



Wild Things Rescue

Ethical Rehabilitation Of British Wildlife

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Annual Review 2021-2022

Objectives, activities and achievements

'The objects of the CIO are: For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of animals, in particular native wildlife in need of care and attention and, in particular, to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals'

Wild Things Rescue has achieved the charity objectives by delivering a variety of services while working alongside members of the public, veterinary professionals and other organisations including: the police, the council and the RSPCA. We have worked hard to adapt our services to ensure that animals in distress are captured and treated promptly, as well as ensuring we alleviate the stress of members of the public. Within the period 29th June 2021 – 28th June 2022 we accepted approximately 800 animals into our care. Of those admitted into our care, we achieved a release rate of 42%, when those who passed away or were euthanised within 48 hours of arrival were removed from the statistics. We have seen a wider range of casualties in the past 12 months including our first ever pair of Raven chicks and a range of mustelids. We have been able to connect with other agencies and people with specific expertise to ensure that we are able to give the best care possible. We have also been able to adapt our facilities to take in species we may not have been able to previously, when other wildlife facilities have been unable to help certain species due to Avian Influenza. We feel that the work we are doing with wildlife in Lincolnshire is making a difference to both the individual animals and wild population.

In March 2022 we undertook our biggest challenge so far when we signed a five year lease on a single story property situated just outside Boston, Lincolnshire. This property comprises of seven rooms which we have adapted to create Lincolnshire's only wildlife hospital. Within our centre we have a room for predatory species, a charity shop, an examination room, a main hospital room, a kitchen, toilet and community room. We believe that the centre has improved the care we have been able to provide dramatically. A kind anonymous donor donated us medical equipment including a new incubator, an oxygen generator and a nebuliser. The new space has allowed us to take on more volunteers and offer a wider range of volunteering opportunities to members of the public. It has also allowed us to provide some teaching to veterinary professionals and other rehabilitators in the area. We feel our centre is an asset to the county and it provides many more opportunities. Members of the public, veterinary professionals and those working from other agencies have all said that they have found our centre to be extremely useful, not only alleviating pressure on vets and other agencies, but by providing the public with somewhere they can take animals if they are not confident about contacting the vets.

The volunteers we have working with us have all said that they feel working with us has helped their mental health and this has encouraged us to provide more opportunities including mindfulness sessions and animal interaction sessions. These other services will help us support both our volunteers and the public. We have also been able to take on work experience students from local colleges and have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside them and watching their enthusiasm and confidence grow.

Financial Review

Wild Things Rescue has had a number of unexpected costs this year as costs relating to the rental of our centre were more than originally quoted. The lease took longer than anticipated to prepare and therefore we missed out on fundraising opportunities to help with the set up of the centre. This meant that we have had to make adaptations to what we have done, without compromising patient care. On two occasions we have had to close to new admissions due to financial constraints and lack of space. This is not uncommon in baby season and we do this every year. We now have much higher outgoings, due to the cost of running the centre, however we have made adaptations and have successfully received two grants which have helped towards the rent of our centre.

Our fundraising team, however, has flourished this year, finding new avenues to raise funds. They have attended a number of events ranging from car boot sales to large country fairs. Due to COVID restrictions over the last few years we have been unable to attend many events so it has been nice to be able to get out and about. The team have also raised funds selling items online and by running raffles and auctions. We have also had a rise in the number of people signing up to donate on a regular basis to the charity.

We are happy with our financial position and feel that the charity is sustainable. We are hopeful that things will continue to improve at the rate that they are and that we will be able to secure more grants in future.

Structure, governance and management

Wild Things Rescue is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees. The governing document is a memorandum and articles of association. These are available to trustees at any point. At our AGM this year we appointed a new trustee, Jody Raggo, who will also be our treasurer. He has vast experience in grant applications and accounting and will be an asset to the team.

Reference and administrative details

Wild Things Rescue (Charity number: 1190933)

Registered address: 2 Tomlinson Close, Tattershall, Lincolnshire, LN4 4NH

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Profit and Loss by Tag Group

August 2021 - July 2022

	TOTAL
Income	
Discounts and Refunds	133.98
Donations - In Person (Events)	307.26
Donations - Online	11,854.07
Interest	0.33
Pet Insurance Grant	3,000.00
Sales of Products	-1,796.44
Services Income	8,652.66
Total Income	£22,151.86
TOTAL	£22,151.86
Expenditures	
Accommodation	33.15
Accounting	103.20
Advertising/Promotional	-2.99
Animal Feed	1,587.80
Animal Supplements	45.98
Animal Vet Bills	50.61
Bank charges	96.00
Computer Costs	327.33
Dues and Subscriptions	486.90
Legal & Professional Services	303.20
Misc. Expenses	2,263.96
Phone	34.03
Postage	94.22
PPE	179.04
Printing and Stationery Costs	91.73
Raising funds	844.73
Supplies	2,739.60
Uncategorised Expense	618.82
Volunteer Expenses	190.00
Volunteer Materials	111.02
Volunteer Travel Expenses	400.36
Total Expenditures	£10,598.69
NET OPERATING INCOME	£11,553.17
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£11,553.17