

# Weymouth and Portland Animal Welfare Society

Charity number 279159

## **The Trustees' Annual Report**

### Legal and administrative information 30 July 2020.

The society has 5 trustees all of whom are members of the committee. The committee meet at various times during the year.

The full name of the charity is Weymouth and Portland Animal Welfare Society. The working name is Weymouth PAWS

The governing document of Weymouth PAWS is the constitution adopted on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

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## **WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY**

### **CONSTITUTION**

The object of Weymouth & Portland Animal Welfare Society (hereinafter called "the society"), is to alleviate suffering and to prevent cruelty to animals in the area of Weymouth & Portland.

There shall be an Annual General Meeting of those persons who are members, who shall elect a Committee consisting of no more than twelve persons. The Committee shall, out of its number, elect a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, but in the event of no member of the Committee being willing to serve in the offices of Secretary or Treasurer, the Committee may appoint someone to either of these offices who is not a member of their Committee.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held once a year and the Secretary will notify members, unless authorised by the Committee to announce the meeting in some other way. The accounts are to be completed at the end of August each year.

The society is no longer in a position to offer animals shelter, however in an emergency we do have a two cabin cattery. The Society offers financial support to animals owners, who are either on low incomes or unable to fund their animals due to changes in personal circumstances, by partially or fully funding spaying and neutering, and any consultation fees with the veterinary practice.

The Society will, when possible, help to re-home animals and, after a welfare check, endeavour to make the transition as less traumatic for the animal as possible.

The Society can offer advice regarding animal welfare but will always refer medical related questions to a veterinary practice.

The Committee shall have full power as if they were an individual, to hold money and invest funds, own property etcetera, subject to the law and regulation being related to charities in respect of those matters. Annual accounts will be examined by an independent examiner. Any assets remaining on the winding up of the charity shall be distributed by a joint Committee decision.

This constitution was formally adopted 08.07.2013.

During the 2019/2020 the charity has continued its work with rehoming animals that need our help. We have also been very busy helping the general public in our area with their unexpected vet bills. This seems to be the area we help with the most.

Then we move to 2020. What a year it has been for us all. We as usual had a slow start to the year and then it got worse as the year progressed until Covid Hit. We had to close our shop in March and could not open again until June. We opening the shop at that point for a couple of days a week to see how it went but it was not good as we struggled with staff, most being elderly and they and we were worried about their safety

We remain optimistic about the future however.

All the paid up members of PAWS are entitled to vote at the AGM to elect trustees  
All payments to trustees and others are listed in the accounts accompanying this report  
The society trustees indemnify the charity for public liability.

Mr Lionel Knibbs  
Treasurer

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Weymouth PAWS

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Weymouth PAWS I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Weymouth PAWS (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2020.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

### Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs A Hunter FCCA

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