

**Fur and Feathers Animal Sanctuary**

**Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30 April 2024**

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## **Fur and Feathers Animal Sanctuary**

### **Report of the Trustees**

**For the year ended 30 April 2024**

#### **Objectives and Activities**

Our primary objective is to benefit of the public by relieving the suffering of feral, stray and unwanted cats who need care and attention. We seek to provide and maintain foster homes and other facilities for the care and veterinary treatment of cats.

Our core activities are:

- **Rehoming:** the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of stray and unwanted cats and kittens;
- **Neutering:**
  - the neutering and release of feral cats to humanely control environments;
  - encouraging and assisting, where possible, in the neutering of domestic cats; and
- **Education:** improving understanding of cats and their needs and prevention of cruelty and suffering to cats and kittens.

The charity is managed by a committee of three voluntary trustees. The Trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidance that our activities should benefit the public.

The charity is run entirely by volunteers, who contribute with:

- Day to day care and rehoming of cats and kittens;
- Fundraising and publicity activity

The charity does not own any of its own land or property. Where land is required for storage of goods, this is rented by way of short-term lease agreement.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

##### **Rehoming**

Cats and kittens come into our care from a variety of sources, for example, strays, unwanted pets, abandoned pets, housing evictions, vet referrals and bereavement. Whilst we are unable to accommodate all requests, we help where we can. If we are unable to accept a cat, advice and alternative suggestion are always offered.

Before rehoming a cat or kitten, all animals undergo a health check by a qualified veterinary surgeon. All cats are wormed, defleaed, vaccinated, microchipped, neutered (if old enough) and rehomed with 5 weeks free health insurance provided by Agria.

All cats and kittens coming into our care are assessed as to their homing suitability (e.g. with children, inexperienced owners, dogs or other pets). We will only rehome a cat where we feel that they are a good match with their new environment and new owners.

All cats are rehomed as indoor only, to reduce the risk of traffic accidents. This also enables potential owners who live in apartments to consider adoption, which can be limited by other rescue facilities who mandate outdoor access.

Everybody who adopts a cat or kitten will have been given verbal advice and have participated in an in-person home check assessment with one of our volunteers. Rescue back up is provided to all our animals should their new owner's circumstances change, or newly adopted cats fail to integrate into their new family. In cases where cats fail to integrate, we offer to refund the money given to us as an adoption donation.

## **Neutering**

At every opportunity we encourage volunteers and members of the public to neuter their cats. It is beneficial to the long-term health of the animal and helps limit the number of unwanted cats and kittens.

Unowned cats can become a nuisance in the community where they are roaming, fighting with neighbouring cats and having unwanted litters of kittens in inappropriate places. A number of these will be semi-feral or feral, having either had a home a long time ago or having never been socialised with humans.

In these cases, cats are trapped, spayed or castrated, treated for parasites and injuries before being released back into their territory after recovery. If the original trap site is considered unsuitable for the safe release of the cat, we seek to relocate the cat to safe farm, smallholding and stable homes. Kittens young enough to be socialised are taken to one of our foster homes for care and eventually will be placed for adoption.

## **Education**

All cats and kittens are rehomed with information leaflets and are actively encouraged to stay in touch and join our available online community forum.

Owners often contact us about behavioural and medical problems associated with their pets and, if appropriate, we do our best to signpost to advice and help.

Official organisations sometimes contact us and ask for help with faced situations, for example, involving tenants and their cats.

## **Financial Review**

Our principal sources of income are:

- Donations from adopters and the general public, either one off or by regular donation;
- Fundraising income, from organised charity events and sale of goods donated for sale through our online auctions;
- Grants from other organisations or charitable trusts.

The trustees have agreed to a policy to maintain an unrestricted reserves position to hold a minimum of 3 months of expenditure (£21,500). At the end of the year, we held £115,460 of unrestricted reserves and £10,504 of restricted reserves. In 2024/25 we have now committed to do more by the way of trap neuter and release to assist the local community with growing feral colony issues, which will be funded from the reserves we hold.

There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

## Structure Governance and Management

The charity is an Incorporated Charitable Organisation (CIO), governed by a constitution document, adopted 26 April 2022.

Trustees are appointed by resolution at a meeting of the trustees. The Trustees are advised to study Charity Commission guidance CC3a and, if appropriate, attend locally sourced training sessions.

Governance of, and decisions about, the charity's activities are made by a committee comprising of the trustees.

## Reference and Administrative Details

**Registered Charity Number:** 1198747

**Registered Office:** 12 Thatchway Gardens, Birmingham, B38 9UU

**Trustees:**

Trustee Name	Role	Dates of appointment (if not whole year)
Lisa Hunt	Chair	
Roma Crookes	Trustee	
Amy Clare	Trustee	From: 6 December 2022

**Bankers:** Santander UK plc

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

There are no funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of other others for the year ended 30 April 2024.

## Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

The trustees declare they have approved the trustees report above.

**Name:** Lisa Hunt

**Position:** Chair

**Date:** 23 February 2025

## **Fur and Feathers Animal Sanctuary**

### **Report of the Independent Examiner**

**For the year ended 30 April 2024**

#### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Fur and Feathers Animal Sanctuary**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Fur and Feathers Animal Sanctuary (the Trust) for the year ended 30 April 2024.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 accounts to be reached.

**Name:** Jeannie Fungatira

**Professional qualification:** ACCA

**Date:** 25/02/2024

## Fur and Feathers Animal Sanctuary

### Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 30 April 2024

	note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>Income</b>							
Charitable activities	2	22,465	-	22,465	21,718	-	21,718
Donations and legacies	3	60,035	-	60,035	72,367	10,504	82,871
Other trading activities		44	-	44	622	-	622
<b>Total income</b>		<b>82,544</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,544</b>	<b>94,707</b>	<b>10,504</b>	<b>105,211</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Administration and management		5,167	-	5,167	2,028	-	2,028
Direct charitable expenditure	4	44,322	-	44,322	39,316	-	39,316
Other charitable expenditure	5	13,367	-	13,367	23,013	-	23,013
Depreciation		1,720	-	1,720	1,720	-	1,720
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>64,576</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,576</b>	<b>66,076</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,077</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		97,492	10,504	107,995	-	-	-
Transfer in on incorporation			-	-	68,861	-	68,861
<b>Total fund carried forward</b>		<b>115,460</b>	<b>10,504</b>	<b>125,964</b>	<b>97,492</b>	<b>10,504</b>	<b>107,995</b>
<b>Continuing operations</b>							
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities							

The notes form part of these financial statements

## Fur and Feathers Animal Sanctuary

### Balance Sheet

At 30 April 2024

	2023/24 Unrestricted Funds £	2023/24 Restricted Funds £	2023/24 Total Funds £	2022/23 Unrestricted Funds £	2022/23 Restricted Funds £	2022/23 Total Funds £
<b>Fixed assets</b>						
Charity Van	3,440	-	3,440	5,160	-	5,160
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>3,440</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,440</b>	<b>5,160</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,160</b>
<b>Current assets</b>						
Cash at bank and in hand	112,020	10,504	122,524	92,295	10,504	102,799
Other current assets	-	-	-	36	-	36
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>112,020</b>	<b>10,504</b>	<b>122,524</b>	<b>92,332</b>	<b>10,504</b>	<b>102,835</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>115,460</b>	<b>10,504</b>	<b>125,964</b>	<b>97,492</b>	<b>10,504</b>	<b>107,995</b>
<b>Funds</b>						
Unrestricted fund	115,460	-	115,460	97,492	-	97,492
Restricted fund	-	10,504	10,504	-	10,504	10,504
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>115,460</b>	<b>10,504</b>	<b>125,964</b>	<b>97,492</b>	<b>10,504</b>	<b>107,995</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23 February 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

**Name:** Lisa Hunt  
**Position:** Chair  
**Date:** 23 February 2025

The notes form part of these financial statements



## **Fur and Feathers Animal Sanctuary**

### **Note to the Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30 April 2024**

#### **1. Accounting Policies**

##### **1.1. Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SROP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities"

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

##### **1.2. 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 the particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

The charity holds one restricted fund at the reporting date. This is in respect of funds raised in our search for new premises. At the reporting date we had still not secured alternative land.

##### **1.3. Trustee remuneration and benefits**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2024.

#### **2. Income from charitable activities**

	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2022/23</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Auctions	1,533	2,940
Fundraising Events	7,800	8,068
Raffles and Lottery	13,132	10,710
<b>Total income from charitable activities</b>	<b>22,465</b>	<b>21,718</b>

### 3. Income from donations and legacies

	2022/23 £	2022/23 £
Adoption fees	10,308	10,544
Agria charity grant	946	1,628
Donations	40,684	43,575
Online Fundraisers	6,113	25,315
Sponsorship	1,983	1,810
<b>Total income from donations and legacies</b>	<b>60,035</b>	<b>82,871</b>

### 4. Direct charitable expenditure

	2022/23 £	2022/23 £
Animal equipment	76	1,730
Animal feed & bedding	8,440	8,813
Cleaning/Hygiene	267	1,096
Vet and medical	35,459	27,585
Other	78	91
<b>Total direct charity expenditure</b>	<b>44,322</b>	<b>39,316</b>

### 5. Other charitable expenditure

	2022/23 £	2022/23 £
Fuel/transport costs	2,565	3,322
Fundraising expenditure	6,338	1,822
Insurance	1,951	3,212
Rental charges	3,400	1,580
Repair and maintenance	(1,595)	12,233
Water	99	291
Volunteer expenses	609	553
<b>Total other charity expenditure</b>	<b>13,367</b>	<b>23,013</b>