



# **The Cat Welfare Group Ltd**

**Report and Financial Statements**

**31 December 2020**

**Charity number: 1189649 / Company registration number: 12262212**



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## **Reference and Administrative Details**

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<b>Charity number:</b>	1189649
<b>Company registration number:</b>	12262212 (England and Wales)
<b>Registered office to 24 March 2021:</b>	90 Middle Mead Hook Hampshire RG27 9NX
<b>Registered office from 24 March 2021:</b>	23 Leafy Lane Fareham Hampshire PO15 7HL
<b>Operational address:</b>	23 Leafy Lane Fareham Hampshire PO15 7HL
<b>Trustees:</b>	Ms Charlotte O'Dea (Chair) – appointed 15 October 2019 Mr Robert Baynes – appointed 15 October 2019 Mrs Kirsten Dillon – appointed 23 March 2020 Mr Peter Wort – appointed 23 March 2020 Mrs Angela Vulliamy – appointed 15 October 2019 & resigned 18 January 2020
<b>Company secretary:</b>	Ms Charlotte O'Dea
<b>Senior management team:</b>	Miss Lorri Seymour – CEO Mrs Bettina Harvey – Finance Director
<b>Independent examiner:</b>	Morris Crocker Station House North Street Havant PO9 1QU
<b>Bankers:</b>	Barclays Bank UK PLC Leicester LE87 2BB



## Trustees' Report for the Period Ended 31 December 2020

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The trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the 15 month period ended 31 December 2020. The reference and administrative details set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

The Cat Welfare Group is a charitable company limited by guarantee and the trustees confirm that their report and the financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the company's memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019). The trustees' report incorporates the directors' report, as required by company law.

### **Objectives and Activities**

#### **Charity objects**

The objects of the charity, as set out in its Articles of Association, are to relieve the suffering and distress of cats, kittens and feral cats which are in need of care and attention by reason of abandonment, neglect, sickness, maltreatment or poor circumstances in Southern England by providing a rescue, fostering and rehoming service and veterinary treatment.

#### **Our Mission, Vision & Values**

Our vision, mission and values serve to provide direction and clarity to the work that we do.

##### Vision

Our vision is that every cat will enjoy life in a home where it is treated with respect and an understanding of its needs.

##### Mission

Our mission is to rescue stray or abandoned cats and kittens and to rehome them into secure and loving homes once they have undergone medical checks and treatment, and are old enough. In the case of feral cats, where they cannot be domesticated, we will neuter them, address any health concerns and return them to their natural home.

##### Values

Our core values are:

- Cat welfare is at the heart of everything that we do.
- We treat all cats with respect and will never put a healthy or re-homeable cat to sleep.
- We are indebted to our supporters and greatly value all donations given to us.
- We value and respect our volunteers, volunteer staff, adopters and suppliers.
- We pursue continuous improvement and excellence in what we do.
- We are open and honest.



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### Activities

The Cat Welfare Group was founded in October 2019 and is a charitable company run entirely by volunteers.

#### Rehoming activities

We rescue stray or abandoned cats and kittens and look to rehome these into secure and loving homes. A significant number of the cats and kittens are rescued from appalling circumstances or come to us with horrific injuries, requiring extensive veterinary treatment and expert care. Whilst in our care, the cats and kittens are looked after by one of our fosterers, either in a designated spare room in their home or in a purpose built cat pen. Many kittens have been born in our care and we have an experienced team that are also able to hand-rear abandoned kittens around the clock.

All cats and kittens that are rehomed by the charity will receive a health check by a veterinary professional, worming treatment, vaccinations and will be microchipped and neutered. They will come with four weeks free insurance from Petplan and adopters receive a copy of our guide "Your new family member", containing lots of useful information about bringing your new cat home and general advice about caring for your cat. The charity has an adoptions group on Facebook and provides ongoing support and advice to adopters and cat owners in general.

#### Feral cat work

It is estimated that there are in excess of one million feral cats in the UK. The word "feral" means members of a domesticated species that have reverted to living as wild animals. Whilst they are often mistaken for stray cats, ferals have little or no contact with humans and cannot be tamed.

Despite their wild nature, feral cats still need a level of care. With many ferals living in colonies, the cat population can grow quickly. Neutering and returning the cats to their colony, also known as "trap, neuter and return", stops continual breeding and can help to limit disease. In the case of feral cats, where they cannot be domesticated, we will neuter them, address any health concerns and either return them to their original home, if possible, or alternatively find a suitable new home.

#### Lost & found cats

Not knowing what has happened to their missing cat is often a source of great concern and sadness to cat owners. As well as rehoming unowned cats, we also return lost cats to their existing homes. This can sometimes involve super-sleuth work if the cats are not microchipped or if the microchip details are not up to date! In some cases, the cats will sadly have been victims of road traffic accidents, but our work can still provide their owners with some form of closure and peace of mind.

We have provided many owners with advice on getting their lost or missing furry friend back home and have put together a short guide on our website. We even have a list of friendly tree surgeons for when cats need rescuing from rooftops or tall trees!

### Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when setting the charity's objectives and planning its activities.

Cats play a huge part in the lives of millions of people in the UK. By supporting cats, we are providing a benefit to owners and other people who come into contact with cats. We provide public benefit by:



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- Assisting the local community, veterinary practices and local authorities by taking in and rehoming stray or abandoned cats and by controlling feral populations.
- Assisting the local community by reuniting lost, found or injured cats with their owners.
- Reassuring owners that their cats can be taken into our care and rehomed if they become incapable of looking after them either through illness, death or other reasons.
- Assisting local authorities by taking in cats from multi-cat households.
- Providing guidance and advice to cat owners to increase awareness of cat welfare.
- Providing volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work.

### **Volunteers**

The Cat Welfare Group is run entirely by volunteers who receive no payment for their work, apart from the reimbursement of expenses. As at the end of 2020, the charity had in excess of 50 volunteers, including 25 fosterers that care for the cats and kittens whilst they are in our care.

### **Achievements and Performance**

This report covers the charity's first 15 months of operation and we totally exceeded all of our expectations in terms of the numbers of cats that we rescued and rehomed, and also the amount of funds that we raised in order to carry out this work.

#### Rehoming activities

We rehomed a total of 225 cats and kittens into secure and loving homes, and had 15 cats in our care as at the year-end.

Amongst the cats and kittens that we rescued were some with horrific injuries, neglected and emaciated cats, older cats with underlying or untreated health conditions and abandoned kittens as small as 67 grams, all requiring expensive veterinary treatment and expert care. Cat welfare is at the heart of everything that we do and we pride ourselves in that we do the absolute best for every cat that comes into our care and that we did not turn away any cat on account of cost. The numbers above do not include those cats and kittens that we rescued that, despite our very best efforts, were simply too sick, too small or too fragile to survive.

#### Feral cat work

We trapped and neutered 6 feral cats and returned them to their natural home. Through the investment of time and patience, we were also successful in domesticating and socialising a number of very feisty feral / stray kittens that we were then able to rehome.

#### Lost & found cats

We reunited in excess of 60 lost cats with their owners. The cat that had been missing for the longest period of time was reunited with its family after 8 years and the cat that was located furthest away from its home was found 20 miles away. We provide advice to owners on getting their lost or missing feline friend back home on an almost daily basis.

#### Volunteers

The charity was established and is run entirely by a hugely dedicated and passionate team of volunteers. As at the end of 2020, the charity had in excess of 50 volunteers, including 25 fosterers. Volunteers provided an estimated 29,000 hours of their time and support during the period with an estimated value of £300,000. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), this volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.



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We are immensely proud that two of our volunteers were nominated for "Animal Charity Volunteer of the Year" in the Petplan & ADHC Animal Charity Awards 2021.

### Partnership working

We consider that working collaboratively and in partnership with other organisations is essential to the success of our work as a charity and have outlined below some of the key partnerships that we developed during the period.

Veterinary treatment is central to the activities of the charity and veterinary fees are the charity's largest category of expenditure. We are supported by some outstanding veterinary practices and have successfully secured discounts on veterinary fees with all the practices that we use on a regular basis.

We work together with Petplan who, since June 2020, have been providing four weeks free insurance to adopters who rehome a cat from us. When an adopter continues onto a full Petplan insurance policy for their cat, Petplan gives 10% of the premium back to The Cat Welfare Group and a further 10% each year the policy is renewed. We expect this source of income to grow over the coming years.

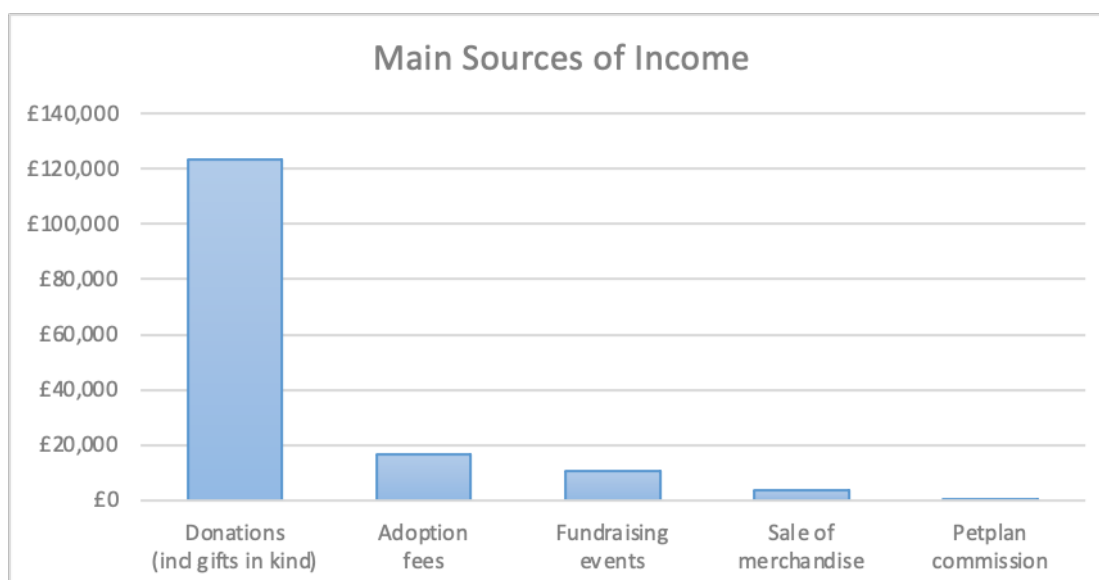
We have developed good working relationships with a number of other smaller cat rescue centres that share our values and ethos. This has enabled us to share knowledge and resources, and has allowed us to call upon another rescue centre when our own feral spaces were full, and vice versa.

### Financial Review

The company was incorporated on 15 October 2019 and the financial statements have been prepared in respect of the 15 month period ended 31 December 2020. The net income for the period was £21,963.

#### **Income**

The total income for the period was £154,700. The charity is very much reliant on the generous support of private individuals for its income. Corporate donations included gifts in kind of cat food by HiLife and Symply, valued at £9,300. The main sources of income are shown below:





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The Covid-19 pandemic has had a profound effect on the global economy, on our daily lives and on the charity's income generation potential. In particular, the charity has been unable to hold public events and stalls, as planned, as a way of broadening and increasing its range of supporters.

### **Expenditure**

The total resources expended during the period year were £132,737, with £124,183 or 94% attributable to charitable expenditure and £8,554 or 6% on raising funds. The largest category of expenditure for the charity was veterinary fees, including medication costs, which accounted for £72,812 or 55% of all charitable expenditure.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees recognise the need to hold a prudent level of reserves to ensure that there is no significant disruption to The Cat Welfare Group's charitable activities as a result of income volatility, any unforeseen reduction in income or unbudgeted additional expenditure. Having considered the financial and other risks facing the charity, the trustees have determined that The Cat Welfare Group should aim to establish and maintain free reserves (unrestricted funds excluding fixed assets) at a minimum level of 3 months cover of the charity's annual expenditure, equating to £26,547. The charity has not yet been able build its reserves to this level and had free reserves of £17,799 as at 31 December 2020.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have responsibility for the oversight of risk management and consider the risks affecting the charity and its activities as part of their meetings. The Cat Welfare Group has a formal risk management process to identify and record risks within a risk register. Risks are recorded in the risk register together with mitigation measures and given an overall score based on impact and likelihood. The risk register is maintained by the senior management team and is reviewed at least on a 6 monthly basis by the trustees.

The key risks and uncertainties facing the charity are outlined below:

- Insufficient income / cash / reserves leading to the charity having to turn away stray or abandoned cats and being unable to pay its bills.
- Damaging media or social media allegations leading to reputational damage and loss of income.
- Insufficient volunteers leading to the inability to provide enough foster homes for all stray or abandoned cats and to run the charity effectively.

### **Strategy and Plans for the Future**

In our first 15 months of operation we totally exceeded all of our expectations in terms of the number of cats that we rescued and rehomed, and also the amount of funds that we raised in order to carry out this work.

Our focus for 2021 is on consolidation and the establishment of solid foundations to support the future of the charity. Our core values encompass cat welfare, continuous improvement and excellence, and we want to be seen as the "best in class". Accordingly, we want to focus as much on the quality of our rehoming activities and the experience for the adopter, as on the number of cats that we rehome.





**Trustees' Report  
for the Period Ended 31 December 2020**

We have outlined our plans for 2021 below:

2021 Annual Plan		
Our Vision		
Every cat will enjoy life in a home where it is treated with respect and an understanding of its needs		
Focus for 2021		
Consolidation and the establishment of solid foundations to support the future of the charity		
Strategic Objectives		
Activities	Income / finances	Investment in the charity's infrastructure
Key Actions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to rehome the cats and kittens that come into our care, focusing as much on the quality of our rehoming activities as on the number of cats that we rehome</li> <li>Continue to undertake trap, neuter and return activities to help manage the welfare of the feral cat population</li> <li>Grow our team of fosterers and train more fosterers in the hand-rearing of kittens</li> <li>Consider setting up a formal cat guardian scheme</li> <li>Continue to work with and cultivate existing partnerships and develop new partnerships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase our adoption fees from 1 January 2021</li> <li>Focus on increasing regular giving, providing the charity with a more secure source of monthly income</li> <li>Access new forms of funding, such as grant income and the Fareham Community Lottery</li> <li>Increase public awareness of the charity to broaden and increase our range of supporters</li> <li>Build up the charity's reserves in line with the reserves policy</li> <li>Consider expanding our merchandise sales</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchase 7 new cat pens</li> <li>Purchase a van for the transportation of cats and supplies</li> </ul>

**Structure, Governance and Management**

**Governing document**

The Cat Welfare Group is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 15 October 2019 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 26 May 2020. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association and is governed by the terms of its Articles of Association. New Articles of Association were adopted on 25 March 2020 and amended on 12 August 2020. In the event of the company being wound up, the Articles of Association restrict the liability of each member to £10.



## Trustees' Report for the Period Ended 31 December 2020

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### Governance

The Cat Welfare Group is governed by the board of trustees. The trustees are also the members and directors of the company. No trustees are paid for their time and the board consists of a least three members with no maximum number.

Our trustees are drawn from the community and offer a range of skills and experience essential to the good governance of the charity. Trustees are appointed by the passing of an ordinary resolution at a general meeting. On appointment, trustees are given an overview as to the current status of the charity by the senior management team and are provided with a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance CC3, "The essential trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do", and online access to the charity's policies.

The trustees have ultimate responsibility for governing the charity and directing how it is managed and run, including responsibility for the strategic direction of the charity and its financial management. The board of trustees delegates responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the charity to the senior management team. The trustees meet at least four times per year to discuss and consider strategic, financial and other matters. The Chief Executive Officer and Finance Director will also attend these meetings, but have no voting rights.

The trustees who served during the period and on the date that this report was approved are shown under reference and administration details on page 1.

### Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



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for the Period Ended 31 December 2020**

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**Independent examiner**

Morris Crocker appointed as independent examiner to the charitable company during the period and have expressed their willingness to continue in this capacity. A resolution to re-appoint Morris Crocker as independent examiner will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

**Small company special provisions**

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

Approved by the trustees on 24 March 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Ms Charlotte O'Dea  
Chair of trustees



**Independent Examiner's Report  
to the Trustees of The Cat Welfare Group Ltd**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Cat Welfare Group Ltd ("the company")**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the company for the period ended 31 December 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

P Underwood  
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Chartered Accountants  
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Date: 27 March 2021



**Statement of Financial Activities  
(incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)  
for the 15 Month Period Ended 31 December 2020**

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	Note	15 months to 31/12/20 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Income from:</b>		
Donations and legacies	3	<b>123,358</b>
Charitable activities	4	<b>16,635</b>
Other trading activities	5	<b>14,707</b>
<b>Total income</b>		<b><u>154,700</u></b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>		
Raising funds		<b>8,554</b>
Charitable activities		<b>124,183</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	6	<b><u>132,737</u></b>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>	7	<b>21,963</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>		
Total funds brought forward		<b><u>-</u></b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	15	<b><u><u>21,963</u></u></b>

All income and expenditure relates to continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the period are included in the statement of financial activities.

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.



**Balance Sheet  
as at 31 December 2020**

	Note	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	11	<u>4,164</u>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Stock	12	7,934
Debtors	13	2,670
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>20,648</u>
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>31,252</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(13,453)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u><b>17,799</b></u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u><b>21,963</b></u></u>
<b>Funds</b>		
Unrestricted funds		<u><b>21,963</b></u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u><u><b>21,963</b></u></u>

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 24 March 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Ms Charlotte O'Dea  
Chair of trustees

Company registration number: 12262212



**Statement of Cash Flows  
for the 15 Month Period Ended 31 December 2020**

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	2020 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>	
Net income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	21,963
Adjustments for:	
Depreciation charges	577
(Increase) / decrease in stock	(7,934)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(2,670)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	<u>13,453</u>
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u><b>25,389</b></u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	<u>(4,741)</u>
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<u><b>(4,741)</b></u>
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the period</b>	<b>20,648</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	<u>-</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	<u><u><b>20,648</b></u></u>

The notes on pages 14 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.



## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 December 2020

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### 1. Accounting policies

#### a) Basis of presentation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The company was incorporated on 15 October 2019 and the financial statements have been prepared in respect of the 15 month period ended 31 December 2020.

The Cat Welfare Group meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

#### b) Going concern basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. The trustees are of the opinion that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future, being not less than one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. They have formed this opinion after considering the ongoing impact of Covid-19 on the charity's income streams and its current and forecast financial positions. The charity is also able to adapt its cost base to cope with potentially lower levels of income and has a modest level of reserves and cash, meaning it will have sufficient resources to continue on a going concern through the disruption caused by Covid-19. For this reason, the trustees believe it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

#### c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when receivable. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

Adoption fees are recognised at the point of adoption.

Income from the sale of merchandise is recognised at the point of sale.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution.

Gifts in kind and other donated assets for use by the charity are recognised at the point of donation and are included at the value of the gift received, being a reasonable estimate of the gross value to the charity. Gifts donated for resale are recognised at the point of sale at the actual value realised for the sale of the goods.





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### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### d) Donated services

Donated professional services are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

#### e) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or which have been raised by the charity for a particular purpose.

The Cat Welfare Group does not have any restricted funds.

#### f) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. The charity is not registered for value added tax (VAT) and irrecoverable VAT is included with the expense item to which it relates.

#### g) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those associated with the general management of the charity, other than governance costs, that are not directly attributable to charitable activities or fundraising. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements. Support and governance costs have been allocated between the cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on the basis of volunteer time, where applicable, and otherwise on a 50:50 split.

#### h) Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

#### i) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are recorded at cost or, in cases where fixed assets have been donated, at valuation at the time of acquisition. Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £300.

Depreciation of fixed assets is provided so as to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset on a straight line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Cat rescue equipment	4 years
Office & fundraising equipment	4 years



## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period Ended 31 December 2020

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### j) Stock

Stock consists of purchased and donated goods for the charity's own use and merchandise stock. Stock is included at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount that the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

### k) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

### l) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

### m) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation relating to a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are usually recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

### n) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value, with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### o) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

There are no accounting estimates that are considered to have a material impact on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

## 2. Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and as such has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up, the Articles of Association restrict the liability of each member to £10.



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**3. Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>15 months to 31/12/20</b>
	Unrestricted funds £
Donations (including Gift Aid)	<b>88,269</b>
Gifts in kind and donated services for charitable use	<b>35,089</b>
	<b><u>123,358</u></b>

Gifts in kind include items donated off the charity's Amazon Wish List, donations of cat food by HiLife and Symply, the printing of adoption brochures and other stationery, and contributions paid directly to the veterinary practice towards the charity's vet bills.

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised. Volunteers gave an estimated 29,000 hours of their time during the period with an estimated value of £300,000.

**4. Income from charitable activities**

	<b>15 months to 31/12/20</b>
	Unrestricted funds £
Adoption fees	<b>16,635</b>
	<b><u>16,635</u></b>

**5. Income from other trading activities**

	<b>15 months to 31/12/20</b>
	Unrestricted funds £
Fundraising events	<b>10,496</b>
Sale of merchandise	<b>3,818</b>
Petplan commission	<b>393</b>
	<b><u>14,707</u></b>



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**6. Total expenditure**

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support & governance costs £	15 months to 31/12/20 Total £
Fundraising expenses	3,822			<b>3,822</b>
Cost of merchandise	1,523			<b>1,523</b>
Veterinary fees & medication costs		72,812		<b>72,812</b>
Quarantine fees		1,200		<b>1,200</b>
Cat food		13,682		<b>13,682</b>
Cat activity toys & bedding		7,201		<b>7,201</b>
Pet consumables		7,575		<b>7,575</b>
Cat trapping, transport & other equipment		7,713		<b>7,713</b>
Rent		935		<b>935</b>
Waste collection & cleaning materials		605		<b>605</b>
Stationery & printing		1,678	222	<b>1,900</b>
T-shirts & clothing	554	1,051		<b>1,605</b>
Travelling expenses		2,827		<b>2,827</b>
Donations		2,790		<b>2,790</b>
Computer & software costs			2,156	<b>2,156</b>
Telephone & postage		560	900	<b>1,460</b>
Volunteer appreciation costs			731	<b>731</b>
Insurance			444	<b>444</b>
Independent examination fee			660	<b>660</b>
Bank charges			21	<b>21</b>
Sundry costs		252	246	<b>498</b>
Depreciation	115	205	257	<b>577</b>
Sub-total	6,014	121,086	5,637	<b>132,737</b>
Allocation of support & governance costs	2,540	3,097	(5,637)	<b>-</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>8,554</b>	<b>124,183</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>132,737</b>

Total governance costs were £680 and include the independent examination fee.

**7. Net movement in funds**

Net movement in funds is stated after charging:

	15 months to 31/12/20 £
Depreciation	<b>577</b>
Operating lease payments	<b>1,155</b>
Independent examination fee	<b>660</b>



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### 8. Staff costs and numbers

The charity is run entirely by volunteers and does not employ any staff.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Finance Director.

### 9. Trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from the charity.

Travel expenses amounting to £124 were reimbursed to one trustee in connection with voluntary work carried out on behalf of the charity.

The charity's insurance policy includes directors' liability insurance.

### 10. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all of its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

### 11. Tangible fixed assets

	Cat rescue equipment £	Office & fundraising equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 15 October 2019	-	-	-
Additions in period	704	4,037	4,741
<b>At 31 December 2020</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>4,037</b>	<b>4,741</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 15 October 2019	-	-	-
Charge for the period	205	372	577
<b>At 31 December 2020</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>577</b>
<b>Net book value at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>3,665</b>	<b>4,164</b>

### 12. Stock

	2020 £
Purchased and donated goods for the charity's own use	7,603
Merchandise stock	331
	<b>7,934</b>



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**13. Debtors**

	2020 £
Prepayments	437
Accrued income	<u>2,233</u>
	<u>2,670</u>

**14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2020 £
Trade creditors	3,602
Accruals	8,551
Other creditors	<u>1,300</u>
	<u>13,453</u>

**15. Movements in funds**

	2020 £
Funds brought forward at 15 October 2019	-
Income	154,700
Expenditure	<u>(132,737)</u>
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2020	<u>21,963</u>

**16. Commitments under operating leases**

The charity had operating leases at the year-end with total future minimum lease payments as follows:

	2020 £
Amount falling due:	
Within one year	560
Between one and five years	<u>51</u>
	<u>611</u>

**17. Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the current period.





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