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# Anim-Mates

Registered Charity  
No. 1098252

Animal Rescue based in north west Kent

## Annual Report and Accounts 2022



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 2022



north west Kent since 2002.

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. Sadly like all charities we have been hit badly by the dramatic rise in the cost of living.

Almost all our expenditure was on animal care, food and veterinary costs. These have increase from the previous year average by 28%, while our electric, gas and water bills saw a massive 100% increase.

Generally our income has come from donations, fundraising events, Gift Aid, reclaimed VAT and public collections. On average our income was down 36% on the previous year.

We have called on our reserves to cover the difference.

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

Run entirely by volunteers, Anim-Mates has rescued, cared for and rehomed thousands of unwanted and stray animals in

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.

Trustees  
Bobbie Bajwa  
Teresa Bloomfield  
Roger Brown  
Stephen Peirce

## Our Policies



To alleviate the suffering and distress of animals in need of care and attention in north west Kent in any or all of the following ways:

- The rescue, veterinary treatment, neutering and re-homing of stray, abandoned and unwanted animals.
- Providing care for life for animals that cannot be rehomed
- To provide veterinary care/ neutering for animals whose owners are unable or unwilling to do so.

### Rescue

There are many reasons why animals find their way to us. It could be due to the death of the owner, a break up of a relationship or a move. We also receive many calls about strays.

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

### Care

Every animal that comes to Anim-Mates is cared for in a foster home and treated as their own pet.

All animals are examined by one of our vets. Animals that require veterinary care will stay with us throughout the process and will only be re-homed if they have a clean bill of health.

Mothers with kittens will stay with us for the long term. Abandoned kittens stay with us until they are ready to be re-homed.

Older animals can stay with us for as long as they need until that special someone comes along.

We will never euthanise an animal

except on veterinary advice.

### Neutering

One of the main aims of Anim-Mates is to reduce the large number of unwanted animals. To ensure that no animal is re-homed to reproduce, all rescued animals are neutered.

The exception will be very young kittens. We will ask new owners to guarantee that the kittens will be kept indoors until they have been neutered.

We will visit feral cat colonies to trap the adults, neuter them and return them to their habitat. Feral kittens are domesticated and rehomed.

### Stray animals

For stray cats, we will try to establish whether 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 assume the cat is a stray and take it in. We check for microchips in the hope of reuniting strays with their owners.

A stray is taken into our care for a minimum of 28 days. During this time, we register the animal with all the 'missing' agencies and also check to see if anyone has reported their pet lost. If all this work proves negative, the cat is then put up for rehoming.

### Rehoming

Each potential new home is thoroughly checked for suitability before an animal is placed there. This ensures that the animal is in the best possible home with the best possible owner.

Any animal that cannot be rehomed, for whatever reason, will remain at Anim-Mates in our Care-for-Life programme.

## Here's a snapshot of what Anim-Mates achieved in 2022

### **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**

We received many generous donations from Friends of Anim-Mates, and animal lovers, often qualifying for Gift Aided. We continued to receive 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**

Post Covid we were able to hold our usual collections at garden centres and pet shops.

### **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](http://anim-mates.org.uk)) and on Facebook ([facebook.com/oliversfarm](https://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 2023

We aim to:

- Continue as an effective hands-on, volunteer-led 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 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.**



### **An abandoned dog, the results of a school hatching project, a missing cat and two**

We took in these **chicks** after they were hatched in a classroom as part of an 'education project'. The chicks, who are now fully grown, were raised and cared for at the sanctuary where they are free to roam alongside our other resident hens.

There was much excitement at Olivers Farm when turkeys **T-Rex, Verity and Vera arrived**. Vera has since moved to another rescue but T-Rex and Verity remain in our Care-for-Life scheme. Despite their size, they are incredibly graceful and rather shy around the volunteers.

Semi-feral **Tyler** went missing shortly after coming to live at the sanctuary in 2020. We never gave up hope of finding him again and in June 2022, after distributing a fresh batch of posters in the village, we got the call we had been

**Annie** was left abandoned in a freezing, unlit pub car park, tied up with nylon rope. She had matted fur, a painful eye and multiple sores on her paws. She has had several malignant tumours removed and also has a heart murmur. Despite her health issues, she is doing well and is a happy little soul.

## Anim-Mates Accounts for 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Income</b>		
1. Handover donations	295	225
2. Adoption Donations	1,030	1,590
3. Public donations	23,997	32,877
4. Sponsorship	240	294
5. Fundraising	15,754	19,810
6. Collection pots	687	1,144
7. Legacies	38,797	110,496
8. Bank interest	1,315	1,194
9. Gift Aid	12,066	-
10. VAT refunds	15,567	11,079
<b>Total income</b>	<b>109,748</b>	<b>178,709</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
11. Veterinary Fees	57,619	45,035
12. Food / bedding / stabling	16,748	11,827
13. Animal accessories	1,912	2,863
14. Insurances	2,405	1,682
15. Postage	605	990
16. Administration	1,087	1,012
17. Newsletter	610	415
18. Fundraising	222	722
19. Vehicles running costs	4,051	3,124
20. Buildings maintenance	1,408	12,095
21. Utilities, water, gas, electricity	2,665	1,317
22. Vehicle purchases	48,460	23,970
23. Building works	7,028	6,194
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>144,820</b>	<b>111,246</b>
<b>Net of receipts (payments)</b>	<b>-35,072</b>	<b>67,463</b>

## Anim-Mates Accounts for 2022

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

Opening balance	276,805
Income and Expenditure	-35,702
Closing balance	241,733

#### Represented By

Petty cash	-
Co-op Bank Current	1,923
Co-op Bank Deposit	75,312
Santander Current	1,613
Santander Deposit	85,478
Close Brothers Deposit	77,407

**Total cash funds** **241,733**

#### Notes on Annual Accounts for 2022

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 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 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.
17. Printing costs only. Editorial and preparations are done inhouse
18. Initial outlay for fundraising events e.g. hall hire, deposits
19. All the charity's vehicles expenses ie. services/repairs/tax/fuel
20. Repairs and maintenance of outbuildings and land to accommodate animals



## 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, Caroline Lakeman, Lauren Whalin, Sarah Williams, Karen Wright

**Homevisitors** 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, Zoe Cartwright, Nathalie de Chivre, Kate Collins, Sharon and David Dand, Lynn Davis, Julie Doherty-Winch, Cath Foster, Caitlin and Lucy Harris, Sarah and Dave Hickson, Lisa Inns, Clair Jarrett,

Shirley Johnson, Caroline Lakeman, Anastasia Lubina, Jean Moore, Murielle Morizot, Faye Northover, Angela O'Brien, Steve Peirce, Debbie Pullen, Liam Reardon, Alex Simpson-Usuanlele, Lindsey Simpson, Leah Taylor, Linda Tunbridge, Jackie Turley, 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** 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

All those persons listed above are unpaid volunteers

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