

L.I.C.K. End of the year report for the year end 31/01/2024:

TRUSTEES REPORT

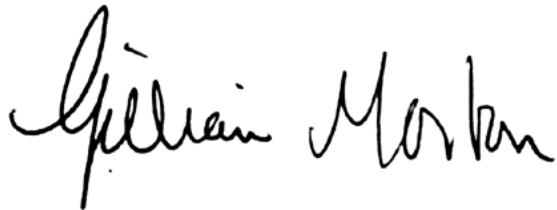
The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31/01/2024.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the charity in the year under review was to rescue stray and abandoned cats as well as surrendered pets and after placing them in foster homes and giving them veterinary care and behaviour assessment, to find them permanent caring homes.

Structure, governance and management

Besides the unpaid trustees, the charity had 36 unpaid volunteers and 173 unpaid fosterers. Policy is set by the trustees who oversee all activities of the charity. The report was prepared in accordance with the special provisions within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 02/11/2024.

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Gillian Morton
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
for the year ended 31/01/2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of London Inner City Kitties

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31/01/2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners statement

In connect with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the account to be reached.

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Selina Rashid ACCA, 31/10/2024

Our Values / Mission

We are a small, cat rescue charity run entirely by a team of unpaid volunteers. Our vision is that every homeless city kitty, regardless of age or health, is given a second chance of a safe and fulfilling life. We are a no-kill charity that provides medical treatment to kitties in need.

Our aims:

L.I.C.K.'s goal is for every cat to have a happy and healthy life. Our focus is on East and Northeast London although we often help members of the public, vets, Councils and the NHS in all parts of London. One of our key goals is to rescue vulnerable cats in dire conditions; most of the cats and kittens we take in were abandoned on London streets, dumped on doorsteps or outside vet practices and pet shops or left to die in boxes or bags at rubbish collection places.

We also commit to taking in cats from distressed pet owners who are going into hospital or a care home or are too ill or disabled to look after their beloved pet, where resources allow us to do so.

Our more long-term aim is to raise cat welfare standards in the community. We disseminate information on cat wellbeing via blog posts, social media and in-person events, as well as when concerned members of the public reach out to us. A key element of our educational outreach focuses on the importance of neutering both male and female cats.

Our story

In 2018 several cat lovers with many years' rescue experience and a shared vision for London cats were concerned that central London had no representative branches of the major cat charities despite a huge population of needy cats. Determined to help, these cat lovers formed L.I.C.K. as a no-kill volunteer-only charity to rescue as many cats and kittens as they could, especially those whose medical needs had been neglected by the owners that abandoned them.

Community

We continue to be impacted by the financial struggle and the difficulty of finding homes that accept pets with more people leaving their cats behind or not able to afford vet bills. We expect the demand for our services to continue to increase. Throughout 2023 we have seen a steady stream of requests for help from members of the public, veterinary practices, other charities and local authorities.

During 2023 we were able to organise a few in-person events. We collaborated in tea workshops at Bird & Blend Borough Store where we met with supporters of L.I.C.K. In December we participated at a couple of winter markets across London. These were great

opportunities to raise awareness about the work we do and meet new foster carers and adopters. All proceeds from these events went towards vet bills of cats that needed our help.

It is worth noting that we have a wonderful online community through our social media channels. These are kind and caring people who engage with our posts and messages, offering help and donations, as well as spreading awareness through their own communities.

Grants

Added to the challenges of rising costs is the difficulty in securing adequate funding. Although we continue to benefit from the generosity of the public, the cost of living crisis has impacted income from this source. Worse than the reduction in public donations is the situation regarding grants from charitable funding institutions. These have become incredibly difficult to win. Organisations offering grants are overwhelmed with applications and have tightened their criteria for eligibility. Only one grant was awarded to LICK in 2023-24.

Spend Policy

100% of donations go towards medical expenses, specialty medical food, medicine and on a few occasions is used for food, litter and supplies. You can find a breakdown of our expenditure on the financial review.

Our impact in numbers

- **Cats helped**
 - **LICK 256 + Cats Better 46**
 - **TOTAL = 302**
- **Cats rehomed**
 - **TOTAL = LICK 215 + Cats Better 32 adopted total: 247**

Volunteers and fosterers

L.I.C.K. is able to help needy cats and kittens because of the dedication of our excellent unpaid volunteers and fosterers. All of them have a job or business but generously contribute their personal time and resources to the charity, covering every aspect of the charity's work.

In the “back room” volunteers work on Accounting, Administration, Fundraising, Grants, Legal Matters, Partnerships and Social Media.

The Intake Team deals with rescuers who find abandoned cats on the street or in their gardens and owners who want to give up their pets or are too old or ill to care for them.

The Fostering Team finds fosterers and advises them about the care of their furry lodgers. When a fosterer goes on holiday, team members arrange for the foster cat to be moved to another fosterer for the duration of the trip. This aspect is especially hectic at Christmas and during the summer months.

Fosterers look after their cats 24/7. They must supply a litter tray, something for the cat to scratch and food and litter for the whole time the cat is with them. They generously also buy treats and toys and play with the cats to give them confidence. Fosterers work wonders with scared and shy cats to turn them into happy affectionate pets ready for a forever home.

The Adoptions Team goes into action when fosterers inform them their foster cat is ready for adoption. The cat is promoted, applications are taken in and assessed and interviews are held. There are strict requirements for adopters.

Two Driving Teams have different roles. Foster Drivers take cats to fosterers and move them back and forth to the vet. Delivery Drivers take adopted cats from fosterers to their forever homes and settle them in. Both teams pick up food and other goods that are generously donated to the charity.

Testimonials

Janine T

As the Driver Manager for our cat charity, I am incredibly proud of the work we’ve accomplished this year. Managing the transport operations has been both challenging and rewarding, and I am fortunate to lead a dedicated team of volunteer drivers who share my passion for rescuing and rehoming cats in need.

Over the past year, I have coordinated countless trips, ensuring that our cats are safely transported from dangerous or vulnerable situations to foster homes, veterinary appointments, and eventually to their forever homes. I’ve seen firsthand how critical our role is in giving these cats a second chance at life, and it’s been a privilege to be part of that journey.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my role has been working closely with our team of drivers. I make it a priority to ensure they feel supported, valued, and prepared for their tasks, whether it's rescuing a stray or delivering much-needed supplies. This year, we've built a strong, reliable team that I am truly proud of. Their commitment and willingness to go the extra mile have made all the difference in the efficiency of our operations.

Although there have been times when I've had to step in for emergency transports myself, I do it knowing that every cat's life is worth the effort. The joy of seeing a frightened, abandoned cat transform into a beloved family pet is what keeps me motivated every day.

Looking ahead, I am excited to continue supporting our charity's mission and helping more cats find the safety and love they deserve. Together, we've made a real impact, and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve in the coming year.

Rose

Volunteering with London Inner City Kitties has been a wonderful opportunity to work alongside like-minded people who are passionate about the charity and our goals. Everyone is committed to finding safe, loving homes for the wonderful cats who come into our care, and we are all united in our passion for animal welfare. Even though we are a small charity, every one of the volunteers will do their utmost to help a cat in need. Getting involved as a volunteer is incredibly rewarding, particularly seeing how the kitties thrive in their new homes and knowing I've been part of that process!

Ambassador Program

The London Inner City Kitty Ambassador Program is an extended part of the charity, established in 2021. This small team consists of volunteers passionate about cats who have sometimes fostered and/or adopted cats through L.I.C.K. in the past, and wanted to do more to help rehome and nurture cats in need.

L.I.C.K Ambassadors are the faces of our charity within their communities across the greater London area. They support us by raising awareness about animal welfare and fundraising on our behalf both online via social media channels and in person at events.

The team has created informational L.I.C.K. flyers/posters that have been distributed across the city and displayed in local establishments to spread awareness about the charity and explain how to get involved.



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Cat stories

Imelda



Imelda's owner let her roam outside unneutered and was surprised and annoyed when she produced a litter of kittens. The owner wanted to throw them out onto the street but we stepped in and found a caring fosterer to look after them. Docile and gentle Imelda was an attentive mother but took every opportunity to cuddle with her human carers. After the kittens were adopted Imelda was neutered and moved to a loving forever home where she enjoyed ruling the roost and letting her human servants give her lots of treats.

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Cora



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Cora was very upset by the cruel way she was treated. She was dumped in a quiet street and took up residence in a nearby back garden where the kind resident fed her daily. The resident would have adopted Cora but the cat wouldn't let the resident come near her. As the cold weather approached the resident wanted to help Cora and called us. We had to trap the unfriendly cat and at the fosterer's home Cora hid most of the time. The patient fosterer gradually gained her confidence and she started making chirping sounds when her fosterer talked to her. After 20 months of care, Cora loved strokes and cuddles and was eager to show affection to her forever family.

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Jeremy

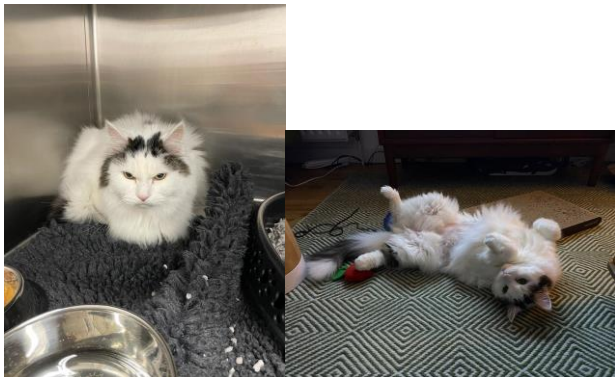


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Jeremy had been cruelly put into a skip. He was frightened, confused and infested with fleas. When he arrived at his fosterer he seemed relieved to be indoors but he was suffering from skin and digestive issues. These were improved by vet attention but harder to overcome was his fear of being touched by humans. The fosterer tried hard for six months but the sight of a hand coming near him sent Jeremy scurrying under the sofa. An adopter wanted to help him and patiently worked with Jeremy who gradually learned the pleasure of a petting hand and started demanding pets and cuddles every day.

Mucci

Mucci was taken to a vet by his owners to be put to sleep because of his age and health problems. We took him in and sent him straight to the hospital where his health issues were resolved. However, he absolutely refused to eat and a feeding tube had to be put in his neck. Our vet nurse trustee fostered him, feeding him through the tube while gradually introducing eating. After a few days eating became interesting. The feeding tube was removed and Mucci put on a lot of weight. After blood tests, xrays and ultrasounds, no further health issues were



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evident. He blossomed into a friendly chatty boy who played like a kitten, not the 13 year old he was. Adopted into a loving family he quickly became king of the house.

Bobbi



Bobbi was found in the street just skin and bones and anaemic from a heavy flea infestation. He quickly put on weight with his fosterer but although he jumped on the sofa and ran up the stairs, the fosterer noticed his walk was a bit wobbly. Xrays revealed a metal rod in one back leg from an orthopedic operation. He also had arthritis in both back legs, probably from the injury that required the metal rod. A monthly dose of medicine eased his arthritis and gastrointestinal food sorted out the digestive issues that resulted from his street life. Adopted despite his medical issues Bobbi is pampered every day

Luca & Lester



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Luca and Lester were found in a rubbish bin, in a bad state. They were malnourished and starving and had serious tummy problems. After a few weeks being taken care of, they slowly recovered and became the loveliest funny pair, always taking care of each other. They found a lovely forever home together where they can grow up together, exploring sock drawers and chasing each other during the night.

Luca and Lester were found in a large metal rubbish bin, the type that rubbish lorries lift mechanically to dump the contents into the back. If a passerby hadn't heard their cries they would have been killed. Both boys were skinny and had serious digestive problems but after a few weeks of foster care they gradually improved and played endlessly, always taking care of each other. Once they appeared online, they were quickly adopted by a loving forever home where they can grow up together exploring sock drawers and chasing each other during the night.

Financial Review

Financial summary

Income

Donation	£	57,156.87
Adoption donation	£	2,770.00
Fundraising events	£	-
Grant	£	10,000.00
VAT Repayments	£	17,974.33

Total **£ 87,901.20**

Expenditure

Veterinary fees & Medicine	£	111,094.55
Litter, Food & Equipment	£	799.40
Administrative Charges	£	1,297.84

Total **£ 113,191.79**

Statement of financial activities at 31 January 2024

Income	£	£	£
Income from generated funds	-	-	-
Donations and legacies	87,901.20	-	87,901.20
Total Income and endowments	87,901.20	-	87,901.20
Expenses	£	£	£
Cost of generating funds	-	-	-
Expenditure on Charitable activities	113,191.79	-	113,191.79
Total Expenses	113,191.79	-	113,191.79
Net gains on investments	-	-	-
Net Income	- 25,290.59	- -	25,290.59
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets			
Net movement in funds			
Net income for the year	- 25,290.59	- -	25,290.59
Funds at the start of the year	54,487.39		54,487.39
Funds at the end of the year	29,196.80		29,196.80

Balance sheet at 31 January 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand	29,196.80	-	29,196.80
NET CURRENT ASSETS	29,196.80	-	29,196.80
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	29,196.80	-	29,196.80
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	29,196.80	-	29,196.80
	29,196.80	-	29,196.80

Notes to the Financial Statements at 31 January 2024

Note 1: Accounting policies

1a. Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 – The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

1b. Change in Accounting Policy

In preparing the financial statements for the current year, the company has adopted the

following Financial Reporting Standards:
Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller
Entities (effective January 2015).

The adoption of new accounting standards
has not resulted in any adjustments to the
results of the company in either this year or
the previous year.

1c. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included on
the Statement of Financial Activities when
the charity is legally entitled to the income
and the amount can be quantified with
reasonable accuracy.

1d. Resources Expended

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.

1e. Allocation and Apportionment of Costs

All costs relate to the single activity
of the charitable company and are
recognised accordingly.

1f. 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. Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for the specific future purposes or projects.

Note 2					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total		
Creditors:	£	£	£		
Amounts falling due within one year	-	-	-		
Note 3					
	Brought Forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	54,487.39	87,901.20	- 113,191.79	-	29,196.80
	54,487.39	87,901.20	- 113,191.79	-	29,196.80
Note 4					
	Brought Forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-

Incoming resources at 31 January 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Incoming Resources	87,901.20	-	87,901.20
Incoming Resources from generated funds	-	-	-

Expenses at 31 January 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Expenses			
Costs of generating funds	-	-	-
Governance Costs	-	-	-
Other direct expenses	113,191.79	-	113,191.79
	113,191.79	-	113,191.79

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