

Care4Cats Rescue - Teesside & North Yorkshire

Financial Accounts

18th September 2023 to 31st December 2024



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Care4Cats Rescue - Teesside & North Yorkshire

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Charity Information

Trustees

Clare Robson
Julie Hatch
Kathleen Constance O'Neill
Rachel Morgan

Charity number

1204764

Principle Address

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Independent Examiner

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Trustees Annual Report for the period 18/9/2023 - 31/12/2024

Charity Name - Care4Cats Rescue - Teesside & North Yorkshire

Registered charity number - 1204764

Our Objectives and Activities

To promote humane behaviour towards animals, particularly but not exclusively cats 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.

Summary of activities in relation to the main objectives set out in our constitution

Rescue and adoption: to rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of stray and unwanted cats and kittens.

Neutering: the neutering and release of feral and community cats to safe environments where human support is given: and encouraging and assisting, where possible, in the neutering of domestic cats.

Education: improving the public's understanding of cats, their needs, and the prevention of cruelty and suffering to all cats and kittens.

Trustees Statement

Our trustees are mindful of the Charity Commission guidance and that our activities should benefit the public.

Additional Information

Volunteers:

The charity is run from the home of our founder. We do not own any land or property. This allows us to keep our overheads to a minimum.

The charity is managed by a committee of four voluntary trustees.

Volunteers manage the day-to-day care and rehoming of cats and kittens and with fundraising and publicity.

Summary and Performance

Homing

Cats come into our care from a variety of sources – for example, feral, strays, unwanted, abandoned, evictions, bereavement, via Social Services, police and vet referrals. Whilst we are unable to accommodate all requests, we help if we can. If we are unable to accept a cat, advice and alternative suggestions are always offered.

Before being adopted, all cats undergo a full health check from one of our qualified veterinary surgeons, and receive any treatment required. We also screen for FIV/Felv viruses, neutered if not already, fully vaccinated, microchipped, flead and wormed as standard.

All cats that come into our care are assessed as to their homing suitability, eg. with small children, inexperienced owners, dogs and other pets. We will only home a cat if we feel there is a good match with their new environment and new owners. We also have a two kitten policy to ensure no kitten lives in solitary.

Everybody who adopts a cat or kitten is given verbal advice about how to settle a new cat into the family. In the unfortunate circumstance any adopter is unable to keep the cat/s we will always bring back into our care, as per the adoption contract.

We started as a registered charity with 39 cats and kittens in our care.

During this period (18/9/2023 - 31/12/2024)

36 have been adopted

1 cat was reclaimed by original owner

3 cats were euthanised

2 died in our care. Neonatal kittens Wren and Muffin - both passed away within a week of arrival.

33 came into our care. 4 of which were returned from failed adoptions. Lark & Finch, after 5 days and Martha and Salem after nearly 2yrs due to change of circumstance.

Tawny 20/11/2023- 27/11/2023

Owner surrender



Administration

Shortly after getting our charity status we invested in a cloud based animal shelter management database, called Animal Shelter. It is paid for annually (£240+VAT) and allows us to run the rescue as effectively and efficiently as possible and all in one place. No software is required and allows multiple users. The database is GDPR friendly.

Neutering/ Trap and Release

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 when they are roaming, fighting with neighbouring cats and having numerous unwanted litters of kittens. Most are feral/semi feral; a few will have had a home at some point. Cats are trapped, assessed to see if suitable for adoption, when not then spayed/neutered, treated for parasites and microchipped before being released back into their territory after a period of recovery. On some occasions, the original trap site is considered unsafe for release, so we then relocate the cats to other safer sites e.g. farms, smallholdings and stables, all of which we homecheck as we would our domestic felines. Any kittens young enough to be easily socialised are taken into our care and subsequently placed for adoption.

Any trapped cats suffering from serious medical problems (e.g. an injury not able to be fixed with a single treatment and debilitating illness) are usually euthanised with agreement of a veterinary surgeon if that is the best welfare option overall, unless we can find space within a suitable sanctuary for them.

There are many benefits to Trap Neuter and Release (TNR). Once neutered, a cat has a better quality of life, reduced fighting and disease. Female cats are prevented from having up to three or four litters a year. Nuisance behaviour is reduced or eliminated, thus improving the public's perception of cats.

During this period (18/9/2023 - 31/12/2024)

9 cats were neutered, microchipped, flead and wormed as part of a trap and release programme in a local village (Egton Bridge)

Advice and Education

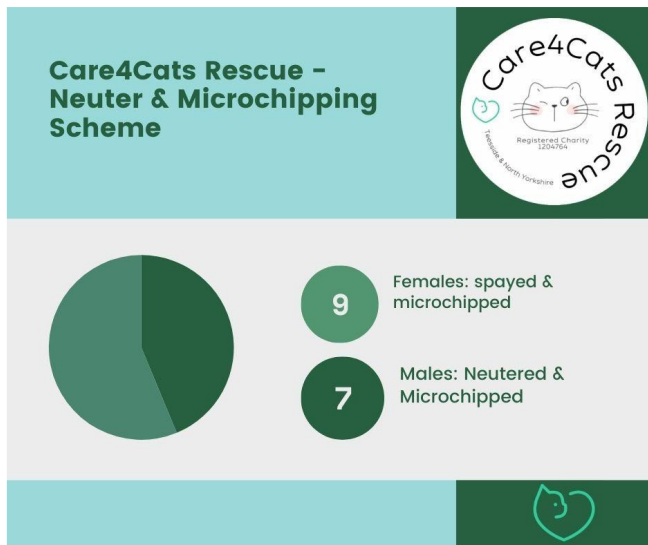
Through the use of our social media pages and our website we are always creating content that highlights our recent work and also gives advice on cat-related topics.

When any of our cats are adopted we actively encourage them to stay in touch, so we can be on hand to offer any advice required, at any point throughout the length of adoption. For medical matters we always advise they speak to their own vet.

When the public reaches out for neutering support we will give advice on any neutering schemes running currently.

We also advise other organisations , social services, housing associations et al, who are looking to support their service users/ tenants et al with their pets, or pets that have been abandoned or owners have deceased.

Neutering scheme - we managed to neuter 16 local cats



Fostering Facilities

As previously mentioned all our cats are kept at the home of our founder, Clare Robson. (C4CHQ). We have pens to keep the cats contained and or separated initially, but once this period has passed all the cats are assessed and socialised well enough to live side by side in a home environment. The cats not available for adoption, or the more quiet/ timid felines are kept upstairs. They have access to a secure outside space with multi level ledges for them to climb, perch, and explore, as well as outdoor cabins for them to snuggle up in.

Work began at the end of the year to provide the felines with more enrichment and to better utilise the space, so climbing apparatus was added to the cat wall, which not only provides exercise but also somewhere for them to perch. We installed hygienic PVC panels to two walls in the cat room upstairs. And this work will continue as we go into 2025 with new flooring for the whole downstairs planned, and cladding the cat wall with hygienic pvc panels to the cat wall downstairs like we have done in the cat room upstairs.



Financial Review

It's been a challenging year, but it has been successful. Still reeling from the effects of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis. Our donors are always generous and very supportive, which is why we call them our 'C4C family'. It is because of them our Christmas 2023 raffle was a huge success raising £1424 our biggest we have ever done

We received our first grants, one from Animal Friends for £500 (24/10/23) and one from BarclayCard for £1000 (18/12/23)

We appointed an accountant M Watson Accountancy Services Ltd.

We do not have any reserves.

Additional Information.

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)

1. Donations from adopters and the general public, either one-off or by standing order.
2. Fundraising - sale of good quality donated goods through our facebook page continued to do well and helped us finance our work. Though we have started to move this over to an ebay shop, which we believe will be better to manage and enable us to reach a wider audience, plus it also allows the public to sell and donate proceeds to us.

A local learning disabilities group did a sponsored walk in September 2023 and kindly donated part of their proceeds to our cause. (£300)

We obtained our lotteries licence from our local authority (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council) in line with legislation. Enabling us to do a weekly bonus ball, raffles and blind cards et al.

3. Grants from other organisations and charitable trusts
4. Gift Aid through HMRC - £2195.68 for this period (18/9/23 - 31/12/24)

Principal Risks

The charity's principal risk is receiving a large, unexpected vet bill for a cat taken into our care. Routine veterinary costs are generally known and predictable; however, if a veterinary surgeon advises that a cat needs particularly expensive treatment, to mitigate the risk, the trustees will make an informed decision, in conjunction with the vet, on whether to proceed with treatment or, if a better welfare option, put the animal to sleep if we are unsuccessful in finding a rescue that can help or take over the care altogether. But we will also do what is best for the feline.

As we develop and grow as a charity we will be working hard to ensure we put in place all the relevant policy and procedures to support our work and minimise risk both for the charity and its volunteers and wider public. For example we purchased adequate public liability insurance.

Structure, Governance and Management.

Constitution adopted on 18th September 2023

Care4Cats Rescue - Teesside and North Yorkshire is a Incorporated charitable organisation (CIO)

Trustees are appointed by resolution at a meeting of the trustees. Trustees are appointed with no fixed term.

Trustees have been advised to study Charity Commission guidance CC3a and, if appropriate, encouraged to attend any associated training locally.

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

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name - Care4Cats Rescue - Teesside and North Yorkshire

Registered Charity Number - 1204764

Principal Address - 3 Hartington Street, Loftus, Saltburn by the Sea TS13 4SB

Names of the trustees who manage the charity

Clare Robson Founder/ Chair

Kathleen O'Neill

Rachel Morgan

Julie Hatch

Both Moira Dunne and Caroline Stewart resigned from their roles as trustees throughout this period, and we appointed Julie Hatch.

Directors - none

Trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity - none

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others - none


Exemptions from disclosure - none

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have unanimously approved this report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Clare Robson - Chair of Trustees/Founder

Signed:  Date 17.4.2025.


Rachel Morgan -Trustee

Signed:  Date 21/4/25

Connie O'Neill - Trustee

Signed:  Date 17.4.2025

Julie Hatch - Trustee

Signed:  Date 17.4.2025
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Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Care4Cats Rescue – Teesside & North Yorkshire

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period 18th September 2023 to 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.



Mark Watson FFA FIPA

M Watson Accountancy Services Ltd

15 April 2025

Date

Care4Cats Rescue - Teesside & North Yorkshire

Income & Expenditure 18th September 2023 to 31st December 2024

	£	£
Income		
Fundraising Activities	10,528	
Donations	23,449	
Merchandise Sales	5,124	
Grants Received	1,525	
Sponsorships	2,620	
Neutering Scheme	1,050	
Adoptions	2,220	
Bank Interest Received	22	
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Direct Costs		
Feedstuffs etc	15,571	
Litter	1,429	
Merchandise for Resale	1,963	
Vet & Medical etc	14,389	
Neuter & Chip Vouchers	960	
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		12,226
Other Expenditure		
Bank Charges	46	
Cleaning	750	
Legal & Professional	401	
Accountancy	300	
Motor Expenses	1,633	
Post & Stationery	2,333	
Telephone & Internet	10	
Volunteer Expenses	1,974	
General Expenses	1,090	
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NET INCOME		<u><u>3,689</u></u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

	£	£
Current Assets		
Bank Current Accounts	2,843	
Bank Deposit Account	1,066	
Cash in Hand	80	
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Current Liabilities		
Accruals		300
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NET ASSETS		<u>3,689</u>
Represented by;		
Unrestricted Funds Brought Forward		-
Net Income		3,689
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Unrestricted Funds Carried Forward		<u>3,689</u>