



# Manali Strays UK

## Trustees' Annual Report



5<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Registered Charity #: 1189542

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## Trustees' Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity

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# 1 Reference and Administration Details

## 1.1 Charity Name & Registration

### **Manali Strays UK**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registration no: 1198542, registered with the Charity Commission on 18 May 2020.

The charity is registered with HM Revenue & Customs

## 1.2 Charity's Address

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website: [www.manalistrays.org](http://www.manalistrays.org)

## 1.3 Names of the Trustees Who Manage the Charity

	<b>Role</b>
Victoria Conner	Chair
Sarah Bannister-Holmes	Treasurer
Irma Wouters	Secretary

## 1.4 Names of Advisors & Senior Members of Staff

Rebecca Metcalf, Executive Director

# 2 Structure, Governance, & Management

## 2.1 Type of Governing Document

Constitution – based on the Charity Commission's model governing document for Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisations, *ie*: where the Trustees are the only Members of the charity.

## 2.2 Trustee Selection Methods

There must be at least three charity trustees, and the maximum number of trustees is six.

In appointing Trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the Trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law.

## 3 Activities

### 3.1 Statutory Declaration

The Trustees of Manali Strays UK confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

### 3.2 Manali Strays UK Objectives

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The four founders of Manali Strays Trust India: Becky (UK), Kamlesh (India), Irma (Germany), & Buddhi (India)

Manali Strays was founded on World Rabies Day (September 28<sup>th</sup>) 2019 by four individuals brought together by their concern and compassion for the stray animals in the small town of Manali. Manali is located in the Himalayan region of northern India; nestled in a valley surrounded by mountains and apple orchards, The area had no veterinary facilities for the stray animals... a place where they could be treated and stay until recovered. So Manali Strays was established with the aim of filling this vital gap. Manali Strays was registered as a Charitable Trust in India in January 2020, registration number 1/2020.

Manali Strays' mission is to:

**“Inspire harmony between stray animals and the humans who live with them, reducing human-animal conflict and creating a community that cares for its strays and ensures their continued health and wellbeing.”**

In May 2020, Manali Strays UK was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in the UK, with registration number 1189542. Manali Strays UK acts as the main administrative office for Manali Strays outside of India. Their role includes promoting awareness about the charity amongst the general public and relevant professional bodies in the UK and other countries and raising funds to support the work done at the Manali Strays rescue centre in Manali. All funds raised by Manali Strays UK are used to help with the costs of running Manali Strays in India, such as medicines, animal food, staff salaries, and centre development and construction.

As defined in Manali Strays UK's Constitution (Governing Document):

The charity's objects are:

For the benefit of the public to promote humane behaviour towards animals by supporting the charitable work of Manali Strays Trust India, an NGO that provides appropriate care (including preventative care



in the form of sterilisation to prevent overpopulation and vaccination to prevent disease), treatment, protection, and security for animals that are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage, and educates the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals, in particular the CIO will:

- raise funds to help the running of Manali Strays
- provide advice and assistance on the operation and management of Manali Strays Trust India;
- assist in the recruitment of volunteers in the UK who will volunteer at Manali Strays

The overall objectives of Manali Strays are to:

- seek a humane and sustainable environment for animals,
- work to end human deaths by rabies by vaccinating as many dogs as possible,
- run an animal birth control program to humanely control the population of dogs.
- provide rescue and medical care to animals,
- run a mobile clinic to treat sick and injured animals within their home territories,
- open an animal hospital to treat sick and injured animals,
- medically help rural large animals, such as cows, mules, and goats, for the betterment of the community,
- establish community education programs to improve the treatment and welfare of all animals.



## 4 Achievements & Performance

### 4.1 Starting a diagnostic suite at Manali Strays

Manali Strays was fortunate to be awarded £3000 from Animal Friends Pet Insurance and £1000 from the Lennox Hannay Charitable Trust towards a Biochemistry analyser. In addition, we received £2600 from SPCA International towards an x-ray machine. We have already purchased the biochemistry machine, which has helped us immensely in diagnosing a variety of conditions such as diabetes, kidney disease, and liver failure. By the end of January, we are hoping to have the digital x-ray installed.

### 4.2 Two new paravets join the team of Manali Strays

In September 2023, we welcomed Yogesh and Jogi to the Manali Strays team. Both are newly qualified paravets, and are a valued addition to the team. They help with treating the animals and assisting the veterinarian during surgeries. Both a local, being born in a nearby village, so it is great to have them showing others how to be compassionate and kind towards animals,

### 4.3 Local governments start to realise the benefits of sterilisation

The year 2023 saw a change in attitude by local government. First, we were approached by a local council to organise an Animal Birth Control (ABC) camp in their town of Keylong. This was the first time a council leader had taken this initiative, and we successfully sterilised 88 dogs in April and a further 44 in October. Then the municipal council of Kullu helped us to sterilise 100 dogs in the district's capital, with further camps being planned for this year. Finally, the Manali MC also gave

Manali Strays a contract to sterilise 100 dogs in the tourist town of Manali, again with future camps being planned for this year. This is all great news. We feel it is important for the local governments to be on board with the work we do, so they can see the benefits, as opposed to older methods of population control like culling.

#### **4.4 Initiation of our Mountain Health Program**

The remote and very rural mountain setting of Manali means that many animals in the villages do not have access to veterinary care. Therefore, we are starting a new program whereby we travel on a regular basis (likely to be once every two weeks) to specific villages to vaccinate and treat any street animals or pets that require it. Our aim is to start with six different locations throughout the district. Our pilot health camp was very successful and we vaccinated 91 dogs against rabies and treated 20 animals for various medical conditions.

#### **4.5 Manali Strays Programs**

Manali Strays runs several programs side-by-side, enabling us to reach as many animals as possible with our team of ten staff and two long-term volunteers.

##### **Street Animal Rescue**

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023, we rescued 642 animals. This included four Rhesus Macaque monkeys, two foxes, one jackal, a honey buzzard, and an owl. One of the monkeys was just three weeks old when her mother was electrocuted and died. We raised Coco, and she remains with us now, aged 8 months. She is still in need of constant contact with a mother figure, and will not be able to be released, so we must think long-term about her future.

Some of the cases we see are relatively straight-forward and easy to treat. But we often get cases that are diagnostic challenge, especially in the rural mountain settings of Manali. Last year we were fortunate enough to have a haematology machine donated to us. And earlier in February 2023, we were especially lucky to be able to purchase an automatic biochemistry analyser after receiving generous donations. This has helped us immensely in diagnosing conditions such as diabetes, liver failure due to poisoning, tick fever, renal disease, to name just a few. We ended 2023 by successfully fundraising in India for a digital x-ray machine, which we will be purchasing very soon. To accommodate the machine, we had to build a new room with specific structural requirements to meet the authorities' guidelines for radiation safety.

##### **Animal Birth Control-Anti Rabies (ABC-AR)**

In between doing sterilisation camps of street dogs, we continued to sterilise pet dogs and cats, all of the inpatients that we rescue, and odd street dogs that local feeders specifically request. Between April 2022 and December 2023, we sterilised 1,129 animals at our animal rescue centre.

##### **Pet Clinic**

We have continued to a vital facility for pet parents, as we are the only non-government clinic in the area, and especially now that we have important diagnostics our role in pet health will be even more important. To improve on this even further, we have constructed a small examination room that will be used as an initial place to examine any animal that may have an infectious disease like parvo or distemper. This will prevent the infection from going into the main building where it could potentially infect other pets. Construction is almost complete; we just need to add the door and window.

## 4.6 Charitable Activity in Numbers

From 01 April 2022 to 31 December 2023, Manali Strays achieved the following:

- Rescued 642 animals
- Vaccinated 2,389 dogs against rabies
- Vaccinated 873 puppies against parvo, distemper and other common infectious diseases.
- Sterilised 1,129 animals at our clinic plus 282 on ABC camps.
- Carried out 45 general surgeries, such as amputation, tumour removal, hernia repair.
- Treated 1121 pets for various medical conditions in our outpatient department.
- Treated 923 animals in our mobile clinic.

## 4.7 How you can help

- Visit our website: [www.manalistrays.org](http://www.manalistrays.org)
- Email us: [help@manalistrays.org](mailto:help@manalistrays.org)
- Follow our work: Instagram: @manalistrays  
Facebook: @manalistraysrock

# 5 Financial Review

## 5.1 Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Charity has no funds that are materially in deficit.

## 5.2 Policy on Reserves

The Charity's policy on reserves is to generate and maintain a balance which is sufficient:

- (a) to preserve the financial viability of the Charity in the event that unforeseen and/or unavoidable circumstance precipitate a short-term fall in its income;
- (b) to enable the Charity, in the interests of meeting its objectives, to undertake from time to time the setting up of new and innovative projects on a pilot basis to demonstrate the viability and potential benefits of such activities as a precursor to securing the external funding necessary to maintain such projects on an on-going basis.

For these purposes the Charity will endeavour to generate and maintain reserves which are at least 30% of its annual turnover.

## 5.3 Principal Sources of Funding and Outgoings

From 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023,

- the primary source of funding came from voluntary donations from individuals.
- We received one grant from the Lennox Hannay Charitable Trust towards a biochemistry analyser, and one grant from Animal Friends Pet Insurance towards a biochemistry analyser.
- The principal outgoings were to Manali Strays Trust India to assist with various aspects of their work namely: Building new infrastructure, hiring staff, purchasing items required for the hospital to carry out its objectives, e.g., medicines, office supplies, and medical supplies.

## 5.4 Remuneration of Trustees

All Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by Trustees and Staff in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

## 5.5 Financial Status

Manali Strays UK's current resources from unrestricted donations are more than sufficient to meet its outgoings for at least next year.

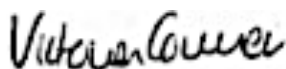
All the indications are that this will remain the case for the foreseeable future.

## 5.6 Statutory Statements on Liabilities

The Trustees declare that:

- ✓ The charity has given no guarantees where potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of this statement (*eg*: any outstanding/ongoing contract or legal undertaking to buy or provide specific services);
- ✓ The charity has no debt outstanding at the date of this statement which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any assets of the CIO (*eg*: a mortgage on property owned by the charity);

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf,



Victoria Conner (Chair).



Irma Wouters (Secretary).

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024



## 6 Statement of Financial Activity

### 6.1 Receipts & Payments Accounts for the Financial Year Ended 05-April-23

#### 6.1.1 Receipts & Payments

Receipts & Payments for the Financial Year Ended 05-Apr-23				
	Current Financial Year, Apr'22-Apr'23			Last Year
	Unrestr'd Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
<b>A1 - RECEIPTS</b>				
Voluntary Income	11,330		11,330	11,766
Income Generation	0		0	0
Investments Income	0		0	0
Charitable Income	0	4,000	4,000	0
Other Receipts	0		0	0
	11,330	4,000	15,330	11,766
<b>A2 - ASSETS &amp; INVESTMENTS</b>				
Sale of Investments	0		0	0
Sale of Assets	0		0	0
	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>11,330</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>15,330</b>	<b>11,766</b>
<b>A3 - PAYMENTS</b>				
Generating Funds	0		0	0
Charitable Activities	-8,339	-3,300	-11,639	-5,517
Support Costs	-3,633		-3,633	-93
Othe Payments	0		0	0
	-11,973	-3,300	-15,273	-5,610
<b>A4 - ASSETS &amp; INVESTMENTS</b>				
Purchase of Investments	0		0	0
Purchase of Assets	0		0	0
	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>-11,973</b>	<b>-3,300</b>	<b>-15,273</b>	<b>-5,610</b>
<b>NET OF RECEIPTS-PAYMENTS</b>	<b>-643</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6,156</b>
<b>A5 - Transfers Between Funds</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>NET AFTER TRANSFERS</b>	<b>-643</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6,156</b>

### 6.1.2 Summary of Receipts & Payments Accounts

Allocation of Actual Funds for the Financial Year To 05-Apr-23				
	Current Financial Year,			Last Year
	Unrestr'd Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
Actual Funds Brought Forward	7,534	-	7,534	1,378
Movement After Transfers	-643	700	57	6,156
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>6,891</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>7,591</b>	<b>7,534</b>

### 6.1.3 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Statement of Asset & Liabilities as at 05-Apr-23				
	Current Financial Year,			Last Year
	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
<b>B1 - Cash Assets</b>				
General Fund	7,591			7,534
Net Payments in Advance	0			0
Designated Funds				
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>			<b>7,591</b>	<b>7,534</b>
Restricted Funds				
RF-Set as required or delete-1		0		0
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>			<b>7,591</b>	<b>7,534</b>
<b>B2 - Money Owed to the Charity {Other Monetary Assets}</b>				
Gift Aid claim			0	0
Other			0	0
			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>B5 - Money Owed by the Charity {Liabilities}</b>				
Independent Examination Fee			0	0
Other			0	0
			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Cash Assets</b>			<b>7,591</b>	<b>7,534</b>
<b>B3 - Investment assets</b>				
	0	0	0	0
<b>B4 - Assets retained for charity's own use.</b>				
	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Current Funds</b>			<b>7,591</b>	<b>7,534</b>
<b>Total Funds (net of liabilities)</b>			<b>7,591</b>	<b>7,534</b>

#### 6.1.4 Approval of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity.  
Signed on behalf of the Trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Bannister-Holmes', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Sarah Bannister-Holmes (Treasurer)

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## 6.2 Notes to the Accounts

- a) Accounting Policies  
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 Section 133, using the Receipts and Payments basis available to small charities and the charity's own Simple Accounts Spreadsheet.
- b) Reimbursement of Out-of-Pocket Expenses  
Out-of-pocket expenses incurred necessarily, reasonably and incidentally in the course the charity's activities are reimbursed at cost.  
No Trustees received any reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses in the financial year.
- c) Salaries & Professional Fees  
No trustee receives any payments for the services they provide to the charity.  
In the current financial year the charity employed no staff or external contractors;
- d) Fixed Assets  
The charity has not purchased or disposed of any fixed assets in the current financial year;
- e) Creditors & Debtors  
Cheques for goods or services purchased, or invoices for goods or services delivered, which are issued prior to the end of the financial year but not appearing in the end of financial year bank statement are reported as outstanding creditors or debtors respectively.
- f) Rounding Discrepancies  
All amounts are recorded to the penny, but in these accounts are shown as digitally rounded to the nearest pound. This can occasionally result in a total apparently not being the sum of its constituent amounts. All individual amounts, and their totals, are nevertheless correct.