

THAMES VALLEY ANIMAL WELFARE

England & Wales · Charity number 900616

Details

Other names T V A W

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1990-07-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE CARE AND ACCOMMODATION FOR DOMESTIC ANIMALS WITHIN THE AREA OF BENEFIT WHICH ARE IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION BY REASON OF SICKNESS, MALTREATMENT, POOR CIRCUMSTANCES OR ILL USAGE AND THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO AND SUFFERING AMONGST DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

Activities: TVAW aims to rescue and rehome abandoned, illtreated and unwanted cats and kittens. Veterinary treatment is provided and all animals are neutered. The cats are cared for individually in foster homes until suitable homes are found. We also operate a lost and found register and a low cost neutering scheme. All of the work is carried out by volunteers and funded by donations.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THAMES VALLEY
- Bracknell Forest
- Buckinghamshire
- Oxfordshire
- Reading
- West Berkshire
- Windsor And Maidenhead
- Wokingham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£122,213	£157,280	-	-
2024-03-31	£111,928	£152,731	-	-
2023-03-31	£234,239	£160,602	-	-
2022-03-31	£204,000	£115,000	-	-
2021-03-31	£98,000	£108,000	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jean Phelan	Chair	2023-09-28
Ann Linda Wells		2022-12-12
Anthony Price		2025-09-25
Erzsebet Bodonyi		2024-08-21
Eva Slattery		2023-06-21
Helen Walker		2025-08-26
Nicola Jane Roberts		2025-07-22
Rhiannon Eleanor Charnock		2025-07-22
Stephanie Shearman		2024-08-21
YVONNE ROOM		

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Thames Valley Animal Welfare

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Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2025

Aims and Organisation

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The Charity operates under a constitution approved by the Charity Commission and is administered by a Management Committee of Trustees, comprising at 31.3.2025.

Chair	Mrs J Phelan
Vice-Chair	Mrs C Laker
Secretary	Mrs S Shearman
Treasurer	Miss H Westgarth
Other members	Mrs Y Room, Mrs P Parfitt, Miss A Wells, Miss E Bodonyi and Ms E Slattery

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Throughout the year the trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and consider that its activities meet the public benefit requirement. Although we record our performance in terms of the number of cats helped, behind each case is an owner, relative, neighbour or member of the public who needs help, either with an owned cat or a stray.

Review of the year to 31 March 2025

We operate a waiting list for places in foster homes, with priority being given to the pregnant cats, kittens and sick or injured cats. We still noticed many owned cats and kittens that needed to be

handed into the charity during the year, due to the cost-of-living crisis, evictions, deaths in the family, etc. We have helped several cat colonies on industrial sites in Reading this year, where breeding had become out of control. Our fosterers have worked hard to socialise these cats and kittens and the majority have gone to domestic homes. Our waiting list increased in April and peaked at 90 cats in June, but we saw a drop in numbers from September onwards with a significant drop in January.

Foster homes

We started the year with 14 outdoor foster homes and 15 cathouses, 11 indoor foster homes and 4 kittens socialisers.

This year has again seen changes within our fosterers. We are grateful to Sarah Lawrence, who stepped down from fostering with a cathouse. However, our biggest changes have been within our indoor fosterers; Qahir Gulamani, Erzsebet Bodonyi and Philippa Faulkener all kept one of their foster cats, which meant they could no longer foster. Lisa Panesar and Pareesa Keeley fostered briefly in their homes. Caroline Churnside moved house. Caroline and Erzsebet are still involved with the charity.

Jackie Ralph and Sue Duke both returned to fostering, Jackie took on a cathouse and Sue as an indoor fosterer.

During the year we have welcomed Nicky Roberts, Caroline Pritchard and Jo Smith, who have taken on cathouses. Kaori Minami has joined us as an indoor foster home.

We finished the year with 17 outdoor foster homes and 19 cathouses, 7 indoor foster homes and 4 kitten socialisers.

We are grateful to all our fosterers, who work extremely hard caring from cute kittens to ferocious ferals. We would also like to thank all our transport volunteers, who travel far and wide collecting and trapping cats.

Statistics

	2024/2025	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021
Adult cats rehomed	182	171	167	155	154
Kittens rehomed	117	131	133	102	143
Returned to owner	4	11	13	6	14
Put to sleep/Died (a)	9	7	2	10	7
Neutering Scheme – low cost	159	60	36	34	38
Neutering Scheme - free	0	0	0	23	14
Golden Oldie Scheme cats which received vet treatment	34	37	36	22	30
Other cats helped (a)	12 (Post Homing)	47	53	59	47
Total	517	464	440	411	447

Notes

(a) One cat with advanced FIV, one cat with mouth cancer, one cat with pancreatic cancer, one with heart and renal failure, one cat with FIP, one cat with urinary and other problems, two kittens with congenital abnormalities and one kitten found dead - cause unknown. The decision to euthanise was taken, in conjunction with the veterinary surgeon, to end their suffering.

(b) These are cats which have been helped by TVAW in some way, usually by the provision of veterinary treatment when owners have been unable to afford it and have not come into a TVAW foster home, or Post Homing Treatment of cats homed from TVAW with an existing problem.

Cats Helped

We have helped a total of 205 cats during the year through our Assistance Schemes – Golden Oldies, Post Homing and Neutering. During the last financial year, we ceased to operate the Vet Grant Scheme. The table below shows a breakdown of the number of cats helped and the total cost. This is, however, continuing to rise and we are finding that more clients are requiring help. The notes below give an overview of these schemes.

SUMMARY OF CATS HELPED - 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

	Amount spent	Number of cats helped
Golden Oldies	£34189.54	34
Vet Grants	£0.	0
Post Homing	£3080.78	12
Neutering Scheme	£15447.15	159
	£52717.47	205

(Last year amount spent was £55,454.23. Cats helped 144)

Golden Oldie Scheme

Rehoming elderly cats is never easy, but it is sometimes helpful if they are offered for adoption under the “Golden Oldie Scheme.” Often these cats have come into our care with ongoing health problems, such as hyperthyroidism, kidney, heart disease or diabetes. Therefore, prospective owners would be unable to take out pet insurance. People are encouraged to offer them a home if TVAW is responsible for future veterinary care. More

cats are now being rehomed under the scheme. For the financial year 2024-2025 we started with 69 Golden Oldies on our books. During the year, 12 of these were put to sleep or died. Some cats, which were rehomed under the scheme several years ago, are now requiring expensive ongoing treatment for age-related health issues. Several generous owners do not take advantage of the scheme and opt to pay for their cat's treatment themselves, which is helpful as the cost this year is, once again over £34,000, (but is slightly less than last year which was £34,798.18).

More cats are constantly being added to the Golden Oldie Scheme, so, while the numbers may not increase, the vet costs certainly do.

Post Homing Scheme

We offer help with treatment for cats after homing because we are finding that more cats are requiring on-going medication, treatment or vet assessments after they leave foster care. If we do not help in this way, we would be unable to home some cats for long periods of time while their ailments are cured and that would result in the charity being unable to take in cats for care because the foster homes are full. This year, Post Homing has cost us over half the amount we spent on it last year and the number of cats has also reduced slightly (12 as opposed to 15). This may be due to many cats being treated whilst in foster care, rather than after they have been re-homed.

Low-Cost Neutering Scheme

TVAW have been running a low-cost neutering scheme since April 2000 and during that time has neutered many cats. The scheme is open to people on means tested benefits,

Many of the vets recommend us to clients who approach us for help. Those we help, are immensely grateful, proving how worthwhile this scheme is. The number of cats this year has rocketed, as has the cost, but has hopefully saved us having to take in many more unwanted unneutered and unchipped cats and kittens for re-homing.

The large increase in costs is partly because we have been offering microchipping in addition to the neutering, with no extra cost to the owner. It is now a legal requirement for all cats to be microchipped. So, this will eventually help TVAW because cats which are found as strays can be returned to their owners to avoid the charity having to take responsibility for them.

Lost and Found Register

A few years ago, we made the decision to stop recording the lost and found cats, who were reported to us. There are now many ways to report lost and found cats – dedicated Facebook groups, local WhatsApp groups as well as local vets and rescue groups. People still report lost and

found cats to us via email, phone calls and messenger. We can offer advice and frequently go out and scan cats. We can reunite some cats and others come into foster care, if we cannot find the owner.

Friends of TVAW

The Friends of TVAW was introduced in 1993 as a way of keeping people who are interested in our work informed of our activities. This is achieved by the publication three times a year of our newsletter "Paws for Thought." We have more than 560 members and the newsletter is very well received. Subscriptions and donations from the Friends now form a substantial and very welcome proportion of our income.

TVAW's Website

We are grateful to Pam Budd at Loud-n-Clear who updates our website for us on a weekly basis.

Financial

Thames Valley Animal Welfare is entirely dependent upon donations and its own fundraising efforts to finance its work. It does not own any land or buildings or employ any staff. Its work is carried out entirely by volunteers.

We should emphasise that the majority of expenditure by TVAW goes directly on the cats – very little is used for admin or office expenses.

Our main sources of income are donations, including Friends' subscriptions, and our own fundraising activities – mainly sales and stalls at various local events plus the sale of our Christmas cards and calendars. We are grateful to Gerry Horrox and Claire Lawrence, two of our volunteers, who continue to raise funds by selling donated items for TVAW on eBay and Marketplace. Gerry also raises money through donations made via his own website. And to Ann Wells, who has raised much through organising sales in her local area.

Reclaiming Gift Aid creates a lot of work in terms of record keeping. After a break without a Gift Aid Secretary, we were grateful to accept the services of Claire Lawrence who has worked tirelessly since she took on the role and we generated a most welcome income of £8,411.90 for 2024-2025.

The fact that we still have healthy reserves due to the generosity of our supporters, has meant that we have been able to continue to cover the increasingly expensive veterinary costs and maintain our commitments to our fosterers. However, with expenditure continuing to rise, we review our levels of expenditure monthly as this continues to be a source of concern.

Of particular concern, is the need to plan for the replacement of some of our older Lindee Lu cat houses. We have 15 Working Cathouses. Some of these are over 10 years old. Even with regular timber treatment and maintenance the manufacturers do not expect them to last much beyond 15

years. To replace the smallest of our cathouses at current prices would cost from £6,000 per unit. We have been fortunate to have found someone who has moved and repaired cathouses – often at short notice – and who has also liaised with an electrician to co-ordinate all the arrangements with themselves and the fosterers involved.

Acknowledgements

Once again, very many people have helped TVAW financially with both large and small donations during the year and small legacies and donations in memory of relatives, friends or pets. Whilst it is not possible to list all of them individually in this report, we would like to thank them all for their continued support. Our fosterers have been grateful for the cat food, litter and bedding which has been donated by many of our supporters during the year - this is a tangible way in which supporters can help us and fosterers find it very encouraging to receive such contributions.

Jean Phelan, Chair



Date: 26/9/25

Hilary Westgarth, Treasurer

HP


Date: 26/9/25

Yvonne Room, Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of the trustees

Y. P. Room

Date: 26.9.25

Thames Valley Animal Welfare
Registered Charity No 900616

Accounts for the year to 31 March 2025

1. Receipts and Payments Account

	2024-2025	2023-24
	£	£
Income Receipts		
Donations, Payroll Giving, Standing Orders, Charities Trust, give as you Live, Friends, Sales, Sale of Stock, Paypal, Gerry's Website, Recycling, Collecting Tins, Repayments	56,309.66	63,166.96
Legacies	46,260.85	30,000.00
Interest	8,328.35	6,706.38
HMRC Gift Aid repayments	8,411.90	8,437.27
Other	2,902.01	3,617.53
Total receipts	122,212.77	111,928.14
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Advertising	0.00	0.00
Equipment	31,532.36	16,163.40
Fosterhome and carer expenses	16,907.94	20,224.04
Veterinary costs, Vet Grants, Neutering Scheme, Post Homing, Golden Oldie Scheme	103,940.20	109,208.28
	152,380.50	145,595.72
Other Expenditure		
Fundraising event costs	96.00	477.13
Stationery/postage/printing/telephone/Newsletter	2,668.45	4,165.58
Professional fees (PO Box/Bank Charges)	1,012.52	819.20
Stock for Re-sale	590.36	870.93
Public liability insurance	405.97	396.41
Other (inc re-imburement of income)	125.75	406.50
Total payments	4,899.05	7,135.75
Net receipts for the year	-35,066.78	-40,803.33
Actual Cash & bank balances at 31 March 2025	308,623.01	343,689.69
Net Cash & bank balances at 31 March 2025	273,556.23	302,886.36

2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2024-25	2023-24
	£	£
Monetary Assets		
Cash and Cash equivalents at 31.03.25	273,556.23	302,886.36
Total	273,556.23	302,886.36


Non Monetary Assets

17 Working Cathouses
14 Traps
2 Remo Traps
14 Large Kitten Pens
33 Scanners
25 Microchip Application Guns
3 Laptop Computers
1 Panasonic Telephone
1 Canon TS5150 Printer
1 Motorola Mobile Telephone
1 Laminator

	2024-25 £	2023-2024 £
<u>Direct charitable expenditure</u>		
Specific costs incurred		
Allowance for post homing treatment	5,000.00	10,000.00
Allowance for Golden Oldie Scheme	45,000.00	45,000.00
Allowance for Neutering Scheme	15,000.00	10,000.00
Allowance for Vet Grants	0.00	0.00
Total liabilities	<u>65,000.00</u> 65,000.00	<u>65,000.00</u> 65,000.00

Jean Phelan , Chair 

Date 26/9/25

Hilary Westgarth, Treasurer

 For and on behalf of the trustees

Date 26/9/25

Independent examiners report to the trustees of Thames Valley Animal Welfare “TVAW”

Registered Charity no. 900616

I report on the accounts of TVA W for the year ended 31 March 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity’s trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity’s trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner’s reports

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the charity commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a “true and fair view” and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiners statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 act and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 act have not been met OR

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Martin Tucker

Name: Martin Tucker

Date: 14TH July 2025

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Legacies	30,000.00	152,946.10
Interest	6,706.38	2,392.94
HMRC Gift Aid repayments	8,437.27	5,764.15
Other	3,617.53	1,933.90
Total receipts	<u>111,928.14</u>	<u>234,238.54</u>
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Advertising	0.00	0.00
Equipment	16,163.40	29,942.43
Fosterhome and carer expenses	20,224.04	14,563.34
Veterinary costs, Vet Grants, Neutering Scheme, Post Homing, Golden Oldie Scheme	<u>109,208.28</u>	<u>108,630.79</u>
	<u>145,595.72</u>	<u>153,136.56</u>
Other Expenditure		
Fundraising event costs	477.13	25.00
Stationery/postage/printing/telephone/Newsletter	4,165.58	4,185.68
Professional fees (PO Box/Bank Charges)	819.20	1,235.04
Stock for Re-sale	870.93	719.48
Public liability insurance	396.41	336.24
Other (inc re-imburement of income)	406.50	963.69
Total payments	<u>7,135.75</u> 152,731.47	<u>7,465.13</u> 160,601.69
Net receipts for the year	-40,803.33	73,636.85
Actual Cash & bank balances at 31 March	343,689.69	384,492.99
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Allowance for Vet Grants	0.00	15,000.00
Total liabilities	<u>65,000.00</u> 65,000.00	<u>70,000.00</u> 70,000.00

Jean Phelan , Chair

Date 21/8/24



Hilary Westgarth, Treasurer

Date



21.08.24

For and on behalf of the trustees

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Review of the year to 31 March 2024

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Foster homes

We started the year with 16 outdoor foster homes and 17 cathouses, 6 indoor foster homes and 3 kittens socialisers.

This year has again seen changes within our fosterers. We are grateful to Katherine Brewer, Michelle Grant, Stephanie Shearman and Vicki Hamer for all their hard work and dedication over their years of fostering for us. Halina Bohla fostered nervous cats/kittens in her home for six months. Stephanie Shearman and Katherine Brewer are still involved with the charity. During the year we have welcomed Lizzie Bennett and Tony Price, who have taken on a cighthouse each. Silvia Campbell, Helen Walker, Lisa Panesar and Pareesa Keesley as indoor foster homes.

We finished the year with 14 outdoor foster homes and 15 cathouses, 11 indoor foster homes and 4 kitten socialisers.

We are grateful to all our fosterers, who work extremely hard caring from cute kittens to ferocious ferals. We would also like to thank all our transport volunteers, who travel far and wide collecting and trapping cats.

Statistics

	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020
Adult cats rehomed	171	167	155	154	161
Kittens rehomed	131	133	102	143	123
Returned to owner	11	13	6	14	3
Put to sleep/Died (b)	7	2	10	7	7
Neutering Scheme – low cost	60	36	34	38	76
Neutering Scheme - free	0	0	23	14	28
Golden Oldie Scheme cats which received vet treatment	37	36	22	30	31
Other cats helped (a)	47	53	59	47	46
Total	464	440	411	447	475

Notes

(a) These are cats which have been helped by TVAW in some way, usually by the provision of veterinary treatment when owners have been unable to afford it and have not come into a TVAW foster home, or Post Homing Treatment of cats homed from TVAW with an existing problem.

(b) One feral cat with FIV, one cat with advanced FIV, one cat with a mass in its stomach, two cats with multiple issues, one with renal failure and one with congenital abnormalities. The decision to euthanase was taken, in conjunction with the veterinary surgeon, to end their suffering.

Cats Helped

We have helped a total of 144 cats during the year through our Assistance Schemes – Golden Oldies, Vet Grants, Post Homing and Neutering. The table below shows a breakdown of the number of cats helped and the total cost. This is, however, continuing to rise and we are finding that more clients are requiring help. The notes below give an overview of these schemes.

SUMMARY OF CATS HELPED - 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024

	Amount Spent	Number of cats Helped
Golden Oldies	£34,798.18	37
Vet Grants	£7,141.28	32
Post Homing	£7,720.81	15
Neutering Scheme	£5,793.96	60
	£55,454.23	144

Golden Oldie Scheme

Rehoming elderly cats is never easy, but it is sometimes helpful if they are offered for adoption under the “Golden Oldie Scheme.” Often these cats have come into our care with ongoing health problems, such as hyperthyroidism, kidney, heart disease or diabetes. Therefore, prospective owners would be unable to take out pet insurance. People are encouraged to offer them a home if TVAW is responsible for future veterinary care. More cats are now being rehomed under the scheme and some cats, which were rehomed under the scheme several years ago, are now requiring expensive ongoing treatment for age-related health issues. Several generous owners do not take advantage of the scheme and opt to pay for their cat’s treatment themselves, which is helpful as the cost this year is almost £35,000.

The number of cats helped this year may not actually reflect the increase in Golden Oldies treated, because several on our register have sadly died this year but others have been added to the Scheme. So, while the numbers may not increase, the vet costs certainly do.

Vet Grant Scheme

During the year, we were finding that more people were contacting us saying that they were struggling with the cost of vet treatment for their cat/s. The Vet Grant Scheme was originally used to help struggling owners in emergencies, such as road traffic accidents, urgent infections, etc. However, we had reluctantly to decide to end the Vet Grant Scheme in the middle of the year because we found that we were receiving requests which we did not feel were consistent with the ethos of the scheme and for which we could no longer provide the funds required for the treatments requested.

Post Homing Scheme

We offer help with treatment for cats after homing because we are finding that more cats are requiring on-going medication, treatment or vet assessments after they leave foster care. If we do not help in this way, we would be unable to home some cats for long periods of time while their ailments are cured and that would result in the charity being unable to take in cats for care because the foster homes are full. This year, Post Homing has cost us approximately £2,000 less than last year, but the number of cats has nearly doubled. We feel that this is due to the fact that the cats concerned require treatment only temporarily after being rehomed. The issue they were suffering whilst in care has been treated and, once homed, is cured quite speedily.

Low Cost Neutering Scheme

Many of the vets recommend us to clients who approach us for help, as do several of the larger charities – the RSPCA and Cats' Protection, particularly. Very few other charities offer this help nowadays and everyone we do help, is immensely grateful to us, proving how worthwhile this scheme is. The cost last year amounted to nearly £5,800, more than double the previous year, but has hopefully saved us having to take in many more unwanted unneutered cats and kittens for re-homing. Much of the neutering has been carried out thanks to our volunteers going out at all hours of the day and night to trap cats which reside in colonies and have become a nuisance to the local community. Sometimes these cats can be neutered and returned to the area but very many cats and kittens have been taken in for fostering, neutered, socialised and eventually re-homed as loving cats.

The large increase in costs is partly due to the fact that we have been offering microchipping in addition to the neutering, at no cost to the owner. We believe it will become law for all cats to be microchipped in 2024. So, this will eventually help TVAW because cats which are found as strays can be returned to their owners to avoid the charity having to take responsibility for them.

Lost and Found Register

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In addition, £1,115.00 was raised from a 40th Anniversary of TVAW Disco, organised expertly by one of our supporters, Cheryl Wilde.

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Jean Phelan, Chair



Date: August
21st ~~July~~ 24

Hilary Westgarth, Treasurer



Date:
21.08.24

Yvonne Room, Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of the trustees

Date:
21.8.24



Independent examiners report to the trustees of Thames Valley Animal Welfare "TVAW"

Registered Charity no. 900616

I report on the accounts of TVAW for the year ended 31 March 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
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Basis of independent examiner's reports

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the charity commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

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Martin Tucker

Name: Martin Tucker

Date: 22 May 2024

THAMES VALLEY ANIMAL WELFARE

England & Wales - Charity number 900616

Accounts

Thames Valley Animal Welfare

Registered Charity No. 900616



Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2023

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The Charity operates under a constitution approved by the Charity Commission and is administered by a Management Committee of Trustees, comprising at 31.3.2023.

Acting Chair	Mrs K Brewer
Acting Vice-Chair	Mrs C Laker
Secretary	Mr R Daniels
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Other members	Mrs Y Room, Mrs E Walters, Miss A Wells and Mrs J Phelan.

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Review of the year to 31 March 2023

Life for everyone has returned to normal after the Coronavirus Pandemic, it is good to be able to operate without restrictions again.

We operate a waiting list for places in foster homes, with priority being given to the pregnant cats, kittens and sick or injured cats. We have noticed more owned cats needing to be handed into the charity, this year, due to the cost-of-living crisis, evictions, deaths in the family, etc. We had over 40 cats on our waiting list between June and December. We have seen an increase of stray kittens again this year. We have helped several multi-cat households again this year, where breeding has become out of control. We have neutered and returned some of the adult cats and found homes for the kittens.

Foster homes

We started the year with 14 outdoor foster homes and 16 cathouses, 6 indoor foster homes and 4 kittens socialisers.

This year has seen a lot of changes within our fosterers. We are grateful to Paul and Carol Preuth, Amanda Farr, Anna Lankester, Julie Easton, Claire Lawrence and Sue Duke for all their hard work and dedication over their years of fostering for us. Anna Lancaster, Claire Lawrence and Julie Easton are still involved with the charity and occasionally help with foster cats/kittens in their homes on a temporary basis.

Beth Hepburn and Emma Brown helped us out with kittens for a few months. Salli Scott and Vikki Schofield both had cathouses erected in their gardens but fostered for less than a year each before their circumstances unexpectedly changed.

During the year we have welcomed Steve and Rhian Charnock, Sara Gillet and Sarah Lawrence, who have taken on a cighthouse each. Qahir Gulamani, Rosemary Muirhead and Erzsebet Bodonyi as indoor foster homes.

We finished the year with 16 outdoor foster homes and 17 cathouses, 6 indoor foster homes and 3 kitten socialisers.

We are grateful to all our fosterers, who work extremely hard caring from cute kittens to ferocious ferals. We would also like to thank all our transport volunteers who travel far and wide collecting and trapping cats.

Statistics

	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020	2018/2019
Adult cats rehomed	167	155	154	161	174
Kittens rehomed	133	102	143	123	146
Returned to owner	13	6	14	3	9
Put to sleep/Died (b)	2	10	7	7	11
Neutering scheme – low cost	36	34	38	76	151
Neutering scheme - free		23	14	28	0
Golden Oldie Scheme cats which received vet treatment	36	22	30	31	25
Other cats helped (a)	53	59	47	46	49
	440	411	447	475	565

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Cats Helped

We have helped a total of 125 cats during the year through our Assistance Schemes – Golden Oldies, Vet Grants, Post Homing and Neutering. The table below shows a breakdown of the number of cats helped and the total cost. This is, however, continuing to rise and we are finding that more clients are requiring more help. The notes below give an overview of these schemes.

SUMMARY OF CATS HELPED - 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023

	Amount Spent	Number of Cats Helped
Golden Oldies	£30,751.53	36
Vet Grants	£12,037.09	44
Post Homing	£9,978.26	9
Neutering Scheme	£2,553.29	36
Total	£55,320.17	125

Golden Oldie Scheme

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Vet Grant Scheme

We are finding that more people are struggling with the cost of vet treatment for their cat/s. The Vet Grant Scheme is used to help owners in emergencies, such as road traffic accidents, urgent infections, etc. If the help requested is for a cat, which is not currently neutered, we firmly suggest they use our Neutering Scheme as well. Rarely, we also may offer to help with the cost of microchipping. The Vet Grant Scheme has cost us just over £12,000 for the year.

Post Homing Scheme

We offer help with treatment for cats after homing because we are finding that more cats are requiring on-going medication, treatment or vet assessments after they leave foster care. If we do not help in this way, we would be unable to home some cats for long periods of time while their ailments are cured and that would result in the charity being unable to take in cats for care because the foster homes are full. Post Homing has cost us nearly £10,000 for the year.

Low Cost Neutering Scheme

Many of the vets recommend us to clients who approach us for help, as do several of the larger charities – the RSPCA and Cats’ Protection, particularly. Very few other charities offer this help nowadays and everyone we do help, is immensely grateful to us, proving how worthwhile this scheme is. The cost last year amounted to just over £2,500 but has hopefully saved us having to take in many more unwanted cats and kittens for re-homing. Much of the neutering has been carried out because of our volunteers going out at all hours of the day and night to trap cats

which reside locally in colonies and have become a nuisance to the local community. Sometimes these cats can be neutered and returned to the area but very many cats and kittens have been taken in for fostering, neutered, socialised and eventually re-homed as loving cats.

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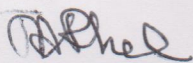
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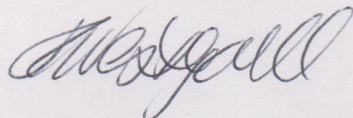
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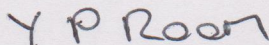
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For and on behalf of the trustees



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Thames Valley Animal Welfare
Registered Charity No 900616

Accounts for the year to 31 March 2022

1. Receipts and Payments Account

	2022-23	2021-22
	£	£
Income Receipts		
Donations, Payroll Giving, Standing Orders, Charities Trust, give as you Live, Friends, Sales, Sale of Stock, Paypal, Gerry's Website, Recycling, Collecting Tins, Re-payments	71,201.45	67,786.10
Legacies	152,946.10	124,610.77
Interest	2,392.94	448.61
HMRC Gift Aid repayments	5,764.15	9,455.79
Other	1,933.90	1,904.34
Total receipts	<u>234,238.54</u>	<u>204,205.61</u>
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Advertising	0.00	0.00
Equipment	29,942.43	14,433.90
Fosterhome and carer expenses	14,563.34	11,358.74
Veterinary costs, Vet Grants, Neutering Scheme, Post Homing, Golden Oldie Scheme	108,630.79	83,599.41
	<u>153,136.56</u>	<u>109,392.05</u>
Other Expenditure		
Fundraising event costs	25.00	20.00
Stationery/postage/printing/telephone/Newsletter	4,185.68	4,249.19
Professional fees (PO Box/Bank Charges)	1,235.04	687.40
Stock for Re-sale	719.48	656.29
Public liability insurance	336.24	327.40
Other (inc re-imburement of income)	963.69	236,205.72
Total payments	<u>7,465.13</u> 160,601.69	<u>242,146.00</u> 351,538.05
Net receipts for the year	73,636.85	-147,332.44
Actual Cash & bank balances at 31 March	384,492.99	310,885.37
Net Cash & bank balances at 31 March	458,129.84	163,552.93

2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

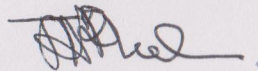
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	£	£
Monetary Assets		
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Non Monetary Assets

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2 QualityTimberCat houses
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2 Remo Traps
14 Large Kitten Pens
28 Scanners
10 Microchip Application Guns
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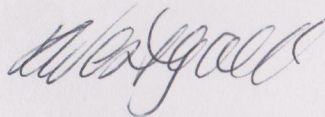
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	£	£
<u>Direct charitable expenditure</u>		
Specific costs incurred		
Allowance for post homing treatment	10,000.00	4,000.00
Allowance for Golden Oldie Scheme	35,000.00	26,000.00
Allowance for Neutering Scheme	10,000.00	10,000.00
Allowance for Vet Grants	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total liabilities	<u>70,000.00</u>	<u>55,000.00</u>
	70,000.00	55,000.00

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Date 27/9/23

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Martin Tucker

Name: Martin Tucker

Date: 15 September 2023

THAMES VALLEY ANIMAL WELFARE

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Accounts

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Vice-Chairman	Mrs J MacGregor
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Treasurer	Miss H Westgarth
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Review of the year to 31 March 2022

For the second consecutive year, the Coronavirus Pandemic has made this year challenging – trying to take in and rehome cats whilst always remaining within the government's guidelines. The situation has improved over the last 6 months as the restrictions have lifted, this has enabled us to return to normality.

We operate a waiting list for places in foster homes, with priority being given to the pregnant cats, kittens and sick or injured cats. We have had a high proportion of stray cats on the waiting list again this year, with very few owned cats being handed into foster care. Our waiting list was high over the summer months, however, the rest of the year we have been in a fortunate position to be able to take in most cats very quickly. We have had fewer litters of kittens in foster care this year and the rehoming figures reflect this.

The high number of people applying to adopt cats has continued this year, resulting in some disappointed people.

Foster homes

We started the year with 14 outdoor foster homes and 16 cathouses, 5 indoor foster homes and 4 kittens socialisers.

We have again seen quite a few changes within our fosterers. We are grateful to Anne Edmundson, Jackie Ralph, Janine Isenegger, Linda Adamson and Frankie Feast for all their hard work and dedication over their years of fostering for us. Jackie is still involved with the charity and occasionally helps out with foster cats/kittens in her home.

During the year we have welcomed Niki Marshall, Stephanie Shearman, Samantha Trott and Amanda Farr, who have taken on a cathouse each, Sue Duke and Philippa Faulkner as indoor foster homes and Chantal Cornelius who joined us as a kitten socialiser.

We appreciated Caroline Airey's help socialising kittens again over the summer months. We finished the year with 14 outdoor foster homes and 16 cathouses, 6 indoor foster homes and 4 kitten socialisers.

We continue to be incredibly grateful to all our fosterers, who work extremely hard caring from cute kittens to ferocious ferals. We would also like to thank all our transport volunteers who travel far and wide collecting and trapping cats.

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	2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020	2018/2019	2017/2018
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Kittens rehomed	102	143	123	146	141
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Neutering scheme – low cost	34	38	76	151	118
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Golden Oldie Scheme cats which received vet treatment	22	30	31	25	45
Other cats helped (c)	59	47	46	49	52
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Notes

(a) Kittens aged up to 6 months

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Low-cost neutering scheme

Between April 1st 2021 and March 31st 2022, 57 cats have been neutered or spayed under our Neutering Schemes. This is slightly more than last year. Several owners had more than one cat castrated or spayed and 23 cats benefitted under our Free Neutering Scheme (14 last year) and 34 from Low-Cost neutering (38 last year). Many of the vets recommend us to clients, as do several of the larger charities – the RSPCA and Cats' Protection, particularly - who approach us for financial help and in the present climate of the Coronavirus pandemic, we anticipated that these requests would increase. This has not been the case and one or two applicants have never presented their vouchers! Very few other charities offer this help nowadays and everyone who we do help, is immensely grateful to us, proving how worthwhile this scheme is.

Lost and Found Register

During the year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022, 89 cats have been reported lost and 26 reported found, (last year 56 and 22 respectively). We recorded 16 of the cats registered lost as happily reunited with their owners. The figures for found cats doesn't include the cats who have been taken into foster care. The numbers for this year are slightly up on the previous year, this is most likely due to a return to normal activity as Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic restrictions eased during 2021.

Most cats reported to us have come via our lost and found email, by private messaging to our Facebook page or by phone.

Facebook continues to be a valuable resource for both rehoming and lost & found, with several cats finding new homes and being reunited with their owner as a direct result of content/appeals via the TVAW Facebook page. During the year, our followers have increased by 14%, a steady increase which we expect to continue throughout 2022.

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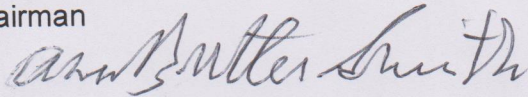
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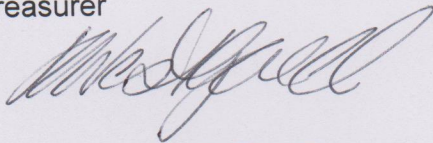
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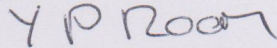
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Yvonne Room, Co-ordinator



Date: 21.9.22

For and on behalf of the trustees

Thames Valley Animal Welfare
Registered Charity No 900616

Accounts for the year to 31 March 2022

	2021-22	2020-21
	£	£
<u>1. Receipts and Payments Account</u>		
Income Receipts		
Donations, Payroll Giving, Standing Orders, Charities Trust, give as you Live, Friends, Sales, Sale of Stock, Paypal, Gerry's Website, Recycling, Collecting Tins, Re-payments	67,786.10	81,725.80
Legacies	124,610.77	2,050.00
Interest	448.61	562.60
HMRC Gift Aid repayments	9,455.79	11,710.24
Other	1,904.34	1,766.61
Total receipts	204,205.61	97,815.25
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Advertising	0.00	0.00
Equipment	14,433.90	12,355.03
Fosterhome and carer expenses	11,358.74	10,509.75
Veterinary costs, Vet Grants, Neutering Scheme, Post Homing, Golden Oldie Scheme	83,599.41	79,676.44
	<u>109,392.05</u>	<u>102,541.22</u>
Other Expenditure		
Fundraising event costs	20.00	10.00
Stationery/postage/printing/telephone/Newsletter	4,249.19	3,248.71
Professional fees (PO Box/Bank Charges)	687.40	507.30
Stock for Re-sale	656.29	942.26
Public liability insurance	327.40	327.40
Other (re-imbusement of income)	82.50	194.70
Total payments	6,022.78	5,230.37
Net receipts for the year	88,790.78	-9,956.34
Actual Cash & bank balances at 31 March	310,885.37	222,217.00
Net Cash & bank balances at 31 March	399,676.15	212,260.66

2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Monetary Assets

Cash and Cash equivalents at 31.03.22

Total

	2021-22 £	2020-21 £
	399,676.15	212,260.66
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Non Monetary Assets

- 14 Lindee Lu cathouses
- 2 Quality/TimerCat houses
- 14 Traps
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- 14 Large Kitten Pens
- 28 Scanners
- 10 Microchip Application Guns
- 2 Laptop Computers
- 1 Panasonic Telephone

Direct charitable expenditure

- Specific costs incurred
- Allowance for post homing treatment
- Allowance for Golden Oldie Scheme
- Allowance for Neutering Scheme
- Allowance for Vet Grants

Total liabilities

Ann Butler-Smith, Chairman

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Registered Charity no. 900616

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Basis of independent examiner’s reports

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Martin Tucker

Name: Martin Tucker

Date: 23 September 2022

THAMES VALLEY ANIMAL WELFARE

England & Wales - Charity number 900616

Accounts

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Total receipts	<u>97,815.25</u>	<u>95,014.77</u>
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Advertising	0.00	566.17
Equipment	12,355.03	5,721.78
Fosterhome and carer expenses	10,509.75	13,811.36
Veterinary costs, Vet Grants, Neutering Scheme, Post Homing, Golden Oldie Scheme	79,676.44	93,347.95
	<u>102,541.22</u>	<u>113,447.26</u>
Other Expenditure		
Fundraising event costs	10.00	108.00
Stationery/postage/printing/telephone/Newsletter	3,248.71	3,815.44
Professional fees (PO Box/Bank Charges)	507.30	1,570.96
Stock for Re-sale	942.26	623.23
Public liability insurance	327.40	460.64
Other (re-imburement of income)	194.70	
Total payments	<u>5,230.37</u> 107,771.59	<u>6,578.27</u> 120,025.53
Net receipts for the year	-9,956.34	-25,010.76
Actual Cash & bank balances at 31 March	222,217.00	231,860.44
Net Cash & bank balances at 31 March	212,260.66	206,849.68

2. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
Monetary Assets		
Cash and Cash equivalents at 31.03.21	212,260.66	206,849.68
Total	212,260.66	206,849.68

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Specific costs incurred		
Allowance for post homing treatment	4,000.00	2,500.00
Allowance for Golden Oldie Scheme	25,000.00	17,000.00
Allowance for Neutering Scheme	10,000.00	4,000.00
Allowance for Vet Grants	6,000.00	
Total liabilities	<u>45,000.00</u> 45,000.00	<u>23,500.00</u> 23,500.00

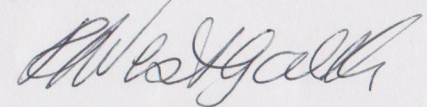
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Thames Valley Animal Welfare

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Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2021

Aims and Organisation

Thames Valley Animal Welfare (TVAW) is registered with the Charity Commission (No. 900616). The postal address is TVAWE, P O Box 3139, Reading, RG1 9FQ. The e-mail address is tvawcats2018@gmail.com or tvawcats30@gmail.com and the website address is www.tvaw.org.uk.

The Charity operates under a constitution approved by the Charity Commission and is administered by a Management Committee of Trustees, comprising at 31.3.2021.

Chairman	Mrs A Butler-Smith
Vice-Chairman	Mrs J MacGregor
Secretary	Mrs M Fogarty
Treasurer	Miss H Westgarth
Other members	Mrs P Parfitt, Mrs Y Room, Mrs C Laker, Miss S Aubrey, Mrs K Brewer and Mrs J Phelan.

The object of the charity is to rescue abandoned, unwanted, ill-treated, and neglected cats. Veterinary treatment is provided when necessary and all cats are spayed or neutered and microchipped before rehoming. The cats are cared for in individual foster homes until they are ready for rehoming. TVAWE aims to find loving permanent homes with responsible people for all animals in its care and undertakes never to destroy any cat unless advised to do so by a veterinary surgeon on the grounds of ill-health. The work of the charity is undertaken entirely by volunteers working from their own homes.

Throughout the year the trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and consider that its activities meet the public benefit requirement. Although we record our performance in terms of the number of cats helped, behind each case is an owner, relative, neighbour or member of the public who needs help, either with an owned cat or a stray.

Review of the year to 31 March 2021

The Coronavirus Pandemic has made this year extremely challenging – trying to take in and rehome cats whilst always remaining within the government's guidelines. We operate a waiting list for places in foster homes, with priority being given to the pregnant cats, kittens and sick or injured cats. We have had a high proportion of stray cats on the waiting list again this year, with very few owned cats being handed into foster care. Our waiting list was high over the summer months, however, the rest of the year we have been in a fortunate position to be able to take in most cats very quickly.

There has been a significant increase in people applying to adopt cats, resulting in some disappointed people.

We have noticed an increase in people who want to foster indoors rather than take on a cathouse in the garden. The indoor foster homes offer many benefits including no financial outlay for the charity, more flexibility for the fosterer and of course it is much nicer for the cats to live in a home environment, especially the elderly cats. However, we do still need cathouses, to accommodate our stray and feral cats.

We offer vouchers for free neutering to people taking on kittens from us. These are very well received, although not used by everyone.

Foster homes

We started the year with 15 outdoor foster homes and 20 cathouses, 5 indoor foster homes and 4 kitten socialisers.

We have again seen quite a few changes within our fosterers. We are grateful to Chris Matthews, Julie Etheridge, Lizzie Walters, Carlie Langille and Gill Sawyer for all their hard work and dedication over their years of fostering for us. Lizzie is still involved with the charity.

During the year we have welcomed Samantha Lockyer and Michelle Grant, who have taken on a cathouse each, Rose Taylor as an indoor foster home and Samantha Vincent who joined as a kitten socialiser.

We appreciated Caroline Airey's help socialising kittens again over the summer months.

We finished the year with 14 outdoor foster homes and 16 cathouses, 5 indoor foster homes and 4 kitten socialisers.

We continue to be incredibly grateful to all our fosterers, who work extremely hard caring from cute kittens to ferocious ferals. We would also like to thank all our transport volunteers who travel far and wide collecting and trapping cats.

Statistics

	2020/2021	2019/2020	2018/2019	2017/2018	2016/2017
Adult cats rehomed	154	161	174	192	236
Kittens rehomed	143	123	146	141	150
Returned to owner (b)	14	3	9	30	9
Put to sleep/Died (d)	7	7	11	8	7
Neutering scheme – low cost	38	76	151	118	11
Neutering scheme - free	14	28	0	108	0
Golden Oldie Scheme cats which received vet treatment	30	31	25	45	26
Other cats helped (c)	47	46	49	52	34
	447	475	565	694	473

Notes

(a) Kittens aged up to 6 months

(b) These figures do not include the cats who are matched by our lost and found register and do not therefore come into our care.

(c) These are cats which have been helped by TVAW in some way, usually by the provision of veterinary treatment when owners have been unable to afford it and have not come into a TVAW foster home.

(d) One was an elderly cat with cat flu, 1 semi feral cat with FIV and cat flu, 2 cats with renal failure, 1 with a tumour, 1 cat with multiple issues and 1 deformed kitten. The decision to euthanase was taken, in conjunction with the veterinary surgeon, to end their suffering.

Golden Oldie Scheme

Rehoming elderly cats is never easy, but it is sometimes helpful if they are offered for adoption under the "Golden Oldie Scheme". Often these cats have come into our care with ongoing health problems, such as hyperthyroidism, and therefore prospective owners would be unable take-out pet insurance. People are encouraged to offer them a home if TVAW is responsible for future veterinary care. More cats are now being rehomed under the scheme and some cats which were rehomed under the scheme several years ago have now required expensive ongoing treatment for age-related health problems such as heart problems. Several generous owners do not take advantage of the scheme and opt to pay for their cat's treatment themselves, which is very helpful as the cost this year is in excess of £21,000.

Low-cost neutering scheme

Between April 1st, 2020 and March 31st, 2021, 52 cats have been neutered or spayed under our Neutering Schemes. This shows an almost 50% drop in numbers from last year. Several owners had more than one cat castrated or spayed but only 14 cats benefitted from our Free Neutering Scheme (28 last year) and 38 (76 last year) from Low-Cost neutering. Again, these figures are down considerably on last year's numbers. Last year, we took decision to reduce the area we covered, to a 15-mile radius of Reading and this continues to impact on the number of clients who approach us for help with neutering. Many of the vets recommend us to clients, as do several of the larger charities – the RSPCA and Cats' Protection, particularly - who approach us for financial help and in the present climate of the Coronavirus epidemic, we anticipated that these requests would increase. This has not been the case and one or two applicants have never presented their vouchers! Very few other charities offer this help nowadays and everyone who we do help, is immensely grateful to us, proving how worthwhile this scheme is.

Lost and Found Register

During the year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, 56 cats have been reported lost and 22 reported found, (last year 72 and 29 respectively). We recorded 19 lost cats happily reunited with their owners. The figures for found cats does not include the cats who have been reported found and taken into foster care. The numbers for this year are slightly down on the previous year, mostly due to a notable reduction in activity during the significant impact of the first and second periods Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns.

Most cats reported to us have come via our lost and found email, by private messaging to our Facebook page or by phone.

Facebook continues to be a valuable resource for lost & found, with two generous donations made in acknowledgement of TVAW providing help and support for cats found and reported to us through our page.

Friends of TVAW

The Friends of TVAW was introduced in 1993 as a way of keeping people who are interested in our work informed of our activities. This is achieved by the publication three times a year of our newsletter "Paws for Thought". We have more than 650 members and the newsletter is very well received. Subscriptions and donations from the Friends now form a substantial and very welcome proportion of our income.

TVAW's Website

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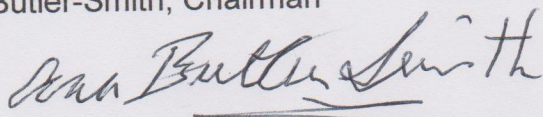
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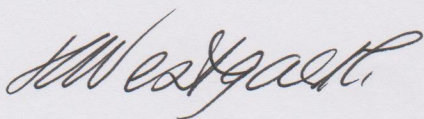
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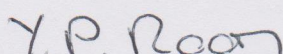
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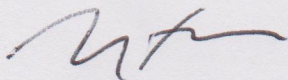
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