

**R.S.P.C.A. ESSEX NORTH
EAST BRANCH**

Charity registration number 206799

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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 11.4.18

RSPCA ESSEX NORTH EAST BRANCH

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017

I report on the accounts of RSPCA Essex North East Branch for the year ended 31st December 2017 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. The charities gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Accounting Technicians.

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 Commissioners (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 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 material matters have come to my attention 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 the 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 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.

Shelley-Marie Rudling FMAAT MIP for and on behalf of:
Community360
Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex

Date 12th April 2018

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2017 £	Restricted Funds 2017 £	Designated Funds 2017 £	Total Funds 2017 £	Prior period Total Funds 2016 £
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Donations and legacies	2	50,462	-	-	50,462	37,844
Charitable activities						
Activities for generating funds	3	175,173	-	-	175,173	161,504
Resources from charitable activities	5	53,658	-	-	53,658	49,075
Investment income	4	4,866	-	-	4,866	5,013
Other income		3,010	-	-	3,010	10
Total incoming resources		287,169	-	-	287,169	253,446
Resources expended						
Cost of generating funds						
Raising funds	6	131,644	-	-	131,644	129,344
Charitable activities	7	134,451	-	-	134,451	129,604
Total resources expended		266,095	-	-	266,095	258,948
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Gains & losses on investment assets	10	5,434	-	-	5,434	4,885
Net income/(expenditure)		26,508	-	-	26,508	(617)
 Total funds brought forward						
	14	<u>462,877</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>617,877</u>	<u>618,494</u>
 Total funds carried forward						
	14	<u>489,385</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>644,385</u>	<u>617,877</u>

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

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Notes	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	261,265	267,007
Investments	10	83,203	77,769
		<u>344,468</u>	<u>344,776</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	11	6,943	8,793
Debtors	12	26,149	28,290
Cash at bank and in hand		280,643	245,253
		<u>313,735</u>	<u>282,336</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	13,818	9,235
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>299,917</u>	<u>273,101</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u><u>644,385</u></u>	<u><u>617,877</u></u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	14	489,385	462,877
Restricted funds	14	5,000	5,000
Designated funds	14	150,000	150,000
Total Funds		<u><u>644,385</u></u>	<u><u>617,877</u></u>

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

John Hall

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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 Practice 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.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

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2. Voluntary income	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Donations				
Subscriptions and donations	28,473	-	28,473	27,839
Homing & fostering	-	-	-	-
Legacies	21,989		21,989	5,005
Grants				
Grants received from HQ	-	-	-	5,000
	50,462	-	50,462	37,844
Income from voluntary income in 2016 was £37,844 (£0 was restricted).				
3. Activities for generating funds	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Shop income	175,173	-	175,173	161,504
	175,173	-	175,173	161,504
4. Investment income	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Income from UK listed investments	4,866	-	4,866	5,013
	4,866	-	4,866	5,013
5. Charitable activities	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Fees and drug receipts at clinic	53,658	-	53,658	49,075
	53,658	-	53,658	49,075
6. Fundraising trading costs	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Shop costs	131,644	-	131,644	129,344
	131,644	-	131,644	129,344

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7. Charitable activities

	Activities Undertaken Directly	Support Costs	Total 2017	Total 2016
	£	£	£	£
Branch expenditure	71,331	480	71,811	66,775
Harwich shop and clinic	40,794	21,846	62,640	62,830
	<u>112,125</u>	<u>22,326</u>	<u>134,451</u>	<u>129,605</u>

Staff cost analysis

	Total 2017	Total 2016
	£	£
Wages and direct expenses	105,022	106,636
Social security costs	3,031	2,571
Pension	318	-
	<u>108,371</u>	<u>109,207</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum.

Governance costs are included within branch expenditure support costs. The fee was £400 for 2017 (£400: 2016).

9. Tangible fixed assets

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9. Tangible fixed assets	Freehold Properties £	Freehold properties improvements £	Equipment £	L/hold improve £	Totals £
Cost					
As at 01/01/17	237,518	9,160	30,581	28,261	305,519
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31/12/17	<u>237,518</u>	<u>9,160</u>	<u>30,581</u>	<u>28,261</u>	<u>305,519</u>
Depreciation					
As at 01/01/17	-	7,320	18,261	12,931	38,512
Charge for the year	-	864	2,872	2,005	5,742
As at 31/12/17	<u>-</u>	<u>8,184</u>	<u>21,133</u>	<u>14,936</u>	<u>44,254</u>
As at 31/12/17	<u><u>237,518</u></u>	<u><u>975</u></u>	<u><u>9,448</u></u>	<u><u>13,324</u></u>	<u><u>261,265</u></u>
As at 31/12/16	<u><u>237,518</u></u>	<u><u>1,840</u></u>	<u><u>12,320</u></u>	<u><u>15,330</u></u>	<u><u>267,007</u></u>

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10. Investments	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Market value at 1 January 2017	77,769	72,884
Net gains on revaluation	5,434	4,885
Market value at 31 December 2017	83,203	77,769
Historical cost at 31 December 2012	24,602	24,602
Analysis of investments		
Listed investments		
Charifunds 350 Units	83,203	77,769
11. Stock	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Stock	6,943	8,793
12. Debtors	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Accrued income	50	50
Other debtors	15,795	19,399
Prepayments	10,304	8,841
	26,149	28,290
13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Trade creditors	7,765	4,404
Taxation and social security	5,203	4,331
Accruals	850	500
	13,818	9,235

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14. Analysis of net assets	Tangible Fixed Asset £	Investments £	Net Current Assets £	Total £
Unrestricted funds	261,265	83,203	144,917	489,385
Restricted funds			5,000	5,000
Designated	-	-	150,000	150,000
Total Funds	261,265	83,203	299,917	644,385

15. Trustee Remuneration

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.

17. Related Parties

There were related parties and issue was reports to the charity commission.

18. Going Concern

The charity is operating on a going concern basis

19. Key Management Personnel

During the year total remuneration of £19,105 (2016: £19,105) was paid to key management personnel. The remuneration of key management personnel is decided upon and authorised by the trustees.

20. Post balance sheet event

The charity completed a merger on the 1st January 2018 incorporating RSPCA Essex North West Branch (Charity Number 207972) into RSPCA Essex North East. All assets were transferred to RSPCA Essex North East.

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10. Previous years comparative fund balances

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2016 £	Restricted Funds 2016 £	Designated Funds 2016 £	Total Funds 2016 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations and legacies	2	32,844	5,000	-	37,844
Charitable activities					
Activities for generating funds	3	161,504			161,504
Resources from charitable activities	5	49,075			49,075
Investment income	4	5,013	-	-	5,013
Other income		10	-	-	10
Total incoming resources		<u>248,446</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>253,446</u>
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Raising funds	6	129,344	-	-	129,344
Charitable activities	7	129,604	-	-	129,604
Other		-	-	-	-
Total resources expended		<u>258,948</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>258,948</u>
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains & losses on investment assets	10	4,885	-	-	4,885
Gain on sale of asset		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>(5,617)</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(617)</u>
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward	14	<u>468,494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>618,494</u>
Total funds carried forward	14	<u>462,877</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>617,877</u>

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

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017 £	2016 £
<u>Income</u>		
Neutering Refund	1,424	1,400
Subscriptions and donations	28,473	27,529
Interest and investment income	4,866	5,013
Bequests and legacies	21,989	5,005
Pet Insurance Commission	-	140
Miscellaneous income	3,010	10
Prettygate shop	67,772	61,242
Harwich Road shop and clinic	52,234	52,535
Frinton shop	107,401	100,262
	<hr/> 287,169	<hr/> 253,136
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Animal boarding	27,744	27,387
Veterinary costs	9,772	3,279
Salaries and direct expenses	21,090	20,182
Maintenance, rates, insurance, refuse and cleaning	5,343	5,174
Professional & Accountancy	1,492	1,302
Telephone, postage and stationery	1,886	1,793
Motor expenses	610	861
Miscellaneous expenses	1,154	2,058
Depreciation	2,720	4,740
Harwich Road shop and clinic	62,640	62,830
Prettygate shop	60,156	66,317
Frinton shop	71,487	63,026
Total expenditure	<hr/> 266,095	<hr/> 258,949
 Surplus for the year	 <hr/> <hr/> 21,074	 <hr/> <hr/> (5,813)

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PRETTYGATE SHOP ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017 £	2016 £
<u>Income</u>		
Shop sales	67,772	61,242
	<hr/> 67,772	<hr/> 61,242
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Purchase of new goods	275	203
Wages and direct expenses	29,502	37,000
Rent, water rates and insurance	23,236	22,767
Electricity	967	898
Refuse and cleaning	2,419	2,070
Telephone	362	342
Maintenance	334	484
Repairs and renewals	2,218	1,455
Stationery and computer	12	21
Miscellaneous expenses	167	413
Depreciation	664	664
Total expenditure	<hr/> 60,156	<hr/> 66,317
 Surplus for the year	 <hr/> <hr/> 7,616	 <hr/> <hr/> (5,075)

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HARWICH ROAD CLINIC ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017 £	2016 £
<u>Income</u>		
Sales at shop	-	-
Fees and drug receipts at clinic	52,234	47,535
Grant from HQ	-	5,000
	<hr/> 52,234	<hr/> 52,535
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Clinic costs		
Drugs (adjusted for stock)	16,247	15,834
Vets and vets time	18,398	20,103
Clinic Costs	4,549	6,724
Miscellaneous expenses	-	430
Cremation costs	1,600	1,238
	<hr/> 40,794	<hr/> 44,329
Overheads		
Purchase of new goods	1,639	(411)
Wages and direct expenses	17,654	16,338
Maintenance	382	292
Telephone, postage and stationery	539	806
Refuse & Cleaning	41	19
Depreciation	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous expenses	591	457
	<hr/> 21,846	<hr/> 18,501
 Total expenditure	 62,640	 62,830
 Deficit for the year	 <u><u>(10,406)</u></u>	 <u><u>(10,295)</u></u>

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FRINTON SHOP ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017 £	2016 £
<u>Income</u>		
Shop sales	107,401	100,262
	<hr/> 107,401	<hr/> 100,262
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Purchase of new goods	10,396	7,403
Wages and direct expenses	40,635	35,687
Rent, water rates and insurance	13,255	12,822
Electricity	1,487	1,708
Refuse and cleaning	1,915	1,922
Maintenance, repairs and renewals	643	718
Postage, telephone, stationery and computer	829	791
Miscellaneous expenses	970	618
Depreciation of leasehold improvements	1,357	1,357
Total expenditure	<hr/> 71,487	<hr/> 63,026
 Surplus for the year	 <hr/> <hr/> 35,914	 <hr/> <hr/> 37,236



ANNUAL REPORT 2017

ESSEX NORTH EAST BRANCH

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

Charity Number – 206799

COMMITTEE REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2017

The Committee comprised:

Ms C Keir (Hon Chairman, resigned March 2017)	Miss S Elmy (resigned Feb 2017)
Mrs L Gadsby (Hon Treasurer), (interim Chairperson from March 2017)	Mrs V Henry
Ms J Hall (Hon Secretary)	Mrs J Van der Mark (co-opted May 2017)
Ms E Clouter	

The Committee consists of Trustees elected by members of the branch and any individuals co-opted by the Trustees during the year. On this occasion we must acknowledge the tremendous debt we owe to Ms Claire Keir both for her work as a volunteer since 2001, and her membership of the Committee from 2002 to 2017. Ms Keir worked for many years as an assistant in our clinic, and latterly as the Chair of the Committee. Her love of animals and her commitment to the Branch, of which she remains a member, was obvious to all.

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

In April 2017 I was asked to be the interim Chairperson following the resignation of Ms Claire Keir. This was very much a case of Hobson's Choice.....

The Harwich Road shop closed back in 2013; the Trustees did have a couple of ideas for change of use, but I believe the Branch did not receive approval from Headquarters. At the moment the shop is used as a "holding zone", where donated items are stored and then moved along to our two shops, or possibly to Danaher.

During the year we increased the number of shop staff: we now have three at Prettygate, one part-time, and three at Frinton, again one part-time. The clinic also has three staff.

2017 was dominated by our merger with our neighbouring branch – Essex North West. Mr Yapp (Branch Support Specialist) guided us through it: paperwork, hoops, paperwork, hoopshe negotiated for both branches. Well done Derrick!

I would like to thank all staff and volunteers for their hard work: you really are an exceptional group of people. My thanks also go to Megan O'Leary, Richard Scrivener and our Trustees.

My very best wishes to the Branch for a successful 2018.

Lesley Gadsby
Chairperson

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

This year has been very challenging for animal welfare.

The clinic saw a total of 916 animals: 667 dogs, 226 cats, 5 rabbits and 18 of the still-to-be-defined miscellaneous. Of these animals we neutered a total of 104 and microchipped 106.

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

We have dealt with more multi-animal households than I can ever remember during my ten years with the Branch. The majority of these are normally cats – 18 in one household – although this year we dealt with 20+ rabbits that were allowed the full run of a flat. The animals' needs were being met; however, as you can imagine they bred like rabbits, so we assisted with the neutering of all of them.

This summer Louise Hall and I, along with some members of the Inspectorate, donned our Marigolds to help one of these multi-animal households get their home back to a fit state to allow two of the 14 dogs concerned to be returned.

I would like to thank my colleague Claire Keir for her hard work and dedication over the years.

Once again we couldn't do this work without the amazing staff: Tara Abbott, Rosie Forsyth, Louise Hall, Coral Moore, Helen Mowle, Megan O'Leary, Sue Seymour and Lindsey Stevenson, and the magnificent band of volunteers, for their expertise, hard work and commitment to allow us to continue to help protect vulnerable animals locally.

Annie Clarke

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 2017 Danaher rehomed a total of 120 animals, made up of 35 dogs, 83 cats, and 2 miscellaneous small animals, for our branch.

Lesley Gadsby

TREASURER'S REPORT

for the year ending December 2017

It is my pleasure to present the report for 2017.

2017 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 is most satisfying to report that the branch had a surplus at the end of the financial year, however this was very much a result of receiving a legacy. 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 (RSPCA North Essex Branch), together with its individual charity number 206799. This will ensure that financial benefit will come directly to us for use in the local area.

I have picked out two items which reflect the work achieved at our shops: the income from donations for the year 2017 has shown an increase of 6.6%, and from 'new' goods an increase of 23.6%.

As this is my last Treasurer's Report I would like to leave you with one comparison: in 2007 the income from donated goods was £110,400 and in 2017 £152,700, an increase of 38.3%. However, in 2007 staff salaries and National Insurance amounted to £39,000 and in 2017 £108,900, an increase of 177.1%!

I wish the new branch every success.

Lesley Gadsby
Hon Treasurer