

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

Total Received	80,006.02	-	80,006.02
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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

Total Expenses	66,774.32
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Net Income (income less expenses)	<u>13,231.70</u>
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Profit for Year to Date	<u>13,231.70</u>
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Opening bank balance (1/1/21)	25,981.03
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Total Net Income	<u>80,006.02</u>
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105,987.05

Less Expenses	66,774.32
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Cash in Hand

Unbanked Cash Donations

Unreconciled payments

Unreconciled bankings

Closing Bank at 31/12/21	<u>39,212.73</u>
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Total Funds carried forward	<u>39,212.73</u>
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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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

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 **31/12/2020**

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):

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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).