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Anim-Mates

Registered Charity
No. 1098252

Animal Rescue based in north west Kent

Annual Report and Accounts 2021



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 2021



Since 2002 Anim-Mates, run entirely by volunteers, has rescued, cared for, and re-homed thousands of 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. Almost all our income was spent on animal care, food and veterinary costs plus one-off expenditure of new housing and security.

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 needed routine vet care such as vaccinations and neutering. Many 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.

Whilst the Covid pandemic restricted our fundraising activities we were pleased to see an increase in the number of new volunteers working at the sanctuary.

Trustees

Bobbie Bajwa

Teresa Bloomfield

Roger Brown

Stephen Peirce

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 as they need 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. We check for microchips in the hope of reuniting strays with their owners

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 2021

Animals

We rescued, cared for and rehomed a variety of unwanted domestic pets.

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

Animal Housing

At our sanctuary we have continued to upgrade some of the outbuildings that house our 100+ Care-for-Life residents.

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

Although in the post-Covid time we received many generous donations from Friends of Anim-Mates, and animal lovers, most of which were Gift Aided. We continued to receive substantial donations and gifts from Support Adoption For Pets, the charity arm of Pets At Home.

Legacies

Some of our supporters who sadly passed away were very kind and left the charity legacies in their wills.

Public Donation Collections

With the continued Covid pandemic restrictions we were unable to hold our usual collections at garden centres and supermarkets.

Fundraising Events

Again due to the continued restrictions we were unable to attend our traditional outdoor fundraising events, but the monthly online auctions started by our volunteers during 2020 continued to bring in funds.

Communications

Volunteers have kept our 800 or so Friends of Anim-Mates up to date with our work which was achieved through our newsletters, (printed and electronic) website (anim-mates.org.uk) and on Facebook (facebook.com/oliversfarm).

Wish List

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

eBay

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

Plans for 2022

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)
- We hope to hold and increase our range of fundraising events
- To bring new and innovative elements to our website.
- 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 for all the above reasons

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 runaway chicken, a former dressage horse, and several guinea pigs were among those who joined our Care-for-Life scheme in 2021.

Stray chicken **Chloe** was spotted running around a multi-storey car park on a cold night. Despite an appeal to find her owner, she was never claimed so she now lives at our sanctuary with the rest of our hens.

Bailey, a much-loved 24-year-old horse, joined Anim-Mates following the tragic death of his owner. The former dressage competitor is now living out his golden years with the other horses at the sanctuary, enjoying a well-earned retirement.

Guinea pig **Dixie** joined our family in 2021. After Dixie's partner died, her owner asked us to give Dixie a home with our other Care-for-Life piggies because she didn't want her to be on her own.

Guinea pigs **Nancy**, **Jess** and **Carrie** came to us after their owner left them with a friend who didn't know what to do with them. They were in a bit of a state, with missing hair and overgrown nails, but with a little TLC and care, they were soon looking and feeling much.

Anim-Mates Accounts for 2021

	2021 Unrestricted Funds	2021 Restricted Funds	2021 Total funds	2020 Total funds
Income	To the nearest £	To the nearest £	To the nearest est £	To the nearest £
1. Handover donations	225	-	225	728
2. Adoption Donations	1,590	-	1,590	2,010
3. Public donations	32,877	-	32,877	38,343
4. Sponsorship	294	-	294	484
5. Fundraising	19,810	-	19,810	20,214
6. Collection pots	1,144	-	1,144	1,181
7. Legacies	110,496	-	110,496	5,500
8. Bank interest	1,194	-	1,194	888
9. Gift Aid	-	-	-	13,851
10. VAT refunds	11,079	-	11,079	60,585
	178,709	-	178,709	143,784
Expenditure				
11. Veterinary Fees	45,035	-	45,035	44,268
12. Food / bedding / stabling	11,827	-	11,827	14,708
13. Equipment	2,863	-	2,863	1,458
14. Insurances	1,682	-	1,682	1,731
15. Postage	990	-	990	768
16. Administration	1,012	-	1,012	994
17. Newsletter	415	-	415	421
18. Professional fees	-	-	-	15,300
19. Fundraising	722	-	722	142
20. Vehicles and running costs	3,124	-	3,124	2,769
21. Building costs/maintenance	12,095	-	12,095	10,466
22. Utilities, water, gas, electricity	1,317	-	1,317	1,561
	81,082	-	81,082	93,956

See opposite page for notes relating to Income and Expenditure

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

Funds Statement	2021 Unrestricted Funds	2021 Unrestricted Reserve Funds	2021 Total Funds
Opening balance	209,342		209,342
Income and Expenditure	67,463		67,463
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Closing balance	276,805		276,805
Represented By			
Petty cash	-		-
Co-op Bank Current	23,723		23,723
Co-op Bank Deposit	80,095		80,095
Santander Current	5,581		5,581
Santander Deposit	90,000		
Close Brothers Deposit		77,406	77,038
Total cash funds	199,399	77,406	276,805

Notes on Annual Accounts for 2021

1. Donations from owners/finders who handed over 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 and other stores
9. Gift Aid from HMRC on donations, usually claimed in retrospect
10. VAT refunds
11. Health checks, follow-up treatments/operations, neutering, vaccinations, flea treatment, medications. Most vets kindly give us a small a discount on their fees and medications
12. Includes all foods, special dietary foods, sawdust, hay and cat litter
13. Includes furnishing outbuildings, equine fly masks, litter trays etc.
14. Public liability, accidental damage, personal accident, and vehicles insurance
15. For letters and distribution of quarterly newsletters
16. Stationery, leaflets printed in house, website.
15. Printing costs only. Editorial and preparations are done inhouse so these costs are nil
18. One-off cost which related to 2020 fee for VAT Consultant, calculation and advice, to reclaim previous 5 years of VAT (60,585). See 10.
19. Initial outlay for fundraising events e.g. hall hire, deposits
20. All the charity's vehicles expenses ie. services/repairs/tax/fuel
21. Conversion, repairs and maintenance of outbuildings and land to accommodate animals.

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

Fosterers/Foster carers care for the animals in their homes until they are rehomed: Bobbie and Arif Bajwa, Teresa Bloomfield, Karen Constant, Michaela Houlst, Lisa Inns, Mary Lamb, Steph Roper, Linda and David Thorburn, Lauren Whalin, Sarah Williams

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

Volunteers Bobbie Bajwa, Teresa Bloomfield, Claire Brooks, Anne and Roger Brown, Sheila Buckfield, Kate Burke, Zoe Cartwright, Nathalie de Chivre, Kate Collins, Sharon and David Dand, Lynn Davis, Cath Foster, Caitlin and Lucy Harris, Sarah and Dave Hickson, Lisa Inns, Clair Jarrett, Trudi Kitchener,

Shirley Johnson, Caroline Lakeman, Philippe Lourdjane, Anastasia Lubina, Jean Moore, Faye and Linda Northover, Angela O'Brien, Steve Peirce, Debbie Pullen, Alex Simpson-Usuanlele, Lindsey Simpson, Leah Taylor, Kate Towler, Linda Tunbridge, Jackie Turley, Vanessa Very, Dennis White, Karen Wright, Jasmine Wynter

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, Leah and Mick Taylor

Website Mick Taylor

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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