

**L.I.C.K. End of the year report for the year end 31/01/2025:**

**TRUSTEES REPORT**

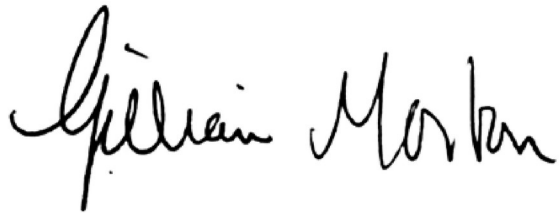
The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31/01/2025

**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 40 unpaid volunteers and 198 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 02/11/2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Gillian Morton'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'G'.

Gillian Morton  
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**  
for the year ended 31/01/2025

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

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31/01/25

### **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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SRashid', is positioned to the left of the printed name.

**Selina Rashid ACCA, 31/10/2025**

## **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 **cats** 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.

Where resources allow, we also aim to take 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.

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 difficulties in society. Increasing numbers of pet owners feel unable to pay sky-high vet bills for treatment or neutering. Their unacceptable solution is to abandon their cats. Pregnant females or mothers with new-born kittens are left in streets and gardens, outside vets and pet stores and at rubbish collection sites. In addition, old and sick cats are taken a distance from their homes and dumped on the street. We expect the demand for our services to continue to increase. Throughout 2024 emails and texts have come in daily from members of the public, veterinary practices, other charities and local authorities asking us to take in cats and kittens.

The positive side of our community interaction is dealing with the kind and caring people we meet through our social media channels. These cat devotees engage with our posts and messages, offering help and donations, as well as spreading awareness of feline issues 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.

### **Spend Policy**

100% of the money donated pays for veterinary costs including a small amount for the daily care of injured cats and those undergoing medical treatment.

### **Our impact in numbers**

- **Cats helped**
  - **LICK 255 + Cats Better 36**
  - **TOTAL = 291**
- **Cats rehomed**
  - **TOTAL = LICK 205 + Cats Better 28 adopted total: 233**

### **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 Accounts, Administration, Fundraising, Grants, Legal Matters, Partnerships and Social Media.

The **INTAKE TEAM** deals with rescuers who find abandoned cats on the street or in 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

### Sam (adoptions team)

*I joined the adoptions team as a volunteer at the end of 2024 and in January 2025 I completed my first LICK adoption when Alfie East moved into his forever home. Since then, I have been involved in 124 cats finding their forever homes which to me is the most incredible achievement. The role of Adoptions Officer is very exciting, I will screen applications, interview potential applicants and match them with cats. If all goes well I will help arrange all the details of the adoption ensuring that the home is safe, that the adopters will provide excellent insurance and vet care and liaising with the transport team about ultimately delivering the cat to their new home. It is a wonderful opportunity for me to spend time in such an exciting and rewarding role. The team is excellent and I have loved making*

*new friends through working at LICK. My role allows me the immense privilege of helping people adopt their cat and helping cats into wonderful, safe forever homes. I feel lucky to be part of a team of like-minded folk who are all as passionate about cats as I am.*

### **Peter (delivery drivers team)**

*I've been a driver for more than two years now and this year has been incredibly satisfying. I have helped rehome 31 cats so far this year over a total of 19 trips and I have also helped rescue six cats over the course of four rescues. Being able to be the Cat Man is always a lot of fun and it's great to see cats get their new homes and to get updates about how they are doing. It means a lot to know that everyone involved with LICK loves cats and wants to help them find their happy forever homes.*

### **Cat stories**

#### **ALFIE**



1.  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gzADTd\\_ZtrGgcwEeb4S\\_B1sF\\_iXJdX2q/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gzADTd_ZtrGgcwEeb4S_B1sF_iXJdX2q/view?usp=drive_link)

ALFIE lived with his elderly owner in an east London sheltered housing flat. He was loved by his owner who showed her affection by giving him lots of treats and large bowls of food. Alfie grew so fat that he could barely walk and often couldn't get to the litter tray in time. His owner's severe arthritis meant it was difficult and painful for her to clean up his mess. She asked L.I.C.K. to take on her "naughty" cat. Alfie was put on a strict diet. After two months, fat Alfie was a beautiful slender boy who could run and play and always made it to the litter tray in time. He very soon found a loving home.

2.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pIMgoo0Vf2p5TgMvFhLW8LpXr12d8rtO/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pIMgoo0Vf2p5TgMvFhLW8LpXr12d8rtO/view?usp=drive_link)

### HOWARD & LEONARD



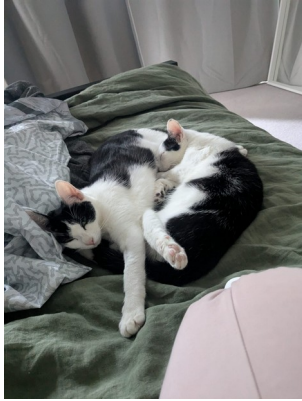
1.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O4j8xuacmYyutWJ30WYJX81225e7dC0R/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O4j8xuacmYyutWJ30WYJX81225e7dC0R/view?usp=drive_link)

HOWARD and LEONARD were saved from a life on the streets by another rescue charity who classified them as feral because of their wild origin and not because of their behaviour. Unlike many street kittens they were friendly when people fed them but the charity's feral classification meant they were never rehomed. One fateful day the charity tested them for FIV/FELV although they were too young to give an accurate result. The test produced a positive result. The charity's policy was to put to sleep cats that are both feral and FIV positive. The boys were doomed but one charity worker couldn't let it happen. She smuggled out the kittens and brought them to L.I.C.K. where they were feral no more, but friendly with their loving fosterer. At six months they were tested for FIV again to get an accurate result. They were both negative and moved on quickly to caring adopters.



### FRANCES & FRANCESCA



1.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/14LubPyuKUcA\\_K7Yno-Ft5O6BM3LxH\\_zi/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/14LubPyuKUcA_K7Yno-Ft5O6BM3LxH_zi/view?usp=drive_link)

FRANCES and FRANCESCA were heard of first in a phone call. It was a cold Saturday night in November when a pedestrian in Hackney heard distressed cries coming from a cardboard box in nearby bushes. She fished out the box. The cries were louder. Once inside her flat she opened the box and saw two kittens, white with black patches. She had no experience with cats and asked a neighbour what to do. He rang L.I.C.K. and we rushed out to pick up the terrified kittens. Both had eye infections but after weeks of eye drops and foster care the girls found a loving forever home.

### PEAS



PEAS was living near a station in Bermondsey with Beans, a young kitten. Passersby would frequently leave cat food for them on the street. When a nearby resident heard about them, he left food every day to gain their trust and soon managed to get them into carriers and then call L.I.C.K. Once in a warm, safe place the cats made it plain they didn't like each other and L.I.C.K. found them separate foster homes. At his vet check, Peas' extraordinary anatomy was revealed. All his organs, such as the liver and kidneys, normally found in a cat's abdomen, had moved up into his chest. His abdomen was empty except for his colon. This special boy needed extra care with anaesthetic and his crowded lungs during a dental operation. Peas' endearing personality won the love of his fosterer who gave him a permanent home.

1.  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zweWagxQvbX3Rqfl4A78AwM65U0ImiTB/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zweWagxQvbX3Rqfl4A78AwM65U0ImiTB/view?usp=drive_link)

2.  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TFytF4y4\\_imcG--tHOSTdH-la8DZnd6h/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TFytF4y4_imcG--tHOSTdH-la8DZnd6h/view?usp=drive_link)

## FLO



1. [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-yrR4oFGMVtSGjwKdBfMqh0JnYv8yOPB/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-yrR4oFGMVtSGjwKdBfMqh0JnYv8yOPB/view?usp=drive_link)

2.  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bR7AkqivzCO8BOjCWwJqxr3K9CNKAR0I/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bR7AkqivzCO8BOjCWwJqxr3K9CNKAR0I/view?usp=drive_link)

FLO had been seen in the west London neighbourhood since he was a kitten. One resident had left food for him every day but he was frightened of people and would run away if she got close. He often had small wounds from fighting. His feeder tried to get him inside so that she could examine his injuries but she couldn't get close to him. One day she saw blood on his tail. It looked bent and he dragged it on the ground. After several attempts to catch him, his feeder called L.I.C.K. and we set up a trap. Always eager for food, he went straight into the trap and we took him to our vet. His tail was badly damaged and had to be amputated. During his recovery with a fosterer, Flo decided to like people and came to his fosterer for cuddles whenever she sat down. He went up for adoption without a tail but his sweet face and loving personality quickly attracted caring adopters and he very quickly found his forever family.

## Financial Review

### Financial summary

#### *Income*

Donation	£ 101,158.94
Adoption donation	£ 1,020.00
Fundraising events	£ -
Grant	£ 14,000.00
VAT Repayments	£ 16,554.03

**Total**                      **£ 132,732.97**

#### *Expenditure*

Veterinary fees & Medicine	£ 101,912.21
Litter, Food & Equipment	£ 9,157.29
Administrative Charges	£ 2,116.92

**Total**                                      **£ 113,186.42**

Statement of financial activities at 31 January 2025

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income from generated funds	-	-	-
Donations and legacies	132,732.97	-	132,732.97
<b>Total Income and endowments</b>	<b>132,732.97</b>	-	132,732.97
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cost of generating funds	-		-
Expenditure on Charitable activities	113,186.42		113,186.42
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>113,186.42</b>	-	113,186.42
Net gains on investments	-	-	-
<b>Net Income/expenditure</b>	<b>19,546.55</b>	-	<b>19,546.55</b>
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets			
Net movement in funds			
Net income for the year	19,546.55	-	19,546.55
Funds at the start of the year	21,570.56		21,570.56
<b>Funds at the end of the year</b>	<b>41,117.11</b>		<b>41,117.11</b>

**Balance sheet at 31 January 2025**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
Cash at bank and in hand	£ 41,117.11
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	£ 41,117.11
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	£ 41,117.11
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	£ 132,732.97
General fund	£ 132,732.97
Difference on accounts	£ 19,546.55

## Notes to the Financial Statements at 31 January 2025

### 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.

<b>Note 2</b>					
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total</b>		
Creditors:	£	£	£		
Amounts falling due within one year	-	-	-		
<b>Note 3</b>					
	<b>Brought Forward</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Outgoing resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	21,570.56	132,732.97	- 113,186.42	-	41,117.11
	21,570.56	132,732.97	- 113,186.42	-	41,117.11
<b>Note 4</b>					
	<b>Brought Forward</b>	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Outgoing resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Carried Forward</b>
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-

**Incoming resources at 31 January 2025**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>	132,732.97	-	132,732.97
<b>Incoming Resources from generated funds</b>			

### Expenses at 31 January 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Expenses</b>			
Cost of generating funds	-	-	-
Governance costs	-	-	-
Other direct expenses	113,186.42	-	113,186.42



**Contact Details**

- Email: [londoninnercitykitties@gmail.com](mailto:londoninnercitykitties@gmail.com)
- Website: <https://www.london-inner-city-kitties.org>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/londoninnercitykitties>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LondonInnerCityKitties>

**Administrative details**

Trustees:

Gillian Kay Morton

Janice Elaine Godfrey

Julia O'Hanlon

Charity number:

1181426