



# Anim-Mates

Helping animals in need in the South East

## Annual Report and Accounts 2013



**Rescue**



**Foster 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**

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## Anim-Mates Trustees report for the year 2013

Financially, 2013 was another challenging year for Anim-Mates as our expenditure was above our income.

The Trustees have addressed the need to ensure future expenditure and income are more balanced, and to rebuild and maintain reserves.

Against this background Anim-Mates has continued to rescue, care for, and re-home unwanted and stray animals our area.

Almost all our income was spent on animal care; other costs, like admin, were kept to a minimum and thanks to the introduction of eNewsletters our postage costs were greatly reduced.

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

We asked owners who wanted us to take 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 continues to be a challenge. We prioritised taking in animals who were in danger of being put to sleep, and/or were unneutered.

Some animals were with us for a matter of weeks; some stayed for many months; a few are still in our care after over a year.

Most of the animals were in need of routine vet care like vaccinations and neutering. Some needed treatment that was far more expensive. We never had an animal put down, except on veterinary advice.

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

We have always cared for a number of animals who, through illness, age or disability, cannot be re-homed. To these animals we have promised they will be in the care of Anim-Mates for the rest of their life. 2013 saw an increase in the number of unwanted animals and birds in our Care For Life, taking the total to 102 animals and birds .

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, all given freely, and the generosity of donors Anim-Mates could not exist and many more unwanted animals would be homeless.

### Trustees

*Teresa Bloomfield*

*Anne Brown*

*Stephen Peirce*

*Pauline Thompson*

*Dennis White*

### **In the year 2013**

- **274 animals came into care or were neutered at our expense**
- **167 animals started new lives, going to vetted homes**
- **7 animals came into our Care for Life making a total of 102 animals and birds in the scheme**

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## Our Policies



**Anim-Mates** exists to relieve the suffering and distress of animals in need of care and attention, in the South East, in any or all of the following ways:

- To rescue, provide vet treatment, neuter and rehome stray, abandoned and unwanted animals
- To provide permanent foster care for animals unable to be rehomed
- To provide vet care/neutering to animals whose owners are unable or unwilling to

### 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 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 re-homed 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 dogs and cats 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 in our area. To ensure that no animal for re-homing 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.

In the case of female guinea pigs where they may not be strong enough to have the operation, we will rely upon the new owner to be responsible.

### 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 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 put up for re-homing.

### Re-homing

Each potential new home will be 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 re-homed will stay with Anim-Mates for the rest of their life.

### Volunteers

All trustees, fosterers, adopters, home vetters, 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 to show their love of, and for, our animals.

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## Here's a snapshot of what Anim-Mates achieved in 2013

### Animals

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

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

### Funding

We rely on donations to continue our work.

Many people were extremely generous both with money and food donations.

Three national firms have been very generous. Nationwide Building Society employees and customers voted to support us with two large donations. Insurance company Animal Friends' Employee Of The Month chose our charity to be awarded £1,000. Pets At Home also made substantial donations.

### Fundraising events

Our Summer Fete was very successful. We also attended a number of fetes, festivals and shows with our fundraising stalls.

An Indian lunch, quiz night, fun auction, and coffee morning were some of the activities that we ran to raise extra funds.

### Wish List

In 2012 we introduced a wish list at the world's biggest online store, Amazon, where anyone can choose a gift to be donated and sent to our sanctuary.

This year we have continued to receive an enormous number of gifts, ranging from pet food to horse collars.

### Public collections

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

### Collection pots

We increased the number of pet shops, vets and other establishments that hold our collection pots.

### Communications

Keeping our 600 or so Friends of Anim-Mates up to date with our work was achieved through our newsletters, website and Facebook.

To help us trim printing and postage costs we continued to encourage Friends of Anim-Mates to have their Newsletters emailed to them rather than posted. The printed version is in black and white while the eNewsletter is in colour.

The Anim-Mates website was given a complete makeover which drew many complimentary remarks.

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

Our thanks go to two local newspapers, the Medway Messenger and the News Shopper who have published weekly articles to help us find new homes for many animals.

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## Plans for 2014

We aim to:

- Continue as an effective small, hands-on, animal rescue charity
  - Maximise the number of animals we rescue, care for and rehome
  - Recruit more fosterers to increase the number of care spaces available
  - Increase the number of home checkers
  - Continue with our successful range of fundraising events and seek out new ways to raise funds. Recruit a voluntary fundraising organiser
  - Help educate animal owners about the necessity of neutering while there are so many
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## Care for Life scheme has a wide range of animals

The 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 foster these animals for the rest of their lives. They are treated, loved and cared for as their fosterers' own pets.



**REGGIE** To stop them from breeding we trapped a number of feral cats in Gillingham for neutering. We tried to find stables or small holdings for some of the cats. A few, like Reggie, who were not found new places, were integrated with the many feral cats already living at our sanctuary.



**DOUGAL** He had at least five homes in 10 years. He was most likely sold as his owners' children outgrew him.

Dougal has integrated well with the other Shetlands at our sanctuary.

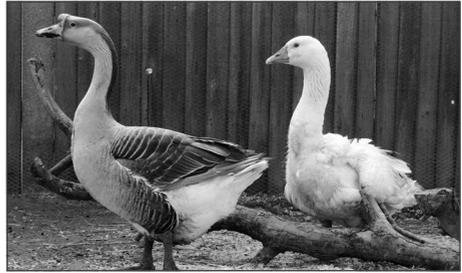
As a Shetland's lifespan is about 30 years he will hopefully enjoy a long and happy life under our care.



**CEEJAY** After his owner died there was nobody to care for elderly Ceejay, so he joined the other dogs in our Care For Life.

Ceejay was a real character and despite suffering badly from arthritis he enjoyed his time with new companions.

Sadly Ceejay was only with us for a matter of months before he passed away.



**JOHN and JANET** These two beautiful geese, joined us from another rescue centre, where there were so many other birds they could not settle.

John and Janet soon integrated with our other birds, and can be seen proudly striding around the sanctuary as if they own the place. They frequently visit the duck pond to keep everyone in order.

## Anim-Mates Accounts for 2013

	2013 Unrestricted Funds	2013 Restricted Funds	2013 Total funds	2012
<b>Income</b>	To the nearest £	To the nearest £	To the nearest £	To the nearest £
1. Handover donations	1,837	-	1,837	1,414
2. Adoption Donations	5,248	-	5,248	5,675
3. Public donations	35,582	-	35,582	33,559
4. Donation for new van	-	-	-	12,000
5. Subscriptions	1,954	-	1,954	2,332
6. Sponsorship	1,142	-	1,142	1,278
7. Fundraising	12,127	-	12,127	16,816
8. Collection pots	2,890	-	2,890	1,783
9. Recycling	87	-	87	-
10. Bank interest	48	41	89	2,439
	<b>60,916</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>60,957</b>	<b>77,296</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
11. Veterinary Fees	30,262	-	30,262	29,415
12. Food, litter and bedding	18,242	-	18,242	19,596
13. Equipment	17,288	-	17,288	10,112
14. Insurance	1,138	-	1,138	709
15. Postage	566	-	566	1,155
16. Administration	2,640	-	2,640	3,243
17. Newsletter	578	-	578	585
18. Bank Charges	106	-	106	-
19. Fundraising	226	-	226	970
20. Van purchased	-	-	-	11,376
	<b>71,045</b>	-	<b>71,045</b>	<b>77,161</b>
<b>Net Income/Expenditure</b>	<b>-10,130</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-10,089</b>	<b>135</b>

See opposite page for notes relating to Income and Expenditure

## Anim-Mates Accounts for 2013

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2013

Funds Statement	2013	2013	2013	2012
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
Opening balance	18,024	77,410	95,434	95,301
Income and Expenditure	-10,130	41	-10,089	135
Transfers between funds	15,404	-15,404	-	-
Closing balance	<b>23,298</b>	<b>62,047</b>	<b>85,345</b>	<b>95,436</b>
<b>Represented By</b>				
Petty cash	151			
Santander Current & Savings	5,009			
Close Brothers Deposit Care For Life Fund	-	62,047		
Co-op Bank Current	18,138			
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>23,298</b>	<b>62,047</b>	<b>85345</b>	

### Notes on Annual Accounts for 2013

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. Specific donation given by a Friend of Anim-Mates
6. Donations from sponsorship of Care for Life animals
7. Gross income raised from events organised by our volunteers
8. Collection pots in vets, pets shops, pubs and other shops
9. Sales of recycled items
11. Health checks, follow-up treatments/operations, neutering, vaccinations, flea treatment, medications. Most vets kindly give Anim-Mates a discount on their fees and medications
12. Includes all foods, special dietary foods, sawdust, hay and cat litter
13. Includes conversion of outbuildings and land to accommodate animals. Repairs to outbuildings, fencing. All items written off on purchase
14. Public liability, accidental damage, personal accident, etc
15. For letters and distribution of quarterly newsletters
16. Stationery, leaflets printed in house, website.
17. Printing costs only. Editorial and preparations costs are nil
19. Initial outlay for fundraising events e.g. hall hire, deposits, items for resale
20. Purchase of van from donation. See note 4

Restricted Funds are reserved for the Care For Life scheme

## The organisation behind the animals

**Patron** Jenny Seagrove

**Trustees** who administer the charity:

Teresa Bloomfield (Hon. Treasurer)

Anne Brown

Stephen Peirce (Acting Chairman)

Pauline Thompson

Dennis White (Hon. Secretary)

**Fosterers/Foster carers** care for the animals in their homes until they are re-homed: Julie Baxter, Teresa Bloomfield, Denise Buckley, Yvonne Crenshaw, Lynne and Pat Slate, Claire Snapp, Sara Spellman, Lynn and David Thorburn.

**Homevetters** assess the homes of prospective adopters for suitability for each animal: Teresa Bloomfield, Bobbie Bajwa, Denise Buckley, Michaela Houlft, Lisa Inns, Sue Perkins, Lynn and Dave Thorburn, Linda Tunbridge .

**Fundraisers and helpers** Rebecca Adams, Pat Austen, Jenny Barnes, Julie Baxter, Bobbie Bajwa, Teresa Bloomfield, Ann and Roger Brown, Jade Chapman, Olive and Chris Cooper, Nici and Mike Corderoy, Nathalie de Chivre, Val and David Ferman, Doreen and Colin Fifeild, Liz and Dave Fowler, Jan Golding, Mandy Harris, Michaela and Lee Houlft, Lizzie Howe, Richard Illingworth, Lisa Inns, Toni Jackson, Carol, Shirley and Terry Jones, Kathy and

Lesley Knowles, Caroline Lakeman, Barbara Lankiewicz, Emma Last, Jade McIlwraith, Vicky Mercer, Jean Moore, Sally Patten, Stephen Peirce, Maggie Perigo, Sue and Ray Perkins, Ann Pucknell, Karen Robinson, Steph Roper, John and Peggy Scott, Paddy Sears, Helen and Martin Smith, Sara Spellman, Helen Stanforth, Pauline Thompson, Lynn and David Thorburn, Nicky Tucker, Linda Tunbridge, Lavinia Watson, Dennis White.

**Vets** Easipetcare, Foxgrove, Newnham Court, Warren House Group and St Paul's veterinary practices have given Anim-Mates their expert services and some discounts on their fees.

**Friends of Anim-Mates** There are nearly 600 people who support the work of Anim-Mates by subscriptions, sponsorship and donations.

**Newsletter** Dorriell and Eric Sanders, Dennis White, Mary Wolf.

**Website** Dennis White

**Hon Auditor** Rodney Shepherd, Chartered Accountant

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

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