Utilities	6232
Building maintenance	30740

Total Expenses **114009**

Net Income (income less expenses) 16910

Profit for Year to Date 16910

Opening balance at Bank (1/1/24) 26846

Total Net Income 130919

157765

Less Expenses 114009

Unbanked Cash Donations 547

Closing Bank @ 31 Dec 24 43209

Total Funds carried forward Bank and Cash 43756

Restricted

**Cats in Distress
Registered Charity 1167332
Payment and Receipts Account
for FY2024**

Income Received:	Gross	Expenses	Net
Donations/Adoptions		0	0
Commission Received		0	0
Events		0	0
Gift Aid		0	0
Grants	13500	0	13500
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Total Received	13500	0	13500
 Expenditure:			
Salary and Assoc costs			0
Vet Fees, Meds and Microchips			13500
Cattery Consumables			0
Admin and Running Costs			0
Cat Eqpt			0
Insurance, Mileage and Utilities			0
Building maintenance			0
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Total Expenses			13500
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Net Income (income less expenses)			-
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Profit for Year to Date			-
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Opening balance at Bank (1/1/24)			0
Total Net Income			13500
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			13500
Less Expenses			13500
Unbanked Cash Donations			
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Closing Bank @31/12/24			0
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Total Funds carried forward Bank and Cash			0
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Unrestricted

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Grants	3000	0	3000
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 Expenditure:			
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Cat Eqpt			882
Insurance, Mileage and Utilities			6232
Building maintenance			30740
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Total Expenses			100509
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Net Income (income less expenses)			16910
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Profit for Year to Date			16910
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Opening balance at Bank (1/1/24)			26,846
Total Net Income			117419
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			144265
Less Expenses			100509
Unbanked Cash Donations			547
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Closing Bank @ 31/12/24			43209
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Total Funds carried forward Bank and Cash			43756
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Cats in Distress

**On accounts for the year
ended**

2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1167332

Set out on pages

1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

**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:

J. Usher

Date:

6 Feb 2025

Name:

Jenny Usher

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

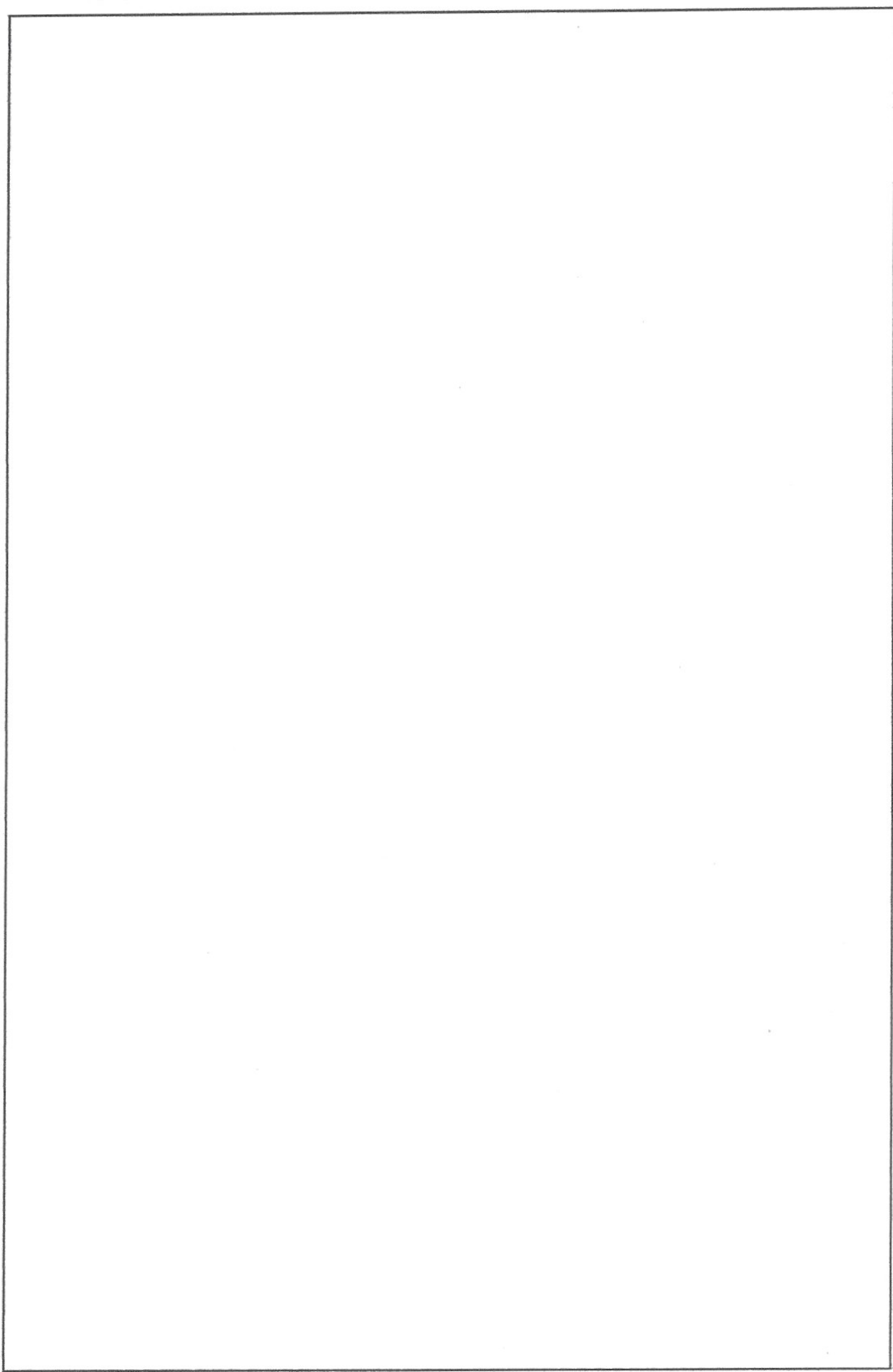
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England & Wales - Charity number 1167332

Accounts

Cats In Distress

Charity No 1167332

Trustees Annual report for the period 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023

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Objectives & Activities

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document, constitution dated 25th May 2016, is to relieve the suffering of cats in need of care and attention and, in particular to provide rescue homes or other facilities for the admission, care & treatment of such cats.

The focus of our activities remains to provide appropriate care for cats & kittens in need of assistance, whilst finding them their adopted homes and to promote humane behaviour to all animals

In planning our activities for the year we have kept in mind the charity commissions guidance on the public benefit at our trustees meetings.

Achievements and Performance

2023 was a challenging year, with difficult conditions post covid, the economic crisis and a rise in vet fees all contributing to the number of animals needing help.

In late 2022 a decision was made by the trustees that we could no longer support two sites. Having two sites proved difficult to manage and too costly to maintain, whilst we were able to help more cats, it was felt that the welfare of the cats was compromised.

A mutual decision was agreed with the owner of the other site, that they would split from us, continuing to operate autonomously, they would no longer operate under the Cats In Distress name.

Being able to focus our attention to one site, meant we were able to concentrate on developing and improving our original on-site facilities.

Our biggest achievement in 2023 was the completion of our new office block and maternity unit. The opening of two maternity pens, away from the hustle and bustle of life in the main rescue, meant we were able to provide a quieter, stress free environment for nursing queens. This new unit, meant there was no decrease in the work carried out by the rescue, we saw 14 mums and kittens pass through the unit in 2023. We also now have a dedicated team of mum and kitten fosterers.

We've seen a marked increase in the amount of communication calls, emails & messages that we receive from the general public, asking for help or advise for either their own pets or animals believed to be abandoned.

This increase is a direct result of more animals and people needing help; increased social presence and promotion of the work we do have all led to an increase in workload.

The number of volunteers continues to grow steadily with 40 active volunteers

We continued to work both locally & nationally with other animal rescue charities, local authorities and private landlords. We have seen an increase in increase in the amount of animals needing help.

The following figures do not reflect how busy 2023,

- 304 cats & kittens adopted
- 3 ferals neutered
- 5 cats reunited with their owners
- 3 cats received medical assistance
- 7 neutering vouchers issued

In addition to our core objectives we have increased our work within the local community, hosting students from Bath & Frome Colleges & giving their students access to work experience opportunities. Young people have also been supported through various volunteering opportunities including the Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

The Charity holds cash in the bank of unrestricted funds, totalling £26,846

Our main source of funding continues to be from donations, but we were also very active in applying for grants. We received two grants in January and April from Mars totalling £2000, Hobhouse Trust £3000, and ADCH awarded us a grant of £4500 in April. Our fundraising activities mainly focussed on events that were organised & hosted by us, these raised £7,100. In addition we continued our association with Pets At Home VIP lifelines and Give as You live online donating.

All our expenditure has been to support the key objectives of the charity namely;

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Assisting pet owners who are facing economic difficulties, by offering food and/or help with vet fees to enable the pet to remain with the owner.

Working with other animal and human charities, local authorities and the police to safeguard animals in critical situations.

Our largest expenditure in 2023 was for vet fees, medication and food, without these elements we would not be able to continue our work.

Name of the Trustees who manage the charity:

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Claire Randall Cooke - Treasurer

Amy Parratt - Trustee

Cats in Distress
Registered Charity 1167332
Payment and Receipts Account
for the period Dec 2023

Income Received:	Gross	Expenses	Net
Donations/Adoptions	75891	0	75891
Commission Received	3357	0	3357
Events	6425	0	6425
Gift Aid	9426	0	9426
Grants	9500	0	9500
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Total Received	104599	0	104599
 Expenditure:			
Vet Fees, Meds and Microchips			45050
Cattery Consumables, Food and Assoc costs			11671
Cleaning, PPE, Clothing			719
Admin and Running Costs			9317
Cat Eqpt (Carriers etc)			161
Insurance, Rent and Utilities			3018
Mileage			2180
Buildings			27347
Events			704
Total Expenses			100166
Net Income (income less expenses)			<hr/> 4433 <hr/>
Profit for Year to Date			<hr/> 4433 <hr/>
Opening balance at Bank (1/1/23)			22413
Total Net Income			<hr/> 104599 <hr/>
Less Expenses			100166
Closing Bank @ 31/12/23			<hr/> 26846 <hr/>
Total Funds carried forward			<hr/> 26846 <hr/>

Restricted

Cats in Distress
Registered Charity 1167332
Payment and Receipts Account
for the period Dec 2023

Income Received:	Gross	Expenses	Net
Donations/Adoptions		0	0
Commission Received		0	0
Events		0	0
Gift Aid		0	0
Grants	6500	0	6500
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Total Received	6500	0	6500
 Expenditure:			
Vet Fees			9559
Cattery Consumables, Food and Assoc costs			3212
Cleaning, PPE, Clothing			
Admin and Running Costs			
Cat Eqpt (Carriers etc)			
Insurance, Rent and Utilities			
Mileage			
Buildings			
Purchases/Sundries			
Total Expenses			12771
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Net Income (income less expenses)			-6271
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Profit for Year to Date			-6271
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Opening balance at Bank (1/1/23)			6271
Total Net Income			6500
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			12771
Less Expenses			12771
Closing Bank @ 31/12/23			<hr/>
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Total Funds carried forward			0
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Unrestricted

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Donations/Adoptions	75891	0	75891
Commission Received	3357	0	3357
Events	6425	0	6425
Gift Aid	9426	0	9426
Grants	3000	0	3000
Total Received	98099	0	98099
Expenditure:			
Vet Fees, Meds and Microchips			35491
Cattery Consumables, Food and Assoc costs			8459
Cleaning, PPE, Clothing			719
Admin and Running Costs			9317
Cat Eqpt (Carriers etc)			161
Insurance, Rent and Utilities			3018
Mileage			2180
Buildings			27347
Events			704
Total Expenses			87396
Net Income (income less expenses)			<u>10703</u>
Profit for Year to Date			<u>10703</u>
Opening balance at Bank (1/1/23)			16142
Total Net Income			<u>98099</u>
			114241
Less Expenses			<u>87396</u>
Closing Bank @ 31/12/2023			<u>26846</u>
Total Funds carried forward			<u><u>26846</u></u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of Cats in Distress

On accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2023 Charity no (if any) 1167332

Set out on pages 1

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Signed: J. Usher Date: 16/8/2024

Name: JENNY USHER

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Retired Civil Servant

Address: 39 OSPREY ROAD
WARMINSTER
WILTS, BA12 8GD

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

CATS IN DISTRESS

England & Wales - Charity number 1167332

Accounts

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing document

- Constitution dated 25th May 2016

How is the charity Constituted?

- CIO

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g.

- Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting to the charity trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

As set out in the charities constitution dated 25th May 2016, our purpose is to relieve the suffering of cats in need of care and attention and, in particular to provide rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care & treatment of such cats.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

The focus of our activities remains to provide foster care for cats whilst finding them their adopted homes and to promote humane behaviour to all animals

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

In planning our activities for the year we have kept in mind the charity commissions guidance on public benefit at our trustees meetings.

Achievements and Performance

2022 has been an incredibly busy year. Kitten season started remarkably early in 2022 and we had to put out a call for additional foster parents with one of our vet practices. This saw another 5 kitten Fosterers come on board to assist us through the busy season, we thought that 2021 was busy but 2022 was our busiest year since we opened in 2016.

- 369 cats & kittens were adopted
- 27 ferals were neutered
- 16 cats were reunited with their owners
- 13 cats received medical assistance
- 8 neutering vouchers were issued

We were able to increase the number of volunteers in 2022, however, the number is still below the pre-Covid number. We increased our number of Fosterers by 18, which includes the 5 kitten Fosterers mentioned above. In 2022 we had 29 fosterers on our books.

During this time we also worked closely with Animal Rescues in Birmingham who reached out to our charity to ask for assistance in rehoming Feral Cats and Kittens.

We reached out to another local charity & a local food bank, donating pet food that had previously been donated to us, and that we would not be able to use.

The Feral and Street Cat unit was busy in 2022 and due to expansion of the site, it was decided that it would make sense for it to be set up as an Independent Charity and we decoupled from them in October of this year.

Our biggest achievement in this year, was being able to successfully rehome over 400 cats and kittens. We were also able to lay the foundations for our new Admin Office and Mother and Baby Unit.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

The Charity holds cash in the bank of £22413, which is made up of £6271 restricted funds and £16143 unrestricted funds,

Details of funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)

The main source of funding was from donations and adoptions, we also received grants from Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare trust for help towards vet fees, food and litter, and Pets at Home foundation for help towards vet fees and Food.

We were able to hold a Spring Fayre in April and a Black Cat/Halloween Fayre in October, these were well supported by the general public.

How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.

Our largest expenditure in 2022 was for vet fees, medications and food, without which we could not continue our work.

Name of the Trustees who manage the charity:

Name

Ginny Parratt – Founding Trustee

Claire Randall Cooke - Treasurer

Amy Parratt - Trustee

Cats in Distress
Registered Charity 1167332
Receipts and Payments Account
for the period Dec 2022

Income Received: Restricted	Gross	Net
Grants	14212	14212
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Total Grants Received	14212	14212
 Expenditure:		
Vet Fees, Meds and Microchips	7217	7217
Cattery Consumables, Food and Assoc costs	725	725
Total Expenses		7941
 Opening balance at Bank (1/1/22)		
		0
Total Net Income (Grants)		14212
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		14212
Less Expenses		<hr/>
		7941
Closing Bank at 31/12/22 (Restricted funds)		<hr/> <hr/> 6271
Total Restricted Funds carried forward		<hr/> <hr/> 6271

Cats in Distress
Registered Charity 1167332
Receipts and Payments Account
for the period Dec 2022

Income Received: Unrestricted	Gross	Expenses	Net
Donations/Adoptions	58931	0	58931
Commission Received	2281	0	2281
Events	3620	-325	3295
Gift Aid	8634	0	8634
Grants	8000	0	8000
Total Received	81466	-325	81140
 Expenditure:			
Vet Fees, Meds and Microchips			44599
Cattery Consumables, Food and Assoc costs			8612
Cleaning, PPE, Clothing			644
Admin and Running Costs			3857
Cat Eqpt (Carriers etc)			899
Insurance, Rent and Utilities			2324
Mileage			2634
Buildings			40641
Purchases/Sundries			0
			 104210
Net Income (income less expenses)			- 23,070
Profit for Year to Date			- 23,070
Opening balance at Bank (1/1/22)			39213
Total Net Income			81140
			120353
Less Expenses			104210
Unbanked Cash Donations			0
Unbanked Cheques			0
Accts Payable			0.00
			16143
Closing Bank at 31/12/22			16143
			16143
Total Unrestricted Funds carried forward			16143

Cats in Distress
Registered Charity 1167332
Receipts and Payments Account
for the period Dec 2022

Income Received: TOTAL	Gross	Expenses	Net
Donations/Adoptions	58931	0	58931
Commission Received	2281	0	2281
Events	3620	-325	3295
Gift Aid	8634	0	8634
Grants	22212	0	22212
Total Received	95678	-325	95352
Expenditure:			
Vet Fees, Meds and Microchips			51816
Cattery Consumables, Food and Assoc costs			9336
Cleaning, PPE, Clothing			644
Admin and Running Costs			3857
Cat Eqpt (Carriers etc)			899
Insurance, Rent and Utilities			2324
Mileage			2634
Buildings			40641
Purchases/Sundries			0
Total Expenses			112151
Net Income (income less expenses)			-16799
Profit for Year to Date			-16799
Opening balance at Bank (1/1/22)			39213
Total Net Income			95352
Gross total			134565
Less Expenses			112151
Unbanked Cash Donations			0
Unbanked Cheques			0
Accts Payable			0
Closing Bank at 31/12/22			22413
Total Funds carried forward			22413
Restricted Funds @ 31/12			6271
Unrestricted Funds @ 31/12			16143
Balance back			22413



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

CATS IN DISTRESS

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 Dec 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1167332

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets.)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 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:

J Usher

Date:

14 Jul 2023

Name:

MRS J USHER

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

NA

Address:

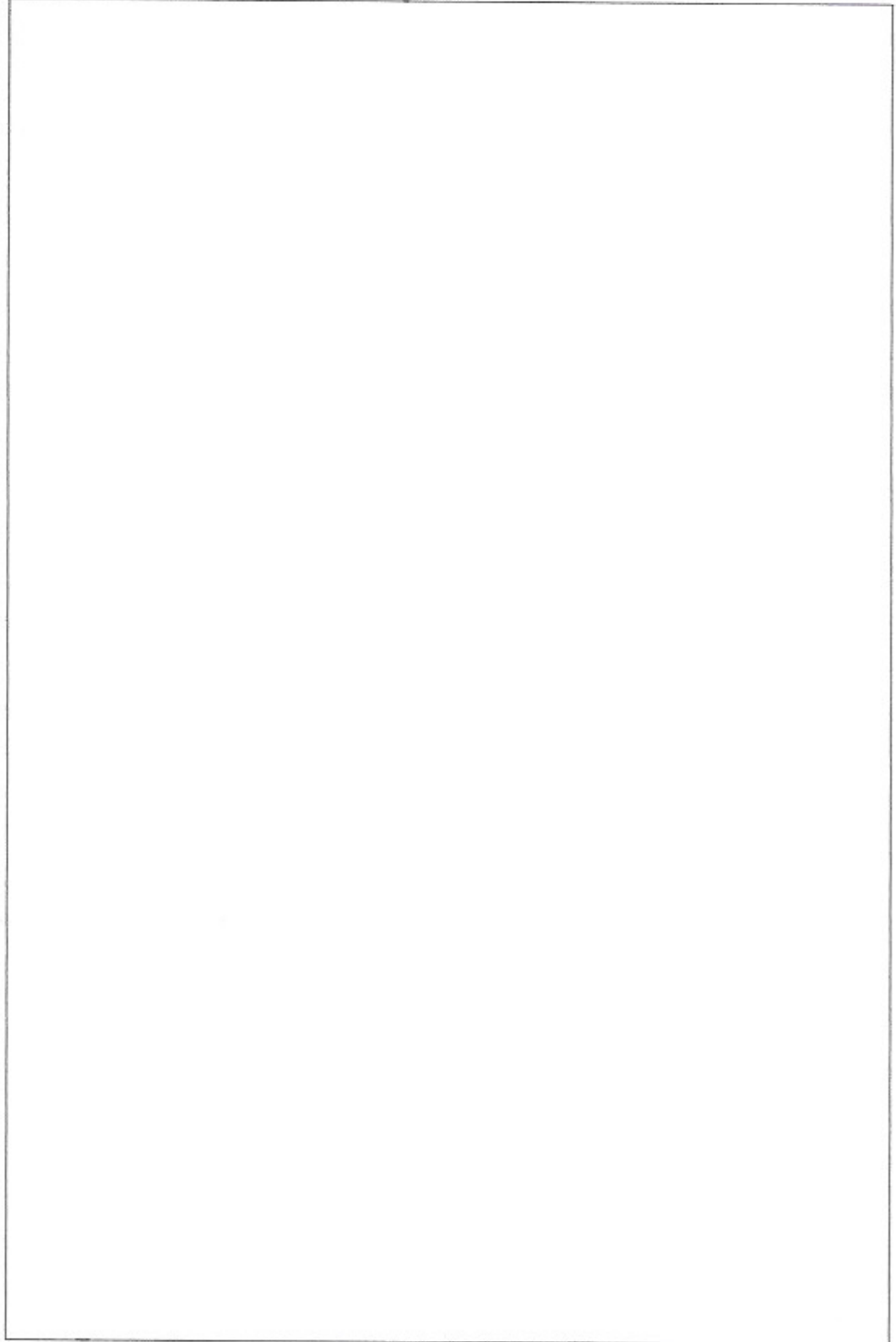
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Warminster

Wilts, BA12 8GD

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



CATS IN DISTRESS

England & Wales - Charity number 1167332

Accounts

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing document

- Constitution dated 25th May 2016

How is the charity Constituted?

- CIO

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g.

- Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting to the charity trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

As set out in the charity's constitution dated 25th May 2016, our purpose is to relieve the suffering of cats in need of care and attention and, in particular to provide rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care & treatment of such cats.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

The focus of our activities remains to provide foster care for cats whilst finding them their adopted homes and to promote humane behaviour to all animals

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

In planning our activities for the year we have kept in mind the charity commissions guidance on public benefit at our trustees meetings.

Achievements and Performance

2021 has been an incredibly difficult year. Whilst the country was experiencing a lockdown that started late December 2020 and ended July 2021, animals were still requiring help. We ensured that a small number of volunteers retained their key worker status.

This status was crucial in allowing us to help a record number of cats & kittens.

This was one of the main reasons for 2021 being our busiest year, with 316 cats & kittens receiving assistance.

- 296 cats & kittens were adopted
- 39 ferals were neutered
- 10 cats were reunited with their owners
- 10 cats received medical assistance
- 10 neutering vouchers were issued

Lockdown meant our volunteer numbers were drastically reduced, and up until July 2021 we only had 7 fosterers and 3 volunteers working at the rescue.

During this time we also worked closely with Animal Rescues in Birmingham who reached out to our charity to ask for assistance in rehoming Feral Cats and Kittens.

We reached out to another local charity & a local food bank, donating pet food that had previously been donated to us, and that we would be not able to use.

By far our biggest achievement was the opening of a new site to primarily to provide a safe environment for Street and Feral Cats. Once neutered and assessed some are able to rehabilitate and go on to live in a domestic home. Those feral cats who prefer a life away from human contact are found safe homes on farms or stables.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period
The Charity holds cash in the bank of £39213 this is unrestricted funds.

Details of funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)

Due to COVID 19 affecting the first few months of 2021, our fundraising during this period of reporting has been severely curtailed. The main source of funding was from donations and adoptions, we also received grants from Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare trust for help towards Vet Fees and also the Association of Dog & Cat Homes Emergency Covid Fund.

How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.

Our largest expenditure in 2021 was for vet fees and food, without which we could not continue our work.

We were able to hold our first event in October of 2021 which very well attended and raised over £2200.00.

Name of the Trustees who manage the charity:

Name

Ginny Parratt – Founding Trustee

Claire Randall Cooke - Treasurer

Amy Parratt - Trustee

Cats in Distress
Registered Charity 1167332
Payment and Receipts Account
FY 2021

Income Received:	Gross	Expenses	Net
Donations/Adoptions	59,130.69	-	59,130.69
Commission Received	1,735.25	-	1,735.25
Gift Aid	5,640.08	-	5,640.08
Grants	13,500.00	-	13,500.00
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Total Received	80,006.02	-	80,006.02
 Expenditure:			
Vet Fees, Meds and Microchips			40,277.17
Food, Litter and Assoc eqpt			6,617.88
Cleaning, PPE, Clothing			764.26
Gen Office Supplies incl Pubs			1,107.20
Cat Eqpt and Supplies			918.56
Insurance, Rent and Utilities			1,481.41
It and Phones			2,481.64
Mileage			2,232.46
Maintenance			10,674.36
Sundries			219.38
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Total Expenses			66,774.32
Net Income (income less expenses)			<u>13,231.70</u>
Profit for Year to Date			<u>13,231.70</u>
Opening bank balance (1/1/21)			25,981.03
Total Net Income			<u>80,006.02</u>
			105,987.05
Less Expenses			66,774.32
Cash in Hand			
Unbanked Cash Donations			
Unreconciled payments			
Unreconciled bankings			
Closing Bank at 31/12/21			<u>39,212.73</u>
Total Funds carried forward			<u>39,212.73</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Cats in Distress

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 Dec 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1167332

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2020**

**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 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.

Signed:

J. Usher

Date:

10/5/2022

Name:

Jenny Usher

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

Address:

39 Osprey Road

Warminster

BA12 8GD

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

CATS IN DISTRESS

England & Wales - Charity number 1167332

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Cats in Distress Trustees Annual Report

For the period: 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

Charity registration number: 1167332

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing document

- Constitution dated 25th May 2016

How is the charity Constituted?

- CIO

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g.

- Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting to the charity trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

As set out in the charities constitution dated 25th May 2016, our purpose is to relieve the suffering of cats in need of care and attention and, in particular to provide rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care & treatment of such cats.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

The focus of our activities remains to provide foster care for cats whilst finding them their adopted homes and to promote humane behaviour to all animals

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

In planning our activities for the year we have kept in mind the charity commissions guidance on public benefit at our trustees meetings.

Achievements and Performance

2021 has been an incredibly difficult year. Whilst the country was experiencing a number of lockdowns, animals were still requiring help. We worked quickly to establish key worker status for a small number of volunteers.

This status was crucial in allowing us to help a record number of cats & kittens.

This was one of the main reasons for 2021 being our busiest year, with 299 cats & kittens receiving assistance.

- 247 cats & kittens were adopted
- 10 ferals were neutered
- 19 cats were reunited with their owners
- 8 cats received medical assistance
- 15 neutering vouchers were issued

Lockdown meant our volunteer numbers were drastically reduced, throughout the year we had only 7 fosterers and 3 volunteers working at the rescue.

We built on an existing relationship with a local cattery, who offered their facilities to us when we had no extra capacity.

We reached out to another local charity & a local food bank, donating pet food that had previously been donated to us, and that we would be not able to use.

By far our biggest achievement was the construction of an additional 5 pens, incorporating a much needed isolation pen. This has doubled the number of pens allowing us to admit more cats.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

The Charity holds cash in the bank of £25981 this is unrestricted funds.

Details of funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)

Due to COVID 19 our fundraising during this period of reporting has been severely curtailed. The main source of funding was from donations and adoptions, we also received grants from Support Adoption for Pets towards the construction of our new pens and the Association of Dog & Cat Homes Emergency Covid Fund.

How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity?

Our biggest area of expenditure this reporting year was in relation to the construction of 5 new pens and a food and litter store, this was partially funded by a grant from Support Adoption for Pets, this will significantly increase the number of cats we can admit. Our second largest expenditure was for vet fees and food, without which we could not continue our work

Name of the Trustees who manage the charity:

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted (If not for a whole year)
Ginny Parratt	Founding trustee	NA
Claire Randall Cooke	Treasurer	NA
Amy Parratt		NA

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full Name	Ginny Parratt
Signature	<i>Ginny Parratt</i>
Position held	Trustee
Date	03 rd August 2021

Registered Charity 1167332
Payment and Receipts Account
for the period ended 31 Dec
2020

Income Received:	Gross	Net
Donations/Adoptions	45811	45811
Commission received	1869	1869
Gift Aid	4252	4252
Grants	38000	38000
Total Received	89932	89932
Expenditure:		
Vet Fees		29810
Litter, Furniture & Bedding/Covers		2509
Food, Medicines & Microchips		6846
Cleaning Materials and Storage		403
Clothing/PPE		159
Office Supplies, Marketing, Postage		658
Carriers, Crates and Traps		423
Sundry Expenses		4
Insurance		490
Tech Support/IT costs		1704
Training		180
Building Work		16298
Cat Pens		33330
Motor Expenses		582
Total Expenses		93397
Net Income		-3466
Profit for Year to Date		-3466
Opening balance at Bank		29615
Total Net Income		89932
		119547
Less Expenses		-93397
Less Cash in Hand		-168
Unreconciled payments		0
Unreconciled bankings		0
Closing Bank at 31 Dec 2020		25981
Total Funds carried forward		25981



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Cats in Distress

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 Dec 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1167332

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Signed:

J. Usher

Date:

29/4/2021

Name:

Jenny Usher

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

Address:

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Section B

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