

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND & WALES

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Period start date: 1 April 2021

Period end date: 31 March 2022

Charity Name: New Beginnings Cat Rehoming Charity Number: 1190655

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of animals, particularly cats, in need of care and attention and, in particular, to provide and maintain rescue homes or other facilities for the reception, care, treatment and rehoming of such animals.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts	<p>Despite the restrictions placed upon us throughout the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic, we continued to carry out the charity's main activities as outlined below, always with regard to the public benefit.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Using humane trapping where appropriate, we have provided an ongoing rescue and re-homing operation for lost, stray, injured or unwanted cats and kittens as outlined below: (a) microchip scanning to reunite lost cats and their owners; (b) safe, secure foster accommodation with associated day-to-day care; (c) standard healthcare (neutering, micro-chipping, vaccinations, flea and worming treatment and, in the case of adult fighting tom cats, testing for FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus) and FeLV (Feline Leukaemia Virus); (d) veterinary treatment for ongoing health conditions; emergency veterinary treatment; euthanasia (if recommended by a veterinary professional); (e) re-homing to a domestic environment by means of our adoption process using our comprehensive Re-homing Policy. 2. Helping to prevent over population in the feral and domestic cat populations through neutering as outlined below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) For feral cats - a humane process of TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return or Relocate) including flea and worming treatment and first vaccination. <p>'Return' means - to their original location if it is safe and food and shelter can be provided.</p> <p>'Relocate' means - sourcing safe haven elsewhere, such as a feral rescue, farm, small-holding or stables where food and shelter can be provided with veterinary treatment as required. Whenever feasible feral kittens are socialised and rehomed.</p> (b) For domestic cats - education and advice for owners on neutering; assistance with arrangements for, and the cost of, neutering as required.

	<p>3. Helping to prevent and suppress cruelty to, and the promotion of humane behaviour towards, cats and kittens as follows.</p> <p>Education of the general public, raising awareness of all cat welfare issues including day-to-day care and healthcare needs, in particular the need to neuter, micro-chip, vaccinate and provide regular flea and worming treatment.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional Information (optional)

Policy on social investment including program related investment	n/a
Contribution made by volunteers	We are extremely grateful to our loyal volunteers who work tirelessly rescuing and transporting our rescue cats and kittens, fostering and socialising them prior to rehoming and fundraising to support the associated activities outlined above.
Other	We are also extremely grateful to our many generous supporters who regularly donate towards the day-to-day and veterinary costs of our rescue cats and kittens and continually contribute to, and take part in, our various fundraising activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole	<p>Our main achievements during the specified period, and in relation to the activities outlined above, are listed below.</p> <p>Cats in need rescued/assisted Rescued - a total of 349 cats and kittens, breakdown as follows: Rehomed by us - 82, including several cats with FIV Rescued by us but transferred to other rescues for rehoming - 61 Trapped, Neutered & Relocated to the safety of smallholdings, farms and stables with food and shelter provided, 101. Trapped Neutered & Returned - 39 returned to the safe location from which they were rescued with food and shelter provided. Trapped and returned to owners, 64. Euthanased - 2, on the advice of a veterinary professional when the cats in question were sadly too unwell to be saved.</p> <p>Cat Welfare - raising awareness and education Despite Covid-19 restrictions preventing us from meeting members of the public at events, we were able to continue raising awareness of cat welfare issues through the offer of help and advice to the general public via telephone and social media platforms, e.g. facebook and messenger.</p>
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	<p>The charity's work has made a difference to the circumstances of our beneficiaries as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) for non- feral cats and kittens we have rescued - following humane trapping where appropriate, we have provided safe and secure foster accommodation with associated day-to-day care; standard, emergency and ongoing veterinary treatment; socialisation when required and subsequent re-homing into a family environment; (b) for feral cats we have rescued - through humane Trapping, Neutering and Returning/Relocating to a safe environment where they can be assured of food, shelter and veterinary treatment as required; whenever possible feral kittens have been socialised and subsequently rehomed into a family environment; (c) for those who have provided food and shelter to our feral rescue cats on their small holdings, farms and stables - assistance from said feral cats in keeping down the rodent population; (d) for members of the general public - by enriching their lives through the adoption of our rescued cats and kittens; (e) for members of the general public, whose concerns for lost, stray and injured cats and kittens have been allayed by means of our rescue and re-homing process; (f) for existing cat owners through education, advice and assistance with regard to cat welfare issues. <p>The benefits of the charity's work has extended to the wider public and society as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) by reducing the prevalence of lost, stray, injured and unwanted cats and kittens, giving them safe haven and day-to-day care and finding them suitable family homes; (b) by means of neutering of cats in order to reduce overpopulation. <p>Fundraising</p> <p>Fundraising is a vital activity. Our fundraising achievements and performance serve to support and sustain the charities main activities as described above. Our fundraising activities are outlined below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Donations - Regular Through successfully communicating our charitable work via our Facebook pages and website, we have substantially increased our support base and attracted many more supporters who give regular monetary and/or non-monetary donations to help towards the day-to-day and veterinary costs of caring for our cats and kittens. (b) Appeals We have successfully run several appeals to raise funds to cover the cost of expensive, emergency and often life-saving veterinary treatment for our rescue cats and kittens.
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In addition to voluntary donations received, we regularly run successful appeals for food, cat litter, and other items associated with the da -to-da care of our cats and kittens.

		<p>(c) Events As Covid-19 restrictions gave us no opportunities to fundraise at events we have successfully carried out our fundraising activities virtually by holding raffles, auctions and tombola's online using items kindly donated by our supporters and local retailers.</p> <p>(d) Charity of the Year Our final achievement of the year came at the beginning of March 2021 when, having applied to our local Pets at Home Gateshead store to be their forthcoming Charity of the Year, we were honoured to receive confirmation that our application had been successful. Pets at Home's Charity of the Year launches 1 April to 31 December 2021 and it will be an exciting opportunity to work together with Pets at Home Gateshead to raise funds for, and awareness of, the charity.</p>
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Additional Information	Optional	
Achievements against objectives set		Achievements met through an ongoing process
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set		Fundraising performance is ongoing and variable
Investment performance against objectives		n/a

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The charity's bank balance at the end of the period in question was £14521 which is very reasonable considering the cost of vet care was high again. In addition, building costs were incurred for a shelter to be used as housing for the cats.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why the are held	n/a
Amount of reserves held	n/a
Reasons for holding zero reserves	n/a
Details of fund material in deficit	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	None at present

Additional information	Optional	
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donations: both individual and those associated with special appeals for help with high value veterinary costs 2. Fundraising - includes online raffles, auctions and tombola's
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted		n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity		None at present

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE

AND MANAGEMENT

Description of the charity's trusts	
Type Of governing document	Constitution dated 7 th June 2020
How is the Charity constituted	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods	Trustees are appointed via a proposal and seconding process as required; reappointments take place at the annual general meeting
Additional information optional	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Trustees are given copies to read and digest of the Charity Commission's 'Charity Trustee Welcome Pack' and 'A Charity Trustee - What's Involved'; our Constitution and all other paperwork associated with our rescue and rehoming and fundraising operations
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	As a small charity our organisational structure is flat. In the course of our rescue and rehoming operation we work collaboratively with other small cat rescue organisations, with Cats Protection League, the RSPCA, and on occasion with relevant departments of the local Councils, e.g. Environmental Health when such concerns have become apparent.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charit name	New Beg inning s Cat Rehoming		
Other name the charit uses	n/a		
Re istered charit number	1190655		
Charit 's rinci al address	10 Seaham Gardens, Wrekenton, Gateshead NE9 7EL		
Names of the Chariy Trustees who manage the Charity			
Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole ear	
Maureen Franklin	Chair	4 May 2020	
Fiona Patterson-Jinks	Treasurer	15 November 2021	
Dawn Robinson	Secreta	Resigned 31 October 2022	
Valerie Pattinson		4 May 2020	

DECLARATIONS

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Maureen Franklin</i>	<i>Fiona Patterson Jinks</i>
Full name(s)	Maureen Franklin	Fiona Patterson Jinks
Position(s)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	15/01/23	12 January 2023

NEW BEGINNINGS CAT REHOMING

Receipts and Payments Account for the Period

1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Income

Donations	35711.39
Adoption	3126.00
Fundraisers	17897.00
Gift Aid	842.68

57577.07

Totals 57577.07

Expenses

Vet	26264.45
Food/Litter	8221.77
F.Rais. Exps	2285.00
Motor	25.00
Heating	1942.00
Charges	38.52
Repairs	190.00
Building Cost	12869.90
Misc.	432.51
Total	52269.15
Surplus	5307.92

57577.07

Statement of Assets

Cash at Bank	14521.12
Cash in hand (Not banked at year end)	232.00
Building	<u>12869.90</u>
Total	27623.02



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

NEW BEGINNINGS CAT REFORMING

On accounts for the year
ended

2022

Charity no
(if any)

1190655

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis
of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the
accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the
Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission
under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's
statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to
undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of
applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have
come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that
disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130
of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements
concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities
(Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement
that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter
considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in
order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

18/9/2022

Name:

MARGARET DUNNE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

PREVIOUS ACCOUNTING EXPERIENCE

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