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Anim-Mates

Registered Charity
No. 1098252

Animal Rescue based in north west Kent

Annual Report and Accounts 2018



Rescue



Care



Rehome

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Saving just one animal won't change the world,
but it surely will change the world for that one animal

Anim-Mates Trustees' Report for the Year 2018

In our 17th year Anim-Mates has continued to rescue, care for, and re-home unwanted and stray animals in north west Kent.

At our sanctuary in Ash, Kent, we have continued to introduce new or improved facilities for the animals in our care.

On pages 6 and 7 we have set out our financial accounts for the year. There you will see how generous public donors have been to fund our activities.

Almost all our income was spent on animal care, food and veterinary costs plus one-off expenditure of new housing and security; other costs, like administration, were kept to a minimum.

All our volunteers were entitled to out-of-pocket expenses but none requested any.

We asked owners who wanted us to take in their pet to contribute towards our costs. However, this did not affect our decision to accept animals that could no longer remain where they were. The needs of the animals have always been paramount.

The limited number of fosterers and homes for the animals while in our care continued to be a challenge. We prioritised taking in animals who were injured, in danger of being put to sleep, and/or were unneutered.

Most of the animals were in need of routine vet care such as vaccinations and neutering. Some needed treatment

that was far more expensive. We never had an animal put down, except on veterinary advice, which itself we often challenged.

If for some reason we were unable to take in an animal, we made every effort to find another animal rescue group that could.

In our Care-for-Life scheme we cared for a large number of animals who, through illness, age or disability, cannot be re-homed. To these animals we

promised they will be in the care of Anim-Mates for the rest of their life.

Our outreach team continued to visit feral cat colonies. They trapped the adults, had them neutered and, after recovery, returned them to their habitat.

Feral kittens have been patiently domesticated and found new homes.

Everyone at Anim-Mates is a volunteer and we wish to record our thanks to those volunteers

mentioned in this annual report, and to others who, for whatever reason, wish to remain anonymous. Without their help and time, all given freely Anim-Mates would not exist and many more unwanted animals would continue to be homeless.

Trustees

*Bobbie Bajwa
Teresa Bloomfield
Roger Brown
Stephen Peirce
Dennis White*

In the year 2018

- **93 animals came under our care**
- **64 animals started new lives, going to vetted homes**
- **10 new animals and birds came into our Care-for-Life scheme**
- **111 animals and birds are currently in our Care-for-Life**

Our Policies



Anim-Mates exists to relieve the suffering and distress of animals in need of care and attention in north west Kent, in any or all of the following ways:

- To rescue, provide vet treatment, neuter and rehome stray, abandoned and unwanted animals
- To provide Care-for-Life for animals unable to be rehomed
- To provide vet care/neutering to animals whose owners are unable or unwilling to do so.

Rescue

There are many reasons why animals find their way to us. It can be through the death of the owner, a relationship break-up or moving home. We also receive numerous calls about strays.

If our homes are full, we will contact other animal welfare groups to see if they can offer suitable accommodation.

Care

Every animal that comes to Anim-Mates will be cared for in a fosterer's home and treated as their own pet.

All animals will be examined by one of our vets. Animals needing veterinary care will stay with us throughout the process and will only be rehomed when they are given a clean bill of health.

Mums with kittens will stay with us long-term. Abandoned kittens will stay with us until they are ready to be homed again.

Older animals may remain with us for a long time until that special someone comes along for them.

We will never have an animal put down, except on veterinary advice.

Neutering

One of Anim-Mates' main objectives is to reduce the large number of unwanted

animals. To ensure that no animal for rehoming can breed, all rescued animals will be neutered.

The exceptions will be very young kittens. We will ask new owners to guarantee that the youngsters will be kept indoors until they get them neutered.

We will visit feral cat colonies to trap the adults, have them neutered and returned to their habitat. Feral kittens will be domesticated and rehomed.

Stray Animals

In respect of stray cats we will try to determine if a cat is a genuine stray. The finder will be asked to enquire locally if anyone has lost a cat, and to put a collar on the cat with the message 'If this is your cat please ring me'. If no contact is made within a few days, we will assume the cat is a stray and we will take them in.

A stray animal will be taken into our homes for a minimum of 28 days. During that time we register the animal with all the "missing" agencies and also make checks to see if anyone has reported their pet lost. If all that work proves negative, the cat will then be put up for rehoming.

Rehoming

Each potential new home will be thoroughly checked for suitability before any animal is placed there. This will ensure that the animal is in the best home, with the best possible owner.

Any animal that, for whatever reason, cannot be rehomed will stay with Anim-Mates in our Care-for-Life scheme.

Volunteers

All trustees, fosterers, adopters, homevetters, helpers and Friends of Anim-Mates will be volunteers. Nobody will be paid for their voluntary work.

All we will ask of our volunteers is that they show their love of, and for, our animals.

Here's a snapshot of what Anim-Mates achieved in 2018

Animals

We rescued, cared for and rehomed a variety of unwanted domestic pets, the details of which appear on the panel on page 2.

Our Care-for-Life scheme flourishes and is highlighted on page 5.

Outreach Scheme

To help reduce the number of breeding feral cats, we increased the number of cats that we had neutered. Some very young feral kittens were domesticated and found new homes.

Funding

We relied on donations to continue our work. We received many generous donations from Friends of Anim-Mates, various clubs and groups and individual animal lovers. We continued to receive substantial donations and gifts from Support Adoption For Pets, the charity arm of Pets At Home.

Fundraising Events

We attended a number of fetes with our successful fundraising stalls.

Afternoon Tea and Facebook auctions were some of the successful events that our volunteers organised to raise funds.

Public Collections

We held many very fruitful collections at garden centres and supermarkets.

Communications

Keeping our 800 or so Friends of Anim-Mates up to date with our work was achieved through our newsletters, website and Facebook page.

To reduce printing and postage costs we continued to encourage Friends of Anim-Mates to have our quarterly newsletters emailed to them. The printed version is in black and white while the eNewsletter is in colour.

The Anim-Mates website clocked up many thousands of views.

Through the Anim-Mates Facebook page we had daily news of the charity shared, read and commented on by many thousands of people.

Posters seeking new homes for animals were displayed at many veterinary practices.

Our thanks go to the Medway Messenger newspaper which continued to publish weekly articles to help us find new homes for many animals.

Wish List

We continued to have an Anim-Mates wish list at the world's biggest online store, Amazon. There, anyone can choose gifts from a wide-ranging list to be donated and sent directly to our sanctuary.

eBay

A number of eBay sellers continued to donate part of their auction monies to Anim-Mates.

Plans for 2019

We aim to:

- Continue as an effective hands-on, animal rescue charity
- Maximise the number of feral cats we neuter and rehome or return to their habitat
- Recruit more fosterers to increase the number of care spaces available
- Review and implement the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- Continue with our successful range of fundraising events and seek out new ways to raise funds.
- Help educate animal owners about the necessity of neutering while there are so many homeless animals and the need for good animal welfare
- Raise the profile of Anim-Mates to help increase public donations

Care-for-Life scheme has a wide range of animals

Anim-Mates Care-for-Life scheme is for animals who cannot be re-homed because of age, infirmity or special care needs. We commit to care for these animals for the rest of their lives. They are treated, loved and cared in our sanctuary and in fosterers' homes.



A rabbit with respiratory problems, a deformed puppy, an injured cat and a blind duck were among those who joined our Care-for-Life scheme in 2018.

Ella a white rabbit suffered from respiratory problems first joined us, which have since been successfully treated. We introduced her to black and white Domino and they are now inseparable.

Floyd, a frightened young puppy was rescued from a roadside bush. His back legs were so deformed he could only walk by dragging them behind him. He will require specialist surgery to, hopefully, get him walking properly.

Ben was the victim of a road traffic accident. After spending three weeks at a vets recovering, no shelter wanted to take him in as he was feral. Ben is now in our care and lives with our other ferals.

Daisy is a little white call duck and was born blind. We were concerned about her safety among other animals that wander around the sanctuary. We paired with another duck to be her eyes and gave them their own enclosure.

Anim-Mates Accounts for 2018

	2018	2018	2018	2017
	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Reserve Funds	Total funds	Total funds
Income	To the nearest £	To the nearest £	To the nearest £	To the nearest £
1. Handover donations	689	-	689	1,065
2. Adoption Donations	1,700	-	1,700	2,735
3. Public donations	33,106	-	33,106	40,682
4. Sponsorship	477	-	447	501
5. Fundraising	20,403	-	20,403	7,251
6. Collection pots	3,847	-	3,847	3,098
7. Legacies	-	-	-	1,000
8. Bank interest	1,208	-	1,208	1,787
9. Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
	74,927		74,727	58,119
 Expenditure				
10. Veterinary Fees	25,829	-	25,829	39,003
11. Feed / bedding / stabling	13,873	-	13,873	12,451
12. Equipment	2,315	-	2,315	2,320
13. Insurances	1,491	-	1,491	1,682
14. Postage	700	-	700	1,108
15. Administration	1,143	-	1,143	674
16. Newsletter	315	-	315	574
17. Fundraising	318	-	318	-
18. Vehicles	4,044	-	4,044	-
19. Building costs	23,328	-	23,328	35,105
20. Miscellaneous	-	-	-	1,646
	73,356		73,356	94,564
 Net Income/Expenditure	 1,571		 1,571	 -36,445

See opposite page for notes relating to Income and Expenditure

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018

Funds Statement	2018 Unrestricted Funds	2018 Unrestricted Re- serve Funds	2018 Total Funds
Opening balance	131,883		131,883
Income and Expenditure	1,571		1,571
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Closing balance	133,454		133,454
Represented By			
Petty cash			
Co-op Bank Current	24,399		23,399
Santander Current	32,855		32,855
Close Brothers Deposit		76,200	75,000
Total cash funds	57,254	76,200	133,454

Notes on Annual Accounts for 2018

1. Donations from owners who handed over their animals to Anim-Mates
2. Donations from adopters of Anim-Mates animals
3. Donations given and sent to Anim-Mates
4. Donations from sponsorship of Care-for-Life animals
5. Gross income raised from events organised by our volunteers
6. Collection pots in vets, pets shops, pubs and other shops
9. Gift Aid from HMRC on donations, usually claimed in retrospect
10. Health checks, follow-up treatments/operations, neutering, vaccinations, flea treatment, medications. Most vets kindly give Anim-Mates a discount on their fees and medications
11. Includes all foods, special dietary foods, sawdust, hay and cat litter
12. Includes furnishing outbuildings, equine fly masks, litter trays etc.
13. Public liability, accidental damage, personal accident, and vehicle
14. For letters and distribution of quarterly newsletters
15. Stationery, leaflets printed in house, website.
16. Printing costs only. Editorial and preparations costs are nil
17. Initial outlay for fundraising events e.g. hall hire, deposits, items for resale
18. Tractor, van repairs, lightweight Utility Task Vehicle, fuel
19. Conversion of outbuildings and land to accommodate animals. Repairs to outbuildings,

Unrestricted Reserve Funds are reserved for the Care-for-Life scheme

The organisation behind the animals

Patrons Jenny Seagrove, Jean Moore

Trustees who administer the charity:

Bobbie Bajwa
Teresa Bloomfield (Hon. Treasurer)
Roger Brown (Hon. Chairman)
Stephen Peirce
Dennis White (Hon. Secretary)

Fosterers/Foster carers care for the animals in their homes until they are rehomed: Bobbie and Arif Bajwa, Alexandra Baxter, Teresa Bloomfield, Denise Buckley, Marie-Louise Crudginton, Marjorie Elcock, Michaela Houlf, Lisa Inns, Susan and Tim Jackson, Kristy Kelly, Suzy Mejia-Buenafío, Steph Roper, Sara Spellman, Karen Wright

Homevisitors assess the homes of prospective adopters for suitability for each animal: Bobbie Bajwa, Lisa Inns,

Volunteers Sara Appleton, Pat Austen, Bobbie Bajwa, Teresa Bloomfield, John Boyce, Claire Brooks, Anne and Roger Brown, Zoe Cartwright, Nathalie de Chivre, Kate Collins, Sharon and David Dand, Lynn Davis, Liz and Dave Fowler, Doreen and Colin Fifield, Cath Foster, Jan Golding, Mandy Harris, Sarah and Dave Hickson, Lizzie Howe,

Richard Illingworth, Lisa and Wayne Inns, Toni Jackson, Carol Jones, Kathy and Lesley Knowles, Caroline Lakeman, Freya McSweeney, Jean Moore, Angela O'Brien, Will Oseman, Mandy and Saul Pegg, Steve Peirce, Maggie Perigo, Ann Pucknell, Alison Pugh, Kirsty Shorey, Alex Simpson-Usuanlele, Helen and Martin Smith, Helen Stanforth, Pauline Thompson, Linda and David Thorburn, Linda Tunbridge, Jackie Turley, Karen Wright

Vets Numerous veterinary practices have given Anim-Mates their expert services, most of whom have kindly given the charity discounts on their fees

Friends of Anim-Mates There are 800 people who support the work of Anim-Mates by donations and volunteering

Newsletter Alison Pugh, Dennis White, Mary Wolf

Website Dennis White

Hon Auditor David Fowler, FCA (Retired)

Anim-Mates is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales No 1098252

All those persons listed above are unpaid volunteers

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