

Animal Support Trust

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108828

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2022-12-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: To support the alleviation of animal suffering and promote the advancement of animal welfare for the benefit of both animals and the public in any part of the world.

What the charity does: The advancement of animal welfare

How the charity works: Animal welfare

Who the charity helps: General public,Volunteers

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£88,141	£73,008	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Lennon		
Lynda Hill		
Ruth Mccombes		

Accounts

Animal Support Trust Accounts to y/e 31st December 2024

Income	
Appeals,car boot sales, donations etc	66382
Street collections	1759
Misc	2758
Shop	<u>17242</u>
	88141

less

Expenses	
Running costs	7218
Animal care	18050
Support for local charities	2625
Paypal fees	1291
Serbia	35509
Fees and charges and paypal	393
Travel	4154
L&P	360
Misc.	<u>3408</u>
	73008

Surplus	15133
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Funds	
Opening balances	Bank 22059
	PayPal 494

Surplus	<u>15133</u>
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37686

Debtors	-360
Van	3000
Closing balances	Bank 34688
	PayPal <u>358</u>

37686

travel

Accounts

Animal Support Trust accounts to y/e 31st December 2023.

Income

Appeals, campaigns , donations	20203
Car boot sales, auctions	16268
Collections	1695
Shop	<u>5940</u>
	44106

less

Expenses

Running costs	9904
Neutering projects	7620
Animal care	24829
Support for local charities	2750
Fees and charges	481
Misc.	<u>838</u>
	46422

Expenses in excess of income **2316**

Funds

Opening balances	Bank	23407
	PayPal	1463

less expenses in excess of income -2316
22554

Closing balances	Bank	22059
	PayPal	<u>495</u>
		22554

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Annual report

Trustee Report for the Financial Year Ended 31st December 2023

The Trustees submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023 and would like to thank Felicity Huston from Huston & Co Accountants for all her help and support in preparing our final accounts.

Review of Activity

Throughout 2023, we continued to support the alleviation of animal suffering while also promoting the advancement of animal welfare for the benefit of both animals and the public.

We did this in the following ways:

Support for rescues

We provided financial support to 11 local animal rescues that care for and re-home abandoned, unwanted, mistreated, or lost animals. These rescues face daily struggles with the rising cost of animal care, especially for those with multiple health issues. Our support aimed to help them extend their reach to more animals in need.

Neutering/Spaying programmes

We funded the neutering/spaying of 240 animals in Serbia, including dogs and cats living on the streets or in low-income homes. We also funded the neutering/spaying of a small number of cats living in similar circumstances in Northern Ireland.

Emergency relief and support

We continued to act as an emergency source of funding for the immediate relief of animal suffering, particularly through Ub Dog Pound in Serbia. Every month we provided support for veterinary care — including emergency operations, blood tests, x-rays, and scans. We also funded regular worm, flea, and tick treatments for the 150+ dogs living there. Since starting this support, we have seen an incredible improvement in the dogs' health.

In addition, we provided better-quality food for malnourished dogs and puppies. This greatly improved their quality of life and, in many cases, meant the difference between life and death.

In July 2023, we made our 11th trip to Ub Dog Pound in Serbia, taking with us 86kg of much-needed supplies — including blankets, beds, coats, bowls, toys, supplements, sunshades, water pools, and more. These items were donated by the public, who in turn were educated on the importance of good animal welfare and the value of kindness and care.

During this trip, we also highlighted the importance of neutering, showing how, without control measures, the number of stray and unwanted animals can quickly become a

major issue for both animals and humans. We visited one of our neutering coordinators in Serbia to see firsthand the challenges faced when animal populations are left unchecked.

We also assessed many dogs for suitability for rehoming. Later, we provided funds for 14 dogs to receive all necessary tests and veterinary care. In 2023, while we are unsure how many dogs were rehomed within Serbia, we know that 9 dogs found loving new homes in the UK with our help. For these 9 dogs, life changed beyond recognition.

Community fundraising and education

From March to November 2023, we held monthly car boot sales. These were not only a great source of income but also an opportunity to promote good animal welfare, engage with the local community, and, in some cases, find solutions to problems people faced with their pets. Often, through networking, we were able to help rehome animals when no other solution could be found.

Our car boot sales also served as valued community events, offering social connection and providing opportunities for both buyers and sellers — helping people save money or earn extra income during the rising cost of living.

Charity shop and hub

In November 2023, we opened our charity shop and hub. This was an investment not only to provide a steady income stream but also to give something back to the community. It is a place where like-minded people can come to pick up a bargain, seek help with pet-related issues, have a chat, and feel part of something that makes a difference.

Through the shop and car boot sales, we expanded volunteering opportunities. We now have a fantastic team of 15 volunteers who are the backbone of our charity. Thanks to them — and our supporters — we can change and even save the lives of animals.

Organisational Structure

Animal Support Trust has been registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland since 21st December 2022 and is governed by a constitution.

Purpose of the Charity

To support the alleviation of animal suffering and promote the advancement of animal welfare for the benefit of both animals and the public, anywhere in the world.

Financial Review

Throughout 2023, the charity maintained a stable income through car boot sales, street collections, raffles, appeals, auctions, and donations. Since November, our charity shop has provided a welcome new source of income. As the charity is managed by a small team of trustees, our aim is always to maintain a reserve fund to cover six months of running costs should the need arise.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with relevant laws, and for keeping proper accounting records to detail transactions and safeguard assets.

Statement of Disclosure to Auditors

At the time of approving this annual report, the trustees confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware. The trustees have taken all reasonable steps to ensure that any relevant information has been identified and communicated to the auditor.

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Animal Support Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out in your annual report

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act ; follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act ; state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters. My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. August 2016 CCNI ARR07 – supporting document 4

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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Accountant

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2nd September 2025