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Trustee report for Rosina Animal Centre January 20 - December 21

Rosina Animal Centre (CIO) aims to rescue, treat, rehabilitate and rehome animals into permanent homes that have been abandoned, neglected or unwanted. We relieve animals of suffering by any means including the elderly or disabled and non rehoming animals who reside at the rescue until the end of their life.

By teaching basic animal welfare we try to give the public the means to aid animals that need help in order to minimise suffering and cruelty that still exists. We encourage the public to be hands on and to be able to build a network of support to prevent animals falling into situations that they cannot recover from. We team up with other small charities in order to ease pressure on the smaller rescues like ourselves and this helps distribute the financial burdens, transport costs and care of the animals. It also means that each rescue is called for the care of their local animals rather than having the animals to travel to the rescues which causes distress.

We rehabilitate, treat and rehome into permanent homes, the ones that are not suited to be rehomed or require ongoing medical care will reside at the rescue until the end of their lives.

To encourage the public to learn about animal care and raise awareness by offering fostering or volunteering opportunities.

By taking part in community run fundraising and social events, online networking to raise awareness is proving essential.

Achievements\Performance

This year we repaired most animal housing, set up heating mats, put up more sheds for poultry , created a Tortoise area and took on some land in order to raise funds for the rescue for future years rather than solely relying on donations, the local community helped greatly by raising community funds for specific projects, our Vets and small stores are helping to supply the rescue with most of the feed and supplies that are needed.

The land we took on is generating a small income which is used mainly for the rescues needs but a small portion is set aside to maintain the land, reactive Dogs are allowed to use the land in return for a fee, they are also allowed to train and rescue Dogs can learn in safety, we also allow small scale camping, foraging events and small gatherings which is popular with naturalists.

The online platforms have greatly exceeded our expectations in meeting up with other charities, fosterers and volunteers. Businesses are also becoming aware that helping charities can become a part of their business and their employees are eager to help where they can knowing the funds or volunteering is again local or community based with larger businesses setting up donations throughout the year or sending a large donation at the end of the year.

Next year is considered to bring more funding as businesses want to partner up and help out with more regular donations and we can focus more on the enclosures being properly set up for the animals coming in now they are in good condition to provide comfort whilst they are in our care.

The reserves are for emergencies or unexpected issues to arise have not been needed this year which is a great relief but they will be increased as the animals we are taking in need extra medical care and with the more unusual licensed animals that need long term care tend to have higher medical costs such as elderly Dogs and Cats and the Terrapin enclosures and safety measures we have set up a new income revenue through the land based business which is doing well.

Financial review

Finances this year seem to be going well with ongoing support from donors, support from local shops and businesses and extra income streams, we also have few repairs as they have been allocated funds and repairs have been completed, apart from the Horse fencing we have few out goings this year so can focus on the land based business and the domestic rehoming.

Our Trustees are not restricted to accessing funds as long as its to aid the recovery of the animals in our care, the only restricted funds are for the reserve but the funds are never depleted to this extent and will be increased next year. The income is mostly donations raised online and sales of items at events, expenditure is mainly feed, vets and maintenance of the rescue but our fundraising activities are covering these adequately.

We thought this year would be difficult with the pandemic continuing but the support was amazing so we are looking forward to different projects next year that will take us in a new direction into conservation and protected species so the funding aspect will become very important as conservation costs a lot but does not always raise funds so again other revenues will need to be developed to sustain us into future years.

Governance

Our Trustees are the same and we do not feel this will change as our relationships are very good, each has their role and at regular meetings enjoy discussing new projects and allocating funds in order to achieve the goals, Nicole in particular has a lot of contacts with local Vets that send potential homes to us and manages to get the Vets to hold fundraising events.

We had talks with people about becoming a volunteer and to eventually become a trustee but they lack the time and consistency needed to take on these responsibilities. The Trustees will all have input in a new Trustee ever being considered, the Trustees have all confirmed to adhere to the public benefit set out by the commission guidance when carrying out their duties.

Vicki Palmer

Rosina Animal Centre