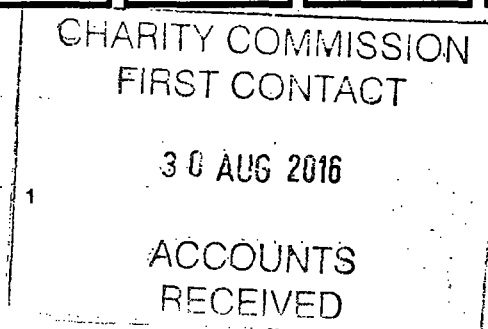




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| ANIMALS AT RISK SHELTER | | 1044094 |
| Receipts and payments accounts | | |
| For the period from | 1st April 2015 | To 31st March 2016 |
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Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| 01 Donations & Legacies | 70,874 | - | - | 70,874 | 209,399 |
| 02 Adoptions | 3,400 | - | - | 3,400 | 3,330 |
| 03 Sponsorship | - | - | - | - | - |
| 04 Bank Interest | 2,406 | - | - | 2,406 | 1,760 |
| 05 Fundraising & Collecting tins | 1,714 | - | - | 1,714 | 1,956 |
| 06 Other Income | 41,622 | - | - | 41,622 | 9,564 |
| 07 Misc | 200 | - | - | 200 | 171 |
| 30 Clinic | 1,257 | - | - | 1,257 | 44,660 |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 121,472 | - | - | 121,472 | 270,840 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 121,472 | - | - | 121,472 | 270,840 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| 21 Direct Expenditure | 23,073 | - | - | 23,073 | 15,891 |
| 22 Utilities | 4,022 | - | - | 4,022 | 2,402 |
| 23 Motor | 2,023 | - | - | 2,023 | 1,371 |
| 24 Bus. Expenses | 6,497 | - | - | 6,497 | 5,392 |
| 25 Wages etc | 23,492 | - | - | 23,492 | 49,200 |
| 26 Repairs & Maintenance | 1,064 | - | - | 1,064 | 2,164 |
| 27 Misc | 4,572 | - | - | 4,572 | 89 |
| 28 Expense Repayments | 478 | - | - | 478 | 2,915 |
| 40 Clinic | 4,089 | - | - | 4,089 | 33,995 |
| Sub total | 69,310 | - | - | 69,310 | 113,409 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 69,310 | - | - | 69,310 | 113,409 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 52,163 | - | - | 52,163 | 157,431 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 374,612 | - | - | 374,612 | 217,181 |
| Cash funds this year end | 426,775 | - | - | 426,775 | 374,612 |



Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Santadar | 231 | - | - |
| | Caf | 65,836 | - | - |
| | Lloyds | 508 | - | - |
| | Scottish Widows | 360,000 | - | - |
| | cash | 200 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 426,775 | - | - |

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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| | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
 From Day 31 Month 04 Year 2015 To Day 31 Month 03 Year 2016

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name ANIMALS AT RISK SHELTER

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1044094

Charity's principal address 341 ASHCROFT RD
LUTON

Postcode LU2 9AE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | M M MORRISON | CHAIRPERSON | | |
| 2 | P MORRISON | TREASURER | | |
| 3 | W HADDON | I.T. MANAGER | | |
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| 20 | | | | |

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|------|-----------------------------------|
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| | |
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

TRUST DEED DATED 06/06/1994

How the charity is constituted

TRUST

Trustee selection methods

ELECTED BY EXISTING, PROPOSED, SECONDARY & TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

THE PREVENTION + ALLEVIATION OF ANIMAL SUFFERING (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CLAUSE 2)

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

OUR VETERINARY ~~CLINIC~~ ^{CLINIC} IS NOW UNFORTUNATELY CLOSED DUE TO THE DISHONEST HUNGARIAN VETERINARY SURGEON DOING A RUNNER BACK TO HER HOMELAND AND TAKING ^{OUR} MONEY AND ~~THE~~ OUR TECHNICAL BOOKS, REPLACEMENT VETS ARE DIFFICULT TO GET. THE CLINIC HAS BEEN RENTED OUT AND THE RENT MONEY IS BEING USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHARITY. WE ARE PAYING PEOPLE'S VET EXPENSES FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T AFFORD THEM. WE DO, WHERE POSSIBLE, VET RUNS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY AND THEIR ANIMALS, WHERE THEY HAVE NO TRANSPORT

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main
achievements of the charity
during the year**

Section E**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

THERE ARE NO RESTRICTED FUNDS,
ALL THE RESERVES ARE TO BE USED
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHARITY

Details of any funds materially in deficit

NONE

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F**Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Signature(s) | <i>MM Morrison</i> | <i>P. Morrison</i> |
| Full name(s) | MM MORRISON | PETER MORRISON |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | CHAIR PERSON | TREASURER |

Date

24/8/2016

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A
Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

ANIMALS AT RISK SHELTER

On accounts for the year ended

310316

Charity no (if any)

1044094

Set out on pages

1,2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective responsibilities of trustees
and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

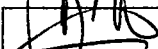
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn 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

09/08/16

Name

MARK BRISTOW

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

DIRECTOR

Address

32F HIGH STREET

MARKYATE

ST. ALBANS

HERTS. AL3 8PB

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems

Give here brief details of any items that the
examiner wishes to disclose

Animals At Risk

Shelter

charity no. 1044094

newsletter 21

VOTED BEST CAT RESCUE SHELTER IN BRITAIN BY PET PLAN/CATS MAGAZINE

FIVE TIMES WINNER OF LUTON IN BLOOM

HIGH SHERIFF OF BEDFORDSHIRE AWARD FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP

WETNOSE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - HOUSE OF LORDS



Dear supporters,

We enjoyed working with our vet Graham, although an employee, he quickly became our friend, we had a lump in our throats when he told us he had to retire early, not only because of family problems, we didn't realise that travelling the distance from Finmere to Luton and back, aggravated his hip problems and in the few months after retiring, he's had to have both his hips replaced. When you read Graham's farewell letter that he's written, he's right in some things but completely wrong in others.

When we got to know our clients and their animals, there was fun and laughter at the clinic but there were also times of sadness and tears, when our clients, who became our friends, made the difficult but right decision that it was time to let their well loved companion go, we shed a tear along with them. When our friends decided it was time to give another unwanted animal a home, when they came through the door of the clinic with their new companion; it put a smile back on our faces.

Many a time we were in the doldrums, when un-caring people came into the clinic with their trusted friend, who had given them un-conditional love, that now was sick, and had been left too long before seeking treatment; it had now become a nuisance and sadly was beyond our vets help. They abandoned their trusting pet, without a cuddle or a backward glance it was left to us as total strangers to reassure as much as we could and to give a final cuddle to their trusting pet, we cried many a tear for them all.

Graham always made a fuss of the animals as he met them going into the consultation room and was patient in reassuring, in answering any questions from the clients and this led to their respect and trust in him. Having Graham as a permanent vet, he became popular with our clients and made many friends, who still miss and ask for him.

Graham's right, we were infuriating at times and when we went too far, his neck and face would flush, we knew it was time to bite our tongues, or he would tell us off with his unprintable saying **Again he's right**, we are utterly eccentric and completely bonkers, we have no regrets by giving our life to the animals, if we had our time over again we would do exactly the same thing,

but he's wrong, he left it too late to retire, quite a bit of us has rubbed off on him and like us, he is also completely bonkers.

We spent endless hours trapping 154 feral cats in the 7 months from January to July, for neutering, treatment for fleas and worms and given a general health check, returning them to site and setting up feeding stations where necessary. We were also able to treat the strays from the streets and the cats and dogs from those people who said the animal didn't belong to them but they were willing to give the animal a home if there were no outstanding vet bill, (though in many cases we knew the animal was theirs). What do we do, when there is a sick animal in front of us, ignore it? We don't think so. We were taking in enough from paying clients and with the financial backing of our supporters, we were keeping our head well above water to continue our animal rescue work and the clinic was ticking over nicely.

And finally, as we always say, it's teamwork between our supporters and ourselves and we definitely couldn't do without each other, we are so grateful to every single one of you for believing in us.

Pete & Maggie

Maggie & Pete Morrison
Founders & Trustees



Pete and Maggie Morrison
founders and trustees

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Mrs M Morrison - Chairperson & Trustee

Mr P Morrison - Founder & Trustee

Mr W Haddon - Trustee

Mrs N Ellis - Trustee

Mr T Ellis - Trustee

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11.00am to 3.00pm**



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Graham's letter

As I sit on the eve of my final week of work, both for Morrison's Veterinary clinic and indeed as a vet, I find myself searching my emotions for how I feel about the last 45 years in the Veterinary profession and the last 3 years working with and for Pete, Maggie and Bill.

There have been absolutely enormous changes within my chosen profession during that time- perhaps more than in any other era. I well remember, with nostalgia, my first job in a predominantly agricultural practise in rural Devon. In many ways, the job was very little different to that of James Herriot, that I'm sure most of you reading this will be familiar with from his books, films or T V series'. There were some out of the way farms, even as recent as the late 'Sixties', that you couldn't reach by car, and had no electricity- where they had to boil a kettle over an open range to give me a bucket of hot water to clean up after a calving or lambing and to make me a cup of tea afterwards, HAPPY days.

Now we have an era when the facilities at many veterinary practises and referral centres rival those in many private medical clinics and, dare I say it, seems a lot better than those provided by some of the NHS hospitals. All this 'progress' comes, of course, at a price- both financially and perhaps with the loss of some of the 'art' of veterinary medicine and surgery. I like to think that Morrison's Veterinary Clinic, whilst possessing some very sophisticated and modern equipment, has retained a large portion of the 'old fashioned' values of good, friendly service to our clients and compassion and care for our patients, all at a very reasonable cost, and with a lot of fun and laughter thrown in at times too

I'm sad to leave, but I feel the right time has come. I intended to retire when I become 70 in a few months time, but I felt I had to bring forward the date due to the terminal illness of my Uncle, who lives alone and has no one else to look out for him, other than my Sister who lives in Cornwall, this has involved countless trips to Surrey, with all the stresses of modern day motorway driving.

However, time moves on, nothing stays the same for long, and no one is irreplaceable. By the time you read this, there will be a new vet or vets in place at Imperial Court- Maggie will be telling stories to a different audience and doing the job she loves, making a fuss of the animals, Pete will continue to do the reception work, helping in the operating room, sterilising the instruments and helping Maggie to keep the clinic shipshape, and Bill will still be tapping away at his computer upstairs running the nuts and bolts of the business.

I have worked in lots of different roles in various practises in my time, both for myself and others, but I can say with absolute certainty that I have never worked with anyone quite like Maggie and Pete. They are some of the most caring people I have ever met, they are some of the most *infuriating* people I have ever met, they are totally committed to what they do, they are completely bonkers to give up so much of their time to their animal friends to the detriment of their own personal lives. They are



utterly eccentric, but I find some of that gradually rubbing off on me, so I think it's time for me to go before it's too late and I end up like them!!! I will truly miss them both.

So.....It's goodbye from me! I wish all the luck in the world to Morrison's Veterinary Clinic, Animals at Risk Shelter, and all the clients and friends that I have made whilst working here. I will miss you all. But perhaps what I shall miss more than all that is the real stars of the show-
the animals.

*Graham Goodrich BVetMed MRCVS
Morrison's Veterinary Clinic
(Retired)*

Please pass this newsletter to a friend when you have finished reading it. This is a way of broadcasting the work of Animals at Risk Shelter, we can always post you another if required.

We've called him Walter

An old cat was brought in from Conniston Rd, in a real bedraggled state; we thought there is no way forward for this one, Walter was severely jaundiced and dehydrated, he was so weak he had lost the use of his back legs, he was a bag of skin and bones and it



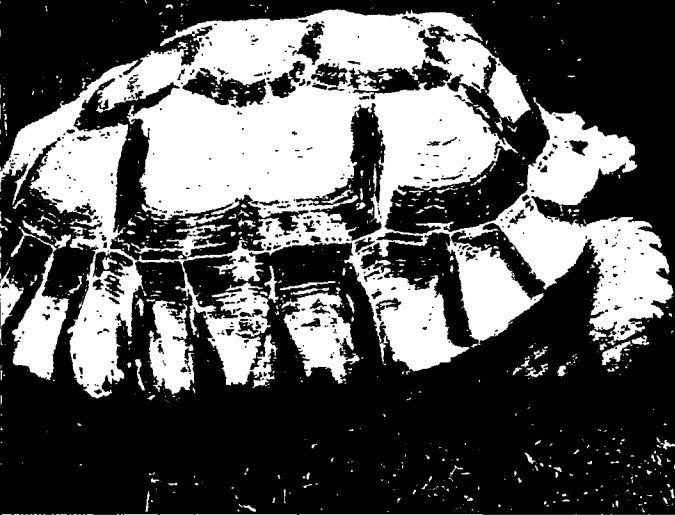
looked as if he was put in a plastic bag and shrink wrapped. At our clinic along with medication Walter was put on a drip for two days and we were more than pleased by his recovery. We brought Walter home to the Shelter, with proper nourishment and lots of TLC, Walter made more progress than we thought possible, we estimated Walter's age to be over 16 years.

Walter settled in well with the other old pickles at the shelter, his muscle tone improved and he is now able to jump onto the work top in the animal kitchen, where he loves to sleep on the stainless steel draining board once the sun has warmed it up. We've now had our darling Walter for 5 months, he has gone from strength to strength and has joined the dozens of other old pickles at the Shelter. While the old pickles still have quality of life, it's our privilege to look after them.

The 'Tank'

We've been asked to take in all sorts of animals, so there was no problem with the request for us to take in a tortoise, we thought it would be happy munching on salad and fruit and to be kept in a comfortable surrounding until its owner turned up. What a shock when the caller arrived with a beautiful tortoise, it was absolutely huge; on the scales it registered 50lbs. Being a Sunday, we were open to the public, our visitors showed much interest in the tortoise and our cats were intrigued by him, they followed his every movement, he roamed the garden like a tank, knocking over objects that he came into contact with.

We knew it wouldn't be too long until someone called to say, they had lost their tortoise. 'We were right', later on in the day we had a call saying 'I understand you have my tortoise, he was handed into your shelter by my next door neighbour, who didn't realise I kept tortoises, I'll come over and collect him, I only live at Wellhead near Dunstable, so I won't be long. ' We told him, we wouldn't hand the tortoise over, until he brought proof of ownership, sure enough he brought many photos and paperwork of other tortoises he had, we were confident in the proof that he showed us, he was the owner and we were quite happy to hand his 'tank' over to him.



New Year Resolution

I promise, on cold wintry nights, to make the correct decision on whether or not to wake my human to let me out or just to poo on the carpet.

Not enough people are making arrangements!

Most calls we receive, are from irresponsible people, who have allowed their animals to breed, can't home them and expect us to. While others give lame excuses to get rid of their animals, we explain, we simply haven't got the room, like similar rescue groups we give out each other's phone numbers; on the chance they may have a space available.

We give priority to those who have adopted their animals from our Shelter, when they move into sheltered accommodation and are unable to take their animal with them. Also, to those who have already made arrangements with us, in writing, to take care of their animals due to either ill-health or death.

A kitten and puppy prayer

I ask for the privilege of not being born
not to be born until you can assure me of a home
and a guardian to protect me, and the right to live
as long as I am physically able to enjoy life
not to be born until my body is precious
and men have ceased to exploit it
because it is cheap and plentiful

Author unknown

We're desperate for fundraising prizes

Val & Gary Marsh, over the years they have given up so much of their precious time fundraising for the shelter, doing tombola stalls that are invaluable to the shelter. They are desperate for more prizes, as they have absolutely exhausted their stock. Val & Gary, weather permitted, do about 4 stalls per year, that they put their heart and soul into, each stall requires an average of 100 prizes.

Steve, Angie and Hannah Mason, undertake to do the gruelling fund-raising at the Bedford River Festival, setting up several stalls on Friday evening, sleeping on site, manning the stalls on Saturday and Sunday, again sleeping on site. They are in same position regarding prizes.

Our stock at the Shelter has virtually run dry, we're asking **please help**, if you have any unwanted gifts e.g. -toiletries, soft toys, jigsaw puzzles, tins of biscuits, bottles of drink, even the shiny carrier bags that you have received a bottle of wine in, or any other prizes you can think of, we would be more than grateful to receive them, we really are desperate.



Despite finding new homes for a large number of cats and kittens, sadly the number of abandoned, unwanted, stray cats and kittens that we are contacted about is continuing to increase and we worry about the fate of those we don't hear about.

We take in more calls from people who want to abandon their animals, than people who want to give an animal a home.

There are far more cats, kittens and puppies born than there are homes available, quite simply the reason for this is too many people are still not neutering their pets for a variety of reasons , i.e. indifference, ignorance, religious objections, people who think an animal should have one litter **and** greed- increasing income by breeding and selling animals, especially on the internet.

We are seeing a very worrying increase in cases of cruelty as people dispose of huge numbers of surplus cats, kittens and puppies.

We concentrate our efforts towards un-neutered stray and feral cats, which are the result of people's irresponsibility, it's our opinion they are the group of cats that suffer the greatest hardship, whilst trying to survive day by day. It's always a race against time for us to respond to any reports of abandoned cats in boxes, baskets, skips or even down rubbish chutes, to prevent colonies of feral cats to build up, we do as much humane trapping, for spaying and neutering as we possibly can to stop the breeding of feral cats.



Since local councils were given the authority to deal with stray dogs by Parliament, the problem has been slightly reduced by the introduction of dog wardens. As well as neutering cats, we have neutered a fair number of dogs and bitches; **it's all down to neutering both species to prevent unwanted puppies and kittens.** All adult animals homed from the shelter are always neutered, micro-chipped, wormed and de-fleaded twice, neutering is also carried out on kittens when they weigh 1kg. Many people object to this, saying these animals are much too young **but believe us, it's not,** at our clinic (Morrison's Veterinary Clinic), like many other rescue groups, we are neutering kittens when they weigh 1kg, the operation takes less time than adults, as there is less fat and muscle to cut through, 10 minutes after their operation, the kittens are sitting up, crying for their breakfast!

The kittens from the feral colonies, after their operation we take them back to the shelter, to make sure all has gone well. We have found in the past by leaving kittens in the colony, when they mature and start to breed, they regenerate the colony, we never finally solved the problem but by doing the kittens at this earlier age, we have now fully cleared up many feral colonies.





Layla's Disco

A caller said I'm Candy Mok, my daughter Layla has had a disco for her birthday, Layla has requested that she wanted animal food in place of birthday presents; that she wants to give to an animal shelter. At the disco she was given a mountain of animal food, also £30 in cash. Candy said that, Layla has chosen Animals at Risk Shelter, as it has a no-kill policy, unless the quality of life has gone and because of this, Layla has asked will we accept the food and the donation; we were more than pleased to accept and gladly said yes. As Maggie took in the call, she asked Candy how old her daughter was, expecting Candy to say she is well in her teens. Maggie couldn't believe her when she was told that Layla was only 8 years old, and having pet food instead of presents was all her own idea, Layla did all the planning by herself, even getting in touch with the local newspapers, with the exception of a little help from her Nan, who contacted Tesco and Waitrose,

who both gave donations of pet food. Candy said she was so proud of Layla and mentioned that some of her daughters' friends and school friends realised what a good idea it was and they said they may do a similar thing for another charity.

On the Sunday when Candy brought her children, Layla and Drew to deliver the food, we helped them to unload the car and put the food onto the work top in the isolation room, it was a much larger amount of food than we expected, there was also cat toys, scratching posts, blankets, cat litter trays and a brush and comb, we could see why Candy was so proud of Layla. Candy and her children spent a few enjoyable hours at the shelter and were so pleased to discover how friendly the cats were, especially when they were fed packets of their favourite treats - 'Dreamies'

At our feeding stations, we feed roughly 32 feral cats, that we have had neutered, given flea and worm treatment and a general health check, the different variety of donated food given by Layla, gave the feral cats a welcome change in their diet.



Bury Park

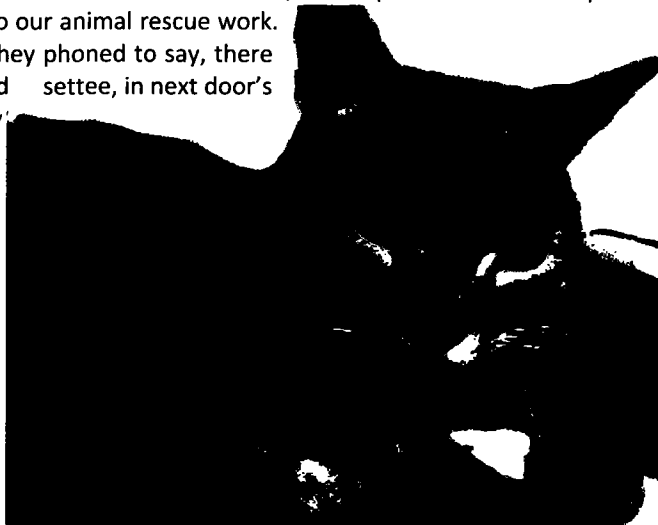
Bury Park in Luton is a hell-hole for animals, from one street corner to another, it consists mostly of fast food shops, so naturally cats don't go hungry, they live on what humans throw away and they continue to produce one litter of kittens after another. It is also a place where we do most of our trapping; un-believably, some time back on the flat roof of a restaurant, we humanely trapped 47 feral cats for spaying and neutering and given a health check and then returned to site.

Bury Park is a large area with many rented properties and bed-sits, where some of the landlords allow tenants to have animals, when those tenants move to another rented property and the new landlord does not allow animals, you can guess what happens, un-neutered animals get dumped, so naturally they breed.

Carrie, a story from Bury Park.

Our car mechanics, Roger Pannell and his side kick Chris, whose premises are in Bury Park, they are both sympathetic to our animal rescue work. It was chucking it down the day they phoned to say, there was a mum and 5 kittens on an old settee, in next door's garden, looking like soggy, shivering rags, we've rescued the kittens but mum has moved away, so you'll need a cat trap. After being humanely trapped, she was timid but once back with her babies and fed, she was extremely friendly and we named her Carrie.

Carrie and her babies, when they first came into the shelter, were badly infected with cat flu,



although her kittens were eating solid food, [about 5 weeks of age kittens normally start eating solid food], their growth appeared to be stunted, their eyes were in such a bad and painful condition we thought some of them would lose an eye. With only a little help from us humans, Carrie, as ill and weak as she was, she still managed to feed and clean her babies. She put many human mums to shame, 10 weeks on; you can see by their photo, what a marvellous caring

job, Carrie has made of nursing her babies, they are healthy, friendly little darlings just like their mum.

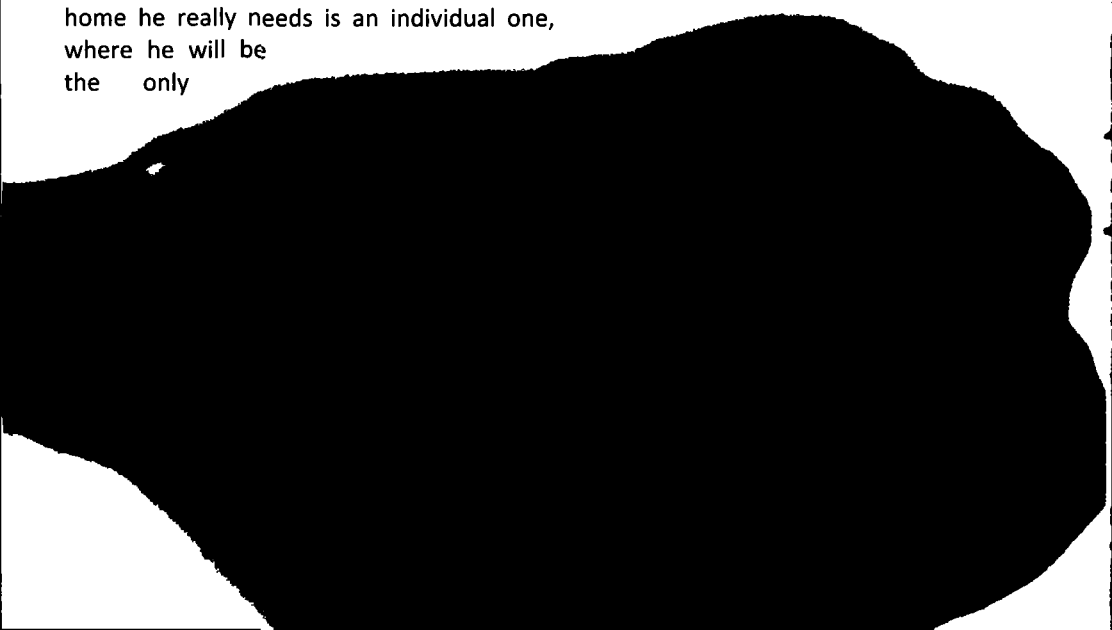
Banjo

It never surprises us to open our front door to find a box or basket with animals in, also empty boxes where they haven't been securely closed and the animals have escaped, sometimes finding refuge in the engine compartment of our vehicles, no doubt others have escaped and have been lost to the 4 winds. They have also been dumped in cardboard boxes outside our gates, even on the opposite side of the road. Only a few times is there a note giving the animals' name, their likes and dislikes, any allergies they may have, or if any medication is needed.

It saddens and infuriates us, that people can dump animals like our poor little Banjo that we found in our front porch in an insecure box, that he had forced his head through the top. On examining Banjo we found, he couldn't open his inflamed eyes, his nose was blocked; infected saliva was drooling from his mouth, he was in a terrible state with cat flu. Banjo's fur was matted, he was hoaching with fleas and tapeworms were wriggling out of his bottom. Banjo was very timid and cringed when we put our hand towards him, Banjo is one of many cats that arrive at the shelter, in this deplorable state.

After treatment for his cat flu, we took him back to the vets, his teeth were in such a state, he had all but 4 teeth extracted and we were told by the vet he has an extremely painful ulcer through the middle of his tongue, while under anaesthetic he was castrated and micro – chipped.

We haven't got it in us to hate anybody, we put them to one side, the callous people who stoop as low as to do this to a defenceless animal like Banjo; it would be nice to give them a taste of their own medicine. We've now had Banjo for a few weeks, his health has improved, he is still timid, though he is now more accepting of us, there's not an aggressive hair on his body, when shown kindness he now responds by rolling over on his back. We have reassured him that no more harm will come to him and he will always have a home with us, though for Banjo's sake, the sort of home he really needs is an individual one, where he will be the only



After Graham retired, our clinic went pear-shaped.

Our clinic was the first position Zusana (Susie) Török had as a veterinary surgeon in this country, she was polite and friendly to the clients, made a fuss of the animals before doing any procedures, she handled the animals and performed the surgery, to our satisfaction.

She mentioned during the second week of her employment, that her partner Kalman Kadar was suffering from depression, if he couldn't find employment, he was going home and she would go back to Hungary with him.

In the 3 years of opening the clinic, we both carried out nursing duties, reception work and cleaning, (all unpaid). Bill, our other Trustee, gave up his regular job, to take some of the workload off our shoulders to become the clinic's manager on minimum wage.

Susie reassured us that Kalman knew enough English to do reception work and he had previously worked with her as an animal handler in their own country. Permanent vets are difficult to come by, it was important for us to keep Susie, as she was our only vet, the only way to keep the clinic opened was for us to give up our voluntary work and employ Kalman as a receptionist/animal handler. In hindsight, we were foolish to do this but we were blinded by our desire and determination to keep our clinic open. We keep our Shelter phone on call divert to our mobile phone, so we are always in touch with the clinic and the shelter. This gave us the opportunity to catch up on the backlog of work.

Within days of employing Kalman, clients who knew the shelters' phone number would phone and say they were trying to make appointments at our clinic but no-one was answering the phone. In addition, there were several comments from clients, about being left in the consulting room with their animals on the consulting room table, while Susie answered the phone, which Kalman should have answered, to our dismay we found his English was almost non-existent, there were other problems too many to mention.

We found it necessary to give Kalman 2 weeks' notice by letter, in it we explained, that the public who support our charity, rely on us to spend their donations in a proper manner, we are employing someone who cannot fulfil the job description. When Susie read the dismissal letter to Kalman, he became aggressive and was in a rage.

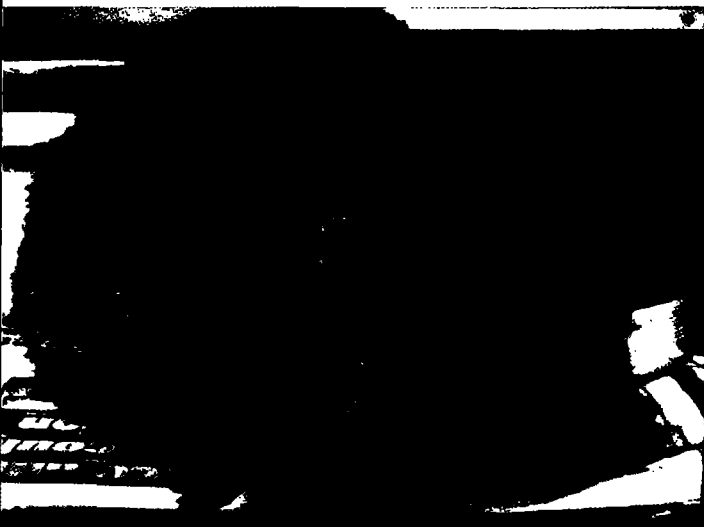
Susie gave us her word that she would work her 2 months notice from 12/09/2014 until 07/11/2014 but on 15/09/2014, she failed to turn up for work, we phoned Susie several times but her phone was switched off. We then realised that Susie had done a runner, we found out later, from the letting agency, they had also done a runner from the rented flat.

Susie has done a great disservice to the animals and has brought the veterinary profession into disrepute, we have reported the incident to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and we are awaiting the outcome but in the meantime she has temporarily closed our clinic. There are 8 locum agencies looking for veterinary staff for us and they have all mentioned; that up and down the country small independent veterinary practices like ours are closing due to the difficulty in recruiting veterinary staff. For the sake of the stray animals who have no one to care for their welfare, we hope it isn't too long before we find veterinary staff and reopen our much needed clinic.

The rabbit we called Bertha

It was the morning that Zusana, our vet, had done a runner, when Trevor our Trustee, who was working out in the country, phoned to say 'get your butt down here, there's a rabbit in the gutter and it will be flattened on the road, if you don't come and pick it up'. It was difficult as we couldn't be in 2 places at the same time. It was important for us to stay at the clinic phoning people to cancel appointments, meeting clients coming through the door with sick animals, sadly explaining why they had to go to another veterinary practice, our clients were understanding but disappointed saying, as well as the excellent treatment and service they received at our clinic, also we were the least expensive and most friendly practice in the area, it needed both of us to cope with this difficult situation.

Maggie coped at the clinic, while Pete went to collect Bertha, it was a lot of hassle but we didn't want an injured or a dead rabbit on our conscience. Bertha had been mauled, a large piece was missing from her left ear and she had several wounds over her body. Bertha was suffering from malnutrition as she was unable to eat properly as her 4



front teeth were damaged at the roots and had to be removed. Bertha is better behaved than most of the rabbits that we have had. Bertha has her freedom from first thing in the morning until the early evening. Bertha accepts all the cats, likes to be picked up for cuddles and she seems to have a built in timing mechanism, as dusk falls, she stands outside her hutch, waiting to be put away safely for the night, in case of foxes. It's not uncommon, when we open her hutch door in the

morning, to find that several cats have spent the night with her.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

Again our grateful thanks to those in their time of grief at losing a loved one, have turned their thoughts to the animals, by donating monies in lieu of floral tributes, it boosts the funds of the Shelter and it is really appreciated.

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