

Pennine Animal Welfare Society

Annual Report for Year Ending 31st December 2018

Introduction and Background

Pennine Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) was co-founded by Sue Curran in 2013 and obtained charitable status in December 2014. We are a small animal charity based in the South West Pennines in the market town of Todmorden on the Lancashire/Yorkshire border covering a 15 miles radius to include Hebden Bridge, the Calder Valley and Halifax in Yorkshire and Bacup, Littleborough and Rochdale areas in Lancashire

Our mission statement is rescue, rehabilitate and rehome, giving pets a second chance, our animals include cats, dogs, guinea pigs, kittens and rabbits

The work we do

Animals often arrive at PAWS in a sorry, distressed and neglected state, requiring urgent veterinary treatment and lots of patience, attention and loving care, others require rehoming through no fault of their own other than a change in family circumstances

Our rescue centre is run by Sue Curran who has dedicated her life to rescuing the animals along with a stalwart group of volunteers from all walks of life, ages, abilities and skills with a combined effort to find loving homes for our rescue animals. We are supported by our local veterinary practice Hirds and Partners who offer their services and advice 24/7 of which we are very grateful, other local business can be know to support our efforts through offering their services often at reduced rates and donating goods for our charitable events

As a small charity we are totally reliant on donations, fund raising activities and grants to keep us afloat and money is always in short supply. As volunteers we fund raise relentlessly, especially throughout the summer organising monthly coffee mornings and fun days to entertain the local doggy population with their owners, holding novelty dog shows which are always well attended and great fun.

2018

This has proved to be a particularly challenging year for us, in order for the charity to grow and increase our holding capacity, we moved to new and exciting premises where we could function independently, however, this project was far more challenging than we expected with adverse weather conditions, submitting planning applications, relying on the availability of tradesmen and then the dedicated core of volunteers to get us up and running again. We underestimated the financial cost on the charity's funds with some unexpected extra costs and also the scale of the development project itself taking far longer than we anticipated. However, against all odds we are now up and running again in our bigger and better facilities, and PAWS is going from strength to strength

The Animals and The People – a few stories

Albert is a middle aged basset hound who came to us through no fault of his own, he stayed with us at PAWS for a couple of months charming everyone he came across, but bassets need that special kind of home so we liaised with our various other rescue contacts and he was matched up with his new owners in no time at all. Unfortunately, Albert developed 'the wobbles' due to an undiagnosed problem with his spine, his new owners were devastated because by this time he was the life and soul of their family who were devoted to him. Albert was referred to Patrick the 'super vet' on

Channel 4 TV where he underwent major surgery, thankfully he made an amazing recovery and was the star of the show!

Frankie the Pugle came to PAWS because his previous owner became ill and could no longer give him the care and attention he required. After careful selection he was rehomed with a new family who have children, sadly, one of the children was recently bereaved having lost his mummy to cancer, he was feeling very lost, isolated and sad until Frankie came along and filled a little space in his heart, they are now best buddies and can often be seen snuggled up together on the sofa adoringly

Dave came to us from 'The Pound' where he was rescued on his last day, we knew nothing of his background and he proved to be quite a challenge with his behaviour. Dave was with us for a couple of years, moving from our old to our new premises with us, and with time and patience he slowly came to trust us, often enjoying the freedom of our enclosed play area to run around free, rehoming Dave was difficult not only because he was a Staffie, getting on in years but also because he was a very strong chap and he would need an experienced handler. Again we liaised with other rescues and a few months ago Dave found his forever home with his new family and a doggy companion too

Seth our resident feline friend, found us (as cats do) when we were at our old place and he made himself at home, he was a sorry state when he arrived, hungry, quite thin and emaciated, flea ridden and dirty because he had been living rough for a while. Of course, Seth moved with us to our new place where he oversaw all the renovations and supervised the builders! I don't know if he has ever caught a mouse but that is a good enough excuse for him to be our resident cat just in case

We have many more rescue stories, (too numerous to mention)

We could not possible run our charity without 'the people', volunteers are essential to the running of PAWS and come to help for many different reasons, maybe because they love animals but are unable to make that full commitment, a need for the company of others rather than being socially isolated, retired individuals who need a purpose in life and fill the gap which retirement brings. The sense of purpose is a great incentive to become involved and as volunteers we are like an extended family with a unanimous goal which is the care and well-being of the animals we rescue at PAWS. Some individuals volunteer to help at PAWS when they are mentally unwell suffering with anxiety and depression, often introduced through family and friends and it is amazing to witness them slowly recovering with a little animal therapy, caring for the rescue animals basic needs, being part of the fund raising team or part of the maintenance team, every single volunteer contributes in a small way and the people need the animals as much as the animals need the people. To quote one volunteer 'my anxiety levels are already much less and I've only been helping for a few days, I can sit and stroke the cats for as long as I like and nobody minds'. Supporting individuals with mental ill health is an area we would like to develop in the near future and as we continue to grow this is becoming more achievable

Signed on Behalf of the Board of Trustees

Janice Barford



Trustee

Date

29-10-19



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Pennine Animal welfare Reg Charity No 1159544

Independent Examiners report

I report to the trustees of Pennine Animal Welfare on my examination of their accounts for the year ended 31st December 2018.

Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts of the charity in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year as their income is below £250,000 and that an independent examination is necessary as turnover exceeds £25,000.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Examination

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also took consideration of any unusual items in the accounts of which I will comment as follows;

Unusual Event - New Building

In March 2018 the charity took over the lease of their current premises (PAWS BARN) at Eastwood Road Todmorden. The building was taken on as a shell and needed considerable work to be suitable to house an animal rescue centre. The total cost of the refurbishment of the property including installation of mains electricity and ground works was £26,354. Of this £7,409 was used for animal housing which will be retained as property of the charity in the event of the current lease ending, and will be capitalised and written down in the accounts using a 25% reducing balance method.

The remaining cost £18,945 has been capitalised and spread evenly over the life of the current lease of the property. No agreement exists for the owner of the premises, to reimburse any refurbishment monies incurred by the charity, should the charity relocate from these premises on expiry of the current lease.

Depreciation charged to the charity has been calculated as follows;

YE 31.12.2018 9 months £7,104

YE 31.12.2019 12 months £9,473

YE 31.12.2020 3 months £2,368

The rental on the new property over the period of the lease is £250 per month;

Total premises cost to the charity over the 2 year period of the lease is £1,039 per month.

I am satisfied that the charity's decision to incur such expenditure is justified by the fact that rental costs of premises equivalent to the newly-renovated building are estimated to be in the region of £1,000 to £1,200 per month, equivalent to or above the current monthly spend.

True and Fair View

The procedures carried out do not provide all the evidence required for the purposes of an audit and therefore no opinion is given on the 'true and fair view', this is not a matter for independent examination.

Independent examiners statement

I can confirm that, in the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention that would give me cause to believe that;

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the act: or
- The accounts do not accord with those records

I also note a significant improvement in financial procedures as advised during the last examination (2017). These procedures have been in place for over 12 months at the time of writing this statement and are regularly reviewed in order to maintain the integrity of the finances of the charity.

I have no concerns and 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.

Signed



Name

WENDY GLEDHILL

Date

29-10-2019

Penine Animal Welfare Reg Charity 1159544

Statement of Financial Activity

1/1/18 to 31/12/18

Income and Endowments from;

		Restricted	Unrestricted - designated	Unrestricted - general funds	Total Income	2017
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies	1	8,380	-	37,834	46,214	31,344
Other trading activities		-	-	-	-	
Income from investments		-	-	-	-	
Income from charitable activities	2	-	-	9,140	9,140	16,071
Other income		-	-	-	-	
Total income		8,380	-	46,974	55,354	47,415


Expenditure on:

Raising funds	3				1,331	5,191
Expenditure on charitable activities	4				18,696	28,221
Other Expenditure	5				13,894	9,154
Depreciation charge for the year	7				9,705	
Total Expenditure					43,626	42,567
Net movement in funds					11,728	4,848

Approved by:

Janice Barford
Trustee

Date


29 -10 -19

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Balance Sheet

as at 31st December 2018

Fixed Assets		£	£	2017 £
	Notes			
Equipment	7		3,750	5,000
New Building Improvements	7		11,565	
Animal Housing	7		6,234	
Cash Funds				
Cash at Bank		4719		9,539
Cash on Hand		1067		1,067
Investment Assets		0		
Liabilities		<u>0</u>		<u></u>
Net Current Assets			5,786	10,607
Total Assets			<u>27,335</u>	<u>15,607</u>
Financed By				
Reserves Brought Forward from Previous Year			15,607	10,758
Cash generating in current year			11,728	4,849
			<u>27,335</u>	<u>15,607</u>

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