

Silk Cat Rescue

Report for the Year Ending 31st December 2020



1. Introduction

Silk Cat Rescue registered as a CIO (charitable incorporated organisation) with the Charity Commission. Our registration number (England and Wales) is 1180331 which became effective 16th October 2018.

This report covers the 12 month period ending 31st December 2020.

2. Trustees

The trustees of the charity, all voluntary, are:

Mrs Irene North – Chair
Mrs Katie Mazzieri
Mrs Sonja Coiffait
Mr Michael North

3. Objectives

Silk Cat Rescue is a self-funded, volunteer only, charity based in Bollington, near Macclesfield, Cheshire. The charity helps find new homes in and around the local area for cats and kittens who are either stray or unwanted.

4. Report on Activities

Review period 01/01/2020 – 31/12/2020	Cats/kittens	Previous year
In care at the start of the period	6	Nil
Accepted into care during the period	35	13
Homed in the period	39	7
In care at the end of the period	2	6

5. Financial Summary

	2020	2019
<i>Reserves at start of period</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Current account	3,499	Nil
PayPal account / petty cash	703	Nil
Starting reserves	4,202	Nil
<i>Income</i>		
Donations (including adoption fees)	4,455	1,544
Fund raising	5,783	4,707
Other	128	-
Total Income	10,366	6,251
<i>Expenditure</i>		
Veterinary costs	4,739	1,725
Administration	16	105
Fundraising costs	-	228
Total Expenditure	4,755	2,028
<i>Reserves at end of period</i>		
Current Account	8,664	3,499
PayPal account / petty cash	1,149	703
Ending reserves	9,813	4,202

6. Chairman's Report

Last year, our priority was to raise funds and get the charity on to a stable financial footing so we could start to help as many kittens and cats as possible. This year, no sooner than we had got started, Covid happened and the country went into lockdown! Some of the cat rescue charities, even the bigger ones, stopped helping cats and kittens but we did our best to keep going whilst keeping within the rules and regulations.

It was difficult; volunteers were not allowed on site, fundraising in the form of pub quizzes and artisan markets died and homing became virtual following new covid-secure procedures agree with DEFRA. Thank goodness for the internet and smart 'phones which both allowed adopters to view potential companions remotely as well as giving us the opportunity to complete home-visits whilst sat miles away.

We adapted; fundraising moved online as did a lot of our routine paperwork and contents of our adoption information packs. Committee meetings were replaced, on the whole, taking advantage of instant messaging and email.

My sincere thanks go to all the Trustees for their continued hard work and dedication behind the scenes in what has been the most unusual year.

Let's hope we can continue to build the charity and the work it does in the coming year when hopefully Covid will be less of an impediment.