Charity registration number 206799

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016



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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed by order of the Trustees:

J. Hall

Charity Secretary

Date 5.7.17

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

I report on the accounts of R.S.P.C.A Essex North East for the year ended 31 December 2016 which are set out on pages three to sixteen.

#### 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 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act):
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the directors have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act); and
  - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Shelley-Marie Rudling FMAAT MIP for and on behalf of:

Colchester CVS

Winsley's House

High Street, Colchester, Essex

Date 1/4 July 2017

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designaed Funds	Total Funds	Prior period Total Funds
	11010	2016 £	2016 £	2016 £	2016 £	2015 €
Incoming resources Incoming resources from generated funds						
Donations and legacies Charitable activities	2	32,844	5,000	-	37,844	50,419
Activities for generating funds	3	161,504		-	161,504	179,758
Resources from charitable activities	5	49,075	-		49,075	48,542
Investment income	4	5,013	6 <del>-</del>	•	5,013	4,995
Other income		10	-	-	10	1,122
Total incoming resources		248,446	5,000	•	253,446	284,836
Resources expended Cost of generating funds Raising funds	6	129,344	_		129.344	118,092
Charitable activities Other	7	129,604	-	-	129,604	150,317
Total resources expended	-	258,948	-	-	258,943	268,409
Other recognised gains/(losses) Gains & losses on investment assets Gain on sale of asset	10	4,835	<b>.</b>	-	4.885 -	(218) 425
Net income/(expenditure)	2. <b></b>	(5,617)	5,000	-	(617)	207
Gross transfers between funds		· <b>-</b>	-	-	-	-
Reconciliation of Funds						
Total funds brought forward	14 =	468,494	-	150,000	618,494	601,860
Total funds carried forward	14 =	462,877	5,000	150,000	617,877	618,494

The notes on pages 5 - 12 form part of these financial statements

# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	CONTRACTOR STATE OF THE PERSON AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON ADDRESS OF THE PERS		CONTRACTOR AND CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR OF THE CONT
	Notes	Total funds 2016 £	Total funds 2015 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	267,007	263,915
Investments	10	77,769	72,626
		344,776	336,541
Current assets			
Stocks	11	8,793	6,720
Debtors  Cash at bank and in hand	12	28,290 245,253	19,446 262,540
Sush at bank and in hand		282,336	288,706
		,-,-	
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling		9,235	6,753
due within one year			
Net current assets/(liabilities)		273,101	281,953
()		27 0,101	201,000
Total assets less current liabilities		617,877	618,494
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Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	14	462,877	468,494
Restricted funds	14	5,000	-
Designated funds	14	150,000	150,000
Total Funds		617,877	618,494

These financial statements were approved by Members of the committee on and are signed on their behalf by:

L Gadsby

Treasurer Lesley E. Gadsby

J. Hall Secretary Thou

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement on Recommended Practise applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015). (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### Cash Flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

#### 1.2 Incoming resources

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, is included in incoming resources when these are receivable.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants are for a particular restricted purpose, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

#### 1.3 Resources expended and recognition of liabilities

All expenditure is incurred on an accruals basis. The majority of costs are directly attributable to the specific Charitable activities.

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles.

#### 1.4 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives, at the following annual rates:

Freehold improvements Straight line over 5 years

Leasehold improvements: Straight line between 3 and 15 years depending

on lease requirements, length of lease and

useful economic life of improvements.

Motor vehicles Straight line over 4 years

Equipment Straight line over 5 years

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

2.	Voluntary income  Donations	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
	Subscriptions and donations Homing & fostering Legacies	27,839 - 5,005	-	27,839 - 5,005	27,405 3,530
	Grants Grants received from HQ	32,844	5,000 5,000	5,000 <b>37,844</b>	19,484 <b>50,419</b>
	Income from voluntary income in 2015	was £50,419 (	£0 was restri	cted).	
3.	Activities for generating funds	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
	Shop income	161,504 161,504		161,504 161,504	179,758 179,758
4.	Investment income	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
	Income from UK listed investments Bank interest receivable	5,013 - <b>5,013</b>	-	5,013 - <b>5,013</b>	4,995 - 4,995
5.	Charitable activities	Unrestricted Fund	Fund	Total 2016	Total 2015
	Fees and drug receipts at clinic	£ 49,075 <b>49,075</b>	£ -	£ 49,075 <b>49,075</b>	£ 48,542 48,542
6.	Fundraising trading costs	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2016	Total 2015
	Shop costs	129,344 129,344		£ 129,344 <b>129,344</b>	£ 118,092 118,092

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

7. Cha	ritable activities	Activities Undertaken	Support Costs	Total 2016	Total 2015
		Directly			2010
		£	£	£	£
	ch expenditure	66,295	480	66,775	82,076
Harv	rich shop and clinic	44,329	18,501	62,830	68,241
		110,624	18,981	129,604	150,317
Staff	cost analysis			Total	Total
				2016	2015
				£	£
	es and direct expenses			106,636	98,245
Socia	I security costs			2,571	3,736
				109,207	101,981

Governance costs are included within branch expenditure support costs. The fee was £400 for 2016 (£480: 2015).

# 9. Tangible fixed assets

This note is on page 8.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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Tangible fixed assets	Freehold Properties	Freehold properties improvements	Equipment	L/hold improve	Totals
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Cost					l
As at 01/01/16	237,518	9,160	19,823	28,261	294,761
Additions	1	ï	10,758	1	10,758
As at 31/12/16	237,518	9,160	30,581	28,261	305,519
Depreciation					
As at 01/01/16	ı	6,103	13,722	10,926	30,751
Charge for the year	ì	1,217	4,539	2,005	7,761
As at 31/12/16	1	7,320	18,261	12,931	38,512
As at 31/12/16	237,518	1,840	12,319	15,329	267,007
As at 31/12/15	237,518	3,057	6,101	17,239	263,915

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

10. Investments		Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
Market value at 1 January 2	2016	72,884	72,884
Net gains on revaluation		4,885	(218)
Market value at 31 Decemb	er 2016	77,769	72,666
Historical cost at 31 Decem	ber 2012	24,602	24,602
Analysis of investments			
Listed investments			
Charifunds 350 Units		77,769 ====================================	72,626 
11. Stock		Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
Stock		8,793 ====================================	6,720
12. Debtors		Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
Taxation		-	-
Accrued income		50	50
Other debtors		19,399	11,065
Prepayments		8,841	8,331
		28,290	19,446
13. Creditors: Amounts fallin	g due within one year	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
Trade creditors		4,404	2,247
Taxation and social security		4,331	3,457
Deferred income		1990 P. S.	-
Detetted income			
Accruals		500	1,049

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

14. Analysis of net assets	Tangible Fixed Asset	Investments	Net Current Assets	Total
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	267,007	77,769	123,101	467,877
Designated	-		150,000	150,000
Total Funds	267,007	77,769	273,101	617,877

**15.** No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

# 16. Designated funds

The trustees have agreed to designate funds for running costs, salaries, potential redundancies. The trustees have calculated this at £150,000.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

10.	Previous	years	comparative	fund	balances

	Notas	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		2015 £	2015 £	2015 £
Incoming resources Incoming resources from generated funds	2		2	
Donations and legacies Charitable activities	2	50,419		50,419
Activities for generating funds	3	179,758		179,758
Resources from charitable activities	5	48,542		48,542
Investment income Other income	4	4,995 1,122	-	4,995
Total incoming resources	•	284,836		1,122 284,836
Resources expended		20 1,000		201,000
Cost of generating funds				
Raising funds	6	118,092	-	118,092
Charitable activities	7	150,317	2	150,317
Other		-	-	-
Total resources expended		268,409	-	268,409
Other recognised gains/(losses) Gains & losses on investment assets	4.2	(24.2)		(2.1.2)
Gain on sale of asset	10	(218) 425	•	(218) 425
Net income/(expenditure)		16,634		16,634
Net moonia/(expenditure)		10,054		10,034
Gross transfers between funds		-		•
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total funds brought forward	14 ==	601,860		601,860 =======
Total funds carried forward	14 =	618,494	-	618,494

# R.S.P.C.A. ESSEX NORTH EAST BRANCH NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016 £	2015 £
Income		
Neutering Refund	1,400	1,776
Subscriptions and donations	27,529	27,205
Homing and fostering	-	3,530
Interest and investment income	5,013	4,995
Bequests and legacies	5,005	•
Pet Insurance Commission	140	200
Miscellaneous income	10	1,427
Prettygate shop	61,242	76,427
Harwich Road shop and clinic	52,535	46,765
Frinton shop	100,262	103,331
	253,136	265,656
Expenditure		
Animal boarding	27,387	37,046
Veterinary costs	3,279	7,191
Salaries and direct expenses	20,182	19,901
Maintenance, rates, insurance, refuse and cleaning	5,174	6,064
Professional & Accountancy	1,302	1,468
Telephone, postage and stationery	1,793	1,711
Motor expenses	861	741
Miscellaneous expenses	2,058	3,200
Depreciation	4,740	4,754
Harwich Road shop and clinic	62,830	68,241
Prettygate shop	66,317	58,855
Frinton shop	63,026	59,236
Total expenditure	258,949	268,409
Surplus for the year	- 5,813	- 2,753

# PRETTYGATE SHOP ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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	2016 £	2015 £
Income Shop sales	61,242	76,427 76,427
Expenditure Purchase of new goods Wages and direct expenses Rent, water rates and insurance Electricity Refuse and cleaning Telephone Maintenance Repairs and renewals Stationery and computer Professional & Accountancy Miscellaneous expenses Depreciation Total expenditure	203 37,000 22,767 898 2,070 342 484 1,455 21 413 664 66,317	389 31,044 20,966 1,026 2,172 307 460 104 57 1,351 315 664 58,855
Surplus for the year	- 5,075	17,572

# HARWICH ROAD CLINIC ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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	2016 £	2015 £
Income		
Sales at shop		
	-	
Fees and drug receipts at clinic Grant from HQ	47,535	46,765
Grant from AQ	5,000	-
	52,535	46,765
Expenditure		
Clinic costs		
Drugs (adjusted for stock)		
Vets and vets time	15,834	18,499
Clinic Costs	20,103	21,025
	6,724	6,619
Miscellaneous expenses Cremation costs	430	34
Cremation costs	1,238	1,703
	44,329	47.880
Overheads		
Purchase of new goods		
Wages and direct expanses	(411)	2,489
Wages and direct expenses Maintenance	16,338	16,054
	292	552
Telephone, postage and stationery	806	550
Refuse & Cleaning	19	
Depreciation	1,000	
Professional & Accountancy	_	90E
Miscellaneous expenses	457	716
	18.501	
	10.001	20,361
Total expenditure	62,830	SO 044
	52,000	68,241
Deficit for the year	(10,295)	(24.470)
	=======================================	(21,476)

# FRINTON SHOP ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	2016 £	2015 £
Income Shop sales	100,262	103,331
Grant from HQ re leasehold improvements	100,262	103,331
Expenditure		
Purchase of new goods	7,403	5,613
Wages and direct expenses	35,687	34,982
Rent, water rates and insurance	12,822	11,836
Electricity	1,708	1,810
Refuse and cleaning	1,922	1,539
Maintenance, repairs and renewals	718	747
Postage, telephone, stationery and computer	791	749
Miscellaneous expenses	618	603
Depreciation of leasehold improvements	1,357	1,357
Total expenditure	63,026	59,236
Surplus for the year	37,236	44,095



# **ANNUAL REPORT 2016**

# **ESSEX NORTH EAST BRANCH**

Branch Address: 116 Harwich Road, Colchester, CO4 3BZ

Charity Number - 206799

#### COMMITTEE REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED

#### **31 DECEMBER 2016**

The Committee comprised:

Ms C Keir (Hon Chairman)
Mrs I Gadsby (Hon Treasurer)
Ms J Hall (Hon Secretary)
Ms C Burmby (resigned Feb 2016)

Ms E Clouter Miss S Elmy (elected May 2016) Mrs V Henry Mr P Spendlove

The Committee consists of Trustees elected by members of the branch, and any individuals coopted by the Trustees during the year.

The Essex North East Branch of the RSPCA is an unincorporated charitable association and is a separately registered Branch of the Society. The objectives of the Branch are to promote the work and objectives of the Society: to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means.

We have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

We support our local inspectorate by taking in mistreated or abandoned animals. The Society's inspectorate, as well as providing education, information and advice, rescues animals in distress and enforces laws against the cruel mistreatment of animals by bringing prosecutions.

We provide subsidised veterinary treatment for animals that are sick or injured and belong to local people on certain State benefits. We do this through the provision of a part-time welfare clinic. We also provide micro-chipping of companion animals, and an annual neutering service for Staffies when funds allow. This helps to promote responsible pet ownership.

Animals in our care receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering and micro-chipping and are assessed for rehoming. This work helps to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering.

We rehome animals in need to people willing and able to have a companion animal. Our policy of accepting a reasonable donation for animals aims to highlight the ongoing personal and financial commitment of pet ownership. It would not be in the best interests of animals to rehome to those who could not afford to keep them.

We respond to enquiries (both directly and via the Society's national call centre) from the public about animals locally. We offer free animal care advice by telephone and at the clinic. The public benefits from knowing that we can intervene to assist animals in need.

Within the terms of our governing document, we support the National Society.

We provide volunteering opportunities for those who support our work, including trusteeship, fostering, home-checking and fundraising. This benefits local people and companies by providing the possibility of doing work which is compassionate and rewarding.

Joanna Hall Hon Secretary

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Another year has gone by so quickly! We are still busy at the clinic and shops. We have teamed up with Cats Protection and are neutering cats, and microchipping them as well. Vet Helen Light and nurse Anna Drake from Catley Cross vets use our premises and the Harwich Road staff also assist. We manage to spay and castrate about 30 to 40 cats in a morning. Members of the public on certain benefits get a voucher towards the cost from Cats Protection. We are hoping that this will help with the cat population and cut down on unwanted cats and kittens.

I would like to thank all staff and volunteers for all their hard work at the shops and clinic, Inspectors and ACOs for their hard work, Paul Spendlove our President, Richard Scrivener our book-keeper, and the Trustees.

Claire Keir Hon Chairman

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# **BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT**

The clinic saw a total of 937 animals this year, comprising 630 dogs, 275 cats, 9 rabbits and yes, you've guessed it, 23 of the ever-elusive miscellaneous.

My thanks go to our excellent band of homecheckers: Kerry Childs, Lesley Gadsby, Louise Hall, Gordon and Iris Thorpe did a total of 100 homechecks for us.

We continue to work alongside Cats Protection and neutered 148 cats this year. Dog neutering and microchipping totalled 30, and rabbit neutering two.

In April, with the help of a matched funding grant from the Regional Board, we purchased two laboratory blood analysers. These enable us to offer our clients and the local branches a low-cost blood test service. Having this equipment allows us to give the clients the results within 15-20 minutes instead of the previous two-to-three days (plus possible postal delays and loss), thus benefitting extremely unwell animals. The tests range between £6 and £24 depending on the complexity.

Colchester is the busiest Inspectorate area in the Essex group with a total of 2,325 jobs allocated.

In July we took a call from a member of the public regarding a piglet found in an overgrown hedgerow close to a holiday park in Point Clear. When the Inspector arrived she found an adult Vietnamese pot-bellied pig. Unfortunately we never found the owner, but the pig is living the life of luxury with one of the vets at Catley Cross veterinary surgery.

On a very worrying note, a young black and white cat was found by ACO Lucy Thackery with its paw caught in a rusty old gin trap. Whilst whoever set this trap probably didn't expect it to capture a cat, they still broke the law – it is illegal to set a gin trap, and they cannot be set accidentally. It's unlikely to have been set in a residential area, so it looks as though this poor little puss had been caught elsewhere, dragged its leg with the trap attached to London Road, and hid under a car. Fortunately he was microchipped so we could trace his owners, who collected him.

I am most grateful to all the staff: Tara Abbott, Rosemary Forsyth, Louise Hall, Coral Moore, Helen Mowle, Verity Nicholson, Megan O'Leary and Sue Seymour, and the vast band of volunteers, for their expertise and hard work to allow us to continue to help protect vulnerable animals locally.

Annie Clarke

Chief Inspector's Annual Report for 2016 in the South East 8 Group Chief Inspector Sam Garvey 981

# **Animals Collection Officers**

Lucy Fackerell 13292 Rebecca Yarrow 10322 Donna Smith 8808 Anna Glozier 5941 Louise Brown 12076 Joe White 14926 Inspectors

Adam Jones 13188 Marie Hammerton 13628 Rebecca Benson 13633 Lucy Brennan 14227 Kate Fletcher 12500 Caroline Richardson 12755

#### Year overview for 2016

2016 has been a very busy year for the South East 8 Group and we have seen a lot of staff changes throughout the team. Inspector Emily Cheeseman left the leaving the group after a successful transfer to East 3.

• Chief Inspector Dawn Avery leaving the group after being with the RSPCA for 15 Years. All the best as she pursues her passion with working with horse for the British Horse Society.

• Insp Garvey was successful in her application for taking over at Chief for the group.

• DCI Matt Gough left the group to become Chief for the SE1 group.

• Insp Adam Jones stepping up into the DCI position.

ACO Mark Wasdell sadly leaving the group after being with us for a year due to personal reasons.

• ACO Joe White being successful in his transfer from the London SE2 group and will be joining the team in

• In June 2017 we will be fortunate enough to have two trainee Inspectors join us. Insp Sian Ridley who will be taking over in the Essex North East area and Insp Karl Marston who will be taking over the Essex south

# Special Thanks

• Essex Horse and pony / Red wings helping with the increased issues with horse complaints and issues. There have been instances where they have come out at last notice and provided advice on the case in hand and also provided much needed last minute assistance with transportation.

• South Essex Wildlife Hospital which as the names suggests takes in wildlife in need of treatment or rehabilitation for most of the Essex group. They are also a huge help with taking in everything else from exotics including 8ft boa constrictors, goats, pigs, endless amount of small furries and the occasional stray rooster! Without their additional help we would find it difficult to place the variety of animals that come in via the Inspectorate whether it be case / abandonment or strays. We would be at a loss without them. • Branch

#### Branches

Within the South East Group the are 8 branches that assist both the Inspectors and Animal Collection Officers with the day to day dealing. These consist of;

1. Essex South and Southend, Havering, Mid Essex, Enfield, North West, South West, Stort Valley, North East.

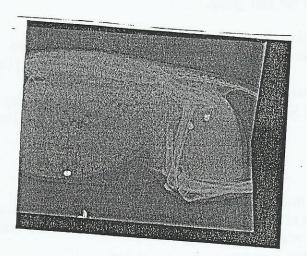
Many of these branches will go out of their way to help animals in need whether it be those that are sick, injured, abandoned or strays. Most have good working relationships with boarding establishments which again help the officers in the field out greatly with animals that they pick up.

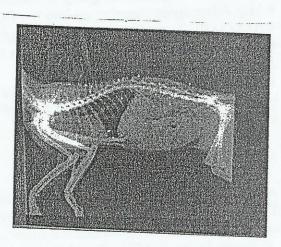
#### North East Branch

1st Jan 2016 - 1st Jan 2017 Complaints resolved: 857 Cases submitted: 12 Collections: 924 Busiest area: Colchester, 2325 total jobs Advice: 529 Collections: 1021 Complaints: 775

- On Friday the 8th of April Insp Adam Jones dealt with a cat was shot with around 30 pellet wounds that were found over her body, on her paw and in one of her eyes. Miraculously the 3 year-old cat survived, but due to the extensive injury to one of her eyes, this had to removed. The black and white cat disappeared for a week, after she was seen injured after gunshots had been heard near her home in Jubilee Lane, Ardleigh, Colchester. She was rushed to the vets after she came home dragging her feet, covered in blood and clearly injured. After X-rays were done it was discovered she had pellet wounds all over her body which was when Insp Jones was notified. Even after what the cat had gone through she made a good recovery and was soon back home with her owners. Unfortunately, even after a press release, the culprit was never found.
- Sadly, later on in the year we came across another cat that had been shot at also. The black and white cat was found staggering along the road with a broken leg by a concerned member of the public. The cat was taken straight to the vet where she had and x-ray and it was then revealed the extent of her horrible break to her back leg but also shockingly it revealed three air pellets lodged inside her leg and chest. It's not clear whether her leg was broken at the same time as the airgun attack but she appeared to have been shot some time ago as there were no fresh wounds.

Unfortunately, "Noelle" as the cat was named, was not microchipped and had no collar or identification tag when she was found so we were unable to trace the owner.







## REHOMING

Danaher Animal Home is an independent charity which is affiliated to and works closely with the RSPCA.

The Home takes in unwanted animals (principally dogs, cats and small domestic animals) from the dog warden and the RSPCA branches. In addition it takes in animals from the RSPCA inspectors – these animals are normally the subject of cruelty cases, and are often in poor condition. A temporary refuge is provided for the animals where they are assessed, treated by a vet, cared for and nursed and then, hopefully, rehomed. Danaher now absorbs all veterinary charges but retains the adoption fee. The boarding charges for dogs and cats apply only after the animals have reached the age of six months.

In 2016 Danaher rehomed 27 dogs, 85 cats, 6 rabbits and 2 miscellaneous small animals for our branch.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

for year ending December 2016

It is my pleasure to present the report for 2016.

2016 has certainly been a challenging environment for all charities. In tough economic times our staff and volunteers have continued to provide the resources for our Branch to carry out its critical animal welfare work.

It has been a difficult year for our Branch. With respect to income, thanks must go to the generosity of all our friends within the area: their donations in our collection boxes and to our shops have been more than welcome. Unfortunately the income from donated goods has shown a decrease, following a decrease in 2015.

<u>Can You Help?</u> Clear the clutter and help animals at the same time! Go online, get an instant price for your CDs, DVDs, video games, books and electronics. Then send them, for free, and music/Magpie will donate the total value of your items to the RSPCA (as yet I haven't tried it....)

Bequests and Legacies. The subject of legacies is always a sensitive topic, but I will just mention that if anyone is considering a bequest it is most important that the full title of the Branch is used, together with its individual charity number 206799. This will ensure that financial benefit will come directly to us for use in the local area.

My grateful thanks go to Richard Scrivener for his hard work as the Branch's book-keeper.

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