



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/04/2021** Period start date To **31/03/2022** Period end date

Charity name: **Cat's Guidance**

Charity registration number: **1185873**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the CIO are: 1) For the public benefit to promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals. 2) The relief of poverty by providing support to persons who are unable to meet the costs of veterinary care for their animals due to economic disadvantage.

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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Main activities: Neutering and general welfare advice – advice and financial support to owners. Will benefit people of Wigan and Bolton by supporting them to care for their cats and reduce requests for re-homing Trap, neuter, return programmes – of feral cats/kittens. Will benefit public of Wigan and Bolton by managing stray population Advice and support to cat owners or those concerned about a cat’s welfare. Will benefit all in Wigan and Bolton who wish to support cats in distress Working alongside similar organisations to maximise resources and benefit cats. Will benefit the people of Wigan and Bolton by providing maximum resource to support them and their cats Support owners with veterinary care where appropriate. Will Support target population with financial input where the situation requires it and the cat will suffer without such intervention
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The charity does not provide grants

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity is solely reliant on the contribution of volunteers to carry out its objectives
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Statistics Cat's Guidance has assisted 209 cats in the rehoming period. Foster space was reduced as the cattery offering us temporary space whilst closed during COVID, re-opened and returned to usual business. A breakdown of the cats we have helped is as follows: 154 rescued and re-homed 32 new into foster and remaining in at time of report 1 remained in long term foster due to a terminal illness 7 rescued and re-united 6 RIP. As ever, we have been unable to save all cats and kittens entering our care. Losses this year include Lucy, a young girl who was found on a doorstep in a cardboard box. She was found to be suffering from FIP in advanced stages and was not responding to treatment - we therefore had to make the difficult decision to euthanise. We also lost a kitten who was stillborn to one of our feral mums, took in a cat from our vets following an RTA who was sadly unable to survive his injuries and rescued an elderly cat who was diagnosed with advance cancer and was allowed to pass peacefully under anaesthetic. Several traps loaned to owners to recapture lost pets 1 home to home adoption – as a rescue we have decided not to support home to home adoptions going forward. This is due to being unable to ascertain the cats true nature and behaviour and adequately match them to a new owner. We have made the decision that all cats must come into foster for assessment and a full medical check with our vets prior to adoption 11 of our re-homed cats trapped, neutered, chipped and rehomed as feral cats only where there are regular feeders and adequate shelter

	6 owners were supported with reduced vets fees Several cats with ongoing medical needs continue to be supported following their adoption until their issue is resolved/for the lifetime of the cat 2 cats were transferred to a sanctuary to maximise their chance of re-homing following little interest locally During this season, we homed 26 cats who remained in foster with us from the previous season. Challenges and successes <u>Hoarding and Ringworm</u> As a rescue we experienced a challenging case of a hoarding/breeding situation and a subsequent case of ringworm that spread through several foster homes. We learned a great deal from this regarding the presentation of ringworm, importance of strict isolation periods and hygiene measures and the frustration of reporting neglect to the relevant authorities to little effect <u>Paul's Pens</u> We built our own holding pens this season on land provided by the cattery owner who fosters for us and supports us. As COVID restrictions lifted and her business has returned to usual activity, this has given us protected rescue space. We plan to add to the pens with catio space to extend the area the cats have to utilise. The pens are named after Paul, a long-term stray who came to us presenting as feral, with the effects of unmanaged flu which affected his eyesight. He is now a super friendly boy who lives happily at the cattery with free roam of the land and keeps watch over the new cats coming into his pens! <u>Rescue Partnerships</u> Sadly, since our original business plan was written, our local branch of Cat's Protection has undergone a change of management and philosophy, no longer supporting other rescues
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		with neutering costs. This has put more pressure on our finances and reduced the opportunity of working together. We have however benefitted from experienced fosterers, volunteers and supporters moving across to support us and this has been a fabulous boost to our rescue. We continue to link in with other rescues as required to safeguard cats and kittens, including Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary and Warrington Animal Welfare <u>COVID</u> The impact of COVID has continued to be felt across rescues. The Wigan and Bolton area has high incidences of deprivation and an increased stray population, which has risen during COVID. A combination of reduced access to vets for neutering, emergence of the phenomenon of 'lockdown pets' who are given up to rescue as life returns to normal and the usual pressure of unregistered breeding and trading in unwell kittens, has seen an incredibly busy and diverse year in rescue. Fundraising has been a challenge throughout the pandemic but we have been able to raise money online rather than in person via our online auctions on social media. Feedback from our supporters has been that not only have they enjoyed the bargains they have received, they have also felt like they have had some company in their home as we chat, sell and fuss over our cats! <u>Media Exposure</u> We have been extremely lucky to be nominated for a 'Cat Hero' award from Your Cat magazine, which we won and is due to be published in April 2022. We have had further contact from the reporter since who would like to follow the story of some feral cats we have rescued from a food recycling plant where breeding was out of control <u>Technology</u> We have invested in 2 laptops to assist with administration of the charity given the heavy reliance on online presence. We have also invested in an online system for recording our cats called Shelter Manager which we are in the process of acquainting ourselves with. Alongside this we have moved all of our application forms on Cognito Forms so everything is online. However, if there are people unable to access these forms or are not confident with technology, we can complete this with them face to face or over the telephone. It is important to us that we don't exclude any of the population.
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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our business plan objectives for years 2-3 of Cat's Guidance were as follows: 1. To increase the number of fosterers supporting our work to at least 10 At time of writing we have access to 15 amazing fosterers supporting us. We have developed a group of fosterers who can hand rear, long/short term foster, take elderly and unwell cats, kittens – whatever rescue brings 2. To increase the number of cats we are able to support year on year up to 80 in Year 3 We have far exceeded this target since our inception, thanks to the support of our volunteers and followers 3. To grow our social media profile on a variety of platforms Whilst we have a presence on several social media platforms, Facebook remains our biggest following with the highest engagement. This is likely due to the demographic of our supporters who are more confident with the format of Facebook. We therefore dedicate most of our energy to this platform whilst gradually increasing in other arenas 4. To forge strong links with more organisations with a similar ethos in order to maximise the potential for rescuing and rehoming and become part of a network of organisations working towards a common purpose We are linked with several organisations who message us for support. We intend to continue to develop these relationships. We have forged a good working relationship with Animal Support Angels who provide food and supplies to smaller charities, alongside rescue work. Their support has been instrumental in providing our cats and kittens with good, nutritious food and we are immensely grateful 5. To become a known charity in the local area amongst the general public, other local animal welfare organisations and businesses supporting animal welfare charities
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		We continue to grow our reputation in the local area and are now considered a go-to organisation when people need support with cat welfare of any kind. Whilst this is a huge positive and an honour, we are also mindful of our limitations as a small charity and we carry a waitlist of cats needing rescue space
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising has remained the main source of income for the charity. We were fortunate to receive a grant of £2000 from Animal Friends towards neutering costs which was a big boost, but an increase in veterinary costs has meant funds continue to be a challenge Fundraising has been adequate to meet the objectives of the charity as set out in the Governing Document and Business Plan
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity has had an income of £95,651 in the reporting period with expenditure including administration costs of £93,605. The operating profit was therefore £2046
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Cat's Guidance Reserves Policy is to maintain sufficient level of reserves to enable normal operating activities to continue over a period of up to 3 months should a shortfall in income occur and to take account of potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time. It remains a challenge to hold sufficient reserves in a climate of increasing costs due to the demand for rescue
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Nil at time of report although access to adequate long-term funding remains a concern and challenge. However the support of the charity's followers built on the established reputation means the situation in this reporting period was stable but increasingly pressured.

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Fundraising continues to be primary source of income X1 grant of £2000 from Animal Friends towards neutering
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy	Para 1.46	N/A

adopted		
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risk we face continues to be consistent funding so we can continue to bring in new cats who need our help and care for those already under our care. We monitor this carefully and do not go into debt with our vets – every bill is paid on receipt and we monitor our reserves and account balance and adjust our intake accordingly
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by Trustees with regard to skills and abilities to contribute to the charity's objectives administration of its activities

Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	We have a comprehensive collection of policies and procedures that we continue to add to as we mature. These include: Safeguarding Adults Safeguarding Children Lone Working GDPR Complaints Privacy Notice Whistleblowing Equal Opportunities Code of Behaviour
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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Cat's Guidance
Other name the charity uses	Cat's Guidance Rescue
Registered charity number	1185873
Charity's principal address	30 Arnside Road Hindley Green Wigan WN2 4LB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Samantha Ann Gallagher			
2	Janette Aylward-Barton			
3	Angela Goodwin			
4	Ian Aylward-Barton			
5				

Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Samantha Ann Gallagher		
Janette Aylward-Barton		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Samantha Ann Gallagher		
Janette Aylward-Barton		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Nil
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Nil
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Nil

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	PA Hull and Co	Beech House, 23 Ladies Lane, Hindley, Wigan, Lancashire, WN2 2QA

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

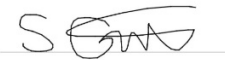
Nil

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Samantha Gallagher	Janette Aylward-Barton
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	Vice Chair
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Date

28/01/23

**CATS GUIDANCE RESCUE
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
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**CATS GUIDANCE RESCUE
COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Directors	Samantha Gallagher Ian Aylward-Barton Janette Aylward-Barton Angela Goodwin
Company Number	CE019234 (England and Wales)
Registered Office	30 ARNSIDE ROAD HINDLEY GREEN WIGAN Lancashire WN2 4LB United Kingdom
Accountants	P A Hull & Co Beech House 23 Ladies Lane Hindley, Wigan Lancashire WN2 2QA

CATS GUIDANCE RESCUE
(COMPANY NO: CE019234 ENGLAND AND WALES)
DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Directors

The following directors held office during the whole of the period:

Samantha Gallagher
Ian Aylward-Barton
Janette Aylward-Barton
Angela Goodwin

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

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Samantha Gallagher
Director

Approved by the board on: 28 December 2022

**CATS GUIDANCE RESCUE
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Turnover	95,651	66,963
Cost of sales	(67,944)	(45,678)
Gross profit	<u>27,707</u>	<u>21,285</u>
Administrative expenses	(25,661)	(9,718)
Operating profit	<u>2,046</u>	<u>11,567</u>
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>2,046</u>	<u>11,567</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-	-
Profit for the financial year	<u><u>2,046</u></u>	<u><u>11,567</u></u>

CATS GUIDANCE RESCUE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	1,152	516
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		2,885	4,681
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(480)	(480)
Net current assets		2,405	4,201
Net assets		3,557	4,717
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		3,557	4,717
Shareholders' funds		3,557	4,717

For the year ending 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - Small Entities.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 16 January 2022 and were signed on its behalf by

Samantha Gallagher
Director

Company Registration No. CE019234

CATS GUIDANCE RESCUE

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Statutory information

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2 Compliance with accounting standards

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities. There were no material departures from that standard.

3 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

Presentation currency

The accounts are presented in £ sterling.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are included at cost less depreciation and impairment. Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:

Fixtures & fittings	25% Reducing Balance Method
Computer equipment	25% Reducing Balance Method

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2021	-	550	550
Additions	400	531	931
At 31 March 2022	400	1,081	1,481
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	-	34	34
Charge for the year	33	262	295
At 31 March 2022	33	296	329
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	367	785	1,152
At 31 March 2021	-	516	516

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	480	480

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6 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 0 (2021: 0).

Cats Guidance Rescue

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Cats Guidance Rescue

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees 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 exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to 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;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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 accounts to be reached.



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Date: 16th January 2023

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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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 accounts to be reached.



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