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# Anim-Mates

Registered Charity  
No. 1098252

Animal Rescue based in north west Kent

## Annual Report and Accounts 2017



**Rescue**



**Care**

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**Rehome**

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 2017

In our 15th year Anim-Mates has continued to rescue, care for, and re-home unwanted and stray animals in north west Kent.

Last year we relocated our sanctuary to Ash, Kent, which increased the land available for the animals from three to ten acres compared to our previous home.

Financially, 2017 was a disappointing year for Anim-Mates as our income was slightly less than our expenditure.

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 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 challenge.

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, and the generosity of donors, 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 2017

- **104 animals came into care or were neutered at our expense**
- **72 animals started new lives, going to vetted homes**
- **38 new animals and birds came into our Care for Life scheme**
- **132 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 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 2017

### 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. 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 2018

We aim to:

- Continue as an effective hands-on, animal rescue charity
- Maximise the number of feral cats we catch, neuter, care for and rehome
- Recruit more fosterers to increase the number of care spaces available
- 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

## 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 pair of guinea pigs, a young cat, two rabbits, and a pony were some of the 38 new animals and birds to join our Care for Life scheme in 2017.**

Guinea pigs Pepsi and Shirley were given to a young girl as a birthday present.

After a few months her interest in her pets waned and we were asked to rescue them.

On examination we found that both guinea pigs had worrying lumps which meant they were unsuitable for rehoming.

Black cat Alice was rehomed but hid under a chair for weeks on end. We and her adopter agreed that Alice should join

the many cats at our sanctuary.

When our vet checked white rabbits Buster he found that his eyesight was severely impaired. With that diagnosis our original plan to have Buster rehomed was abandoned and he now lives with black and white Hetty who has malignant tumours.

Shetland pony Heidi has begun a new life alongside our 17 horses and ponies who, when she met them, immediately made her feel at home. Heidi has chronic problems with her back legs.

## Anim-Mates Accounts for 2017

Income	2017	2017	2017	2016
	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Reserve Funds	Total funds	Total funds
	To the nearest £	To the nearest £	To the nearest £	To the nearest £
1. Handover donations	1,065	-	1,065	1,656
2. Adoption Donations	2,735	-	2,735	5,125
3. Public donations	40,682	-	40,682	53,614
4. Sponsorship	501	-	501	368
5. Fundraising	7,251	-	7,251	6,055
6. Collection pots	3,098	-	3,098	4,366
7. Legacies	1,000	-	1,000	135,564
8. Bank interest	1,787	-	1,787	1,874
9. Gift Aid	0	-	0	5,989
	<b>58,119</b>		<b>58,119</b>	<b>214,611</b>
Expenditure				
10. Veterinary Fees	39,003		39,003	38,711
11. Feed / bedding / stabling	12,451		12,451	9,111
12. Equipment	2,320		2,320	4,484
13. Insurances	1,682		1,682	-
14. Postage	1,108		1,108	1,731
15. Administration	674		674	2,840
16. Newsletter	574		574	507
17. Fundraising	-		-	0
18. Vehicles	-		-	19,556
19. Building costs		35,105		69,756
20. Miscellaneous	1,646		1,646	4,075
	<b>59,459</b>	<b>35,105</b>	<b>94,564</b>	<b>150,771</b>
<b>Net Income/Expenditure</b>	<b>-1,340</b>	<b>-35,105</b>	<b>-36,445</b>	<b>63,840</b>

See opposite page for notes relating to Income and Expenditure

## Anim-Mates Accounts for 2017

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2017

Funds Statement	2017 Unrestricted Funds	2017 Unrestricted Re- serve Funds	2017 Total Funds
Opening balance	62,076	106,252	168,328
Income and Expenditure	-1,340	-35,105	-36,445
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Closing balance	131,883		131,883
<b>Represented By</b>			
Petty cash			
Co-op Bank Current	27,263		27,263
Santander Current	3,408		3,408
Close Brothers Deposit		75,000	75,000
Cambridge & Counties Deposit		26,212	26,212
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>30,671</b>	<b>101,212</b>	<b>131,883</b>

### Notes on Annual Accounts for 2017

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, 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, Anne and Roger Brown, Claire Bryce, 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, Steve Peirce, Maggie Perigo, Ann Pucknell, Alison Pugh, Helen and Martin Smith, Sara Spellman, Helen Stanforth, Carol Stokes, 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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