

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS CRAVEN AND UPPER WHARFEDALE BRANCH

England & Wales · Charity number 232237

Details

Other names	RSPCA - CRAVEN AND UPPER WHARFEDALE BRANCH, RSPCA CRAVEN AND UPPER WHARFEDALE BRANCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1963-12-13
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE BRANCH ARE TO PROMOTE THE WORK AND OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY [ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (219099)], WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE AREA OF THE BRANCH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES OF THE SOCIETY.

Activities: 1. The promotion of animal welfare 2. The re-homing of unwanted, abandoned or rescued animals within the constraints of financial resources and voluntary support.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CRAVEN AND UPPER WHARFEDALE.
- Bradford City
- Lancashire
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£80,986	£81,033	-	-
2023-12-31	£224,751	£87,562	-	-
2022-12-31	£60,259	£76,937	-	-
2021-12-31	£49,161	£67,350	-	-
2020-12-31	£45,900	£61,854	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JAYNE MARIE WOODWARD	Chair	
Francis Leslie Woodward		2019-01-01
JANE LEWIS TAYLOR		
Jannette Kathleen Brannelly		2016-01-02
Matthew Dagg		2025-09-23
Robert Stow		2016-01-02

Accounts

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

Charity number 232237 – England and Wales

**Statement of Accounts
for the
Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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Independent Examiner's Report

From Stewart Newberry FFA

to the Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 10 to 14:

- Responsibilities of the trustees

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

The Charities Act 2022 ('the Act').

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 ('the SORP').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

- As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Responsibilities of the independent examiner

As independent examiner, I have responsibilities within the following:

The Regulations.

The Act.

Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales in the guidance document 'Independent Examination of Charity Accounts: Directions and Guidance for Examiners (CC32) December 2017' ('the Directions').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

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Independent Examiner's Report
From Stewart Newberry FFA
to the Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

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As independent examiner, my responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Completion of an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Stating whether particular matters have come to my attention in completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- Basis of my independent examiner's report

I completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the Directions.

An independent examination includes the following:

A review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and a comparison of those items.

Consideration of any unusual items included in the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and seeking explanations from the trustees regarding such items.

An independent examination is a form of external scrutiny that provides a limited check on specific matters. An independent examination does not provide all the evidence that is required in an audit. Therefore, I do not express an audit opinion on the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and neither do I express an opinion on whether the statement of accounts shows a true and fair view. My independent examiner's report is limited to those matters contained in the following statement:

- Independent examiner's statement

In completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, none of the following came to my attention:

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees' responsibility to prepare sufficient accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations and the Act has not been met.

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees' responsibility to prepare a statement of accounts from the accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the SORP has not been met.

Any matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the statement of accounts to be reached.

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Independent Examiner's Report

From Stewart Newberry FFA

to the Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

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To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, I do not accept responsibility to any third parties for my work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

This report has been prepared only for your use as trustees and to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

S A Newberry, FFA, FTA, MBA

Positive Practice Accountants
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Accountants Report

From Positive Practice Accountants

to the Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 on pages 10 to 14

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

The Charities Act 2022 ('the Act').

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 ('the SORP').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the statement of accounts on your behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, in accordance with the independent examiner's report on pages 3 to 5.

We have completed our work on your behalf from the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

We have relied on the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us as being true, correct and complete. Other than the procedures explained in the independent examiner's report on pages 3 to 5, we have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information

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Accountants Report

From Positive Practice Accountants

to the Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

that you have made available to us, and our work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein. Therefore, other than the independent examiner's report on pages 3 to 5, we do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

Our work on your behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Institute of Financial Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, we do not accept responsibility to any third parties for our work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

The statement of accounts and this report have been prepared only for your use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales

Positive Practice Accountants
Skipton Commercial Centre
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7th October 2025

**Declaration from the Trustees
of
R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
to
Positive Practice Accountants**

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 on pages 10 to 14:

We approve the statement of accounts.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, we have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

The Charities Act 2022 (the Act').

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 ('the SORP').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, our responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, financial records and other relevant information.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to prepare the statement of accounts on our behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to complete an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, in accordance with the independent examiner's report on pages 3 to 5.

We confirm that an audit or any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information is not required.

We have made available to you all accounting records and other relevant information necessary to enable you complete your work on our behalf.

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**Declaration from the Trustees
of
R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
to
Positive Practice Accountants
Continued**

The accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you are true, correct and complete. We acknowledge that, other than the procedures explained in the independent examiner's report on pages 1 to 3, you have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, and your work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein.

We acknowledge that, therefore, other than the independent examiner's report on pages 3 to 5, you do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you.

We acknowledge that your work on our behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

We acknowledge that, to the fullest extent within laws and regulations, you do not accept responsibility to any third parties for your work relating to the statement of accounts or for the reports on pages 3 to 7.

We acknowledge that the statement of accounts and the reports on pages 3 to 7 have been prepared only for our use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.

J Woodward
Trustee Chairperson

7th October 2025

J Brannelly
Trustee Treasurer

7th October 2025

J Stow
Trustee Secretary

7th October 2025

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Unrestricted funds – income	2 and 3		
Collections, donations and misc.		32566	35285
Legacies		14894	173795
Animal adoptions		10351	13310
RSPCA case animals		16250	0
Subscriptions		67	79
Insurance commission		779	315
Bank Interest		6079	1716
Donated professional services		0	250
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		80986	224751
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Unrestricted funds expenditure	2 and 3		
Misc. fund raising		124	4,108
Veterinary		36,310	37,811
Kennels and Catteries		35,260	37,741
Fostering		3,679	4,386
Storage		660	0
Repairs and renewals		0	0
Travelling		351	894
Telecommunications		611	338
Website		214	0
Advertisement		75	0
Postage and stationery		897	59
Branch regional contribution		551	1,556
Accountancy fee		420	420
Independent examiner fee		420	250
Legacy administration fee		435	0
Insurance		822	0
Bank charges		60	0
Information commissioner registration fee		40	0
Depreciation of equipment		104	0
Net value added tax reclaimed		0	0
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		81033	87562
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Unrestricted fund net surplus/deficit		(47)	(16,678)
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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Unrestricted funds – summary	3		
Brought forward		237,572	100,383
Net surplus		(47)	137,189
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Carried forward		237,525	237,572
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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Non-Current Asset			
Fixtures and Fittings		314	0
Current Assets	2		
Stock		0	485
Debtors		0	1,899
Prepayments		0	0
PayPal account		0	1,113
Cash at bank		237,631	237,648
Cash at hand		0	0
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		237,945	241,145
Creditors	2		
Amounts falling within one year:			
Creditors		0	3,153
Accruals		420	420
		-----	-----
		(420)	(3,573)
		-----	-----
Total Net Assets		237,525	237,572
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Capital and reserves	3		
Unrestricted funds		237,525	237,572
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On behalf of the trustees, we approve the statement of accounts on pages 10 to 14

J Woodward
Trustee Chairperson

J Brannelly
Trustee Treasurer

J Stow
Trustee Secretary

R S P C A Keighley Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

7th October 2025

7th October 2025

7th October 2025

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. The charity's main objective

The charity's main objective is to promote the work and objectives of the national Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ('the Society') in accordance with the policies of the Society, with particular reference to the geographical area covered by the charity.

2. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of statement of accounts

The statement of accounts is prepared in accordance with:

The historical cost convention. The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The Charities Act 2022.

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019.

Income

Accounting policy applied to all income:

All income is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

Control over the rights or other access to the economic benefits relating to the income has passed to the charity.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the income will pass to the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the income and any costs incurred relating to the transactions can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Donated goods for sale are included in the statement of accounts at the monetary value realised when sold or disposed of.

Donated facilities, goods or services for use by the charity are included in the statement of accounts at a reliable estimate of their monetary value where information is available to calculate such an estimate.

The monetary value of volunteer help is not included in the statement of accounts. Information relating to volunteer help is included in the trustees' annual report.

Debtors are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will receive in respect of debts owed to it at the balance sheet date.

Prepayments are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity has paid in advance for goods or services not yet received by it at the balance sheet date.

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Expenditure

Accounting policy applied to all expenditure:

All expenditure is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

A present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event that commits the charity to the expenditure. It is probable the economic benefits relating to the obligation will pass from the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the obligation can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Equipment is included in the statement of accounts at cost less depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation of equipment is included in the statement of accounts at a rate calculated to write off the cost of equipment, less its estimated residual value, on a straight-line basis over the expected useful economic life of the equipment.

Impairment of equipment is considered at each balance sheet date and included in the statement of accounts as necessary.

Stock is included in the statement of accounts at an estimate of the lower of cost or net realisable value, after making allowance for obsolete or slow-moving stock. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of related overhead costs.

Creditors and accruals are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will pay in respect of debts owed for goods or services received by it at the balance sheet date.

3. Unrestricted funds

The charity's unrestricted funds are available for application at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's objectives.

4. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration, benefits or expenses arising from employments with the charity during the two years ended 31 December 2023.

5. 5 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the two years ended 31 December 2022 which require disclosure in the statement of accounts.

6. Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the statement of accounts.



ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2024

This report contains the following documents presented at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Branch held on 15 October 2025.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024.

A copy of the RSPCA West Yorkshire Group Annual Inspectorate Report 2024 is included in this report.

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RSPCA KEIGHLEY CRAVEN & UPPER WHARFEDALE BRANCH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Reference and Administrative Details as at 31 December 2024

Charity Number 232237

Trustees*

Chair Jayne Woodward

Treasurer Jan Brannelly

Secretary Rob Stow

Jane Taylor
Francis Woodward
Mike Hogg

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* Mandie Anderson was a Branch Trustee for part of the year
(until the AGM on 18 June 2024 only.)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. It operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches.

A committee elected at the AGM governs the branch. Members of the committee are Trustees of the branch and are briefed on their responsibilities prior to their acceptance of the role. The trustees hold regular meetings at which decisions are made.

The trustees actively review the risks that the charity faces through regular operational and financial reviews. The trustees also examine other operational and business risks facing the branch, and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks, which have been identified as:

- 1 Insufficient branch-generated income
- 2 Unpredictable income from legacies

OBJECTS, OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The objects of the branch are to promote the work and objects of the National Society of the RSPCA, with particular reference to the area of the branch.

The key aim is to find suitable new homes for as many animals as possible, within the constraints of the Branch's resources and with regard to the National Society's policies.

The main activity to achieve this is the operation of an animal adoption/ re-homing programme through PBE cattery / cat fostering and boarding at RSPCA East Lancs. This activity is supported by a variety of volunteer roles.

The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of our objectives and activities for the year, to ensure they remain focused on our charitable aims, and continue to deliver benefits to the public. We have complied with this duty under the Charities Act 2011, s.17 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The branch intake for the year 2024 was 99 cats and 13 dogs. The branch managed to re-home 106 of these animals (13 dogs, 93 cats), which is a decrease of 8 on last year's figures. We are pleased that the branch has been able to maintain a similar level of activity to previous years. 54% of animals coming into branch care came from the Inspectorate. The rest were branch welfare concerns (45%) and branch transfers (1%).

Compulsory micro-chipping of dogs came into effect in April 2016 and the branch continues to help by micro-chipping 9 branch dogs and 11 public owned dogs, either directly or through welfare vouchers. This will hopefully help to reunite them with their owners should they go missing. Sadly this is a drop in the ocean compared to the c.66,000 dogs that are picked up from our nation's streets having strayed or been stolen every year. The branch also micro-chipped 77 branch cats and 66 public owned cats. The branch helped neuter 9 branch dogs and 77 branch cats, and 11 public owned dogs and 66 public owned cats. We help wherever we can with neutering to help reduce unwanted litters and in certain cases with initial help at a vets for the sake of the animal's welfare. Overall we provided welfare assistance to 1 dog, 2 rabbits and 3 cats.

The branch continues to have a close relationship with the neighboring Altham branch and continued to rent kennels throughout 2024 allowing the branch to take in more RSPCA generated dogs.

Volunteers continued to hold fundraising events and find ways to raise funds in alternate ways as much as possible. 7 events were held in 2024, down 3 on the previous year.

Trustees recognise the importance of volunteers' contributions and strive to create an environment where volunteers feel valued and involved. Volunteers contribute in many different ways, from cat fostering to organising or supporting fundraising events. The trustees wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all volunteers, whatever their role, whose commitment was seen more than ever throughout a difficult year.

The branch continued to successfully hold several virtual trustee meetings throughout the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total incoming resources for the year amounted to £80,986 at 31 December 2024
(2023: £224,751)

Expenditure for the year amounted to £81,033 at 31 December 2024
(2023: £87,562)

The deficit for the year was £47 at 31 December 2023
(2023: +£137,189)

Reserves Policy

The Branch held reserves of £237,525 at 31 December 2024
(2023: £237,572)

We hold reserves in order that the service level provided for animal welfare is maintained if there is a reduction in incoming resources. Reserves are those funds which are freely available for general purpose and are not committed. The trustees aim has been to hold reserves of unrestricted funds equivalent to two year's expenditure.

Investment Policy

Our relevantly modest resources demand that a cautious and secure investment policy is pursued. Consequently, our unrestricted funds are held in an interest earning account with a Bank specializing exclusively in accounts for charitable organisations.

FUTURE PLANS

The branch will continue to promote fostering as an alternative to kennels, as we believe this provides a better environment for the animal. Fostering also allows us to learn more about them prior to offering them for adoption.

We will continue to work in partnership with the Inspectorate and other agencies, prompting preventive care through microchipping and flea and worm treatments. We will actively promote neutering by offering financial help with the cost.

Volunteers remain the backbone of all branch activities. We will continue our efforts to recruit and maintain a team of volunteers to carry out fundraising and animal welfare activities across the Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale area.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year, and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- 1 select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- 2 make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 3 state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 4 prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which accurately disclose the financial position of the Charity and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law, regulations and 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.

DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Robert Stow

Secretary

13 October 2025

West Yorkshire Branch Report

Round Up 2024



Amber

Collections and Rescues

As we all know the scope of service has recently changed, and the capacity tasking model has meant that the West Yorkshire Group has spent the majority of the year in Amber and Red, meaning that the latter half of the year has seen very few collections and rescues due to the volume of cruelty and neglect incidents we have been dealing with. We are now back in Green and have recruited a number of new Officers to help deal with the volume of work within our area. This means we will be going into 2025 with significantly more resources, enabling us to attend more promptly and attend all jobs within our scope of service.

As mentioned, The first half of the year the Inspectorate were able to take part in a huge range of collections and rescues of wildlife and domestic animals. Here are some of the successful jobs we carried out in 2024.

Before she left the Inspectorate to return to work at Fell Edge Animal Centre, ARO Jenny Anderson was assisted by West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue in the rescue of a thrush that was dangling by its foot, after becoming caught in wire in a tree. A cherry picker was used to get the bird, before it was taken to a local vet. Happy that the birds injuries were only superficial the vet gave the all clear for the thrush to be released back into the wild. [VIDEO](#).



ARO Ollie Wilkes assisted a local vet when an adolescent deer was found at the side of the road; the deer spent time at the vets to recuperate from a likely concussion before Ollie was able to release the deer to the wild. [VIDEO](#).



ARO Becky Goulding was called to a young fox cub that had fallen down a light well in a row of terraced houses in Sowerby Bridge, Halifax. Luckily the member of public who called us knew where the den was, and the cub was able to be re-released, none the worse for their adventures. [VIDEO](#).

The boss was allowed out of the office for a day, and Chief Inspector Emma Brook assisted ARO Ollie Wilkes with the rescue of a Black Headed Gull at Pontefract Racecourse. The two launched the small boat, and were able to take the gull to a vets to have the line removed.



We are all aware that abandonments are on the increase, but what never ceases to amaze us is what those animals are abandoned in. ARO Dave Holgate collected two guinea pigs from some scrubland in Baildon, Bradford that had been dumped in a JustEAT delivery bag. The two guinea pigs were in good health and have since been rehomed via Halifax Branch.

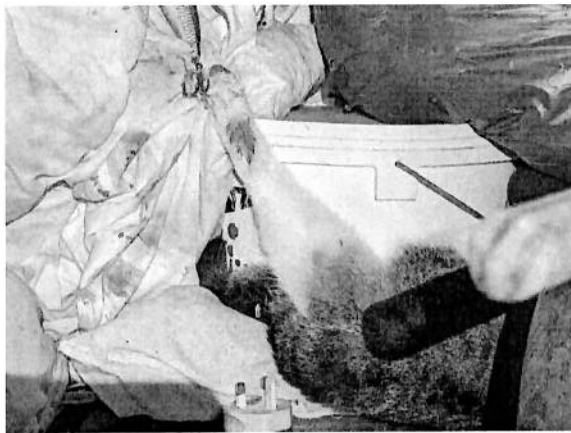


West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue also assisted Inspector Jo Taylor with her rescue of 'Rosie' an indoor cat that not only had escaped from her home, but had also managed to get stuck inside a disused

building. After four days of trying to tempt her out the RSPCA were called. Eventually F&R cut a hole in the door to the building and Rosie was tempted out.



ARO Aleesha Haddersley was called to a Wendy House that was been used to store old fishing tackle. The owners came in one morning to find a cat caught with a barb, hooked by its rear foot. Aleesha was able to free the cat and it was transferred to Greater Manchester Animal Hospital for treatment to the wound. Unfortunately the cat was not microchipped, Aleesha was confident someone must be missing her, giving how friendly and tolerant she was. But, despite a press release we were unable to locate an owner, and the cat - now named Barb-ara(!) has been rehomed.

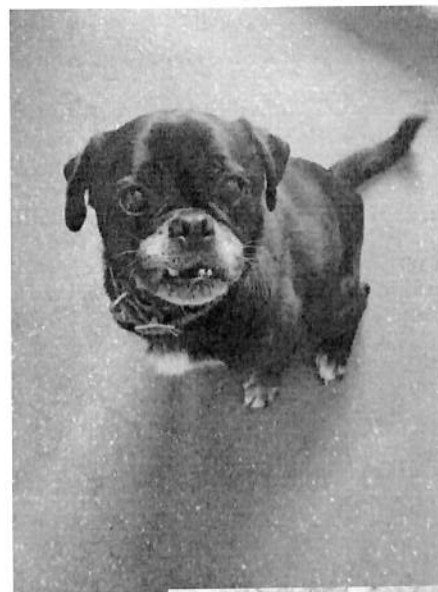


Good News Stories

Inspector Natalie Taylor was called to an address in Bradford regarding three skinny dogs. The owner admitted that they were struggling with them after a change in circumstances, and that the dogs weren't getting enough to eat. The three dogs, which included father and son 'Louie and Eric' were signed over into the care of the RSPCA and went directly to RSPCA Halifax and Huddersfield Branch - where they all successfully gained weight and went up for rehoming!! Here are their before and after pictures!



Inspector Natalie Taylor and ARO Becky Goulding, with the assistance of PC Gemma Brown - RSPCA liaison police officer - were finally able to remove Poppy and Pepper, a shit-zu and pug from an address in Leeds. For over 12 months the RSPCA had been receiving concerns from neighbours for the environment in which the dogs were living. But with the dogs never having been seen, and no engagement from their owner it was a struggle to gather the evidence to gain access. Eventually little Pepper popped her head up at the window, and it gave the officers grounds to get the police involved to remove the dog. Poppy was severely matted, and Pepper slightly underweight. But, after lots of TLC from RSPCA Halifax, Huddersfield and Bradford and a quite radical haircut for Poppy, the two dogs have now found their forever homes, and Pepper is a regular visitor to the branch.



Inspector Jo Taylor worked alongside the police to secure the welfare of these two, the whippet puppy 'Mona Lisa' and cat 'Jasmine' were removed from a very chaotic home environment where both animals had been painted by their previous owner!!! After treatment from a



private vet - and another radical haircut for Jasmine, both animals were signed over into RSPCA care, and both have now found new homes.

Appleby Horse Fair

This year three officers from the West Yorkshire Group attended the horse fair. Inspector Demi Hodby was on the reactive team, roaming the fair and dealing with incidents across the fair. ARO Aleesha Haddlesey was stationed on the River Team supervising horses been washed in the river in the centre of town, whilst ARO Becky Goulding was up on the Flashing Lane where the horses are exercised.

The statistics compiled at the end of the fair revealed the RSPCA had a total of 355 advice interactions with horse owners at the fair, 8 warning notices were issued and 3 potential prosecution cases begun. In total 25 animals came into RSPCA Care - including 15 horses, puppies, kittens, rabbits, and birds. Below are a few highlights of the fair.



Prosecution Outcomes

As always West Yorkshire continues to be one of the busiest groups in the country for case work and prosecutions, below are some of those outcomes. Some of these cases required a lot of work from the Inspectors involved in order to achieve some excellent outcomes - and became particularly invested in the animals involved with them.

At this point it's worth noting that 2024 has been the first year where the Inspectors particularly have been working alongside the newly formed team of RSPCA Liaison Officers from West Yorkshire Police. A team of eight (and growing) officers have received specialist training in how the Force can best assist the RSPCA Inspectorate, and in several instances this has sped up the process of animals being able to be removed so that case investigations can progress. The help of these police officers has been invaluable.

Inspector Demi Hodby was involved in the prosecution of a woman from Leeds for the neglect of two bearded dragons, two cats and a dog. That dog was Amber, the cover star of this Newsletter - and possibly the group's favourite dog this year. She was emaciated when she was found lifeless in a cage in the kitchen, with some amazing care from the branch, Amber has now found a new home. Her previous owner was found guilty of Section 4 offences in relation to Amber, and Section 9 offences in relation to the other animals. She was banned from keeping All Animals for 10 years; cost and an 18m community order; as well as a deprivation order in relation to Amber.



Prior to him leaving, ARO Kris Walker, and subsequently Inspector Jo Taylor were involved in the prosecution of three individuals who plead guilty to a series of Section 9 offences in relation to three equines, as well as a Section 4 offence in relation to one young mare named 'Copper'. Two of the defendants were given 10 year ban from keeping equines, whilst a third was given a 7 year ban; as well as costs for all. The pictures below show Coppers return to good condition in the care of World Horse Welfare.



ARO Goulding, removed two dogs, 'Moschino' and 'Snowy' from an address in Wakefield after neighbours had rung in concerned for the bulldog and shepherd, after their owner had been witnessed hitting Moschino over the head with a shovel. After very brave testimony from those neighbours the man was found guilty of not only offences in relation to Moschino, but also in relation to the fear and distress that Snowy would have endured having to watch this incident. Both dogs were subject to a deprivation order from the court, and are now in the care of RSPCA Southport. The owner was disqualified from keeping all animals for 10 years. This case was one of the first for the RSPCA where justice for an animal has been gained for what they have had to witness - and it was achieved through the support of RSPCA behaviourist Kim Hope, who has also done a lot of work with Moschino to make him a rehomeable dog.

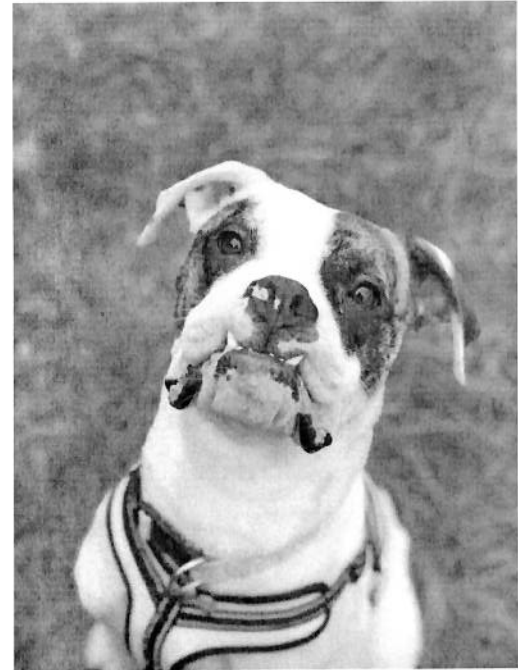
Inspector Natalie Taylor achieved a 10 year ban from Keeping All Animals for a French Bulldog called 'Cookie'; with a severe skin condition removed from an address in Leeds, the dog was signed over as part of the case and has subsequently been rehomed.



Inspector Natalie Taylor also had a mammoth ordeal, with a total of eleven court hearings regarding a cat named 'Evie' who was removed from an address in Bradford after her owner had failed to seek veterinary treatment for a broken leg. Luckily the cat was signed over at the earliest opportunity, so did not have to remain in RSPCA care all that time; but unfortunately the break could not be repaired and she had to have her leg removed. Despite this, she wasn't with the RSPCA long and quickly found her new home, where she's pictured below.



A series of harrowing CCTV sequences were presented by Inspector Adam Dickinson in the case of 'Ace' a boxer cross dog. In footage captured by neighbours the male owner is seen kicking and punching Ace, and in a particularly cruel video is seen throwing the dogs water away after he'd had the dog out for a walk on a hot day. The owner was found guilty of both a Section 4 offence in relation to the beatings, and Section 9 offences relating to an unsuitable environment. The man was sentenced to a 10 year ban from keeping all animals, as well as Community Order and Costs. Ace has since been rehomed by Preston Branch.



In January 2023, ARO Kris Walker removed a cob type pony called 'Cricket' from land in Castleford, but the case took over a year to come to court. An owner was traced and prosecuted for Section 4 offences for failing to provide veterinary treatment and allowing the pony to be in poor body condition, alongside Section 9 offences relating to an unsuitable environment. She was given a 10 year ban from keeping all animals. Unfortunately Cricket never recovered from his poor condition, and had to be put to sleep.

Inspector Demi Hodby had a very distressing case of a dog named 'Scooby' whose eyes had become so infected that the dog could no longer see. The elderly German Shepherd dog was put to sleep on welfare grounds. In one of the worst cases Demi has seen, the owner was found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering; and received a 26 week custodial sentence - suspended for 12 months, as well as a lifetime ban from keeping all animals.

Another of Inspector Hodbys cases came to a conclusion after almost 2 years. A woman from Bradford was found guilty of Section 4 conditions in relation to the staffies body condition, and Section 9 offences in relation to unsuitable conditions. The woman was found guilty and sentenced to a 12 month community order and costs - but most importantly 'Babs' who won the hearts of the whole group could be rehomed.

Inspector Jo Taylor had an excellent result for three dogs removed from an address near Halifax. The three dogs, a spaniel, pointer and terrier were removed by the police; but were known to the RSPCA as there had been historic concerns for their welfare. The couple who owned the dogs were found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering to the spaniel, and failing to meet the needs of the two other dogs. The couple received community orders, which the magistrate stated that if they fail to comply with they will be remanded to custody. Both received a ban for 10 years from keeping dogs. A happy ended for the spaniel, who has subsequently been adopted by the vet who cared for her whilst she received treatment for a severe eye infection.



Another recent outcome with a happy ending is that of Felix the cat. Felix was removed from an address in Queensbury by Insp Becky Goulding; after his owner failed to get treatment for a broken leg. Felix, who required extensive cage rest at the beginning of his treatment was soon fostered by one of the vet nurses from Greater Manchester Animal Hospital. On conclusion of the case Felix was officially adopted by the nurse. Felix's owner was not only found guilty in relation to offences relating to him, but also a Collie dog - and was sentenced to a lifetime ban from keeping all animals.

THANK YOU...

The West Yorkshire Inspectorate Group has undergone a lot of change in 2024.

A special mention to ARO Dave Holgate who retired after 30 years service to the RSPCA - he was a constant fixture in the group, and his enthusiasm at group meetings will certainly be missed!! He is however, still a permanent fixture on group nights out.

Three new ARO's have joined the team, Matt Jones, Hannah Western and Steve Harrison - and sadly we have lost ARO's Jenny Anderson and Jade Barber, after only a short period of time. But for the first time a conversion course was run to enable AROs to convert to Inspectors, and Hannah Williams and Becky Goulding were amongst the first in the country to complete the course - and hopefully an increase in staff members and number of Inspectors will enable us to deal with the ever increasing volume of cruelty and neglect cases the group receives.

However, none of the work of the Inspectorate would be possible without the help and support of our local branches - on behalf of all of us in the West Yorkshire Inspectorate, and the animals we bring to you, we would like to say a massive Thank You for everything you do - you are all absolutely amazing!!!

Accounts

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

Charity number 232237 – England and Wales

**Statement of Accounts
for the
Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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Independent Examiner's Report

From Stewart Newberry FFA

to the Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 on pages 10 to 14:

- Responsibilities of the trustees

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

The Charities Act 2022 ('the Act').

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 ('the SORP').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

- As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Responsibilities of the independent examiner

As independent examiner, I have responsibilities within the following:

The Regulations.

The Act.

Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales in the guidance document Independent Examination of Charity Accounts: Directions and Guidance for Examiners (CC32) December 2017' ('the Directions').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

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Independent Examiner's Report

From Stewart Newberry FFA

to the Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

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As independent examiner, my responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Completion of an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Stating whether particular matters have come to my attention in completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- Basis of my independent examiner's report

I completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the Directions.

An independent examination includes the following:

A review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and a comparison of those items.

Consideration of any unusual items included in the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and seeking explanations from the trustees regarding such items.

An independent examination is a form of external scrutiny that provides a limited check on specific matters. An independent examination does not provide all the evidence that is required in an audit. Therefore, I do not express an audit opinion on the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and neither do I express an opinion on whether the statement of accounts shows a true and fair view. My independent examiner's report is limited to those matters contained in the following statement:

- Independent examiner's statement

In completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, none of the following came to my attention:

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees' responsibility to prepare sufficient accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations and the Act has not been met.

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees' responsibility to prepare a statement of accounts from the accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the SORP has not been met.

Any matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the statement of accounts to be reached.

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Independent Examiner's Report

From Stewart Newberry FFA

to the Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

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To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, I do not accept responsibility to any third parties for my work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

This report has been prepared only for your use as trustees and to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

S A Newberry, FFA, FTA, MBA

Positive Practice Accountants
Skipton Commercial Centre
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Accountants Report

From Positive Practice Accountants

to the Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 on pages 10 to 14

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

The Charities Act 2022 ('the Act').

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 ('the SORP').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the statement of accounts on your behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, in accordance with the independent examiner's report on pages 3 to 5.

We have completed our work on your behalf from the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

We have relied on the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us as being true, correct and complete. Other than the procedures explained in the independent examiner's report on pages 3 to 5, we have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information

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Accountants Report

From Positive Practice Accountants

to the Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

that you have made available to us, and our work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein. Therefore, other than the independent examiner's report on pages 3 to 5, we do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

Our work on your behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Institute of Financial Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, we do not accept responsibility to any third parties for our work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

The statement of accounts and this report have been prepared only for your use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales

Positive Practice Accountants
Skipton Commercial Centre
Water Street
Skipton
BD23 1PB

29th October 2024

**Declaration from the Trustees
of
R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
to
Positive Practice Accountants**

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2422 on pages 10 to 14:

We approve the statement of accounts.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, we have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

The Charities Act 2022 (the Act').

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 ('the SORP').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, our responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, financial records and other relevant information.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to prepare the statement of accounts on our behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to complete an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, in accordance with the independent examiner's report on pages 3 to 5.

We confirm that an audit or any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information is not required.

We have made available to you all accounting records and other relevant information necessary to enable you complete your work on our behalf.

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**Declaration from the Trustees
of
R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
to
Positive Practice Accountants
Continued**

The accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you are true, correct and complete. We acknowledge that, other than the procedures explained in the independent examiner's report on pages 1 to 3, you have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, and your work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein.

We acknowledge that, therefore, other than the independent examiner's report on pages 3 to 5, you do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you.

We acknowledge that your work on our behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

We acknowledge that, to the fullest extent within laws and regulations, you do not accept responsibility to any third parties for your work relating to the statement of accounts or for the reports on pages 3 to 7.

We acknowledge that the statement of accounts and the reports on pages 3 to 7 have been prepared only for our use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.

J Woodward
Trustee Chairperson

29 October 2024

J Brannelly
Trustee Treasurer

29 October 2024

J Stow
Trustee Secretary

29 October 2024

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Unrestricted funds – income	2 and 3		
Collections, donations and misc.		35285	33454
Legacies		173795	11774
Animal adoptions		13310	13370
RSPCA case animals		0	0
Subscriptions		79	103
Insurance commission		315	208
Bank Interest		1716	425
Donated professional services		250	925
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		224751	60259
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Unrestricted funds expenditure	2 and 3		
Misc. fund raising		4,108	815
Veterinary		37,811	29,345
Kennels and Catteries		37,741	38,612
Fostering		4,386	2,777
Storage		0	659
Repairs and renewals		0	201
Travelling		894	390
Telecommunications		338	512
Website		0	712
Postage and stationery		59	597
Branch regional contribution		1,556	551
Accountancy fee		420	675
Independent examiner fee		250	250
Legacy administration fee		0	120
Insurance		0	577
Bank charges		0	104
Information commissioner registration fee		0	40
Depreciation of equipment		0	0
Net value added tax reclaimed		0	0
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		87,562	76,937
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Unrestricted fund net surplus/deficit		137,189	(16,678)
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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Unrestricted funds – summary	3		
Brought forward		100,383	117,061
Net surplus		137,189	(16,678)
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Carried forward		237,572	100,383
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R S P C A Keighley Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Current Assets	2		
Stock		485	750
Debtors		1,899	4,660
Prepayments		0	604
PayPal account		1,113	0
Cash at bank		237,648	98,069
Cash at hand		0	50
		-----	-----
		241,145	104,133
Creditors	2		
Amounts falling within one year:			
Creditors		3,153	3,728
Accruals		420	22
		-----	-----
		(3,574)	(3,750)
		-----	-----
Total Net Assets		237,572	100,383
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Capital and reserves	3		
Unrestricted funds		237,572	100,383
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On behalf of the trustees, we approve the statement of accounts on pages 10 to 14

J Woodward
Trustee Chairperson

29 October 2024

J Brannelly
Trustee Treasurer

29 October 2024

J Stow
Trustee Secretary

29 October 2024

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1. The charity's main objective

The charity's main objective is to promote the work and objectives of the national Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ('the Society') in accordance with the policies of the Society, with particular reference to the geographical area covered by the charity.

2. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of statement of accounts

The statement of accounts is prepared in accordance with:

The historical cost convention. The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The Charities Act 2022.

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019.

Income

Accounting policy applied to all income:

All income is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

Control over the rights or other access to the economic benefits relating to the income has passed to the charity.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the income will pass to the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the income and any costs incurred relating to the transactions can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Donated goods for sale are included in the statement of accounts at the monetary value realised when sold or disposed of.

Donated facilities, goods or services for use by the charity are included in the statement of accounts at a reliable estimate of their monetary value where information is available to calculate such an estimate.

The monetary value of volunteer help is not included in the statement of accounts. Information relating to volunteer help is included in the trustees' annual report.

Debtors are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will receive in respect of debts owed to it at the balance sheet date.

Prepayments are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity has paid in advance for goods or services not yet received by it at the balance sheet date.

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Expenditure

Accounting policy applied to all expenditure:

All expenditure is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

A present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event that commits the charity to the expenditure. It is probable the economic benefits relating to the obligation will pass from the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the obligation can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Equipment is included in the statement of accounts at cost less depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation of equipment is included in the statement of accounts at a rate calculated to write off the cost of equipment, less its estimated residual value, on a straight-line basis over the expected useful economic life of the equipment.

Impairment of equipment is considered at each balance sheet date and included in the statement of accounts as necessary.

Stock is included in the statement of accounts at an estimate of the lower of cost or net realisable value, after making allowance for obsolete or slow-moving stock. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of related overhead costs.

Creditors and accruals are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will pay in respect of debts owed for goods or services received by it at the balance sheet date.

3. Unrestricted funds

The charity's unrestricted funds are available for application at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's objectives.

4. Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration, benefits or expenses arising from employments with the charity during the two years ended 31 December 2023.

5. 5 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the two years ended 31 December 2022 which require disclosure in the statement of accounts.

6. Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the statement of accounts.



ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2023

This report contains the following documents presented at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Branch held on 29 October 2024.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023.

A copy of the RSPCA West Yorkshire Group Annual Inspectorate Report 2023 is included in this report.

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RSPCA KEIGHLEY CRAVEN & UPPER WHARFEDALE BRANCH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Reference and Administrative Details as at 31 December 2023

Charity Number 232237

Trustees

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Treasurer Jan Brannelly

Secretary Rob Stow

Mandie Anderson
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*J S Andrews & Co of 22 Dalesview Close, LA2 8RP was the registered independent examiner as at 31 December 2023, however retired before the annual accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023 were examined. Stewart Newbury has been included here as the accountant who audited the annual accounts that accompany this 2023 annual report.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. It operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches.

A committee elected at the AGM governs the branch. Members of the committee are Trustees of the branch and are briefed on their responsibilities prior to their acceptance of the role. The trustees hold regular meetings at which decisions are made.

The trustees actively review the risks that the charity faces through regular operational and financial reviews. The trustees also examine other operational and business risks facing the branch, and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks, which have been identified as:

- 1 Insufficient branch-generated income
- 2 Unpredictable income from legacies

OBJECTS, OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The objects of the branch are to promote the work and objects of the National Society of the RSPCA, with particular reference to the area of the branch.

The key aim is to find suitable new homes for as many animals as possible, within the constraints of the Branch's resources and with regard to the National Society's policies.

The main activity to achieve this is the operation of an animal adoption/ re-homing programme through PBE cattery / cat fostering and boarding at RSPCA East Lancs. This activity is supported by a variety of volunteer roles.

The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of our objectives and activities for the year, to ensure they remain focused on our charitable aims, and continue to deliver benefits to the public. We have complied with this duty under the Charities Act 2011, s.17 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The branch re-homed 114 animals (11 dogs, 103 cats), which is a decrease of 11 on last year's figures. 6 cats were returned for re-homing after failed adoption. We are pleased that the branch has been able to maintain a similar level of activity to previous years.

The majority of animals (72%) coming into branch care were classed as 'RSPCA generated' animals. The rest were branch welfare concerns (27%) and those returned for re-homing after a failed adoption (1%). This approach is consistent with the aims of the national organization, as it shifts its focus to those animals that have been identified by RSPCA officers as needing immediate assistance, rather than accepting animals from non-RSPCA sources. A high percentage of cats stay in foster care until adopted which helps greatly in keeping costs down as do the food donations we collect, what we do not use for our animals in our care we pass to the inspectorate.

Compulsory micro-chipping of dogs came into effect in April 2016 and the branch continues to help by micro-chipping 10 branch dogs and 9 public owned dogs, either directly or through welfare vouchers. This will hopefully help to reunite them with their owners should they go missing. Sadly this is a drop in the ocean compared to the c.66,000 dogs that are picked up from our nation's streets having strayed or been stolen every year. The branch also micro-chipped 86 branch cats and 80 public owned cats. The branch helped neuter 10 branch dogs and 86 branch cats, and 9 public owned dogs and 80 public owned cats. We help wherever we can with neutering to help reduce unwanted litters and in certain cases with initial help at a vets for the sake of the animal's welfare. Overall we provided welfare assistance to 1 dog, 1 rabbit and 5 cats.

The branch continues to have a close relationship with the neighboring Altham branch and continued to rent kennels throughout 2023 allowing the branch to take in more RSPCA generated dogs.

Volunteers continued to hold fundraising events and find ways to raise funds in alternate ways, but the total funds raised continue to be down on previous years pre 2020. 10 events were held in 2023, down 2 on the previous year.

The branch continued to successfully hold several virtual trustee meetings throughout the year.

Trustees recognise the importance of volunteers' contributions and strive to create an environment where volunteers feel valued and involved. Volunteers contribute in many different ways, from cat fostering, which has been invaluable during the pandemic, to organising or supporting fundraising events. The trustees wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all volunteers, whatever their role, whose commitment was seen more than ever throughout a difficult year.

The Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2022 were also the last accounts that were independently examined by JS Andrews & Co. The Trustees are grateful for all for all of his work over the years and wish him the best for his retirement. The Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023 have been audited by Stuart Newbury from Positive Practice Accountants (agreed at the branch AGM on 18 June 2024) and the Branch would like to thank Positive Practice for taking on this role.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total incoming resources for the year amounted to £224,500 at 31 December 2023
(2022: £60,259)

Expenditure for the year amounted to £87,311 at 31 December 2023
(2022: £76,937)

The surplus for the year was £137,188 at 31 December 2023
(2022: -£16,678)

Reserves Policy

The Branch held reserves of £237,571 at 31 December 2023
(2022: £100,383)

We hold reserves in order that the service level provided for animal welfare is maintained if there is a reduction in incoming resources. Reserves are those funds which are freely available for general purpose and are not committed. The trustees aim has been to hold reserves of unrestricted funds equivalent to two year's expenditure.

Investment Policy

Our relevantly modest resources demand that a cautious and secure investment policy is pursued. Consequently, our unrestricted funds are held in an interest earning account with a Bank specializing exclusively in accounts for charitable organisations.

FUTURE PLANS

The branch will continue to promote fostering as an alternative to kennels, as we believe this provides a better environment for the animal. Fostering also allows us to learn more about them prior to offering them for adoption.

We will continue to work in partnership with the Inspectorate and other agencies, prompting preventive care through microchipping and flea and worm treatments. We will actively promote neutering by offering financial help with the cost.

Volunteers remain the backbone of all branch activities. We will continue our efforts to recruit and maintain a team of volunteers to carry out fundraising and animal welfare activities across the Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale area.

The branch are very grateful to have received a significant legacy payment within the financial year which will provide a huge benefit to the support and work we can provide.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year, and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view the Trustees should follow best practice and:

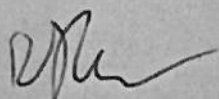
- 1 select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- 2 make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 3 state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 4 prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which accurately disclose the financial position of the Charity and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law, regulations and 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.

DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Robert Stow

Secretary

22 October 2024

West Yorkshire Inspectorate Group
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GROUP UPDATES



This year has seen a significant amount of change in group staffing. Most notably Chief Inspectorate Beth Clements was seconded to HQ working on strategies for change within the RSPCA. Deputy Chief Inspector Emma Brook has stepped up, and is now Acting Chief Inspector. The role of Deputy Chief Inspector has been taken on by Demi Hodby.

At the beginning of the year we also lost Inspector Joanne Hartley, who gained promotion to Chief Inspector, and is working in the NCC managing the phonecall work order team. And, at the end of the year we lost ARO Kris Walker, who has gone onto work for Bransby Horse Charity.

It was not all losses though, Inspector Adam Dickinson returned to the group after a secondment to a case officer role, and ARO Hannah Williams who had previously worked in West Yorkshire was transferred from Northeast Group.

In 2023 we also gained two new AROs through the training programme, ARO Aleesha Haddersley and Emmeline Myall are now both fully qualified members of the team. We have also been lucky enough to gain a further three AROs on the current training course; Trainees Jenny Anderson, James Metcalf and Jade Barber will all have completed their training in Spring 2024 - and are now in group full time for field training.

The team is now as follows:

ACI Emma Brook
DCI Demi Hodby
Inspector Natalie Taylor
Inspector Adam Dickinson
Inspector Joanne Taylor
Inspector John Gibson
ARO Dave Holgate
ARO Becky Goulding
ARO Ollie Wilkes
ARO Hannah Williams
ARO Aleesha Haddersley
ARO Emmeline Myall

Trainee ARO Jade Barber
Trainee ARO Jenny Anderson
Trainee ARO James Metcalfe

Inspector John Gibson maintains all his specialisms; CAST Team, flood team and boat team. AROs Ollie Wilkes, Becky Goulding and Dave Holgate are also on the boat team.

Inspectors Adam Dickinson and Natalie Taylor are Tutor Inspectors, providing invaluable training to all new Officers to the group and helping them complete their qualifications.

ARO Dave Holgate continue his role as Wildlife Officer, and DCI Demi Hodby is an Exotics Officer.

ARO Becky Goulding has taken on the role as ARV Co-ordinator, and has recruited a further 5 volunteers to our team this year.

Inspector Natalie Taylor has worked closely with HQ to develop a document for the Police; advising them on Animal Welfare Act cases and best practice.

Animal Rescue Volunteers (ARVs)

We currently have a team of 6 ARVs in group; with varying levels of activity. Some have been able to donate a regular day every week to volunteering, and have been an invaluable resource. It's hoped that over the spring and summer that this will increase, and they are able to assist more with small transportable wildlife. Our ARV Team are;

Ryan Lawley
Amanda Mohr
Alison Owen-Morley

Matt Burke
Kate Collinson
Jane Harrison

Great British Spring Clean

Half the team were able to take a day off the road to take part in the Great British Spring Clean. Insp Natalie Taylor had organised litter picking kits from Wakefield Council, and locations received by ARO Holgate. First we went to the bank of the River Calder in Wakefield, where one team cleared the bank whilst a second team used the boat to remove litter from inaccessible areas of the bank as well as in the water. A total of 25 bags were collected, before moving onto Pugneys Park, when another 9 bags were collected.



COLLECTIONS AND RESCUES

Unfortunately, the year started with bad news. After managing to avoid it for the majority of the outbreak the group was finally hit by an outbreak of Avian Influenza, not a nice job but necessary to end the suffering of particularly large water birds such as ducks, geese and swans. Bodies were sent for testing, and the disease was confirmed at 6 parks in our area. AROs Walker and Goulding spent several days on or in the water, and several other officers assisted with individual bird collections. The good news is that the outbreak was contained and shortlived.



ARO Goulding was also able to successfully release a goose, affectionately known as "Rambo". The goose had been attacked by a dog, but eye witness accounts suggest he gave as good as he got. The picture is very dramatic, but examination by a local vet showed that actually he only had one small puncture wound which it was able to treat with antiseptic spray, and the goose was released back with his flock the same day. This [VIDEO](#) shows him announcing his return!!





There was a very happy ending for "Lupin" the cat, who went missing over 18 months ago. She was picked up by Inspector Natalie Taylor over 5 miles from her home. Her owners had pretty much given up on seeing her again, and were completely shocked to see Natalie stood on the doorstep with her.

West Yorkshires' very own 'Steve Irwin' ARO Dave Holgate has been kept busy with several reptile jobs; mainly accidental imports. The snake below was found in student accommodation in the University of Bradford - originally thought to be a Nigerian import, the slithery visitor turned out to be a less exotic corn snake. He also collected this tiny gecko, which had stowed away in a suitcase all the way from Zanzibar!





ARO Becky Goulding collected this tiny fox cub, probably only a few days old. The callers dog had fetched the cub back on a walk, and with no idea where the dog had found the cub it was collected and transferred to RSPCA Stapeley Grange. The baby was their first fox cub admission of the season. He was quickly followed by the older fox cub collected by then Insp Emma Brook in Huddersfield.



By far the longest, and likely most dramatic rescue of 2024 took place in March. English Bull Terrier 'Martha' had been out for a walk with her dad in Black Carr Wood, Bradford. A walk that she has done since she was a puppy without incident. But this time Martha decided to explore a drainage pipe which disappeared into the bank of the beck. It's thought that Martha went approximately 20m in the pipe before trying to turn round, getting stuck with those big English Bull shoulders. Initially Fire and Rescue attended but didn't have the equipment to assist, so the following morning ARO Goulding attended, and was joined by ARO Walker and Insp Taylor. With the expertise of Yorkshire Water, and laterly a drainage company they were able to dig down approximately 4m and cut holes in the cast iron pipe. The following morning, at approximately 8am - after being underground for a total of 40 hours Martha was rescued.



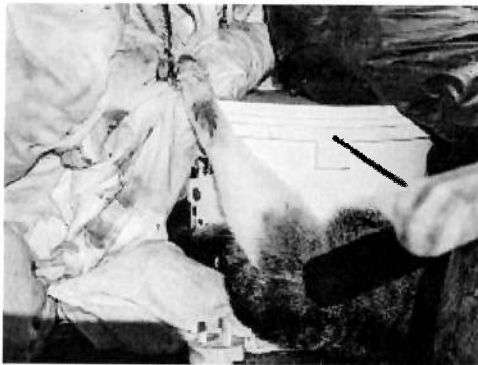


ARO Emmeline Myall was called to a horse in Halifax that had got himself into a bit of a predicament. He had fallen down a collapsed bit of river bank and although uninjured, wasn't able to work out how to get himself back up again. As you can see from the video [\(CLICK HERE\)](#) she was able to take him for a walk along the river bank until she found somewhere that he could be walked up. By

the time they got back to the field the panicked owners were already there looking for the horse. Who it turned out was named "Buttons" - and had some very very grateful owners.

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue also assisted Inspector Jo Taylor with her rescue of 'Rosie' an indoor cat that not only had escaped from her home, but had also managed to get stuck inside a disused building. After four days of trying to tempt her out the RSPCA were called. Eventually F&R cut a hole in the door to the building and Rosie was tempted out. We'd like to thank West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue for all their help with all the cats this year!!





ARO Aleesha Haddersley was called to a Wendy House that was been used to store old fishing tackle. The owners came in one morning to find a cat caught with a barb, hooked by its rear foot. Aleesha was able to free the cat and it was transferred to Greater Manchester Animal Hospital for treatment to the

wound. Unfortunately the cat was not microchipped, Aleesha was confident someone must be missing her, giving how friendly and tolerant she was. But, despite a press release we were unable to locate an owner, and the cat - now named Barbara(!) has gone for rehoming.



The boss was allowed out of the office for a day, and Chief Inspector Emma Brook assisted ARO Ollie Wilkes with the rescue of a Black Headed Gull at Pontefract Racecourse. The two launched the small boat, and were able to take the gull to a vets to have the line removed.



Finally, pictured below is Inspector John Gibson, and one of the impressive fallow stags that he was involved in the rescue of in November. The two stags had become entangled together by football netting - [VIDEO](#). A combined operation with the RSPCA and a local vet meant that both stags could be sedated and the netting removed, both stags were then safely released to the wild. [VIDEO](#).



Prosecution Outcomes

There have been some very successful prosecution outcomes for the Inspectorate in the twelve months.....some cases which have been ongoing since during the pandemic.

Inspector Hodby achieved a 7 year and 10 year ban for a daughter and mother pair respectively. The two were prosecuted regarding causing suffering and unsuitable conditions for 2 dogs in Brighouse. The dogs were cared for by Halifax Branch, but unfortunately both had to be euthanized due to unrelated medical conditions.

Inspector Emma Brook achieved a lifetime ban from keeping all animals, for a young man from Leeds who plead guilty to causing suffering to a guinea pig in Leeds. The male admitted to inflicting blunt force trauma to the animal, which resulted in its death.

ARO Walker also achieved a lifetime ban for a male from Halifax who admitted to him that he had strangled one of his cats. After attending the address to discuss the allegation, he found a further 20 cats who were all living in unsuitable conditions and were removed - the majority of these cats have since been rehomed through various branches.

ARO Walker finally received a conclusion to a horse case which has been ongoing for three years. A female from Pool-in-Wharfedale was found guilty of neglect of three equines, in January 2022, but appealed her conviction. This was upheld in court appearance in January 2023, and the woman received a 24 month ban from keeping equines. The two horses and a Shetland pony were found to have overgrown hooves, poor dentition and lice infestations - all were subject to a deprivation order, and after the conclusion of the case can now be rehomed. See their before and after photos below.



A case that started in the midst has finally come to a conclusion, with the dog been awarded into the care of the RSPCA. After

several assessments to determine the competency of the owner, it was decided that it was not appropriate to pursue her through the courts. But the collie dog, who was initially removed for a severe skin condition, was finally signed over. She has been cared a fabulous fosterer for by RSPCA Halifax, Huddersfield and Bradford Branch, where she will now be staying. The case was handled by Insp Emma Brook.

A mother and daughter pair from Brighouse were found guilty of Section 4 and Section 9 offences in relation to two staffordshire bull terrier dogs - one of which had an untreated kidney disease. Both offenders were disqualified from keeping animals, one for 10 years and one for 7 years. Unfortunately despite recovering from the conditions for which they were removed the two dogs had to be put to sleep for unrelated medical conditions.

A lady from Bradford was found guilty of allowing a Newfoundland type dog to suffer with a horrendous facial swelling that had developed after the dog had suffered some kind of blunt force trauma. The cause of which the defendant never disclosed. Because of this, a second dog, a shepherd type puppy was also removed. The defendants only excuse was that they 'didn't believe in veterinary medicine'. Although unfortunately, the Newfoundland had to be put to sleep to end its suffering, the defendant was not only given a 12 week custodial sentence, but also a ten year ban from keeping all animals, and a deprivation order for the puppy and cats that she also owned. An excellent result for Inspector Hodby and all involved, from a very upsetting case.

The puppy 'Jesse' had spent 16 months in RSPCA care, but was lucky enough to be adopted by her fosterers from RSPCA Warrington.

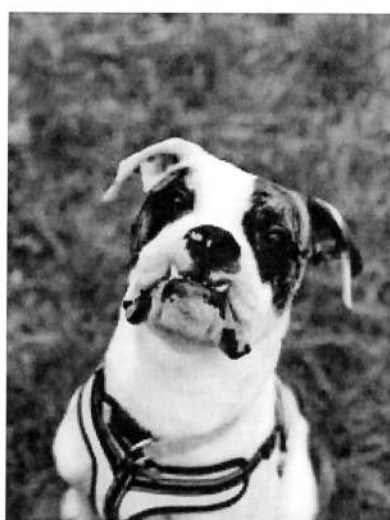
Demi also achieved an excellent outcome for a very difficult and very prolonged cockerel case. Where amongst other non-Animal Welfare Act Offences a man was pled guilty to various Section 4 and Section 9 Offences, as well the notoriously hard to achieve Section 8 - Causing Animals to fight. Demi worked very hard in gathering evidence for this complicated case.



Animal Rescue Officer Kris Walker achieved a guilty verdict in relation to a woman from Halifax who had caused a Lhaso Apso type dog to suffer by failing to seek veterinary treatment for a flea infestation and the resultant skin disease, but also for untreated eye infections. This resulted in the defendant receiving a lifetime ban and costs of £600.

In a second court case that month, which the magistrate described as 'the worse case of animal neglect he had heard in 17 years at the bench', a whole family of four adults were given a lifetime ban each for causing suffering to seven cats by failure to provide them with food, so much so that the cats had eaten a young kitten at the address. The horrific case took several years to get through the court system, but the result was truly worth the wait. The seven adult cats were all successfully nursed back to health and rehomed via Leeds and Wakefield Branch.

Inspector Natalie Taylor has had an ongoing case regarding a rottweiler named Tyson, that began in 2021. A year later a Section 20 application was made so that the dog could be rehomed ahead of the prosecution case, and Tyson was rehomed by Leeds and Wakefield in RSPCA in 2022. Finally the case was heard in court in 2023, both were charged with Section 4 and Section 9 offences in relation to Tysons body condition. The female defendant was found guilty and sentenced to a lifetime ban on all animals, the male defendant did not attend court so was found guilty in his absence, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest. Here are Tysons before and after pictures.



A series of harrowing CCTV sequences were presented by Inspector Adam Dickinson in the case of 'Ace' a boxer cross dog. In footage captured by neighbours the male owner is seen kicking and punching Ace, and in a particularly cruel video is seen throwing the dogs water away after he'd had the dog out for a walk on a hot day. The owner was found guilty of both a Section 4 offence in relation to the beatings, and Section 9 offences relating to an unsuitable environment. The man was

sentenced to a 10 year ban from keeping all animals, as well as

Community Order and Costs. Ace has since been rehomed by Preston Branch.

In January 2023, ARO Kris Walker removed a cob type pony called 'Cricket' from land in Castleford. An owner was traced and prosecuted for Section 4 offences for failing to provide veterinary treatment and allowing the pony to be in poor body condition, alongside Section 9 offences relating to an unsuitable environment. She was given a 10 year ban from keeping all animals. Unfortunately Cricket never recovered from his poor condition, and had to be put to sleep.

Inspector Demi Hodby had a very harrowing case of a dog named 'Scooby' whos eyes had become so infected that the dog could no longer see. The elderly German Shepherd dog was put to sleep on welfare grounds. In one of the worst cases Demi has seen, the owner was found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering; and recieved a 26 week custodial sentence - suspended for 12 months, as well as a lifetime ban from keeping all animals.

Finally, another of Inspector Hodbys cases came to a conclusion after almost 2 years. A woman from Bradford was found guilty of Section 4 conditions in relation the staffies body condition, and Section 9 offences in relation to unsuitable conditions. The woman was found guilty and sentenced to a 12 month community order and costs - but most importantly 'Babs' who won the hearts of the whole group could be rehomed.

Accounts

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
Charity number 232237 - England and Wales

**Statement of Accounts
for the
Year Ended 31 December 2022**

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Independent Examiner's Report
from J S Andrews FCCA
to the Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch**

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 on pages 8 to 12:

- Responsibilities of the trustees

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

The Charities Act 2022 ('the Act').

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 ('the SORP').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- Responsibilities of the independent examiner

As independent examiner, I have responsibilities within the following:

The Regulations.

The Act.

Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales in the guidance document 'Independent Examination of Charity Accounts: Directions and Guidance for Examiners (CC32) December 2017' ('the Directions').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Independent Examiner's Report
from J S Andrews FCCA
to the Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
Continued**

As independent examiner, my responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Completion of an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Stating whether particular matters have come to my attention in completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- **Basis of my independent examiner's report**

I completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the Directions.

An independent examination includes the following:

A review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and a comparison of those items.

Consideration of any unusual items included in the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and seeking explanations from the trustees regarding such items.

An independent examination is a form of external scrutiny that provides a limited check on specific matters. An independent examination does not provide all the evidence that is required in an audit. Therefore, I do not express an audit opinion on the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and neither do I express an opinion on whether the statement of accounts shows a true and fair view. My independent examiner's report is limited to those matters contained in the following statement:

- **Independent examiner's statement**

In completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, none of the following came to my attention:

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees' responsibility to prepare sufficient accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations and the Act has not been met.

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees' responsibility to prepare a statement of accounts from the accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the SORP has not been met.

Any matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the statement of accounts to be reached.

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Independent Examiner's Report
from J S Andrews FCCA
to the Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
Continued**

To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, I do not accept responsibility to any third parties for my work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

This report has been prepared only for your use as trustees and to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

J S Andrews

J S Andrews FCCA
J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
22 Dalesview Close
Clapham
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3 October 2023

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Accountants' Report
from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
to the Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch**

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 on pages 8 to 12 :

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

The Charities Act 2022 ('the Act').

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 ('the SORP').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the statement of accounts on your behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, in accordance with the independent examiner's report on pages 1 to 3.

We have completed our work on your behalf from the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

We have relied on the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us as being true, correct and complete. Other than the procedures explained in the independent examiner's report on pages 1 to 3, we have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, and our work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein. Therefore, other than the independent examiner's report on pages 1 to 3, we do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

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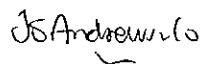
R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Accountants' Report
from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
to the Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
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Our work on your behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, we do not accept responsibility to any third parties for our work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

The statement of accounts and this report have been prepared only for your use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.



J S Andrews & Co
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22 Dalesview Close
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3 October 2023

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Declaration from the Trustees
of
R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants**

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 on pages 8 to 12:

We approve the statement of accounts.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, we have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

The Charities Act 2022 ('the Act').

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019 ('the SORP').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, our responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, financial records and other relevant information.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to prepare the statement of accounts on our behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to complete an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, in accordance with the independent examiner's report on pages 1 to 3.

We confirm that an audit or any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information is not required.

We have made available to you all accounting records and other relevant information necessary to enable you complete your work on our behalf.

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Declaration from the Trustees
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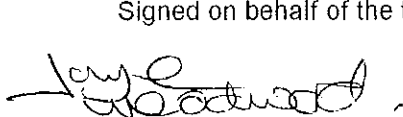
The accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you are true, correct and complete. We acknowledge that, other than the procedures explained in the independent examiner's report on pages 1 to 3, you have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, and your work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein. We acknowledge that, therefore, other than the independent examiner's report on pages 1 to 3, you do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you.

We acknowledge that your work on our behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

We acknowledge that, to the fullest extent within laws and regulations, you do not accept responsibility to any third parties for your work relating to the statement of accounts or for the reports on pages 1 to 5.

We acknowledge that the statement of accounts and the reports on pages 1 to 5 have been prepared only for our use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.



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Trustee
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3 October 2023



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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - income	2 and 3		
Collections, donations and miscellaneous fund raising		33,454	35,099
Legacies		11,774	-
Animal adoptions		13,370	11,460
R S P C A case animals		-	1,424
Subscriptions		103	77
Insurance commission		208	202
Bank interest		425	14
Donated professional services		925	885
		60,259	49,161
Unrestricted funds - expenditure	2 and 3		
Miscellaneous fund raising		815	802
Veterinary		29,345	33,645
Kennels and catteries		38,612	28,232
Fostering		2,777	1,049
Storage		659	661
Repairs and renewals		201	44
Travelling		390	919
Telecommunications		512	434
Website		712	369
Postage and stationery		597	534
Branch regional contribution		551	110
Accountancy fee (waived)		675	650
Independent examiner's fee (waived)		250	235
Legacy administration fee		120	-
Insurance		577	524
Bank charges		104	123
Information Commissioner's registration fee		40	40
Depreciation of equipment		-	25
Net value added tax reclaimed		-	(1,046)
		76,937	67,350
Unrestricted funds - net deficit		(16,678)	(18,189)

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022
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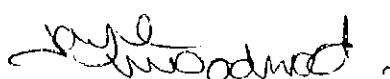
	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - summary	3		
Brought forward		117,061	135,250
Net deficit		(16,678)	(18,189)
Carried forward		100,383	117,061

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

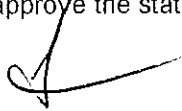
	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Current assets	2		
Stock		750	375
Debtors		4,660	297
Prepayments		604	238
Cash at bank		98,069	121,343
Cash in hand		50	50
		104,133	122,303
Creditors	2		
Amounts falling due within one year:			
Creditors		3,728	4,980
Accruals		22	262
		(3,750)	(5,242)
Total net assets		100,383	117,061
Capital and reserves			
Unrestricted funds	3	100,383	117,061

On behalf of the trustees, we approve the statement of accounts on pages 8 to 12.



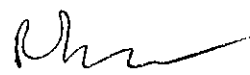
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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

1 The charity's main objective

The charity's main objective is to promote the work and objectives of the national Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ('the Society') in accordance with the policies of the Society, with particular reference to the geographical area covered by the charity.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of statement of accounts

The statement of accounts is prepared in accordance with:

The historical cost convention.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The Charities Act 2022.

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102) October 2019.

Income

Accounting policy applied to all income:

All income is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

Control over the rights or other access to the economic benefits relating to the income has passed to the charity.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the income will pass to the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the income and any costs incurred relating to the transactions can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Donated goods for sale are included in the statement of accounts at the monetary value realised when sold or disposed of.

Donated facilities, goods or services for use by the charity are included in the statement of accounts at a reliable estimate of their monetary value where information is available to calculate such an estimate.

The monetary value of volunteer help is not included in the statement of accounts. Information relating to volunteer help is included in the trustees' annual report.

Debtors are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will receive in respect of debts owed to it at the balance sheet date.

Prepayments are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity has paid in advance for goods or services not yet received by it at the balance sheet date.

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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Expenditure

Accounting policy applied to all expenditure:

All expenditure is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

A present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event that commits the charity to the expenditure.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the obligation will pass from the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the obligation can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Equipment is included in the statement of accounts at cost less depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation of equipment is included in the statement of accounts at a rate calculated to write off the cost of equipment, less its estimated residual value, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic life of the equipment.

Impairment of equipment is considered at each balance sheet date and included in the statement of accounts as necessary.

Stock is included in the statement of accounts at an estimate of the lower of cost or net realisable value, after making allowance for obsolete or slow moving stock. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of related overhead costs.

Creditors and accruals are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will pay in respect of debts owed for goods or services received by it at the balance sheet date.

3 Unrestricted funds

The charity's unrestricted funds are available for application at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's objectives.

4 Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration, benefits or expenses arising from employments with the charity during the two years ended 31 December 2022.

5 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the two years ended 31 December 2022 which require disclosure in the statement of accounts.

6 Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the statement of accounts.



**RSPCA Keighley, Craven &
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Registered Charity No. 232237

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RSPCA KEIGHLEY CRAVEN & UPPER WHARFEDALE BRANCH

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The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of our objectives and activities for the year, to ensure they remain focused on our charitable aims, and continue to deliver benefits to the public. We have complied with this duty under the Charities Act 2011, s.17 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The branch re-homed 125 animals (18 dogs, 107 cats), which is a slight decrease of 2 on last year's figures. 6 cats were returned for re-homing after failed adoption. We are pleased that the branch has been able to maintain a similar level of activity to previous years.

The majority of animals (75%) coming into branch care were classed as 'RSPCA generated' animals. The rest were branch welfare concerns (19%) and those returned for re-homing after a failed adoption (6%). This approach is consistent with the aims of the national organization, as it shifts its focus to those animals that have been identified by RSPCA officers as needing immediate assistance, rather than accepting animals from non-RSPCA sources. A high percentage of cats stay in foster care until adopted which helps greatly in keeping costs down as do the food donations we collect, what we do not use for our animals in our care we pass to the inspectorate.

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The branch continues to have a close relationship with the neighboring Altham branch and continued to rent kennels throughout 2022 allowing the branch to take in more RSPCA generated dogs.

Volunteers continued to hold fundraising events and find ways to raise funds in alternate ways, but the total funds raised continue to be down on previous years pre 2020. 12 events were held in 2022, up by 3 on the previous year.

The branch continued to successfully hold several virtual trustee meetings throughout the year.

Trustees recognise the importance of volunteers' contributions and strive to create an environment where volunteers feel valued and involved. Volunteers contribute in many different ways, from cat fostering, which has been invaluable during the pandemic, to organising or supporting fundraising events. The trustees wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all volunteers, whatever their role, whose commitment was seen more than ever throughout a difficult year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total incoming resources for the year amounted to £60,259 at 31 December 2022
(2021: £49,161)

Expenditure for the year amounted to £76,937 at 31 December 2022
(2021: £67,350)

The deficit for the year was -£16,678 at 31 December 2022
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Reserves Policy

The Branch held reserves of £100,383 at 31 December 2022
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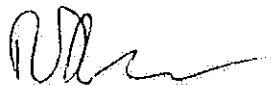
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- 4 prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which accurately disclose the financial position of the Charity and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law, regulations and 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.

DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Robert Stow

Secretary

17 September 2023

West Yorkshire Inspectorate Annual Report 2022

2022 was yet another challenging year for the West Yorkshire group with high workload and subsequently a large number of animals needing rehoming space, in particular during the summer months, but with your fantastic support we achieved a great deal for a huge number of animals.

We welcomed two new team members to the group as Animal Welfare officers, Aleesha and Emmeline are very welcome additions to the group.

The Wildlife Casualty Volunteers that were recruited last year helped us out greatly, especially during the busy summer months. Their role has developed from collecting confined birds to transporting cats and small furries from boarding establishments to vets and to branch centres. This role continues to evolve and it is hoped they will be able to do much more to support our frontline officers in the coming months.

We continue to develop good partnership working relationships with other agencies, in particular with the police. Our colleagues from SOU and the veterinary department have delivered training days to them in animal welfare legislation and the welfare of seized dogs in kennels.

We are also working closely with the rehabilitation of offenders team at HMP Leeds and they are in the process of building an aviary to house small domestic birds that are in need of rehoming. The volunteering department are also looking at other opportunities for them to support the wider organisation.

Collections and rescues

Below are just a few of the fantastic collections and rescues carried out by the team this year;

Inspector Jo Taylor was called to rescue 'Cosmo', a house cat that had got out and got himself stuck in a tree on the Spen Valley Greenway. The cat had been up there for 3 days, and a failed rescue attempt had already been made with a tree surgeon, so it was left to Jo to call fire and rescue, they were able to coax down Cosmo who was reunited with his grateful owner.



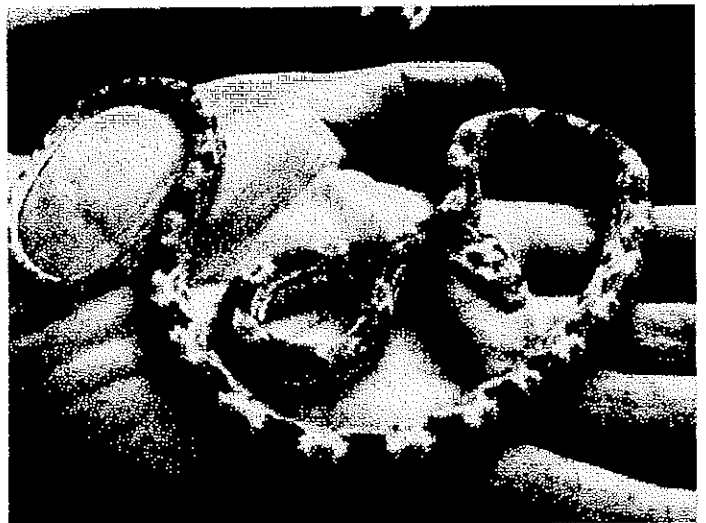
John rescued this curious fox cub from the delivery yard of a Co-Op in Bradford. The fox had stuck its nose into a rat trap and got itself well and truly stuck. After a short trip to the vets John was able to release the fox cub back to the Co-Op to finish its shopping.





'Loki' was picked up on 'National Kitten Day' by Insp Dickinson. Living up to his name meaning 'God of Mischief' the youngster had gotten himself all the way from Filey to Bradford. Luckily for Loki his chip details were up to date and he was able to be reunited with his owners.

The sun of the heatwave in the summer got 'Red' the young corn snake warm enough to travel almost $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile cross country where he was collected by ARO Becky Goulding. Luckily his adventures were on his owner's route to school, and his young owner saw the Animal Found Poster and the two were able to be reunited.



Inspector Nat Taylor had a good game of hide and seek in some woodland near Keighley after a report of two guinea pigs that had been abandoned in a box - but had escaped their box. After giving Nat the run around they were collected, had an overnight stay at her house before being taken to Manchester and Salford RSPCA.



Brilliant as ever, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue were able to assist ARO Becky Goulding in the release of a sheep from a reservoir overflow above Todmorden - apparently sheep have form for getting themselves stuck there - so F&R knew exactly what they were doing to get him back onto the banking.



After managing to avoid it for the majority of the outbreak the group was finally hit by an outbreak of Avian Influenza towards the end of the year, not a nice job but necessary to end the suffering of particularly large water birds such as ducks, geese and swans. The disease was confirmed at 6 parks in our area and AROs Kris Walker and Becky

Goulding spent several days on or in the water, with several other officers from the group assisting with individual bird collections.





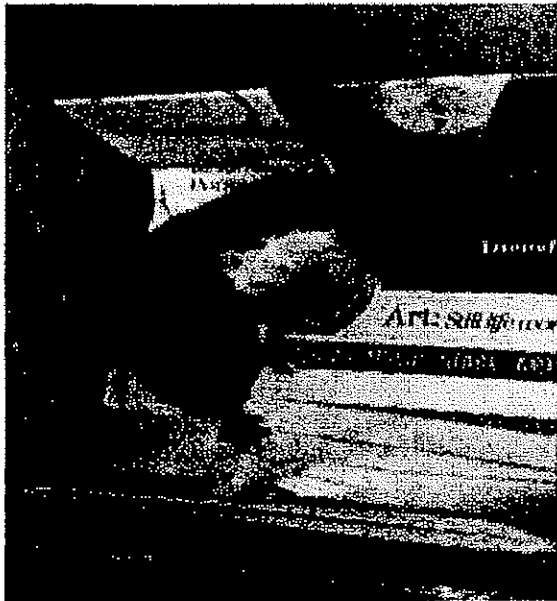
ARO Becky Goulding was also able to successfully release a goose, affectionately known as "Rambo". The goose had been attacked by a dog, but eye witness accounts suggest he gave as good as he got. The picture is very dramatic, but examination by a local vet showed that actually he only had one small puncture wound which they were able to treat with antiseptic spray, and the goose was released back with his flock the same day.



Inspector Demi Hodby would like to say a special thank you to Craven Branch for the success story that is 'Dobby'. She collected the 'abandoned' puppy from Keighley, the pup was deemed by the vet to be hours from death after not being provided with vet treatment. Despite several weeks of investigations she was unable to prove ownership of the puppy, so there was no prosecution case.

BUT 'Dobby' as he is now known made an amazing turn around with the help and care of the branch, and is now settled in his new home with his new family.....bets are still being taken as to what he is actually a cross between!





And the award for the cutest collection this year goes to this little guy. A stoat collected by Inspector Hodby which was taken to RSPCA Stapeley Grange for treatment.

Prosecution Outcomes

As always we sadly had a large number of prosecution cases through the courts, here are just a few of the outcomes we achieved.

Inspector Demi Hodby was in court with the widely publicised case of the man from Huddersfield who used a staple gun to repair a degloving injury she received after a fight with another dog. The man had originally taken 'Luna' the Belgian Malinois to the vets, but being unable to afford the operation he attempted to repair the wound himself. He received a 7 year ban from keeping dogs and 200hrs unpaid work.



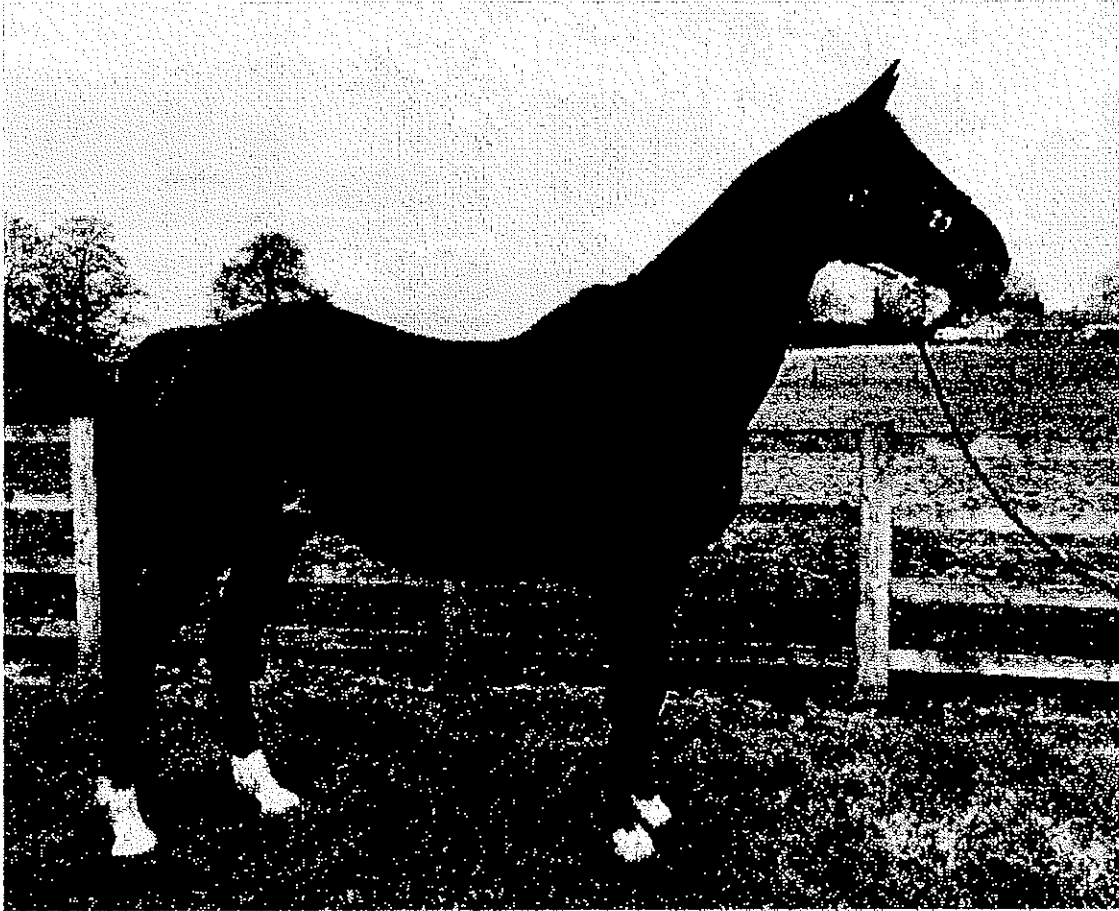
After almost 12 months in boarding a Section 20 order was obtained from Kirklees Magistrates court by Inspector Natalie Taylor in relation to 77 rabbits. They had been removed from an address in Leeds, where they had been kept in cramped, overcrowded conditions. It was not in the public interest to prosecute the owner but the court order meant that the rabbits could be released to find new homes.

Inspector Natalie Taylor achieved a 5 year ban for a Leeds man who caused his 12 month old XL American Bully to suffer by not only allowing him to become emaciated, but then failing to seek veterinary treatment when he began to eat household items in desperation - these included a TV remote (with batteries), a pop can and a gaming controller. The dog 'King' has some of the most remarkable before and after photos, with a lot of hard work from Huddersfield and Halifax branch he has now been rehomed.



Finally, ARO Walker received a conclusion to a horse case which had been ongoing for three years. A female from Pool-in-Wharfedale was found guilty of neglect of three equines, in January 2022, but appealed her conviction. This was upheld in court appearance in January 2023, and the woman received a 24 month ban from keeping equines. The two horses and a Shetland pony were found to have overgrown hooves, poor dentition and lice infestations - all were subject to a deprivation order, and after the conclusion of the case they were released for rehoming. See their before and after photos below.





We have continued to benefit from the support of our branches across the West Yorkshire Inspectorate group. Our branches provide us with boarding for case animals and rehoming facilities for the vulnerable animals that have come into our care. This close working relationship enables the officers in the West Yorkshire area to work all the more effectively. On behalf of all of the officers in the group I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to everyone across the branch network for your amazing support. We look forward to working closely with you all throughout 2023.

Accounts



**RSPCA Keighley, Craven &
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More than 55% of animals coming into branch care were classed as 'RSPCA generated' animals. 44% were branch welfare concerns and 1% returned for re-homing after a failed adoption. This approach is consistent with the aims of the national organization, as it shifts its focus to those animals that have been identified by RSPCA officers as needing immediate assistance, rather than accepting animals from non-RSPCA sources. A high percentage of cats stay in foster care until adopted which helps greatly in keeping costs down as do the food donations we collect, what we do not use for our animals in our care we pass to the inspectorate. The ability to collect donations was hampered throughout 2021 due to the impact of Covid-19.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

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(2019: £51,187)

Expenditure for the year amounted to £61,854
(2019: £68,055)

The profit for the year was -£15,954
(2019: -£16,868)

Reserves Policy

The Branch held reserves of £135,250 at 31 December 2020
(2019: £151,204)

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The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which accurately disclose the financial position of the Charity and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law, regulations and 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.

DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Robert Stow

Secretary

30 September 2022

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
Charity number 232237 - England and Wales

**Independent Examiner's Report
and
Statement of Accounts
for the
Year Ended 31 December 2021**

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Independent Examiner's Report from J S Andrews FCCA
to the
Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch**

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 on pages 7 to 12:

- Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the independent examiner

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

The Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019 ('the SORP').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

As independent examiner, I have responsibilities within the following:

The Regulations.

The Act.

Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales in the guidance document 'Independent Examination of Charity Accounts: Directions and Guidance for Examiners (CC32) December 2017' ('the Directions').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As independent examiner, my responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Completion of an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Independent Examiner's Report from J S Andrews FCCA
to the
Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
Continued**

Stating whether particular matters have come to my attention in completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- Basis of my independent examiner's report

I completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the Directions.

An independent examination includes the following:

A review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and a comparison of those items.

Consideration of any unusual items included in the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and seeking explanations from the trustees regarding such matters.

An independent examination is a form of external scrutiny that provides a limited check on specific matters. An independent examination does not provide all the evidence that is required in an audit. Therefore, I do not express an audit opinion on the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and neither do I express an opinion on whether the statement of accounts shows a true and fair view. My independent examiner's report is limited to those matters contained in the following statement:

- Independent examiner's statement

In completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, none of the following came to my attention:

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees' responsibility to prepare sufficient accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations and the Act has not been met.

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees' responsibility to prepare a statement of accounts from the accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the SORP has not been met.

Any matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the statement of accounts to be reached.

J S Andrews

J S Andrews FCCA
J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
22 Dalesview Close
Clapham
North Yorkshire
LA2 8RP

7 October 2022

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Accountants' Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
to the
Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch**

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 on pages 7 to 12:

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

The Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019 ('the SORP').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the statement of accounts on your behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, in accordance with the independent examiner's report on pages 1 and 2.

We have completed our work on your behalf from the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

We have relied on the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us as being true, correct and complete. Other than the procedures explained in the basis of the independent examiner's report on page 2, we have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, and our work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein. Therefore, other than the independent examiner's statement on page 2, we do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Accountants' Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
to the
Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
Continued**

Our work on your behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, we do not accept responsibility to any third parties for our work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

The statement of accounts and this report have been prepared only for your use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

J S Andrews & Co

J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
22 Dalesview Close
Clapham
Lancaster
North Yorkshire
LA2 8RP

7 October 2022

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Declaration from the Trustees
of
R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants**

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 on pages 7 to 12:

We approve the statement of accounts.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, we have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

The Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019 ('the SORP').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, our responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, financial records and other relevant information.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to prepare the statement of accounts on our behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to complete an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, in accordance with the independent examiner's report on pages 1 and 2.

We confirm that an audit or any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information is not required.

We have made available to you all accounting records and other relevant information necessary to enable you complete your work on our behalf.

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Declaration from the Trustees
of
R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
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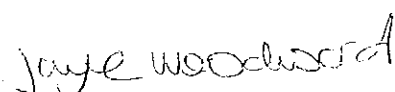
The accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you are true, correct and complete. We acknowledge that, other than the procedures explained in the basis of the the independent examiner's report on page 2, you have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, and your work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein. We acknowledge that, therefore, other than the independent examiner's statement on page 2, you do not give any comment on the statement of accounts or the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you.

We acknowledge that your work on our behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

We acknowledge that, to the fullest extent within laws and regulations, you do not accept responsibility to any third parties for your work relating to the statement of accounts or for the reports on pages 1 to 4.

We acknowledge that the statement of accounts and the reports on pages 1 to 4 have been prepared only for our use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.



J Woodward
Trustee
Chairperson

7 October 2022



J Brannelly
Trustee
Treasurer

7 October 2022



R Stow
Trustee
Secretary

7 October 2022

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - income	2 and 4		
Collections, donations and miscellaneous fund raising		35,099	30,784
Animal adoptions		11,460	11,500
R S P C A case animals		1,424	2,437
Subscriptions		77	113
Insurance commission		202	110
Bank interest		14	111
Donated professional services		885	845
		49,161	45,900
Unrestricted funds - expenditure	2 and 4		
Miscellaneous fund raising		802	627
Veterinary		33,645	29,412
Kennels and catteries		28,232	29,424
Fostering		1,049	1,002
Storage		661	659
Repairs and renewals		44	-
Travelling		919	671
Telecommunications		434	377
Website		369	369
Postage and stationery		534	447
Advertising		-	105
Branch regional contribution		110	1,378
Accountancy fee (waived)		650	620
Independent examiner's fee (waived)		235	225
Insurance		524	524
Bank charges		123	60
Meetings		-	48
Information Commissioner's registration fee		40	40
Depreciation of equipment	3	25	87
Net value added tax reclaimed		(1,046)	(4,221)
		67,350	61,854
Unrestricted funds - net deficit		(18,189)	(15,954)

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021
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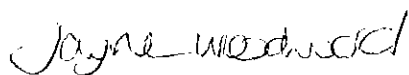
	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - summary	4		
Brought forward		135,250	151,204
Net deficit		(18,189)	(15,954)
Carried forward		117,061	135,250

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

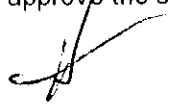
	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Equipment	2 and 3	-	25
Current assets	2		
Stock		375	185
Debtors		297	2,127
Prepayments		238	4,293
Cash at bank		121,343	132,969
Cash in hand		50	50
		<u>122,303</u>	<u>139,624</u>
Creditors	2		
Amounts falling due within one year:			
Creditors		4,980	4,384
Accruals		262	15
		<u>5,242</u>	<u>4,399</u>
Net current assets		117,061	135,225
Total net assets		<u>117,061</u>	<u>135,250</u>
Capital and reserves			
Unrestricted funds	4	117,061	135,250

On behalf of the trustees, we approve the statement of accounts on pages 7 to 12.



J Woodward
Trustee
Chairperson

7 October 2022



J Brannelly
Trustee
Treasurer

7 October 2022



R Stow
Trustee
Secretary

7 October 2022

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1 The charity's main objective

The charity's main objective is to promote the work and objectives of the national Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals ('the Society') in accordance with the policies of the Society, with particular reference to the geographical area covered by the charity.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of statement of accounts

The statement of accounts is prepared in accordance with:

The historical cost convention.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The Charities Act 2011.

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019.

Income

Accounting policy applied to all income:

All income is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

Control over the rights or other access to the economic benefits relating to the income has passed to the charity.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the income will pass to the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the income and any costs incurred relating to the transactions can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Donated goods for sale are included in the statement of accounts at the monetary value realised when sold or disposed of.

Donated facilities, goods or services for use by the charity are included in the statement of accounts at a reliable estimate of their monetary value where information is available to calculate such an estimate.

The monetary value of volunteer help is not included in the statement of accounts. Information relating to volunteer help is included in the trustees' annual report.

Debtors are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will receive in respect of debts owed to it at the balance sheet date.

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

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Prepayments are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity has paid in advance for goods or services not yet received by it at the balance sheet date.

Expenditure

Accounting policy applied to all expenditure:

All expenditure is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

A present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event that commits the charity to the expenditure.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the obligation will pass from the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the obligation can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Equipment is included in the statement of accounts at cost less depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation of equipment is included in the statement of accounts at a rate calculated to write off the cost of equipment, less its estimated residual value, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic life of the equipment.

Impairment of equipment is considered at each balance sheet date and included in the statement of accounts as necessary.

Stock is included in the statement of accounts at an estimate of the lower of cost or net realisable value, after making allowance for obsolete or slow moving stock. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of related overhead costs.

Creditors and accruals are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will pay in respect of debts owed for goods or services received by it at the balance sheet date.

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

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3 Equipment

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cost:		
Brought forward and carried forward	2,589	2,589
Depreciation:		
Brought forward	2,564	2,477
Provision	25	87
Carried forward	2,589	2,564
Written down value:		
Carried forward	-	25

4 Unrestricted funds

The charity's unrestricted funds are available for application at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's objectives.

5 Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration, benefits or expenses arising from employments with the charity during the two years ended 31 December 2021.

6 Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the statement of accounts.

Accounts

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
Charity number 232237 - England and Wales

**Independent Examiner's Report
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for the
Year Ended 31 December 2020**

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Independent Examiner's Report from J S Andrews FCCA
to the
Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch**

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 on pages 7 to 13 :

- Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the independent examiner

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

The Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019 ('the SORP').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As trustees, your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Preparation of a statement of accounts which shows a true and fair view.

Preparation of sufficient accounting records and other relevant information.

Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an audit of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

Ascertaining whether the charity is required to have any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

As independent examiner, I have responsibilities within the following:

The Regulations.

The Act.

Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales in the guidance document 'Independent Examination of Charity Accounts: Directions and Guidance for Examiners (CC32) December 2017' ('the Directions').

Any other directives, conditions or restrictions imposed upon the charity by regulation, benefactors or other relevant parties.

As independent examiner, my responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Completion of an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Independent Examiner's Report from J S Andrews FCCA
to the
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Continued**

Stating whether particular matters have come to my attention in completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information.

- **Basis of my independent examiner's report**

I completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the Directions.

An independent examination includes the following:

A review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and a comparison of those items.

Consideration of any unusual items included in the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and seeking explanations from the trustees regarding such matters.

An independent examination is a form of external scrutiny that provides a limited check on specific matters. An independent examination does not provide all the evidence that is required in an audit. Therefore, I do not express an audit opinion on the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, and neither do I express an opinion on whether the statement of accounts shows a true and fair view. My independent examiner's report is limited to those matters contained in the following statement:

- **Independent examiner's statement**

In completing my independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information, none of the following came to my attention:

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees' responsibility to prepare sufficient accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations and the Act has not been met.

Any matters which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the trustees' responsibility to prepare a statement of accounts from the accounting records and other relevant information in accordance with the Regulations, the Act and the SORP has not been met.

Any matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the statement of accounts to be reached.

J S Andrews

J S Andrews FCCA
J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
22 Dalesview Close
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North Yorkshire
LA2 8RP

4 October 2021

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Accountants' Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
to the
Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch**

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 on pages 7 to 13 :

As trustees, you have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

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To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the statement of accounts on your behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist you with your responsibilities and in accordance with your instructions, we have completed an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, in accordance with the independent examiner's report on pages 1 and 2.

We have completed our work on your behalf from the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us.

We have relied on the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us as being true, correct and complete. Subject to the information in the independent examiner's report on pages 1 and 2, we have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that you have made available to us, and our work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein.

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R S P C A Keighley Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Accountants' Report from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
to the
Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
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Our work on your behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

To the fullest extent within laws and regulations, we do not accept responsibility to any third parties for our work relating to the statement of accounts or for this report.

The statement of accounts and this report have been prepared only for your use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

JS Andrews & Co

J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
22 Dalesview Close
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4 October 2021

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Declaration from the Trustees
of
R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants**

In respect of the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 on pages 7 to 13:

We approve the statement of accounts.

We acknowledge that, as trustees, we have responsibilities within the following:

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ('the Regulations').

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Preparation of a trustees' annual report which should accompany and accurately reflect the information contained in the statement of accounts.

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To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to prepare the statement of accounts on our behalf in accordance with the Regulations, the Act, the SORP and generally accepted accounting practice.

To assist us with our responsibilities, we have instructed you to complete an independent examination of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, in accordance with the independent examiner's report on pages 1 and 2.

We confirm that an audit or any other examination or review of the statement of accounts, accounting records and other relevant information is not required.

We have made available to you all accounting records and other relevant information necessary to enable you complete your work on our behalf.

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

**Declaration from the Trustees
of
R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
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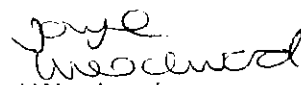
The accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you are true, correct and complete. We acknowledge that, subject to the information in the independent examiner's report on pages 1 and 2, you have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you, and your work relating thereto has not been designed to identify significant errors or weaknesses therein.

We acknowledge that your work on our behalf is subject to the professional standards of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and has been undertaken within those professional standards.

We acknowledge that, to the fullest extent within laws and regulations, you do not accept responsibility to any third parties for your work relating to the statement of accounts or for your report on pages 3 and 4.

We acknowledge that the statement of accounts and your report on pages 3 and 4 have been prepared only for our use as trustees and for information contained therein to be sent to the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.



J Woodward
Trustee
Chairperson

4 October 2021



J Brannelly
Trustee
Treasurer

4 October 2021



R Stow
Trustee
Secretary

4 October 2021

R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - income	1 and 3		
Collections, donations and miscellaneous fund raising		30,784	33,494
Legacies		-	2,000
Animal adoptions		11,500	11,515
R S P C A case animals		2,437	2,901
Subscriptions		113	115
Insurance commission		110	89
Bank interest		111	243
Donated professional services		845	830
		45,900	51,187
Unrestricted funds - expenditure	1 and 3		
Miscellaneous fund raising		627	388
Veterinary		29,412	35,649
Kennels and catteries		29,424	26,559
Fostering		1,002	1,824
Rent		659	659
Repairs and renewals		-	88
Travelling		671	443
Telecommunications		377	357
Website		369	409
Postage and stationery		447	483
Advertising		105	60
Branch regional contribution		1,378	4,134
Accountancy fee (waived)		620	610
Independent examiner's fee (waived)		225	220
Insurance		524	524
Bank charges		60	60
Meetings		48	186
Information Commissioner's registration fee		40	40
Depreciation of equipment	2	87	203
Net value added tax reclaimed		(4,221)	(4,841)
		61,854	68,055
Unrestricted funds - net deficit		(15,954)	(16,868)

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2020
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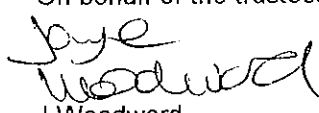
	Note	2020	2019
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - summary	3		
Brought forward		151,204	168,072
Net deficit		(15,954)	(16,868)
Carried forward		135,250	151,204

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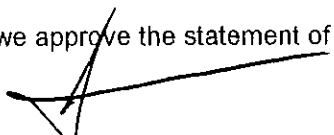
Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Equipment	1 and 2	25	112
Current assets	1		
Stock		185	400
Debtors		2,127	4,992
Prepayments		4,293	7,760
Cash at bank		132,969	142,668
Cash in hand		50	50
		139,624	155,870
Creditors	1		
Amounts falling due within one year:			
Creditors		4,384	4,763
Accruals		15	15
		4,399	4,778
Net current assets		135,225	151,092
Total net assets		135,250	151,204
Capital and reserves			
Unrestricted funds	3	135,250	151,204

On behalf of the trustees, we approve the statement of accounts on pages 7 to 13.


J Woodward
Trustee
Chairperson

4 October 2021


J Brannelly
Trustee
Treasurer

4 October 2021


R Stow
Trustee
Secretary

4 October 2021

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of statement of accounts

The statement of accounts is prepared in accordance with:

The historical cost convention.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The Charities Act 2011.

The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Financial Reporting Standard 102 March 2018) October 2019.

Income

Accounting policy applied to all income:

All income is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

Control over the rights or other access to the economic benefits relating to the income has passed to the charity.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the income will pass to the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the income and any costs incurred relating to the transactions can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Donated goods for sale are included in the statement of accounts at the monetary value realised when sold or disposed of.

Donated facilities, goods or services for use by the charity are included in the statement of accounts at a reliable estimate of their monetary value where information is available to calculate such an estimate.

The monetary value of volunteer help is not included in the statement of accounts. Information relating to volunteer help is included in the trustees' annual report.

Debtors are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will receive in respect of debts owed to it at the balance sheet date.

Prepayments are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity has paid in advance for goods or services not yet received by it at the balance sheet date.

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2020
Continued

Expenditure

Accounting policy applied to all expenditure:

All expenditure is included gross in the statement of accounts on the accruals basis and when all the following criteria have been met:

A present legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event that commits the charity to the expenditure.

It is probable the economic benefits relating to the obligation will pass from the charity.

The monetary value of the economic benefits relating to the obligation can be measured reliably.

Accounting policies applied to specific transactions:

Equipment is included in the statement of accounts at cost less depreciation and impairment.

Depreciation of equipment is included in the statement of accounts at a rate calculated to write off the cost of equipment, less its estimated residual value, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic life of the equipment.

Impairment of equipment is considered at each balance sheet date and included in the statement of accounts as necessary.

Stock is included in the statement of accounts at an estimate of the lower of cost or net realisable value, after making allowance for obsolete or slow moving stock. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of related overhead costs.

Creditors and accruals are included in the statement of accounts at the amounts the charity anticipates it will pay in respect of debts owed for goods or services received by it at the balance sheet date.

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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch**Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**
Continued**2 Equipment**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Cost:		
Brought forward	2,589	2,539
Acquisitions	-	50
Carried forward	2,589	2,589
Depreciation:		
Brought forward	2,477	2,274
Provision	87	203
Carried forward	2,564	2,477
Written down value:		
Carried forward	25	112

3 Unrestricted funds

The charity's unrestricted funds are available for application at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's objectives.

The charity's main objective is to promote the work and objectives of the national Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ('the Society') in accordance with the policies of the Society, with particular reference to the geographical area covered by the charity.

4 Trustees' remuneration, benefits and expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration or benefits arising from employments with the charity during the two years ended 31 December 2020.

The following trustees' expenses incurred in carrying out their duties on behalf of the charity are included in the statement of financial activities within the relevant categories:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Total trustees' expenses reimbursed	1,406	1,529
Number of trustees reimbursed	2	4

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Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2020
Continued

5 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the two years ended 31 December 2020 other than those disclosed in note 4.

6 Going concern

The trustees are of the opinion there are no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the statement of accounts.



**RSPCA Keighley, Craven &
Upper Wharfedale Branch**
Registered Charity No. 232237

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

This report contains the following documents presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Branch held on 13 October 2021.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Independent Examiner's Report & Financial Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

A copy of the RSPCA West Yorkshire Group Annual Inspectorate Report 2020 is included in this report.

RSPCA KEIGHLEY CRAVEN & UPPER WHARFEDALE BRANCH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Reference and Administrative Details as at 31 December 2020

Charlty Number 232237

Trustees

Chair Jayne Woodward

Treasurer Jan Brannelly

Secretary Rob Stow

Mandie Anderson
Jane Taylor
Francis Woodward
Mike Hogg

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ME19 4JQ

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. It operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches.

A committee elected at the AGM governs the branch. Members of the committee are Trustees of the branch and are briefed on their responsibilities prior to their acceptance of the role. The trustees hold regular meetings at which decisions are made.

The trustees actively review the risks that the charity faces through regular operational and financial reviews. The trustees also examine other operational and business risks facing the branch, and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks, which have been identified as:

- 1 Insufficient branch-generated income
- 2 Unpredictable income from legacies

OBJECTS, OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The objects of the branch are to promote the work and objects of the National Society of the RSPCA, with particular reference to the area of the branch.

The key aim is to find suitable new homes for as many animals as possible, within the constraints of the Branch's resources and with regard to the National Society's policies.

The main activity to achieve this is the operation of an animal adoption/ re-homing programme through PBE cattery / cat fostering and boarding at RSPCA East Lancs. This activity is supported by a variety of volunteer roles.

The trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of our objectives and activities for the year, to ensure they remain focused on our charitable aims, and continue to deliver benefits to the public. We have complied with this duty under the Charities Act 2011, s.17 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The branch re-homed 138 animals (26 dogs, 112 cats), which is an increase on last year's figures. 1 dog was returned for re-homing after failed adoption. We are pleased that the branch has been able to maintain a similar level of activity to previous years.

More than 55% of animals coming into branch care were classed as 'RSPCA generated' animals. 44% were branch welfare concerns and 1% returned for re-homing after a failed adoption. This approach is consistent with the aims of the national organization, as it shifts its focus to those animals that have been identified by RSPCA officers as needing immediate assistance, rather than accepting animals from non-RSPCA sources. A high percentage of cats stay in foster care until adopted which helps greatly in keeping costs down as do the food donations we collect, what we do not use for our animals in our care we pass to the inspectorate. The ability to collect donations was hampered throughout 2020 due to the impact of Covid-19.

Compulsory micro-chipping of dogs came into effect in April 2016 and the branch continues to help by micro-chipping 10 branch dogs, either directly or through welfare vouchers. This will hopefully help to reunite them with their owners should they go missing. Sadly this is a drop in the ocean compared to the c.66,000 dogs that are picked up from our nation's streets having strayed or been stolen every year. The branch also micro-chipped 61 branch cats and 14 public owned cats. The branch helped neuter 11 branch dogs and 59 branch cats, and 3 public owned dogs and 53 public owned cats. We help wherever we can with neutering to help reduce unwanted litters and in certain cases with initial help at a vets for the sake of the animal's welfare. Overall we issued 5 dog welfare vouchers, 6 cat welfare vouchers and 1 rabbit welfare voucher. 13 feral cats were caught, neutered and re-released.

The branch continues to have a close relationship with the neighboring Altham branch and continued to rent six kennels throughout 2020 allowing the branch to take in more RSPCA generated dogs.

Due to the impact of Covid-19 the branch only managed to hold one fundraising event during 2020. This was at Pets at Home over a weekend in February. Volunteers continued to find ways to raise funds in alternate ways, but the total funds raised was down on previous years.

The branch had to adapt to a new way of meeting throughout the year and successfully held several virtual meetings.

Trustees recognise the importance of volunteers' contributions and strive to create an environment where volunteers feel valued and involved. Volunteers contribute in many different ways, from cat fostering, which has been invaluable during the pandemic, to organising or supporting fundraising events. The trustees wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all volunteers, whatever their role, whose commitment was seen more than ever throughout a difficult year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total incoming resources for the year amounted to £45,900
(2019: £51,187)

Expenditure for the year amounted to £61,854
(2019: £68,055)

The profit for the year was -£15,954
(2019: -£16,868)

Reserves Policy

The Branch held reserves of £135,250 at 31 December 2020
(2019: £151,204)

We hold reserves in order that the service level provided for animal welfare is maintained if there is a reduction in incoming resources. Reserves are those funds which are freely available for general purpose and are not committed. The trustees aim has been to hold reserves of unrestricted funds equivalent to two year's expenditure.

Investment Policy

Our relevantly modest resources demand that a cautious and secure investment policy is pursued. Consequently, our unrestricted funds are held in an interest earning account with a Bank specializing exclusively in accounts for charitable organisations.

FUTURE PLANS

The branch will continue to promote fostering as an alternative to kennels, as we believe this provides a better environment for the animal. Fostering also allows us to learn more about them prior to offering them for adoption.

We will continue to work in partnership with the Inspectorate and other agencies, prompting preventive care through microchipping and flea and worm treatments. We will actively promote neutering by offering financial help with the cost.

Volunteers remain the backbone of all branch activities. We will continue our efforts to recruit and maintain a team of volunteers to carry out fundraising and animal welfare activities across the Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale area.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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DECLARATION

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Robert Stow

Secretary

04 October 2021

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West Yorkshire Group Annual Inspectorate Report 2020

It's hard to know where to start with an annual report for 2020.....

The pandemic saw us have to change to an emergency operational model within a very short space of time with us attending just the most urgent of jobs which reduced the number of animals we could help. The courts were closed resulting in a big delay to cases coming to a conclusion, causing backlogs in cases awaiting hearing dates and resulting in animals being in boarding for much longer than any of us would have liked.

That said the Inspectorate rose to the challenge and continued to provide the best service we could throughout a very difficult time. Our officers worked every day throughout the pandemic and we have achieved some great results, some of which are detailed later in the report.

The National Society then underwent a national restructure in the Autumn resulting in a reduction of staff of 20%. Sadly the Inspectorate teams in our area were hugely impacted by these changes and the N7 and N8 groups were amalgamated with the new group of West Yorkshire being formed.

As part of the restructure the ACO role was disestablished and the role of AWO was changed to that of ARO (Animal Rescue Officer), these officers are now specialist animal rescue officers along with supporting the Inspectors in investigating animal welfare complaints. We have two AROs in West Yorkshire and we look forward to seeing how this new role develops.

The West Yorkshire group is made up of officers from three different groups (N6, N7 and N8) and we are lucky to have a diverse range of experience in the team so we can provide the best animal welfare provision we can in our very busy area.

Throughout such a difficult year your support has been invaluable, here are just a few jobs that we have attended in the last year and we couldn't have achieved all that we have for animal welfare without your continued help and support, thank you!

Cases and complaint enquiries;

Inspector Goulding investigated a dog beating complaint where the owner actually kicked the dog in front of her when she was there on a multi cat complaint. The dog (Mish) was removed and boarded at Halifax animal centre, there was a delay in the case getting to court but the owner was eventually found guilty of animal welfare act offences and he received a 5 year ban from keeping dogs, and a £350 fine. Mish was put up for rehoming. (And we reduced the number of cats in the house from 17 to 3 as part of the initial complaint enquiry)

Inspector Goulding also investigated a case involving four donkeys. This was a joint investigation with the Donkey Sanctuary who helped us remove them and boarded them for us pending the conclusion of the case. The owner had failed to follow previous advice he had been given by us with regards to basic husbandry, veterinary treatment and hoof issues. He pleaded guilty to two counts of causing unnecessary

suffering to two donkeys and not meeting the needs of a further two. He received a 5 year ban, £350 fine and 150 hours community service.



Inspector Goulding also dealt with a multi cat house where the owner has previously refused to engage with us at all. After numerous visits and lots of perseverance she managed to reduce the number of cats from thirty to eight, ensured veterinary treatment for those that needed it and improved the living conditions massively.





Inspector Jo Taylor worked with SOU investigating a job where the POI had been previously banned for involvement in badger baiting, she went to the address and found an injured terrier with a bite wound to his jaw, we couldn't prove breach of disqualification but the dog was signed over and went to Leeds and Wakefield branch for rehoming.

A man from Liversedge was banned from keeping animals after his cat was left to suffer with an infected wound from an embedded collar which was left untreated. He pleaded guilty to the offence of causing unnecessary suffering to the domestic longhair cat called Charlie. Inspector Kris Walker attended the location and found that Charlie's collar was embedded in the tissue of his left leg which had caused damage to the muscle and the buckle of the collar was tangled in his long coat. He was taken to the vet where the collar was removed and after treatment Charlie made a good recovery. Charlie's owner received a five-year disqualification from keeping all animals, 12-month community order requiring 80 hours' of unpaid work in the community and to pay costs of £300 and a £90 victim surcharge and Charlie was rehomed.

Inspector Danielle Grimshaw dealt with a case involving an injured labrador puppy 'Theo'. Following a call made to our call centre she attended the address and found the puppy to be injured. She took him to a vet for a clinical examination where X-rays showed that he had trauma to his chest area along with six recent rib fractures causing him significant pain. Vets concluded that Theo had suffered as a consequence of physical abuse and the fractures he had suffered were consistent with non-accidental injuries. They also concluded that he had sustained 24 fractured

ribs on both sides of his chest on an earlier occasion and were at differing stages of healing, these were likely to have been caused by blunt force trauma. Theo's owner pleaded guilty to three Animal Welfare Act offences and received an indefinite ban on keeping all animals, he was sentenced to a 12-month Community Order requiring 300 hours of unpaid work in the community. He was also ordered to pay £300 costs and a victim surcharge of £90. Theo made a full recovery and the court placed a deprivation order on him so that he could be rehomed.

Rescues:



Inspector Sarah Bagley attended and successfully rescued a cormorant which was hanging by its leg entangled in fishing line which was attached to a branch overhanging the river Wharfe in Ilkley. The river waters had risen so quickly Sarah was not even able to get close to the base of the tree. West Yorkshire fire and rescue used their expertise to get across the fast flowing stream and it took three officers to weigh down the branch on which the bird was trapped. After a trip to Vets4pets Keighley, having received a dose of long acting antibiotics and pain relief the Cormorant was released straight back to the river.

Inspector Nikki Cheetham attended an unusual collection when she was called out to this Stray African Bull frog in Wakefield, it was taken to a specialist reptile centre.



This little guy got himself stuck in a bird feeder, he was rescued and released unharmed



Emma Brook rescued this Little Owl that was caught by it's jessie's in Halifax. It was not injured and was taken to a bird of prey specialist. ARO Ollie Wilkes rescued these 4 Kestrel chicks from a lorry depot in South Kirkby, they were taken to Stapeley Grange wildlife hospital.



Kris Walker used his specialist water rescue skills to rescue this goose from Allerton Bywater as it has become entangled in fishing line. Emma Brook and Ollie Wilkes rescued this unusual Sebastopol goose from a reservoir in Keighley it had become stuck at the bottom of

the overflow in horrendous weather with no way out. It was only a youngster, less than a year old, these geese are not able to fly very well and they don't find it easy to get off the ground due to their curled feathers so we were very thankful to fire and rescue for assisting with this one.



And finally...

Inspector Sophie John was called out to a collapsed lamb that hadn't moved in 4 hours...It turned out to be a plastic bag!