

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 10 OCTOBER 2022 TO 5 APRIL 2024  
FOR  
SAVING STRAYS ANIMAL RESCUE**

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# SAVING STRAYS ANIMAL RESCUE

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD 10 OCTOBER 2022 TO 5 APRIL 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 10 October 2022 to 5 April 2024. 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

#### Objectives and aims

For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of animals 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.

To promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

Offering shelter or sanctuary for animals which are in need of medical attention; providing medical treatment for animals; actively seeking new homes for rescued animals.

The geographical location will be limited to the North West of England.

#### Overview of Activities to Date

Since our registration on 10th October 2022, Saving Strays Animal Rescue has made significant strides in fulfilling our mission of rescuing and rehoming animals in need. The charity has been involved in a variety of key activities, some of which have been both rewarding and challenging.

#### Significant Activities

1. Infrastructure Review: As the charity grew, we realised the importance of reviewing and refining our internal infrastructure. In the past, we were very eager to take in any animal that needed help, which resulted in unsustainable costs and high vet bills. We have become more selective in the animals we can assist, taking a more realistic approach to the number of rescues we can manage.
2. Expansion of Equine Offering: We also expanded our work to include equines, acknowledging the growing need for equine rescue in our community. This was a positive development, but it did require adjustments in both finances, resources and expertise. We continue to learn and adapt as we take on this new area of animal rescue.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Financial position

We have maintained accurate and up-to-date records of receipts and invoices, ensuring transparency in all financial matters. However, we have faced challenges in balancing the growing costs associated with vet bills, especially in the early stages when we took in animals without fully understanding the financial impact. With the restructuring of our operations, we are now more diligent in assessing the financial viability of each rescue.

#### Challenges Faced:

- Rising Vet Costs: One of the biggest challenges we have faced is the overwhelming cost of veterinary care. As a rescue, we have often been presented with animals that require significant medical treatment, which has led to substantial vet bills. This has been a constant strain on our finances.
- Volunteer Relationships: One of the more significant and challenging events we faced was taking legal action against a former volunteer over unpaid vet bills for animals paid for by the rescue. As a result, we are now more cautious and selective about how we work with volunteers and ensure that we have clear contracts and expectations in place.
- Sustainability: In the early months, our rescue operations were not always sustainable, as we did not have a clear framework in place for managing incoming animals, vet bills, or fundraising efforts. This made us realise the importance of having a strategic approach to ensure the long-term viability of the charity.



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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

The trustees believe a working capital of £1,000 is an acceptable level of reserves. At the period end unrestricted funds amount to £17. This is well below the desired working capital target and the trustees recognise the need for urgent funding through donations and grants.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the trustees are confident they can bring in the necessary funding to ensure the continuation of the charity. Further grant funding was secured after the year end and the charity was on a more firm financial footing by the approval date of this report.

**FUTURE PLANS**

As we move into the next year, we are setting out a clear and achievable strategy to strengthen our foundation and expand our reach. Key areas of focus include:

1. Generating Transportation: One of our primary goals is to establish a reliable transportation system that will allow us to more efficiently move animals to safety and to appropriate foster or permanent homes. This will also help us reduce the dependency on external transport services, which has been a logistical challenge in the past.
2. Acquiring a Centre: Our long-term aim is to acquire a central facility for the charity, where we can better house and care for the animals. This will provide us with a permanent base of operations and allow us to offer more comprehensive services to the community, including animal care training programs.
3. Expanding Fundraising and Grant Applications: We recognise the importance of securing additional funding to support our work. Over the next 12 months, we plan to expand our fundraising efforts and grow our grant application team to ensure a more sustainable financial future for the charity.
4. Reviewing Marketing and Outreach: We will conduct a thorough review of our marketing efforts, aiming to increase our visibility and raise awareness about the work we do. This includes reviewing our website, social media presence, and public relations strategies.
5. Staff and Volunteer Structure Review: A crucial part of our strategy is to review the structure of our staff and volunteer teams. As we continue to grow, we aim to ensure that we have the right people in place with clear roles and responsibilities. This will also include reviewing how we can better support our volunteers and staff, ensuring a positive and effective working environment.
6. Becoming an Employer and Generating Jobs: We want to explore how we can become an employer within the local community, generating job opportunities that contribute to both animal welfare and the local economy. This may include positions in animal care, administration, and fundraising.
7. Collaborating with Local Schools and Colleges: Once we acquire a central facility, we aim to collaborate with local schools and colleges to offer educational programs. These programs will provide young people with hands-on experience in animal care, while also raising awareness about the importance of animal welfare.

The past financial year has been a period of growth, learning, and adaptation for Saving Strays Animal Rescue. We have faced several challenges, but we have learned valuable lessons that will shape our future direction. As we move forward, we are excited about the possibilities and committed to achieving our goals for the next 12 months, which will ensure a more sustainable, impactful, and responsible rescue operation.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD 10 OCTOBER 2022 TO 5 APRIL 2024

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

There must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee.

The maximum number of charity trustees is 4. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of four years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

#### Registered Charity number

1200632

#### Principal address

63 Kentfield Drive  
Bolton  
Lancashire  
BL1 8FX

#### Trustees

N Bromley (resigned 30.11.22)  
J Jackson (appointed 13.1.23) (resigned 31.12.24)  
H Egan  
D Egan  
J Egan

#### Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5 February 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



H Egan - Trustee



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
SAVING STRAYS ANIMAL RESCUE**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Saving Strays Animal Rescue**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Saving Strays Animal Rescue (the Trust) for the period 10 October 2022 to 5 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



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5 February 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE PERIOD 10 OCTOBER 2022 TO 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>				
Donations and legacies		37,696	3,500	41,196
Investment income	2	9	-	9
<b>Total</b>		<u>37,705</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>41,205</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Charitable activities		37,688	3,500	41,188
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<u>17</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>17</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17</u>

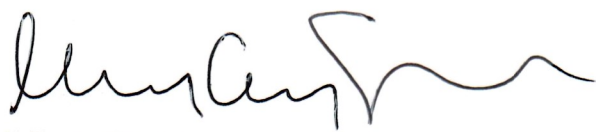
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BALANCE SHEET  
5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank		17	-	17
NET CURRENT ASSETS		17	-	17
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		17	-	17
NET ASSETS		17	-	17
FUNDS	4			
Unrestricted funds				17
TOTAL FUNDS				17

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5 February 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



H Egan - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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1. 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.

**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.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

Deposit account interest

£  
9

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 5 April 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 5 April 2024.

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4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.24 £
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	17	17
TOTAL FUNDS	17	17

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	37,705	(37,688)	17
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	3,500	(3,500)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	41,205	(41,188)	17

5. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 5 April 2024.

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## DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD 10 OCTOBER 2022 TO 5 APRIL 2024

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### INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

#### Donations and legacies

Donations	22,696
Grants	18,500

41,196

#### Investment income

Deposit account interest	9
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#### Total incoming resources

41,205

### EXPENDITURE

#### Charitable activities

Insurance	1,515
Telephone	417
Postage and stationery	317
Advertising	412
Sundries	296
Rates	419
Animal expenses	12,154
Cleaning and waste	814
Vet expenses	21,995
Repairs and renewals	1,403
Travelling	1,445
Bank charges	1

41,188

#### Total resources expended

41,188

#### Net income

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This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements