

Fylde Coast Cats, charity number 1190634
Report of the Trustees
&
Financial statement for period 19/01/2022 - 18/01/2023

FYLDE COAST CATS

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Report of the Trustees for the period 19/01/2022 - 18/01/2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 19/01/2022 - 18/01/2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document:

THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO PROMOTE HUMANE BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS ANIMALS BY (1) RESCUING ABANDONED, INJURED, HOMELESS AND SURRENDERED CATS, PROVIDING FOOD, ACCOMMODATION AND VETERINARY CARE WHERE NEEDED, AND REHOMING THEM WHERE POSSIBLE; (2) TRAPPING, NEUTERING AND RETURNING FERAL CATS; (3) EDUCATING AND ASSISTING THE PUBLIC IN NEUTERING CATS OVER 6 MONTHS OLD; AND (4) EDUCATING THE PUBLIC IN ANIMAL WELFARE TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING AND PREVENT CRUELTY TO THE ANIMALS LOCALLY.

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:

The charity suffered a period of closure due to Panleukopenia virus. The charity closed their doors to any new cats while all foster homes were sanitised and renewed to protect against spread. Only when all was considered safe and clear of virus did the charity resume rehoming activity. The charity found an increase in the number of abandoned and surrendered cats with the cost of living crisis. The number of unneutered cats found and abandoned increased, with a large number of injured entire male cats, and kittens born feral. The charity took a number of cats into their permanent care, providing vet care for these cats indefinitely due to their not being appropriate to rehome. The charity trapped, neutered, blood tested, microchipped and returned or relocated a large number of feral cats, and where possible feral cats and kittens were tamed and homed. The charity's ability to travel and provide education was limited due to increased demand for rescue space, but the charity maintained an educational platform online and the phone lines remained open at all times.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit:

All trustees have read and give regard to the guidance issues by the Charity Commission on Public benefit in all activities to ensure that their activities, and that of the charity on the whole, are in line with the guidance.

Contribution made by volunteers:

The charity is fortunate to have a small number of dedicated volunteers. These volunteers assist the charity in meeting its objects by fostering cats and kittens, trapping cats and kittens as necessary for their welfare, collecting donations/fundraising, providing transport for cats to and from the vets etc, and ensuring that all cats and kittens in our care are kept with the utmost regard to their welfare and needs.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

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:

This period was extremely busy for the charity, with 126 cats and kittens being safely homed after a period of closure due to a panleukopenia virus outbreak. All potential owners underwent a home check to ensure the future welfare of the cats, and all cats and kittens were treated for fleas and worms, and microchipped. All cats over 5 months were neutered prior to leaving the charity, and any below this were able to take advantage of our reduced neutering costs at the vets.

Early 2022 the charity were forced to increase their adoption fee from £60 to £80 in light of the cost of neutering doubling. Alternatives were considered, but the trustees found that their existing vet was still the best value for the charity.

Sadly, the charity had an outbreak of Panleukopenia in late 2021, the effect of which hit the charity for several months. The charity lost two adult cats and a litter of kittens to the disease. Panleukopenia is an extremely virulent disease, and so this was the best case scenario to lose relatively few cats in such circumstances where usually 90-100% of cats are lost. Treatment during this period was exceptional, and the trustees are extremely grateful to the vets that were able to save the vast majority of the cats. In light of this, the small number of pens on site at Newhouse Road required a deep clean and full refit followed by a long quarantine period where they were out of use to ensure their safety. The trustees also decided to ensure all cats and kittens receive their first vaccination as soon as possible (and where possible, delaying admission and bringing cats and kittens into the charity's care via the vets in order that they receive the first vaccination prior to arrival). The charity now uses a live vaccine which is highly effective against Panleukopenia and has been shown to protect the cat immediately. This has increased the minimum spend by the charity per cat to far above the adoption fee, and so was considered carefully but on consideration the trustees decided that safety was of course paramount and that the charity would find new ways to fundraise to make up the difference. This has been successful, with the charity maintaining a reasonable reserve.

The charity has increased its profile in the community, and so the charity's ability to educate and help the public has increased. The charity receives dozens of calls on average per day, enabling them to help a large number of people with their pets. The charity has also helped a small number of other pets, including a dog, to find homes. The charity has been able to take on a number of foster homes to ensure that cats and kittens are able to adjust to a home environment.

The charity has helped a large number of feral cats, neutering and returning them to their territory where appropriate or relocating them where it is unsafe to release them back where they were.

The charity has neutered many owned cats to prevent pregnancy and disease where the owners were not in the position to neuter their cat themselves.

The charity is well received in the community and is well thought of publicly. Where appropriate, some of the cats and kittens visit a school for children with additional needs with a trustee to help with wellbeing and calmness.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position:

The financial position of the charity can be found on the main financial statements and related notes in these accounts. The funds generated by the charity shall be applied solely in furthering the objects of the charity. The Board of Trustees review the level of cash funds on an ongoing basis and consider risks associated with the various income sources and expenditure plans for the next year.

Reserves policy:

Under the requirements of Charity Law, the Trustees are obliged to define the charity's policy for holding reserves. The intention in establishing this policy for Fylde Coast Cats is to secure continuation of its activities. The policy will:

1. Preserve the viability of the charity
2. In doing so, underwrite existing services against periods of deficit
3. Enable the charity to meet its legal objects
4. Provide confidence to supporters and donors seeking to give financial support to a prudently controlled charity
5. Ensure that, consistent with objects, mission statement and values of Fylde Coast Cats, proper ethical consideration be afforded to all matters of investment
6. Ensure that the reserves are at a level sufficient to discharge all the charity's obligations should the charity cease its operations.

Current levels of cash funds are deemed sufficient to meet the above obligations.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Type of governing document:

Fylde Coast Cats Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) is a registered charity governed by its CIO constitution.

Charity constitution:

Fylde Coast Cats (CIO) is a registered charity, number 1190634 and as such is constituted under the Charity Commission's regulations.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees:

The Executive Committee Members are elected or appointed on an annual basis.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity name:

Fylde Coast Cats

Registered charity number:

1190634

Charity's principal address:

160 Newhouse Road
Marton
Blackpool
Lancs
FY4 4JN

Trustees:

K J Millard
S E Pepper
C E E Wain

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity 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 Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on
28th October 2023
and signed on its behalf by:



Miss K J Millard - Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities for the period 19/01/2022 - 18/01/2023

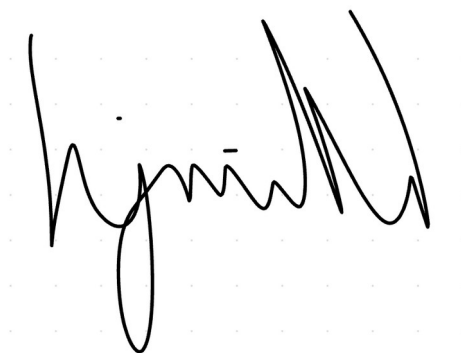
	Unrestricted fund
	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:	
Adoption fees	10080
Donations and legacies	8772
Total income	18852
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	21026
Total resources expended	21026
NET INCOME	-2174
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Funds transferred from last financial period	5390
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARDS	3216

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Balance Sheet
18.01.2023

	18.01.2023
	Unrestricted fund
CURRENT ASSETS	£
Debtors	0
Cash at bank	3216
NET CURRENT ASSETS	3216
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	3216
NET ASSETS	3216
FUNDS	
Unrestricted funds	3216
TOTAL FUNDS	3216

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28th October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim', is written over a light grey dotted grid background.

Miss Kimberly Millard - Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for period 19/01/2022 - 18/01/2023.

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Fylde Coast Cats is registered as a charitable incorporated organisation and is domiciled in the UK. The charity's registered number is 1190634 and its principal office is 160 Newhouse Road, Blackpool, FY44JN.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

The trustees have concluded that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis as there are no material uncertainties regarding going concern.

No significant judgements have had to be made by the trustees in preparing these financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. 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.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period 19/01/2022 - 18/01/2023

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period 19/01/2022 - 18/01/2023.

4. STAFF COSTS

There were no employees during the period.

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

No debtors at the end of the period 29/07/2020 through 18/01/2022.

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 18.1.22	Net movement in funds	At 18.1.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5390	-2174	3216
TOTAL FUNDS	5390	- 2174	3216

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	18852	21026	-2174
TOTAL FUNDS	18852	21026	-2174

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the period 19/01/2022 - 18/01/2023.

8. VOLUNTEERS

We recruit volunteers who are briefed on our aims and objectives and who are provided with clear guidance on our policies and procedures. The contribution of volunteers towards the Charity's aims and objectives is also reviewed annually. Volunteers are signposted towards further training to develop their knowledge and skills in animal welfare.

9. FUNDS TRANSFERRED

With effect from 29.7.20 Fylde Coast Cats (an unincorporated association) transferred all activities, assets and liabilities to Fylde Coast Cats Charitable Incorporated Organisation (charity number 1190634).

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the period 19/01/2022 - 18/01/2023.

	Unrestricted fund
	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Adoption fees	10080
Donations and legacies	8772
Total income	18852
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities:	
Food/litter	2086
Supplies inc flea, wormer, microchipping, traps	2401
Vet bills	16195
Mobile	344
Fundraising materials	0
Total resources expended	21026
NET INCOME	-2174