

(A) REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, 14 High Street, Cardigan SA43 1JW

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The branch is constituted as an unincorporated association. The branch operates as an autonomous branch of the National RSPCA subject to its rules for branches (as updated in 2009). A Committee, elected at the AGM governs the branches, who are Trustees of the branch. All trustees are briefed on their responsibilities as trustees prior to their acceptance of the role. The trustees hold bi-monthly meetings at which decisions are made. The branch operates within a national network of organisations that pursue the same objectives and which are known collectively as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The network comprises independent branches operating within a defined geographical area for the purposes of fundraising and the provision of animal care facilities and treatments. A regional structure also exists that is overseen on a national basis. This structure provides a team of specialist Inspectors and coordinates the policies and objectives of the branches. Representatives of the branches, regional and national organisations meet on an annual basis as a forum to consider all issues affecting animal welfare; and to develop policies for the future pursuit of their common aims. The branch also has links with other organisations committed to the same objectives. The trustees actively review the risks, which the branch faces on a regular basis through regular meetings of the trustees that cover operational and financial reviews. The trustees also examine other operational and business risks which the branch face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks, which have been identified as:

- Loss of reputation through error or fraud;
- Loss of income through error or fraud;
- Insufficient funds to cover the costs of animal welfare activities.

(C) OBJECTS, OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Branch are to promote the work and objects of the National Society of the RSPCA – to promote kindness or to suppress cruelty to animals by all lawful means – with particular reference to the area of the Branch, in accordance with the policies of the Society. The key aim is to find suitable new homes for as many animals as possible, and to provide proper care for those who have been mistreated or abandoned. The Trustees have reviewed the outcomes and achievements of the Branch's objectives and activities for the year to ensure they remain focussed on the charity's aims and continue to deliver benefits to the public. The Trustees have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 1993 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission which can be illustrated as follows:

- The Branch supports the local Inspectors by taking in mistreated or abandoned cats whose owners suffer ill health or financial difficulties or pass away. The Branch

provides education, information and advice, benefiting the public by promoting compassionate human sentiments towards animals

- The Branch provides subsidised veterinary treatment for animals which are sick or injured and belong to local people on low incomes. This is achieved through a voucher scheme. During 2018 around 140 pet owners helped with vet bills totalling nearly £16,000 thus benefiting those on means tested benefits by giving financial help to obtain veterinary care for companion animals.
- The Branch offers subsidised neutering and microchipping of companion animals for owners on low incomes. This helps to control dog and cat populations and promotes responsible pet ownership. Animals in the care of the Branch receive veterinary treatment, vaccination, neutering, and microchipping and are assessed for rehoming.
- Free animal care advice is offered to pet owners, and talks are given by invitation to local school children about caring for pets. These activities benefit the public through the promotion of responsible pet ownership.
- The branch area is rural so Trap Neuter Release (TNR) is practiced wherever possible, to safeguard and reduce feral and semi feral populations of cats

The main activities to achieve this are the operation of an animal re-homing programme and active street and store collections, undertaken by a loyal team of volunteers.

(D) ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This has been a year of development for the branch. Building on the achievements of 2017, we have continued to offer low-cost neutering of dogs to low income households as well as our core activity of rehabilitating and rehoming domestic cats and TNR. We supported Rabbit Awareness Week with local veterinary practices and are in the process of recruiting more veterinary practices within the area to our neutering schemes. We have sponsored Rescue Horse and Pony classes at our local agricultural show and will do so again in 2019. We have gathered some more volunteers from the branch area who have been assisting with socialising the cats ready for rehoming. We have also established useful links with other organisations within the branch area, seeking to improve public care of wildlife via a local hedgehog rescue and we have begun to improve signage on the coastal path, in agreement with the National Trust, to safeguard the health and well-being of domestic dogs and farm livestock. Partnership working with neighbouring RSPCA branches has proved particularly rewarding in 2018. Many cats have been networked out of the area for rehoming, rather than remaining in our care for long periods.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the widening of the branch horizons during 2018, especially our volunteers and fundraising team.

(E) FINANCIAL REVIEW

The total income for the year amounted to £37,422 (£76,879) including a legacy of £26,509 (£43,431). No VAT was received due to a problem at RSPCA offices and is awaited in 2019. Expenditure amounted to £41,930 (£36,131) due mainly to increased vet fees and the purchase of a Horse Weighing Platform. The surplus for the year was cash funds £49,972 (£55,175) and Julian Hodge bond £31,348 (£30,653). Total reserves £81,320 (£85,828).

Reserves policy

The branch policy is to maintain free reserves equal to one year's unrestricted expenditure. As donations and legacies can fluctuate enormously from year to year the branch has maintained free reserves to cover 12 months. Expenditure can be controlled to some extent by the amounts given for vet costs to animal owners. The Julian Hodge bond can be cashed in if necessary incurring a small fee.

The branch reserves are unrestricted.

Investment policy

This remains unchanged with c. 40% invested funds held in a fixed rate 3 year bond at 1.5% to mature at 1 April 2022

(F) FUTURE PLANS

Our plan for 2019 is to attract more trustees to the committee. We hope that the increased range of activities undertaken by the branch will spark new interest in our work. We will continue to drive our projects and seek to form closer relationships with other branches of the RSPCA and external organisations that are concerned with animal welfare.

Signed:

Sally Learoyd (Chair)

Frances Miller (Treasurer)

Date: 26/4/19

26.4.19

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF:

THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
CEREDIGION BRANCH

We report on the Accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2018, which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. You consider that an Audit is not required under of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to examine the Accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given of the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Our 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 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 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 no opinion is given as to whether the Account present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to these matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with the examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act, and to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

Have not been met; or

2. To which in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.

.....12/5/2019.....
Date

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THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	<i>Unrestricted Funds 2018</i>		<i>Unrestricted Funds 2017</i>	
	£	£	£	£
<i>Receipts:</i>				
Subscriptions, Donations & Fund Raising	10,144		31,014	
Bank & Investment Interest	702		679	
VAT Reclaimed	-		1,089	
HMRC: Gift Aid Refunds	67		556	
Legacy Received	26,509		43,541	
	-----	37,422	-----	76,879
<i>Payments:</i>				
Quota (Headquarters)	-		-	
Contributions to All Wales Emergency Boarding Fund	2,543		4,001	
Veterinary Fees (Including purchase of Horse Weighing Platform)	24,848		15,678	
Fostering, Food & Expenses re: Rescued Animals	10,884		13,154	
Expenditure on Cat Housing	54		224	
Postage, Stationery, Photocopying, Telephone & Travel Expenses	2,021		1,775	
Insurance	524		207	
Accountancy	624		600	
Advertising	432		492	
	-----	(41,930)	-----	(36,131)
OPERATING DEFICIT/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		(4,508)		40,748
Increase in Investments		(695)		(645)
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		(5,203)		40,103
Cash Funds at Beginning of Year		55,175		15,072
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