

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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**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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**Independent Examiner's Report
from J S Andrews FCCA
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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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
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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.

J S Andrews

J S Andrews FCCA
J S Andrews & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
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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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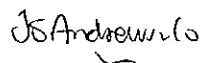
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from J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
to the Trustees of R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
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Our work on your behalf is subject to the professional standards of 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
Chartered Certified Accountants
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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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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch
to
J S Andrews & Co Chartered Certified Accountants
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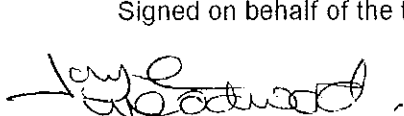
The accounting records and other relevant information that we have made available to you are true, correct and complete. We acknowledge that, other than the procedures explained in the independent examiner's report on pages 1 to 3, you have not completed extensive procedures to verify the accuracy or 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.



J Woodward
Trustee
Chairperson

3 October 2023



J Brannelly
Trustee
Treasurer

3 October 2023



R Stow
Trustee
Secretary

3 October 2023

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
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		60,259	49,161
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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)
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		76,937	67,350
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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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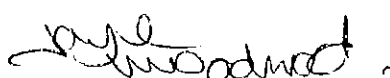
	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Unrestricted funds - summary	3		
Brought forward		117,061	135,250
Net deficit		(16,678)	(18,189)
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Carried forward		100,383	117,061
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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	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
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		104,133	122,303
Creditors	2		
Amounts falling due within one year:			
Creditors		3,728	4,980
Accruals		22	262
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		(3,750)	(5,242)
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Total net assets		100,383	117,061
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Capital and reserves			
Unrestricted funds	3	100,383	117,061
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On behalf of the trustees, we approve the statement of accounts on pages 8 to 12.



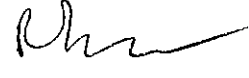
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R S P C A Keighley, Craven and Upper Wharfedale Branch

Notes to the Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 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 &
Upper Wharfedale Branch**
Registered Charity No. 232237

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

This report contains the following documents presented at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Branch held on 24 October 2023.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2022.

A copy of the RSPCA West Yorkshire Group Annual Inspectorate Report 2022 is included in this report.

RSPCA KEIGHLEY CRAVEN & UPPER WHARFEDALE BRANCH

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Reference and Administrative Details as at 31 December 2022

Charity Number 232237

Trustees

Chair Jayne Woodward

Treasurer Jan Brannelly

Secretary Rob Stow

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Jane Taylor
Francis Woodward
Mike Hogg

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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 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.

Compulsory micro-chipping of dogs came into effect in April 2016 and the branch continues to help by micro-chipping 20 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 77 branch cats and 38 public owned cats. The branch helped neuter 20 branch dogs and 77 branch cats, and 2 public owned dogs and 51 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 2 dog welfare vouchers and 3 cat welfare vouchers. 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 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
(2021: -£18,189)

Reserves Policy

The Branch held reserves of £100,383 at 31 December 2022
(2021: £117,061)

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

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.



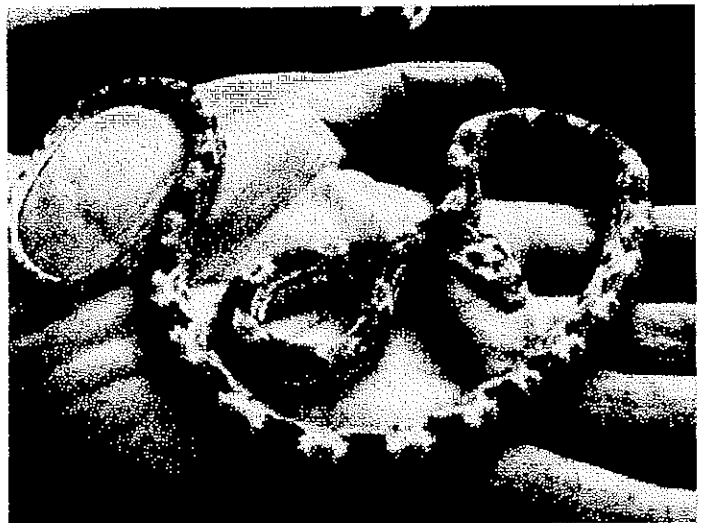
John rescued this curious fox cub from the delivery yard of a Co-Op in Bradford. The fox had stuck its nose into a rat trap and got itself well and truly stuck. After a short trip to the vets John was able to release the fox cub back to the Co-Op to finish its shopping.





'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 ½ 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.





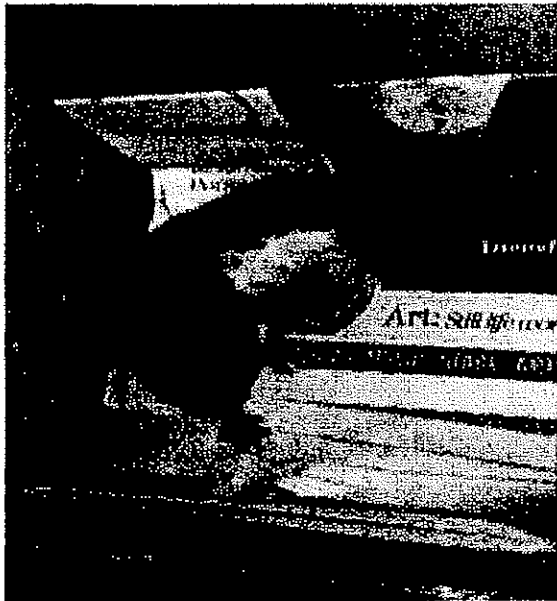
ARO Becky Goulding was also able to successfully release a goose, affectionately known as "Rambo". The goose had been attacked by a dog, but eye witness accounts suggest he gave as good as he got. The picture is very dramatic, but examination by a local vet showed that actually he only had one small 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.



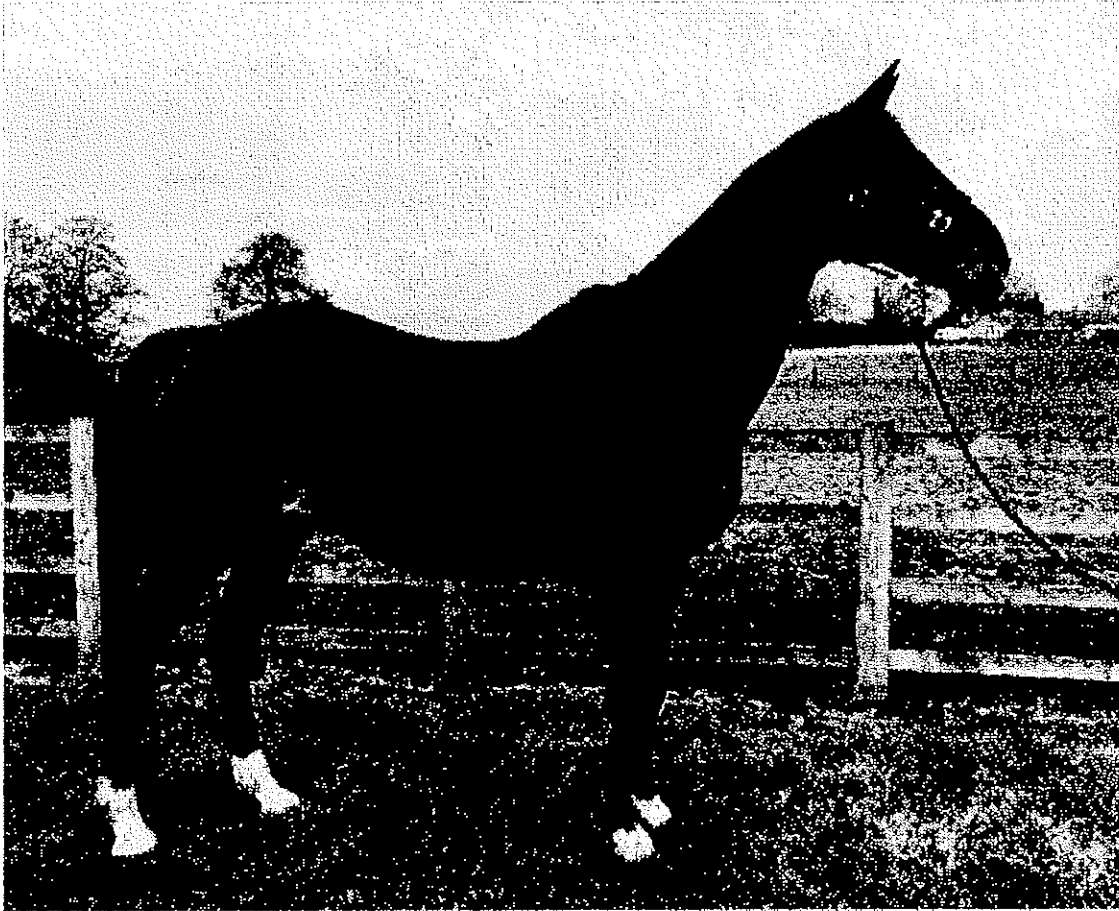
After almost 12 months in boarding a Section 20 order was obtained from Kirklees Magistrates court by Inspector Natalie Taylor in relation to 77 rabbits. They had been removed from an address in Leeds, where they had been kept in cramped, overcrowded conditions. It was not in the public interest to prosecute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