

		2015 Audit Balance	29265.18
		Deposits 2016	180394.84
Interest CHQ	8.8	Total Interest 2016	116.72
Interest Savings Book	107.92	Total income 2016	180511.56
Total Interest	116.72	Total	209776.74
chq account out transfer		Total Expenditure 2016	16082.13
		Total income less expenditure	193694.61
		Nationwide Savings Book	180058.89
		Cheque Account	10642.72
		Floats JM, CF, BO	2993
		Total held 31-12-2016	193694.61
		Difference	0



Siamese Cat Club Welfare Trust

Reg. Charity No. 1072366

2016 Annual Report

2016 was a mixed year for the Trust. We were kept very busy as usual rescuing and homing Siamese & Oriental cats. The reasons for re-homing were as usual varied; from simple re-homing required for loved pets due to a change in circumstances of the owners, to cats found wandering. A few of the cats taken in had experienced cruelty and we assisted several other rescue societies who had taken in Siamese. The RSPCA called upon us as the experts in Siamese to take on Siamese females who had been part of an intake from a Kitten Farm. The girls needed special TLC and needed to learn that humans were not going to be unkind to them. Siamese are an intelligent breed and can be very badly affected if trust is lost between cat and human, they quickly learn to avoid contact by extreme methods such as running up walls or lashing out in fright. These habits once learnt require very careful handling to train the cat to accept human contact as loving.

Many cats we take in are older and require dentals, boosters and blood tests before finding their new slaves to love them. We seem to be getting far fewer younger cats in recent years. Unfortunately, it appears that people are selling on their Siamese when they have a problem. We think that because Siamese are recognisable as a pedigree they are viewed as a saleable commodity even when adult. Often the sale is via the internet with little contact with the cat and the new owner soon finds out the cat has a problem, this leads to a new sale, or the cat is turned out onto the streets. If the cat is lucky it eventually finds us. We then have to establish and hopefully manage the problems before finding a loving home who are happy to work with us to enable the cat to live happily in a loving home which suits their needs.

In 2016 we were very lucky financially and received a gift and a bequest which has helped us refurbish some much-needed cat accommodation. In recent years we have only just made enough in donations to keep pace with looking after the cats and have not had enough left to attend to the accommodation kindly donated for our use by the Trustees.

Unfortunately, one of our founding Trustees Jean Murchison became unwell and passed away in January 2017. Another valued supporter and Siamese Rescuer Rosie Meekings also passed away. Both Rosie and Jean had rescue accommodation which was always full, and they also cared for Siamese who could not be homed for health or behaviour issues in their own homes. As a result of their passing we have re-housed and where possible re-homed their cats. Their loss' and the loss of the cat accommodation has been keenly felt by the Trust.

The Trust has been very lucky and four new Trustees have volunteered to join us and we are very grateful for their assistance which will hopefully guarantee the future of the Trust from 2017 onwards. We would also like to thank Christine Freeman who has resigned as a Trustee for her support in the last few years.

All the Trustees supply their time and facilities free which enables the Trust to spend all money raised on the cats. As usual the cost of food, heating, and veterinary attention continues to rise. We are therefore so grateful to our supporters for their donations which allows us to continue our work.

Niki Hill, Treasurer & Trustee

**Accounts 2016 AUDITED BY
Mrs C Howard, Independent Auditor**

31-03-17

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All documents inspected and approved. Accounts found to be correct as stated in summary document submitted to Charity Commission.