



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	11	January	2018	To	31	March	2019

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Help Street Cats and Dogs

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1176632

Charity's principal address 2 Lady St John Square, Goldings

North Road

Hertford

Postcode

SG14 2WS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Isabel Dowsett	Founder and Trustee		
2	Chris Dowsett	Trustee		
3	Stacey McLaughlin	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

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Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by management/trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote humane behaviour towards cats and dogs in Turkey by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment, shelter and security for animals which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, abandonment, maltreatment and poor circumstances. Actively seeking new permanent homes for rescued animals. Promoting spaying and neutering to prevent future unwanted street animals being born.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Help Street Cats and Dogs are making a significant impact on the tragedy of street animals in Turkey, where cats and dogs are born into a life of misery. In their very short lives, they are left to fend for themselves many dying due to hunger, illness, accidents and abuse. The only hope for street cats and dogs is to be saved by an animal loving volunteer or charities like ours. Without our assistance, they simply have no hope.

We aim to:

- Feed street cats and dogs through local volunteers.
- Organise veterinary care for injured or sick cats and dogs.
- Provide short and long-term sanctuary through fosters and boarding facilities.
- Help find forever homes for the rescued animals both in Turkey and abroad.
- Actively promote and organise spay and neuter programmes to help manage street animal population.
- To promote animal welfare and create awareness about the tragic lives of street animals in Turkey and other similar countries

All animals that come into our care are tested for a variety of illnesses, vaccinated, wormed and spayed or neutered. All sick animals are immediately put under the care and supervision of one of our trusted veterinary clinics.

Majority of the animals find homes abroad mainly in Europe, the USA and Canada. We prepare all the necessary adoption papers and find flight volunteers to escort the animal during the flight.

We focus on spay and neuter to reduce the no of street animals in Turkey. Through our spay and neuter project in June 2018, we have spayed 64 dogs and 125 cats. With thousands of homeless cats and dogs in Turkey, the only effective and humane way to keep cat and dog population under control.

Financial constraints is one of the factors where people in Turkey do not feed street animals. We provide cat and dog food for volunteers to feed street cats and dogs in various parts of Turkey. We place the cat and dog food online for delivery.

We raise funds via the social media platforms and do not get any funding from anywhere else.

Raised funds mainly spent on veterinary care, boarding, transportation, airport transfers, cat/dog carriers, export certificates and other adoption related costs and international flight costs.

The Trustees have given careful consideration to, and complied with, the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

We believe that street cats and dogs treated with kindness and appropriate care, protection and shelter should be given.

We provide public benefit by:

- Treating injured and sick street animals helping to control the incidence and spread of disease and suffering through appropriate treatment and vaccination benefiting both human and animal health.
- Helping to reduce street animal population by spaying and neutering
- Providing volunteering opportunities for those who wish to support our work including people who feed cats and dogs on the ground, fostering or organise transportation
- Provision of cat and dog food supplies to those who wish to feed animals in their areas
- Promoting benefits of spaying and neutering in Turkey to help

reduce street animal numbers

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have rescued and treated 17 cats and 9 dogs. Of the 17 cats, 5 have died due to ill health and 12 have been homed. 9 dogs rescued and treated. Of the 9, one died and 8 have found forever homes.

We had a successful spay and neuter project where we spayed and neutered 64 dogs and 125 cats.

We have been collaborating with other non-kill rescue groups in the USA and Canada to help us find homes for our rescues and do adopter suitability assessments on our behalf.

The charity has been able to cover all the expenditure from the income raised through individual donations.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The aim of the charity is to ensure that the charity's ongoing and future activities are reasonably protected from unexpected variances in its income and expenditure.

We aim to keep a minimum level of unrestricted general fund, currently set at £500.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's principal source of funding remains to be individual donations via our social media platforms, friends and family. The main use of our income is used for vet bills, boarding for rescued cats and dogs, transportation, airport transfers, flight costs, cat and dog food and our efforts to spay and neuter.

We have managed our finances carefully to ensure we do not have any funding gap for the animals in our care. We also only plan to take animals in provided we are confident that we can raise the funds. Sometimes we agree longer payment terms with the vets and borders.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Isabel Dowsett	Chris Dowsett
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee and Secretary	Trustee

Date 3rd January 2020