

Company Number
02944372
Registered Charity Number
1039679

Naturewatch Foundation

Report and Accounts

For The Year Ended

31 December 2023

Naturewatch Foundation

The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

Introduction

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023.

The board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the position at 31st December 2023 and consider that the charity is in a strong position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Name, registered office and constitution of the charity

The full name of the charity is Naturewatch Foundation

The legal registration details are :-

Date of formation

The Principal Office is

49 Rodney Road, Cheltenham GL50 1HX

Charity Registration Number

1039679

The telephone number is

01242 252871

Objectives and Activities of the Charity

Public benefit that is provided by the charity

The charity provides public benefit by campaigning for the welfare of animals both in the UK and abroad.

An explanation of the charity's main objectives for the year.

Achievements and Performance of the Charity

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of the Governing Document and constitution of the charity

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is, therefore, governed by the memorandum and articles of association dated 10 June 1996.

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The charity is always open to new trustees who are sympathetic to the aims of the charity and have appropriate skills and experience. New trustees are appointed by the existing board of trustees.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities show net incoming resources for the year of a revenue nature of £136,506 (prior year £92,058).

The total reserves, all free unrestricted liquid reserves, at the year end stand at £1,222,579 (prior year £1,086,073).

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The report of the trustees for the year ended 31 December 2023

Specific changes in fixed assets

All new equipment purchases have been expensed to to the Income and Expenditure account.

The members of the Board of Trustees of the Charity during the period ended 31st December 2023 were :-

B Gibb
S Davies

The members of the Board of Trustees of the Charity at the date the report and accounts were approved were:-

B Gibb
S Davies

Independent Examiner

E Conway
ACCA
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Cheltenham
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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed , subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable

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The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

Review of Activities

The annual review is attached as an appendix to the accounts.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 23 September 2024.

B Gibb
Director and Trustee

Naturewatch Foundation
Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the charity

Report of the Independent Examiner to the trustees
on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Naturewatch Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees (and also directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having established that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for Independent Examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 396 of the 2006 Act; or the accounts do not accord with those records; or the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities Sorp (FRS 102) I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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The date upon which my opinion is expressed is :-
23 September 2024

Naturewatch Foundation
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year end 31 December 2023

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds | Last Year Total Funds |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Incoming resources | | | 2023 | 2022 |
| Voluntary Income | 670,977 | 1,467 | 672,444 | 559,680 |
| Interest received | 555 | - | 555 | 44 |
| Total incoming resources | 671,532 | 1,467 | 672,999 | 559,724 |
| Costs of generating funds | | | | |
| Costs of generating voluntary income | 122,494 | - | 122,494 | 112,116 |
| Costs of charitable activities | 412,532 | 1,467 | 413,999 | 355,550 |
| Total resources expended | 535,026 | 1,467 | 536,493 | 467,666 |
| Net incoming resources before transfers between funds | 136,506 | - | 136,506 | 92,058 |
| Net movement in funds | 136,506 | - | 136,506 | 92,058 |
| Reconciliation of funds | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 1,086,073 | - | 1,086,073 | 994,015 |
| Total Funds carried forward | 1,222,579 | - | 1,222,579 | 1,086,073 |

Income resources and resulting net movement in funds each year arise from continuing operations.

Naturewatch Foundation
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2023

| | Notes | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---|-------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>The assets and liabilities of the charity :</i> | | | |
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | 6 | - | - |
| Investments | | 400,000 | 400,000 |
| Total fixed assets | | <u>400,000</u> | <u>400,000</u> |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 824,932 | 693,265 |
| Creditors:- | | | |
| amounts due within one year | 7 | (2,353) | (7,192) |
| Net current assets | | <u>822,579</u> | <u>686,073</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | <u>1,222,579</u> | <u>1,086,073</u> |
| Net Assets | | <u>1,222,579</u> | <u>1,086,073</u> |
| <i>The funds of the charity :</i> | | | |
| Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds | | 1,222,579 | 1,086,073 |
| Total unrestricted funds | | 1,222,579 | 1,086,073 |
| Total charity funds | | <u>1,222,579</u> | <u>1,086,073</u> |

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

B Gibb
Director and Trustee
Approved by the board of trustees on 23 September 2024

Naturewatch Foundation
Notes to the Accounts
for the year end 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of the accounts

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (effective 1 January 2016) and FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015 (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016) published by the Charities Commission in England & Wales (CCEW), effective January 2016. (The SORP).

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared, on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention

Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are accounted for on a receivable basis

Recognition of liabilities

Liabilities are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles, modified where necessary in accordance with the guidance given in the SORP.

Fixed assets and depreciation

All tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

All purchases in the year have been expensed to profit and loss account.

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their estimated residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives.

Plant and machinery 25% straight line

Taxation

As a registered charity, the organisation is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Finance and operating leases

Rentals payable in respect of operating leases where substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred.

**Naturewatch Foundation
Notes to the Accounts
for the year end 31 December 2023**

Funds structure policy

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Such funds may be held in order to finance both working capital and capital investment.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, and it is the policy of the board of trustees to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

There is no formal policy of transfer between funds or on the allocation of funds to designated funds, other than that described above.

Any other proposed transfer between funds would be considered on the particular

Accounting for Legacies

Legacies are accounted for on a receivables basis

2 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Revenue Turnover from ordinary activities | 448,984 | 559,724 |
| and after charging:- | | |
| Depreciation of owned fixed assets | | 245 |
| Rentals under operating leases | 6,200 | 6,200 |

3 Statement that no expenses were paid to trustees or connected persons

No expenses were paid to trustees. £5,040 was paid to Run Your Business Online Limited for bookkeeping and payroll services on normal commercial terms. I Gibb, the son of B Gibb, is a director of this business.

4 Detailed analysis of certain transactions required by the 2005 revision to the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales (effective April 2005 and revised June 2008)

Various items of support costs and charitable expenditure which are required by the SORP to be disclosed in the notes to the accounts are set out in the Detailed Schedule to the Statement of Financial Activities.

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year end 31 December 2023

| 5 Staff Costs and Emoluments | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Gross Salaries | 319,995 | 279,049 |
| Pension Contributions | 8,299 | 7,464 |
| | <u>328,294</u> | <u>286,513</u> |

| Numbers of full time employees or full time equivalents | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Engaged on charitable activities | 11 | 11 |

There were no fees or other remuneration paid to the trustees
There were no employees with emoluments in excess of £60,000 per annum

6 Tangible functional fixed assets

| | Plant, Machinery & Vehicles £ |
|---|--|
| Asset cost, valuation or revalued amount | |
| At 1 January 2023 | 5,816 |
| Additions | - |
| At 31 December 2023 | <u>5,816</u> |
| Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions | |
| At 1 January 2023 | 5,816 |
| Charge for the year | - |
| At 31 December 2022 | <u>5,816</u> |
| Net book value | |
| At 31 December 2023 | <u>-</u> |
| At 31 December 2022 | <u>-</u> |

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year end 31 December 2023

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| 7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 2023 | 2022 |
| | £ | £ |
| Pension fund | 1,678 | 1,439 |
| PAYE and NI | | 5,753 |
| | <u>1,678</u> | <u>7,192</u> |

| | | |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| 8 Analysis of the Net Movement in Funds | 2023 | 2022 |
| | | £ |
| Net movement in funds from Statement of Financial Activities | <u>136,506</u> | <u>92,058</u> |

| | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 9 Particulars of Individual Funds and analysis of assets and liabilities representing funds | | | | |
| At 31 December 2023 | Unrestricted funds | Designated funds | Restricted funds | Total Funds |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Tangible Fixed Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Investments at valuation | 400,000 | | | 400,000 |
| Current Assets | 824,932 | - | - | 824,932 |
| Current Liabilities | (2,353) | - | - | (2,353) |
| | <u>1,222,579</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,222,579</u> |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| At 1 January 2023 | Unrestricted funds | Designated funds | Restricted funds | Total Funds |
| Tangible Fixed Assets | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Investments at valuation</i> | 400,000 | - | - | 400,000 |
| Current Assets | 693,265 | - | - | 693,265 |
| Current Liabilities | (7,192) | - | - | (7,192) |
| | <u>1,086,073</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,086,073</u> |

The individual funds included above are :-

| | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Funds at 2022 | Movements in Funds as below | Transfers Between funds | Funds at 2023 |
| £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>1,086,073</u> | <u>136,506</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,222,579</u> |

Analysis of movements in funds as shown in the table above

| | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Incoming Resources | Outgoing Resources | Gains & Losses | Movement in funds |
| £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>672,999</u> | <u>536,493</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>136,506</u> |



Welcome to our Review of 2023

In 2023, we expanded the work of Naturewatch Foundation to help even more animals around the world. We launched new campaign projects using the skills and experience of our passionate and informed staff, such as our work addressing the link between animal abuse and domestic abuse, and how people and animals can be helped. We launched new training programmes to tackle wildlife crime. We doubled the size of our World Animal Day grant and attracted more worthy applications than ever before!

I am hugely grateful to our loyal supporters, volunteers, patrons, trustees, and staff for every act that makes our small charity so effective. I am proud that we make a difference for animals. Last year, we also continued our work in Ukraine and in Eastern Europe. In 2022,

we directed a huge amount of work to help animals impacted by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and so in 2023 we partnered with and supported some wonderful organisations in Ukraine who are continuing to help animals impacted by the conflict. Our thanks go to those brave people.

I hope you enjoy reading this Annual Review and getting a picture of our work across our six campaign areas. It is comforting to know that we do make a difference for animals around the world and in the UK. Our work often tackles animal cruelty as well as raising standards and it can be quite intense for our team. It is important that we share with you when we successfully influence law makers, law enforcers, or public opinion for the benefit of animals.

Together, we work hard to deliver our mission to advance animal welfare standards around the world!

While this Annual Review only covers highlights from 2023, you can find out more about each of our campaigns on our website (naturewatch.org), where you can also read copies of Annual Reviews from previous years.

I look forward to another year of effective and meaningful work, improving the lives of animals. Thank you for your continued support which makes it all happen.

With best wishes,
Sarah Carr, CEO



A year of speaking up for pets who are exploited for profit

We love dogs at Naturewatch Foundation. But they're not the only species who are exploited by the illicit pet trade. That's why we expanded our puppy farming work in 2023 to include cats and rabbits too.

To mark the expansion, our Stop Greed Breeding campaign launched in April to shine a light on the illegal pet trade. As part of this we:

Turned our Hotline4Puppies into the Hotline4Pets – you can now report concerns about illegal breeding and selling of cats and rabbits, as well as dogs, to our investigators. Since April, we've received 19 reports about cats and three reports about rabbits. These are small numbers compared to the number of reports we get about dogs, but they go to show there is a vital need to protect other species from backyard breeding and cruel pet farming. Since we launched our Hotline in 2019, we've had nearly 1,300 reports from across the UK, as shown on our hotspot map. Thanks to your tip-offs, local authorities have taken action to protect dogs, cats and rabbits, and unscrupulous breeders have been hit with fines, disqualifications and sentences.

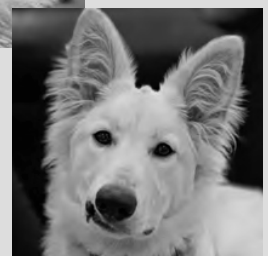


Campaigned for better legal protections for pets – with your support, we've been calling on the UK Government to regulate cat and rabbit breeding, protect all dogs used for breeding (including male 'stud' dogs used for breeding), and end exploitative breeding practices. Hundreds of you have written to the Animal Welfare Minister calling on them to take action. We've been engaging with the governments across the UK throughout the year, and we're looking forward to seeing this work pay off in 2024. Watch this space...

Teamed up with Woodside Animal Centre to raise awareness – in the spring, we visited Woodside Animal Centre in Leicester to meet dogs



Peggy, Meg, Lulu and Freya (pictured) and cat, Wilson (pictured), along with their owners.



Each of these animals are now beloved family members, but they had sad starts in life due to illicit breeding. We worked with Woodside to produce a series of short videos to tell their stories and launched new information materials to help raise awareness.



An update about our canine fertility clinics campaign

We've been investigating so-called canine fertility clinics since 2021 and, thanks to this work, we've built up a leading evidence base about the concerning dog breeding practices that fertility businesses are promoting across the UK, often being asked and recommended by others to provide our expert input. Throughout 2023, we engaged widely with government officials and MPs to provide evidence and recommendations about what should be done to end the exploitation of dogs by amateur clinics, including:

- Our CEO was called to give evidence to the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee of MPs in



Parliament as part of an inquiry into pet welfare and abuse. Our campaigns team also produced comprehensive written evidence for the Committee that was supported by friends across the animal welfare sector, including Hope Rescue, All-party Parliamentary Dog Advisory Welfare Group (APDAWG), the Scottish SPCA, UK Centre for Animal Law (ALAW), British Veterinary Association and more.

- Our campaigns team were approached by the Scottish Government to comment on its proposals to establish a licensing scheme for canine fertility clinics ahead of a public consultation. We submitted evidence to this process, and our recommendations were supported by our friends at the ALAW.
- Our campaigns team also gave evidence about canine fertility clinics to the Animal Welfare Committee, an expert body that advises the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and the Scottish

and Welsh Governments about animal welfare issues.

- As a direct result of our evidence, in 2023 we also saw the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons issue updated advice about canine artificial insemination, which is a procedure commonly advertised by canine fertility clinics. They confirmed that it's illegal for anyone to do this procedure, bringing to an end a 'grey area' that fertility clinics had been exploiting. We're extremely proud of this success for dogs.

Much of this work has been happening behind the scenes, but rest assured that we've been speaking up for dogs who are being exploited by amateur 'clinics' at every available opportunity. We're looking forward to seeing the outcome of our advocacy work in 2024 and we're keeping our fingers crossed for positive law and policy developments that will improve protections for dogs.

Protect Animals Protect People



Protect Animals. Protect People.

In 1751, William Hogarth, an artist and animal campaigner who lived in London first created engravings depicting the transition from animal cruelty to domestic homicide and his house was the venue we chose to launch our latest 'Protect Animals. Protect People' campaign, alongside partners from the police, animal advocates and specialist lawyers. We want to use our experience and knowledge from training around the world to help prioritise animal welfare in England and Wales.

The animal-human bond

You will know only too well the importance of the bond between animals and humans, especially in times of loneliness, sadness and depression, and it is important that laws and public protection policy recognise that. Sadly, abusers may also use this bond to inflict psychological harm on people, to coercively control a person, a spouse, partner, child or elderly relative.

One in five women between 16 and 74 are affected by domestic abuse. Many won't leave to a place of safety if they must leave their pet behind.

Legislative change

October was Domestic Abuse Awareness Month and, together with the APDAWG, we organised an event in Parliament with our partners, survivors of abuse and legal specialists. Our aim was to keep highlighting how animals can be victims of domestic abuse too. A packed house heard our message.



Public protection

Scotland Yard is perhaps the most iconic police building in the world and it was an honour to be invited to present about our campaign here in October, a month where we reached both this important venue for public protection and Parliament!

We have also made huge progress across the country on this campaign. For example, we have been instrumental in persuading 35 of the 44 police force websites in England and Wales to contain advice on the animal-human abuse link and, importantly, offer advice on where to get help if you are affected.

(Please go to your local police force site and type in 'animal cruelty and domestic')

We also made a submission to Government on how understanding animal welfare can help prevent some escalations of violence towards women and girls, a Home Office priority. We are proud that they accepted our submission and published it.

Previous written submissions of ours have assisted with the new Online Safety Act and the recent guidelines issued by the Sentencing Council about the Animal Welfare Act. This is the organisation that directs Magistrates Courts on sentencing. We still feel there is more work to do but at least there is now recognition of the seriousness of animal cruelty committed in front of children. Again, we are proud to have contributed to this progress in 2023.

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The Pet Rescue Grant is our small way of helping those on the frontline give more animals the loving care and support they deserve – and it's all thanks to you that we can offer this grant. Applications opened in January 2024, and we'll keep you posted throughout the year about the projects that you've helped make a reality.

and organisations who see the misery caused by illegal breeding and selling first-hand. Rescue and rehabilitation

Investigations

2023 was a very busy year for us with around three times as many illegal animal trade incidents reported to Naturewatch Foundation than in 2022. This has coincided with investigations expanding our remit to include the illegal trade in cats and rabbits as well as dogs and illegal fertility clinics. Although some of the businesses we have looked at this year have also been involved in breeding and selling reptiles, racoon dogs, small rodents, birds of prey, game cockerels, ferrets, horses and even chimpanzees!

On the right is a sample incident report which is based on a real investigation into an alleged illegal trader in rabbits.

naturewatch foundation
ADVANCING ANIMAL WELFARE

MOCK INVESTIGATION REPORT

PERSONS INVOLVED 1: NAME: BELINDA; ADDRESS: 277 AVON COUNTRY; COSE: April 1980; DOB: November 1978

PERSONS INVOLVED 2: NAME: BELINDA; ADDRESS: 277 AVON COUNTRY; COSE: April 1980; DOB: November 1978

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Wildlife crime

An award-winning 2023 for our wildlife crime team!

We are honoured to share with you that at the 34th Wildlife

& Rural Crime

Conference this year, we were awarded

the 'Wildlife Crime Partner Operation of the Year' accolade. In

summary, we created a training package, funded jointly with the

National Wildlife Crime Unit (NWCUC), which takes the learner

through each crime, using animations to teach them exactly

what callers may be experiencing when a

crime takes place, how to deal with the call and how best to send police officers

to manage the incident. Wildlife crimes often reported include the barbaric

coursing of hares and relentless pursuit of foxes; merely to watch them torn

apart by dogs. We project-managed the development of the training package

and, since launching in August 2023, over 4000 people have been trained, and



the training continues to be rolled out. More about the winning project in our wildlife crime letter!

Training

We ran training sessions around the country throughout 2023, providing training to police officers and staff, university students and delegates of the Chartered Society of Forensic Science conference.



The training covered the enforcement of animal welfare and wildlife crime legislation in the UK, evidence-gathering at crime scenes and also leading a discussion on how the modern digital world is enabling animal crime. By providing free training to various sectors, it enables us to share experience, knowledge and tips on bringing perpetrators of animal crime to justice.

Time for Change Coalition

The Hunting Act 2004 has been disregarded for too long, now is time for change. In 2023, Naturewatch

Foundation formed part of a mighty coalition of over 30 charities that joined forces under the Time for Change Coalition. We are calling for a ban on trail hunting on National Park land and the end of the smokescreen that is trail hunting for good.

By removing the land available, you remove the playground of illegal fox hunting in England and Wales. In the summer, our CEO, Sarah Carr and Campaign Manager, Kate Salmon attended the Time for Change Coalition launch, pledging our support as a coalition member.



crime such as wild bird trapping. We have also uncovered other forms of criminality such as the trade in ivory, drugs, knives, offensive weapons, and criminal damage involving 4x4s, quads and dirt bikes.



Wildlife Crime Investigations

Caution: You might find some of the following content upsetting.

This year has involved many, many heinous acts of cruelty inflicted on our beloved wildlife and the loyal dogs so badly abused by their owners to get their kicks. As animal lovers, each and every case has an impact on us and spurs us on to target the individuals involved.

We focus on the sharp end of animal cruelty. Cases involve hunting with dogs and animal baiting, such as the badly persecuted fox and badger being set upon by numerous dogs, following a prolonged dig out which causes so much mental suffering as these animals await their fate – a violent and painful death. Many investigations have involved dogs chasing down and tearing apart foraging deer and brown hares, after being lamped at night – they really didn't stand a chance.

Wildlife criminals rarely restrict themselves to one form of animal suffering, and so investigations have inevitably included other forms of wildlife

Introducing Operation Recall

Let us introduce OPERATION RECALL, a new, timely partnership for animal welfare.



With a reported 50% increase in incidents relating to dogs attacking livestock since 2019 [Cite: NFU Mutual], the levels of livestock worrying and attacks have reached an all-time high. At Naturewatch Foundation, we believe that any animal, regardless of what their intended purpose is on the planet, deserves to have their welfare needs met to the highest standard. This includes dogs, cats, sheep, horses, llamas, guanas, pigeons etc!

We recognise that rural and wildlife crime come hand-in-hand, and with our love of taking action and partnership working this project fits the bill for us.

OPERATION RECALL delivers an operation framework for policing, and a platform for partners to combat the issue under the cohesive approach of RECALL. Briefly, the project has embedded an educational video into the criminal justice system that will be mandatory for offenders to watch. It also includes general awareness for the public on how easy it is to lose control of your dog, which can end with catastrophic consequences for farm animals and the dogs involved. Many are

Being a founding member of OPERATION RECALL has been an excellent opportunity for Cheshire Police, the RSPCA and Naturewatch Foundation. With everyone united in playing a role in stamping out the problem of livestock worrying and alleviating animal suffering, we will be the change needed. Following the abandonment of the Kept Animals Bill in

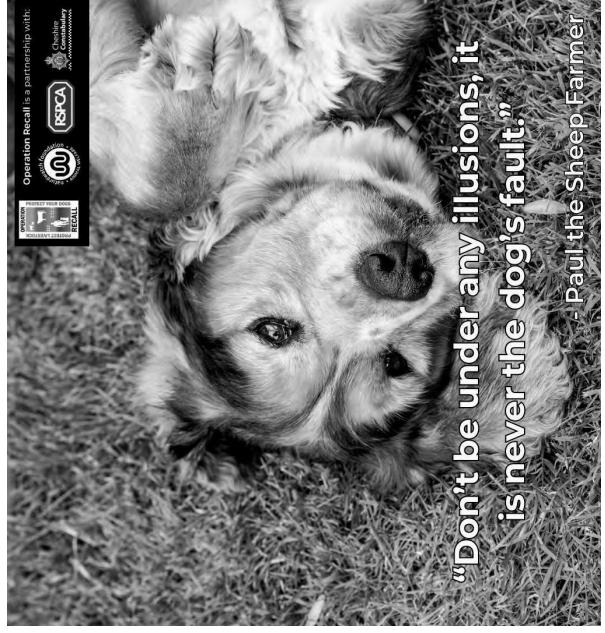
Our Wildlife Crime Campaign Manager, Kate Salmon conducting an interview with Cheshire Police

shot, euthanised, injured or have legal restrictions placed upon them.

Parliament in 2023, frontline projects are now vital for improving animal welfare. Sections that contained legislation recommendations to keep farm animals safe were abandoned. OPERATION RECALL is picking up the reins and 'taking the lead' to decrease the number of livestock attacks in the UK.

Following a great launch at Cheshire Police HQ in October, with the support of the force's Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner, we look forward to an outstanding 2024, taking the project forward, embedding it in police forces across the country and combatting livestock attacks in our communities.

A responsible society is society's responsibility. Pledge to be a responsible dog owner here:



- Paul the Sheep Farmer

Animal experiments

Fighting to stop the secrecy in laboratories

Animal testing is often shrouded in secrecy. Information that's released into the public domain is heavily controlled and only paints part of the picture about what happens to animals used in experiments. You may be shocked to learn that nearly three million experiments take place in the UK each year.

Due to a restrictive piece of our law – section 24 – requests to the authorities for more information are often blocked. But the lack of transparency doesn't end there. The Home Office, which is the Government department responsible for issuing animal testing licences, has sat on the results of a public consultation about repealing section 24 since 2014. The pace is frustratingly slow.

In 2023, we once again called on the UK Government to improve transparency around animal testing via our Stop the Secrecy campaign. We were encouraged when officials in the Home Office said they were looking at this issue and were due to meet with officials in the autumn to hear more about their plans.

But the meeting was cancelled.

Many of you have supported our campaign to repeal section 24 via our petition, and we know how important it is to you, our supporters. We've been

assured the issue will be revisited in early 2024 and we'll be holding the Home Office to this.

We'll also continue to work with our friends in other animal welfare organisations, who are equally frustrated by the UK Government's lack of action

Number of animal experiments in Britain remains shockingly high

The latest available figures from the Home Office show 2,761,204 were carried out on defenceless animals in 2022. This includes 54,696 severe procedures, which includes things like:

- Use of the forced swim test, which involves putting a rodent in a beaker of water where they are quite literally forced to swim for several minutes because they have no way to escape;
 - Use of severely restrictive metabolic cages (which are used to collect an animal's urine and faeces for study) for prolonged periods of time;
 - Toxicity testing where high dosage to animal testing.
- The suffering experienced during experiments like these is unimaginable and underlines the urgent need to transition to animal-free scientific methods. The number of experiments reduced slightly in 2022, but the Government and industry are still not moving quickly enough towards an end to animal testing.

ANIMAL TESTING SHOULDN'T BE

TOP SECRET

#RepealSection24



We started the guide in 1993 as part of our campaign to see an end of animal experiments.

Back then, there was no cosmetics testing ban in place, so the guide was created to give people a way to find and shop from companies that don't test on animals.

Whilst we have seen progress, in the last 30 years, there are still companies out there that don't have robust animal testing policies in place, or are owned by parent organisations that test on animals in the course of other corporate activities.

The Compassionate Shopping Guide is the only cruelty-free guide that considers the policy of the parent company as a whole. We only endorse companies with zero ties to animal testing.

This year, we have seen how our strong endorsement criteria can have positive ripple effects beyond individual brands.

Recently, two of our endorsed brands were purchased by larger organisations.

In 2023, our Compassionate Shopping Guide turned 30!

When endorsed brands are purchased, we then contact the larger organisation to find out what their animal testing policy is. This can mean the end of our endorsement for them, as sometimes the organisation they have been purchased by is not cruelty-free or is open to changing their policy.



We were delighted to work with HG International, which purchased Ecozone, and Silverwood Brands, which purchased Balmmonds Skincare this year to

All the brands endorsed in the guide meet the following criteria:

- ✓ They have a fixed cut-off date for animal testing.
- ✓ They're not owned by a parent company or subsidiary that tests on animals.
- ✓ They don't export to countries where mandatory animal testing is required.

help them put robust animal testing policies in place. In turn, this meant we could continue to endorse Ecozone and Balmmonds, as well as the other brands owned by HG International and Silverwood Brands!

This ripple effect would not have happened were it not for our insistence that, to be endorsed in the Compassionate Shopping Guide, the entire company group must be cruelty-free.

Other new endorsements this year include:

- Raven Botanicals
- Willow Beauty Products
- Rio Bela Cosmetics
- Fill Refill Co
- Emant Vegan Cosmetics
- Naturigin
- Lykkegaard
- Natulique
- Nailberry
- Steam Cream

We're looking forward to 2024, when we'll be unveiling a revamped Compassionate Shopping Guide website, so keep your eyes peeled!

Cosmetic testing update

Unbelievably, in 2023, it was revealed that the Home Office had been issuing animal testing licences allowing companies to test ingredients used in cosmetics on animals. This had been done under the radar and only came to light after the government was taken to court.

It's been illegal to test cosmetic ingredients and finished cosmetic products on animals in the UK since 1998, but the ingredients were being tested to comply with chemical safety

regulations, which do allow for animal testing.

Shockingly, the court found that the Home Office hadn't acted illegally. However, the revelations rightly caused uproar and have led to the UK Government rescinding the licences it had granted for this purpose.

The Government has said it will not issue any new licences to test ingredients used exclusively in cosmetics. However, this promise does not extend to ingredients

We can all create a cruelty-free future

In 2023, we designed and released our brand-new action pack. We know that advocating for animals in labs can be tough and progress can be painfully slow. But there are little things we can all do as individuals to help create a cruelty free future.

If you haven't got yours already, download it at naturewatch.org/cruelty-free-action-pack. Alternatively, you can call 01242 252 871 or email info@naturewatch.org to request a hard-copy.

used in cosmetics and other kinds of products.

This is why it's so important to ensure you're buying products from brands endorsed by our award-winning Compassionate Shopping Guide. We only endorse brands with zero ties to animal testing, so you can be assured your money isn't funding experiments in any way. For over thirty years, we've been helping ethical shoppers find truly cruelty-free products.



Ukraine

The war has been raging for nearly two years and advancing animal welfare in the region has been challenging.

The first days of war

As the country came under attack, we needed to brief other international organisations who wanted to provide animal aid, using our experience from the last 30 years. We then targeted our own aid and rescue missions through our UKrainepaws and Drains4Ukraine projects, reaching Poland and Romania where the aid could be transferred into Ukraine.

Our colleague, Natalie, had to avoid the fighting whilst continuing to run spay/neuter programmes in Kharkiv and Kupiansk, as well as coordinating the activities of many others.

Our supporters helped so much, sending financial donations and items from our wish lists.

This last year

During 2023, our aim was to support those local organisations, who are doing incredible work under circumstances we can only imagine.

● The group 'Antares' work alongside canine colleagues to rescue people trapped within the most dangerous of conditions. The job is essential, and we must ensure the dogs have the best protection possible. Their feet can be badly cut in the rubble and so we provided them with 55 pairs of protection shoes to help their paws.

● Dogs on the front line had no medical equipment so, through organisation 'Tailed Bandit', we provided 50 medical kits for the dogs' needs.



everything. These moments of kindness and generosity from you are extremely special. Thank you.

● We helped abandoned animals of unoccupied territories with food and anti-parasite treatment, supported small shelters all over Ukraine, and participated in helping Ukraine implement humane animal welfare standards on the national level. This work is still in progress.

The way forward

We must look to the future and continue what we have been doing since Naturewatch Foundation was formed.

In partnership with other organisations from around Europe, we have developed a model for compassionate stray animal management. This will be one of our lead areas of operations for 2024 and beyond.

This last year, we also took part in animal welfare conferences in Ukraine and made a submission to the European Parliament offering hope for the future of those animals, innocents of the war.

● With other partners, we reached the areas where the fighting has been the heaviest and one Naturewatch Foundation supporter purchased a 'Lily Bear' from our shop so that it could be given to a child who had lost



Public affairs

Disappointment as animal welfare promises dropped

When we heard its future was under threat, we once again teamed up with friends across the animal welfare sector to lobby the Government to keep its promises for animals. But the Bill was controversially shelved for good in May.

The Government has said it will take the measures in the Bill forward as separate issues. It had announced plans to end live exports of some farmed animals for

slaughter and fattening by December, and a Private Members' Bill to end puppy and kitten smuggling is being taken forward. However, other welfare promises remain up in the air.

We'll continue to hold the government accountable for its manifesto promises before the next election because, whilst these delays continue, animals suffer.

Your animal welfare priorities are in our #Win4Animals general election manifesto

- In September 2023, we asked you what top animal welfare issues you want the next UK Government to tackle. You told us that you want to see action taken to:
 - **End animal testing** – by investing in Non-Animal Methods (NAMs) and delivering an ambitious phase-out strategy;
 - **Make wildlife count** – by making wildlife crime recordable and closing loopholes in the Hunting Act 2004;
 - **Stop exploitative pet breeding** – by regulating all dog breeding for profit, and regulating cat and rabbit breeding;
 - **Break the link between animal abuse and domestic abuse** – by the tools to spot animal abuse in the home;

● **Improve enforcement of our animal welfare laws** – by making it easier and cheaper for the authorities to take action for animals.

Our #Win4Animals Manifesto contains all these recommendations and we're ready to make your voice heard in the lead-up to a 2024 election. Find out more at naturewatch.org/uk-general-election-2024.

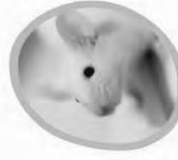
Your top priorities for animals



Ensuring justice for animals



Stopping exploitation of pets



Ending animal testing



Making wildlife count



Breaking the Link

Our advocacy work in 2023

In 2023, we continued to engage with the UK governments and politicians to advance animal welfare. We provided evidence to consultations about:

- The Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill
- The Online Safety Bill (now the Online Safety Act 2023)
- Violence against women and girls
- Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2013
- Pet Welfare and Abuse
- Animal activities licensing in Scotland
- Penalty notices for animal health and welfare offences

We also continued partnership working with old and new friends, supporting campaigns where we share common interest. We are proud to be a member of Wildlife and Countryside Link, the largest environment and wildlife coalition in England. We also became a member of the Legal Advisory Group on Extreme Conformation in Dogs to push for better UK laws to protect dogs from extreme breeding trends.

Events, events, events...

It's been another busy year for the team, getting involved in animal welfare events right across the country. From attending Parliament to Christmas markets, there have been many opportunities to meet our supporters in person and spread the word about our animal welfare campaign work to the larger community.

We started our summer events by attending the open days of Cheltenham Animal Shelter and Vale Wildlife Hospital. It was a busy weekend, where we enjoyed chatting with some of our existing supporters and meeting many more visitors interested in our work and their four-legged friends!



Raffle winner at Vale Wildlife Hospital open day



Naturewatch Foundation team at the Cheltenham Animal Shelter Summer open day

Our year of events culminated in a trip to the RSPCA's Woodside Animal Centre for their Christmas Market. Although there was no snow, the market had a festive feel, and we had a great time getting into the Christmas spirit. We met many new people interested in supporting our campaigns, and we appreciate the unwavering support of our existing supporters.



Woodside Animal Centre Christmas market



Our events have been successful because of our supporters, both old and new, and with their ongoing support we will continue working to make the world a kinder place for animals.

colourful protest that received media attention, helping to boost awareness of the report. Our CEO, Sarah Carr, and campaign team members Kate and Tash, all attended to show support.

We are a small organisation that already works on a number of issues, but of course we always aim to support relevant causes when we can, particularly when the issue is as important as biodiversity loss!

So, in addition to our attendance at the 'Restore Nature Now' demonstration, we are supporting Nature 2030, a report produced by the Wildlife and Countryside Link that sets out the necessary actions that the Government needs to take to create a better state of nature.

Reflecting on World Animal Day 2023!

World Animal Day takes place every October 4 and Naturewatch Foundation plays the busy role of coordinating it. This year, the role was busier than ever as we took on the big task of planning a brand new website that has now been launched!

The website, which you can visit at: www.worldanimalday.org.uk is a much more user-friendly and vibrant version of its former self, and can be navigated easily by anyone looking to find out more about, or get involved with, World Animal Day. On the new website, visitors can add news items, find relevant resources and browse, or add events taking place in recognition of this important day for animals. On the following three pages you can find all of the events that were added to our new site this year, and we'd love to see even more added in 2024.



And if you're not online, we wanted you to see what the new website looks like so we've included some screenshots!



Spreading the word about World Animal Day

As you'll see from the following pages, so many people spread awareness about World Animal Day in 2023 and it was amazing to see. One really good way of reaching new audiences and people that have not heard of World Animal Day is through gaining media attention. This can be done through contacting local journalists to let them know about October 4 and why it is so important, or letting them know about an event that is taking place for World Animal Day.

As well as the written news items we saw about World Animal Day in 2023, our CEO, Sarah Carr, had the opportunity to speak on BBC Radio 2 about the importance of World Animal Day to thousands of listeners nationwide as part of their morning show. And many miles away in Kurdistan, World Animal Day Ambassador, Sulaiman T Saaded, spoke on the Bayani Bash Kurdistan Show and radio stations such as Duhok Radio about his role as an ambassador of World Animal Day. Both of these opportunities allowed listeners to find out more about the day, when they might not have otherwise had the chance to.

We know that World Animal Day also benefitted from radio coverage in countries such as Lebanon and Rwanda, as well as articles and blogs written in India, the Philippines and throughout Europe. These opportunities play an



important role in allowing the day to grow, so we would always encourage supporters to get the word out there in any way they can!



Announcing 2024's World Animal Day Theme!

In 2023, the theme for World Animal Day was 'Great or Small, Love Them All' and for 2024's theme we came to you again for ideas!

The winning theme for the next World Animal Day is:

"The world is their home too"

2023 was a big year for World Animal Day events!

We saw loads of events all over the world this year and we want to share those that were added to our website with you – there might even be a lot more that weren't added that still took place!

Africa

Ascension Island An event was held on Ascension Island that provided children with education about the welfare of the animals on the island and the chance to sculpt those animals.



Asia

Afghanistan Nowzad's veterinary teams attended one of Kabul's brick kilns to vaccinate and treat working donkeys and provide information to owners about their welfare.



Kurdistan Kurdistan Organization for Animal Rights Protection gained a lot of media attention about World Animal Day.



Lebanon An activist working to protect migratory birds from illegal shooting spoke on the radio about how birds can be protected.

Myanmar The Environment, Health and Safety Myanmar shared stories of rescue and rehabilitation of animals in their country.

Nepal The Voice of Animal Nepal organised a feeding programme for the monkeys of the Nil Barahi temple as well as the dogs in Lalitpur district.



Bangladesh AniMedCare encouraged pet owners to bring their animals in for their necessary check-ups.

China AnimalsAsia provided and administered 100 free rabies vaccinations for owned animals.

India NGO, Doing My Bit Foundation, partnered up with 12-year-old Amber Velloz, to use one of her hand-crafted stuffed toys to raise awareness about the importance of animal neutering and vaccination.

India A public awareness programme was held in Bhubaneswar in Odisha state, India, covering global warming and animal protection.

India Regional Veterinary Association SRVA held an online webinar on "Veterinary Homeopathy: Blessings for the animal kingdom" aimed at veterinary surgeons.

India The Vigyan Setu Foundation held a World Animal Day online quiz and held four interactive sessions around the country.

India People For Animals Siilguri fed and administered antiparasitic treatment to stray dogs and oxen.

India Animal Protection Society Udaipur ran a poster competition and donation drive for animals.

Indonesia Surabaya Education ran an educational event for animal lovers and children.

Australia A peaceful protest march was organised, with attendees holding banners, handing out leaflets and making speeches against the live exportation of animals.



Australia Townsville Against Live Export Inc. (TALE) held a market stand at Strand Night Markets to raise awareness of the cruelty of the live export trade.

Australia Edgar's Mission opened the sanctuary for visitors and offered a tour of the site and a chance to meet some of the 400 animal residents.

Australia Little Learners Camberwell in Victoria set up teaching plans all about World Animal Day.

Australia Papilio Early Learning Centre Robina provided lessons in conservation and rehabilitation for foundation years.

Europe

Bulgaria Bookfan.tasy, a blog for readers, encouraged people to read at least two books, fiction or nonfiction on sustainable development and the balance of nature.

Finland Finnish society, Kissojen oikeudet (Rights of Cats) ran a photography competition.

Greece IJM.Panagiotopoulos School engaged in a series of animal-related activities throughout the first week of October.

Ireland A peaceful demonstration and march was held in Dublin to raise awareness of the animal welfare crisis affecting animal rescue centres across the country.

Italy Italian group, Qua la zampa effe ODV, ran a stray dog adoption drive and campaign with the help of their volunteers in the hope of finding homes for all dogs in their pups room!

Italy Alveare da Favola, a beekeeping project, ran a reading therapy workshop with the theme 'Relationships with Animals'.

Canada The Humber Arboretum held a conversation called the Nature Exchange which allowed people to share views on our relationship with animals and nature.

Canada FLAP Canada ran an event raising awareness of how people can make their windows bird safe.

Canada The Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society encouraged supporters to write wildlife-themed tales. From Canada to Guatemala World Animal Day ambassador, Ericka Ceballos, delivered items donated to IFAF (International Aid For Animals Foundation), to two in-need shelters in Guatemala.

Mexico Zacatecas State High School College organised a busy programme with educational talks that covered road safety and pets and responsible pet ownership.

USA Village on the Green held an interfaith service to give thanks for the animals within their community and offered individual pet blessings.

USA In the San Francisco Bay Area, there was a donation drive for the Schwartz Family Animal Welfare Foundation.

USA Florida Research Institute for Equine Nurturing, Development & Safety held an open day at their horse sanctuary.

South America

Brazil The Department of Environmental Education ran a day for their students with a busy project programme including topics such as marine life and protecting birds.

Costa Rica SASY (Stop Animal Suffering – Yes!) ran a low-cost spay and neuter clinic within a low-income neighbourhood.



Ecuador The Club de Fauna Silvestre USFO, a club focused on animal welfare education and wildlife protection, hosted a series of activities raising awareness about wildlife.

Paraguay In Coratei, a school assembly was held, sharing information with the students about animals from different countries.

Portugal Associação do pessoal do Instituto Superior Técnico (APIST) ran a donation drive for a non-profit animal rescue.

Romania The University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca ran an event, The Day of Human-Animal Interaction Day.

Romania UrbanVet offered dental treatment for cats at a discounted price throughout October for World Animal Day.

Romania George Emil Palade middle school hosted a debate on animal rights and habitat protection.

Romania World Animal Day ambassador, Claudiu Iosim ran a marathon relay.

Serbia The Society for the Protection of Animals LUBIMCI coordinated the date of the launch of their first online shop with World Animal Day.

Serbia Elementary school "Knez Sima Marković" ran World Animal Day activities with their first and second grade students.

Serbia World Animal Day ambassador, Ivan Kurajov hosted an awards ceremony for people improving animal welfare.

Serbia The municipal team for solving the problem of abandoned dogs held a stand to highlight the issue.

Spain Phoenix International School ran a donation drive for their local animal shelter, local animal shelter (Happy Animales Spanien).

Spain The Animal Collective ran a day of workshops with a youth group to raise money for their shelter.

Spain The Mayfair Academy held a special assembly and themed fancy-dress day.

Turkey Kültür Koleji Primary English Department held a day of fun activities and projects.

Ukraine Ukrainian musician Roman Bulakhov performed in the Tbilisi dog shelter with other musicians.

Ukraine Nowzad organised a training seminar at Lviv National University of Veterinary Medicine and Biotechnology on the basics of a brand new electronic ID system.

North America

Barbados The World Animal Barbados Team held a media press conference about the need to change legislation to better protect animals.

We can't believe how many events were added to the World Animal Day website just for the UK alone, so let's take a look!

United Kingdom

- In London, a pet blessing service was held at the parish of St Botolph -- a service that takes place annually.
- Hawthorns School held a costume day with the theme 'Be a Superhero for an Animal', with proceeds going to two shelters local to the school.
- Cheltenham Animal Shelter ran a tabletop sale.
- The Wonky Animals Poetry Collective held an online event with donations going to the Manor Farm Charitable Trust.
- Haileybury Community Action gave a presentation about World Animal Day to a school in Hertford Heath.
- Meon Junior School's monthly Eco Warrior Club focused on World Animal Day, looking at ways that the pupils could help their favourite animals.
- Sundeans Vets held a charity animal treat baking sale to raise money for local animal shelters.
- St Mary's School in Middlewich held an open day, inviting parents to get involved with their World Animal Day activities.
- Kidderminster College held an information stand about the Five Animal Welfare Needs and the importance of World Animal Day.
- The Pet Education Partnership offered an exclusive online workshop on animal sentence available for schoolteachers of students aged 7-11 years to present to their class.
- Trinity Student Village hosted a 'shared planet' themed event for students.
- The Fox Project used World Animal Day to celebrate their work of rescuing 1400 foxes a year.
- Harry Edwards Healing Sanctuary offered a 'Distant Healing Service' for all animals.

The main grant winner: Jakarta Animal Aid Network for the creation of an animal ambulance!

This year, the amazing Jakarta Animal Aid Network (JAAN) was awarded with the main sum of the grant money.

The Indonesian organisation is dedicated to improving the lives of all animals in Indonesia, with several campaigns aiming to help both wildlife and domestic animals. JAAN has a wildlife rescue centre in Sumatra that offers sanctuary to exploited and abused wildlife, with the opportunity for the release for the animals who can safely live their full lives in the wild. The charity also runs neutering programmes for the numerous stray dogs and cats living in Indonesia.



JAAN works hard to provide veterinary care to animals, who need it throughout Indonesia

Despite working closely with the government to help with animal welfare issues within the country, JAAN does not receive financial support from them and relies entirely on donations from their supporters.

JAAN applied for the Naturewatch Foundation funded grant to be able to buy a van to convert into a mobile veterinary clinic and use for their animal welfare projects throughout Jakarta. Within their application they



The JAAN team using the anaesthetic machine that will be going in the renovated van.

The first mini-grant winner: Cape Animal Welfare Forum for a compassion fatigue workshop

Cape Animal Welfare Forum (CAWF) were awarded with a smaller portion of the grant to cover a workshop that they felt would be really beneficial for their membership. CAWF is an informal body of animal welfare non-governmental organisations in Western Cape that collectively work together to improve animal welfare throughout the province.

The animal welfare sector can be a challenging one to work in due to being exposed regularly to animal suffering. Over time, even the most resilient people can experience burnout, or compassion fatigue, where the stresses and emotional burden from this type of work begins affecting all other aspects of the person's life. Compassion fatigue can be hard to work through and sadly can often lead to very caring people leaving the animal welfare sector.

We were therefore very pleased to be able to award CAWF with some grant money for their proposed compassion fatigue workshop that would be offered free to all members. The workshop was taught by a life coach with experience in this type of burnout. The concepts explained that the van would allow easier transportation of wildlife to and from the rescue centre, something that, due to the diverse wildlife in Jakarta including orangutans and primates, is not an easy feat in cars and smaller vehicles. They also set out how the van would be fitted with anaesthesia and other necessary veterinary equipment and could therefore be used for their neutering programmes.

The second mini-grant winner: Swaziland Animal Welfare Society

The third sum was donated to Swaziland Animal Welfare Society (SAWS) for them to print 10,000 A4 folded leaflets providing vital information on animal welfare. The leaflets were printed in November and SAWS plans to make them available in outlying rural areas that have high football so that they are distributed amongst people that need them.

The leaflets contain the information in both English and SiSwati, which makes them more accessible and have in the past received great feedback from recipients.

Naturewatch Foundation to award JAAN the main part of the grant. This money will be enough to cover the costs of the van and its full renovation.

The van is currently in Java having the veterinary equipment installed ready for use. Once it is up-and-running, we will be providing updates, which you'll be able to find on the new World Animal Day website.



This image shows an example of how the van will be laid out.

The project has the potential to help many animals quickly and offers JAAN the chance to increase the number of animals they can help, which is what led the World Animal Day team at



Event hosted in Wales at the Senedd with the government and elected policy makers, Hope Rescue, RSPCA Cymru, Greyhound Rescue Wales, as well as Sarah Carr, CEO of Naturewatch Foundation

Find out more

If you haven't seen World Animal Day's website or social media channels yet, you can find them here:

- Website: worldanimalday.org.uk
- Facebook: [@WorldAnimalDayInternational](https://www.facebook.com/WorldAnimalDayInternational)
- Instagram: [@worldanimalday](https://www.instagram.com/worldanimalday)

Our 2023 World Animal Day grant winners!

We were delighted that this year the World Animal Day grant DOUBLED in value, meaning that we had £10,000 available to award to an animal welfare project that promised to make a tangible difference. This increase was made to reflect the increased pressure that charities and non-profit organisations are under from the high cost-of-living and demand of their services.

Determined to help as many animals through the grant as possible, we managed to find a way to award grant money to three different organisations, awarding one main grant and two smaller ones. The increased amount of grant money made it much easier for us to do this!

To find out more about the winners, read on:

Other ways you can support our animal welfare campaigns



As you can see from our Annual Review, we've been putting your kind donations to good use throughout 2023.

But being an animal welfare advocate isn't just about financial contributions. We greatly appreciate all kinds of support for our campaigns.

Check out these other ways of making a difference for animals, in the UK and worldwide – you don't even need to be online for some of them!

Please contact us if you have any questions:

- info@naturewatch.org
- **01242 252 871**

Recycle, recycle, recycle

- Used postage stamps
- Unwanted jewellery
- Old bank notes
- Printer (ink) cartridges

The above items can all raise crucial funds for our animal welfare work! Just call us for details.

Sign our petitions

We realise that not everyone has access to the internet. If you would like to support our petitions by sending a letter instead of an email, just call us and we'll tell you about our latest campaigns.

Share our leaflets

Promote our work by sharing our leaflets far and wide – get in touch and we'll let you know which ones are currently available.

Display our community poster in your area

Help stop greed breeding on your doorstep with our poster.

It includes details of our investigations hotline and is perfect for community noticeboards in:

- Libraries
- Community centres
- Supermarkets and shops
- Cafés
- *and more!*

Just contact us to order your copy.

Carry our reporting card

Be ready to share your suspicions about illegal companion animal breeding – carry our card in your purse or wallet. Just email or call us to let us know how many you'd like.

Don't forget – our investigations also include illegal cat and rabbit breeding.

Get your vet involved

Our #Vets4Puppies campaign packs include information about puppy farming and how to avoid buying a dog from a low-welfare breeder.



Ask your local vet practice to raise awareness in their reception area. Please tell them to email us for their FREE resources pack:

- vets4puppies@naturewatch.org

Ways to support us online

Fundraise while you shop

You can support Naturewatch Foundation (at no additional cost to you!) when you shop online via these websites:

- [giveasyoulive.com](https://www.giveasyoulive.com)
- [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

Share our messages

Follow us on social media to share our messages and spread the word:

- **Facebook:** [@Naturewatch.org](https://www.facebook.com/Naturewatch.org)
- **X (Twitter):** [@Naturewatch_org](https://twitter.com/Naturewatch_org)
- **Instagram:** [@naturewatchfoundation](https://www.instagram.com/naturewatchfoundation)

You can also follow our Compassionate Shopping Guide on Instagram for news of our latest cruelty-free endorsements:

- **Instagram:** [@crueltyfreecsg](https://www.instagram.com/crueltyfreecsg)

Sign up for our emails

We'll send you occasional messages with updates on our work and let you know how you can help.

Naturewatch Foundation:
naturewatch.org/mailling-list

World Animal Day:
worldanimalday.org.uk/#sign-up

Leave a legacy



Leaving a gift in your will is an opportunity for you to continue helping end animal cruelty long into the future.

For us, a legacy means we can take actions that can positively impact animals worldwide for years to come.

Your gift, no matter how small, can make a real difference in the fight against animal cruelty.

Over half of our donations come from gifts in wills. Previous gifts have funded much-needed medical equipment, one-off items, and animal welfare training that we might otherwise have been unable to provide.

Free will-writing service

If you are considering leaving a gift in your will, we are pleased to be able to offer a free will-writing service and a copy of our free, non-obligatory Gifts in Wills Guide.

To find out how a gift in your will can help support our campaigns, please contact us via email at legacies@naturewatch.org.

Alternatively, please give our contact details to your solicitor: **Naturewatch Foundation, 49 Rodney Road, Cheltenham GL50 1HX.** Registered charity number 1039679.

And finally...

Thank you for being part of the Naturewatch Foundation community and for supporting our mission to create a kinder world for animals. Since 1991, Naturewatch Foundation has been campaigning passionately to end animal cruelty and advance animal welfare standards in the UK and worldwide.

Through our campaigns and with your support, we work hard to raise awareness about animal cruelty and poor welfare standards and equip professionals and the public with the knowledge to take action.

As a charity, we are mindful to keep costs to a minimum and always strive to get the best results for our work! As an employer of staff and a volunteer team, we look out for each other, demonstrating the compassion we share for all living things. Thank you for your continued support.

Sarah Carr, CEO