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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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FOREWORD FROM OUR CHAIR, JANE YOUNG, AND DIRECTOR, EMMA JENSEN

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Welcome to Freshfields Animal Rescue's 2025 Annual Report.

Looking back over the past year, I am filled with an enormous sense of pride in what we have achieved together – and deep gratitude to every person who has helped make our work possible.

The UK is facing an animal rescue crisis. The consequences of human actions and their impact on abused, abandoned and neglected animals is profound and far-reaching. 2025 has been another incredibly challenging year for animal rescue. Across the country, rescue centres are facing overwhelming demand, with more animals needing help while the pressures on their owners continue to grow. Behind every animal arriving at our doors is a story: of neglect, abandonment, financial hardship, changing circumstances or simply a person who has reached a point where they can no longer cope.

Our response has always been rooted in compassion. We believe that every animal matters, and that wherever possible, we should look beyond the immediate crisis to understand what can be done to prevent it happening in the first place.

That is why the development of our new **Petmobile** has been such an important milestone for Freshfields. This community outreach van will take our support out into communities across Merseyside, helping pet owners access advice, practical support and services before problems become crises. Our aim is simple: to help people keep their pets happy, healthy and safely at home wherever possible. By supporting people, we can support their animals too.

The Petmobile represents an important step forward in how we work. Rescue cannot only be about responding when animals reach our doors; it must also be about prevention, education and reaching people earlier. We are incredibly excited about the difference this project can make.

At the same time, we have continued to strengthen the care we provide to animals already in our rescue centres. We have invested in our people, our facilities, training and our practices and procedures, always looking for ways to improve the experience and welfare of every animal entrusted to us.

In 2025, we assisted 1,001 creatures across our 2 rescue centres.

None of this would be possible without our supporters.

Freshfields relies totally on the kindness and generosity of the people who believe in what we do. We do not take that support for granted. Every donation, every hour volunteered, every fundraising event, every gift left in a charity shop and every person who shares our work helps us continue to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome animals in desperate need.

At a time when the demand for our services has never been greater, that support is more important than ever.

Next year we will be reporting on the fulfilment of our Strategic Plan for 22-27, as we develop and set out our vision for the next 5 years. Our greatest strength has always been our community – the extraordinary network of staff, volunteers, supporters, funders and animal lovers who come together because they believe that animals deserve better.

There will always be more animals needing our help, and there will always be challenges ahead. But as we look to the future, we do so with determination and hope.

Thank you for standing with Freshfields, for believing in our mission and, most importantly, for helping us give animals a second chance.

Together, we can continue to change lives – one animal, one family and one community at a time.



Jane Young
Chair

Date: 29 October 2026

FRESHFIELDS ANIMAL RESCUE

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

Our Vision and Purpose

Freshfields Animal Rescue was founded in 1979, upon the simple premise that all life matters. That foundation has only grown stronger as the scope of our work has expanded. Today, over 47 years on, equal consideration for every species of animal remains at the forefront of our work, along with our promise to never put a healthy animal down (unless an animal presents an insurmountable safety risk to people), and to prevent suffering of any kind.

We recognise that the fate of animals is inextricably linked to the impact of human attitudes and actions. We are driven in our commitment to inform, support and initiate changes in peoples' actions, leading to a better future for us all.

Our Charitable Purpose

For the benefit of the public, to relieve the suffering of animals in need of care and attention and, in particular, to provide and maintain rescue homes, and other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals; and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

Our Mission

To make a great quality of life possible for all vulnerable animals.

Our Vision

A world where all people protect animals and value nature.

Public benefit

The trustees are satisfied that all of the activities undertaken by the charity in pursuance of its objects are for the benefit of the public.

The trustees have had due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Our People

Freshfields Animal Rescue is made up of a wonderful, diverse and incredibly varied community of people from all walks of life, ages, backgrounds and experiences. What unites us is one shared and unwavering commitment: to prevent the suffering of vulnerable animals and give them the chance of a better life.

We welcome everyone who can help us achieve this.

We often say that the people working on the ground at Freshfields are just one part of a much bigger rescue community. Our team extends far beyond our staff and volunteers to include the many supporters whose kindness, generosity, time, skills and encouragement make our work possible.

Every contribution matters. Whether someone gives a regular donation, raises money, supports our charity shops, volunteers their time, offers practical help, champions our work in their community or simply helps spread the word, they are playing a vital role in the rescue.

Our supporters, funders and donors are every bit as much a part of the Freshfields team as our staff and volunteers.

It is this shared sense of purpose, compassion and determination that makes Freshfields so special. Together, we form a remarkable community committed to changing the lives of animals who need us most.

Our Staff

Working across 2 rescue centres and 5 charity shops, we have the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) of 29 staff. The decades of experience and the depth of expertise shared by the staff are essential in ensuring that we consistently maintain high standards of care, and that we are accountable to our funders, our supporters and donors, with the welfare of the animals at the centre of everything we do.

Our Volunteers

164 Volunteers bring life, energy and passion to our charity. They enrich our organisation and make it possible to release staff to attend to work which requires specialist knowledge and expertise. We are incredibly fortunate to have such kind and dedicated volunteers fulfilling a myriad of vital roles, some of whom have dedicated over 20 years to the rescue. We are grateful and humbled by their generosity and compassion. They truly are our real-life heroes and animal advocates.

Our Values

We value life – we will never put a healthy animal down* or pass animals to rescues who may. *unless an animal presents an insurmountable safety risk to people.

We value all life – equal assistance for every species of animal remains at the forefront of our work. We don't believe we are more worthy or more valuable than other species.

We value nature – we respect the natural world and are passionate advocates for improving our stewardship of the nature that sustains us all and not abuse our advantages within that system.

We value excellent care – when we take responsibility for a life, we commit to doing it well.

We value compassion – We are motivated by empathy for animals who are suffering, and for people who need our help and support without judgement.

We value integrity – We deeply value and respect our supporters. We demonstrate our appreciation for the trust each supporter places in us by delivering on their expectations to help as many animals as we can, to do it well, with best use of every pound we are gifted for this work.

We value partnerships – We know we achieve lasting change by working better together.

We value responsibility – we believe every person can and should do something to make a positive difference, redress imbalances, and recognise the impacts we have on the lives of animals and wildlife

We value positivity – Every tough job can be maintained when you have the support of positive can-do people, who know they make a difference and encourage others to take decisive action

Our Beneficiaries

Our primary beneficiaries are animals:

a. **Rescue, rehabilitate and rehome companion and farm animals** such as dogs, cats, horses, rabbits, birds, ferrets, sheep, pigs, ducks, chickens, and more.

    a. **Rescue, rehabilitate and re-release struggling local wildlife** that most commonly includes hedgehogs and around 25 species of wild birds.

Our secondary beneficiaries are people:

a. **Adopters** – receive physical and mental health benefits from somebody to love, improved physical and emotional well-being, and opportunities to connect with others. In some cases, a reason to live.

b. **Surrenderers** – people struggling financially, physically or mentally; needing the reassurance that their pet will survive when faced with no option but to give them up.

c. **Volunteers** – 164 volunteers this year have in various roles: accessed scarce work experience, made progress towards veterinary and animal welfare qualifications, improved their mental and physical health; gained a sense of belonging and purpose, enjoyed developing new skills, connections and work-experience

Some Stand-Out Statistics from 2025

In 2025 we achieved great things. Here are some highlights!



KENNELS

- Jackson, Rikki & Barney, long-stay dogs, all found their forever homes.
- Staff training, consistent and clear processes, and targeted behavioural work improved the overall welfare of the dogs and prepared them better to be able to find homes.
- Dogs are spending less time in our care before finding a home.



CATTERY - LIVERPOOL

- Finding Rocky his forever home after 307 days at the rescue.
- We also found homes for Hobnob, Pawline and Seraphin, all needed special homes as not suited to standard domestic environment.
- Getting all 25 hoarding house cats a home (domestic & rural).
- Furruri, Meowcedes & Pawche all hand-reared from a young age and Kuro at just 73gms the smallest and youngest. All healthy and happy in homes
- Rehoming more cats than ever recorded.



CATTERY - WALES

- A bumper year for kittens - 145 admitted, it was a year of black and black + white kittens, we found homes for all.
- All our sponsored cats found homes - Tequila, Kitty, and Toota were harder to home, they struggled due to being quite independent.
- We introduced afternoon Cat Cuddling volunteers, which has been a great success. We now have a dedicated team who socialise, play with and keep our cats company, helping them prepare for their new homes.
- Hosted 2 primary school visits in 2025, with pupils learning about animal welfare and animal care, as well as meeting all of our animals.
- Work experience placements for local colleges and schools, helping them gain insight into working with cats and learning about their care and general welfare.





EQUINE

- 10 horses rehomed, including older horses and bonded pairs, placements that are often the most challenging to secure. Blue and Ted only spent 6 weeks at the rescue before finding a loving home together. These adoptions bring
- a total of 62 horses who are thriving in their loan homes.

In 2025 we achieved great things. Here are some highlights

FARM



- A newly admitted ewe we discovered was pregnant which resulted in the first ever lamb being born in Wales. We asked our supporters to help name him, the overall majority went with Abra lamb Lincoln - Lincoln for short.
- 15 sheep were admitted during the year in various sized flocks and all went on to find loving pet homes.

WILDLIFE



- Extended to 4 separate rooms meaning we could split the species completely! No cross-contamination, less noise pollution for wildlife.
- Changes to the process on admittance, medication, fluid intake, more consistent heat sources, including incubators, and even the location of the hedgehogs on-site, all contributed to help more hogs and doubled our release figures from 2024!
- Significantly reduced the number of hedgehogs needing to stay with us overwinter just 17 this year, compared to 86 last year. This means many more were able to hibernate in their natural environment, where they belong.

SMALL ANIMALS



- Riley found his forever home! He had been with us since 2022, due to health issues which were very painful, this made him difficult to bond. He bonded with an ex resident- Eloise who was saved from the T&S meat & fur farm she was in a home with Rileys brother who sadly passed away.
- Tweaked our bonding procedures to help flow better which meant we had a higher number of bonds this year than last few years.

Our Five-Year Strategy – Overview and Progress

We are now 4 years into our Five-year strategy for 2022-2027. In the first 3 years we have concentrated on building resilience for the future by improving our core functions to ensure we succeed in our mission. To robustly respond to ever-growing need, we must, as care providers, deliver our services to an excellent standard, for 365 days a year.

We have implemented our strategic aims in 2025 by focusing on helping as many animals as possible and doing it very well. The next 2 years will see us expanding our preventative work and developing mature and meaningful partnerships, to help more animals and to do it better than ever.

Our Five-Year Strategy connects 5 elements for long-lasting change:

Succeed – animals and nature are depending on us. We take that responsibility very seriously, and we must be successful for them. We recognise the importance of strong leadership, accountability, adaptability, staff expertise, and of making the very best use of every precious resource.

Respond – be able to meet the needs of as many vulnerable animals as possible. We aim to increase our ability to rescue and respond to the urgent needs of 70% more animals in the next five years.

Prevent - animal suffering and the human actions that often cause it, by committing 25% of our resources to preventative work

Excel – carry out every task and deliver every aspect of our work to a very high standard. We do this by investing in our teams and facilities and always challenging ourselves to be improve our practice and our abilities to achieve more for the animals

Connect – join with others to do more, change more, learn more and share more. We are ever mindful that we are but one cog in a massive community effort.

We measure progress towards our Strategic aims using the following methods:

- Annual Action Plans with timed aims and objectives
- Annual figures collating demand for our services, community support, intake, medical treatments, preventative interventions, rehoming and release.
- Monitoring requests for support by type and location to identify gaps in provision and rise to the challenge of meeting them
- Expenditure monitoring and control by department and year.
- External quality standard inspections by the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes and National Equine Welfare Council
- Output and outcome reports to Funding organisations and the Fundraising Regulator.
- Case studies
- Staff feedback and development records
- Supporter surveys and feedback

Delivering and Progressing our Priority Aims in 2025

Strategically, we are on track to deliver our desired outcomes by 2027.

STRATEGIC AIM – SUCCEED

We have continued to aligned our focus and direction across the charity, ensuring that our foundations are as strong as possible, so that we may withstand the future challenges that we know we will need to address in the future. With clear focus and a solid, financially responsible operational management structure, we strive to ensure that our rescue team are happy, well trained and supported. We have carried out a staff restructuring to strengthen the Management Team, with Jac Leggatt taking up a range of responsibilities across both our rescue centres, delivering excellent operational and strategic support. We looked at every aspect of our operational resources, providing more targeted individual support and performance management to ensure that our staff expertise and passion are informed by a robust policy and procedural management framework.

We have worked hard to ensure we can evidence our value and our impact in helping more animals better than ever, whilst consistently providing excellent care.

Financial Sustainability

Our overall income this year is £1,698,558 which is within a standard income range for us.

Our expenditure increased to £1,614,847 which continues a concerning trend of rising costs in every aspect of our work.

We note, of course, the figure of 42% of our income which is reliant on gifts in wills, for which we are truly grateful. This figure is broadly in line with other rescue centres in the UK. We are in no doubt that it is these that keep the rescue going. We continue to work hard to diversify our income streams, to mitigate the risk of one income stream reducing, and to ensure that we have a strong and resilient financial foundation.

We continue to face challenges from the rising costs from increases in the National Minimum Wage employer contributions. We wholeheartedly support this for our deserving and hard-working staff, who sacrifice their personal gain, and needs, to their commitment to preventing animal suffering. We also recognise that this does place extra pressure to increase our income.

We are seeing continued increases in the costs of utilities, food and veterinary medicines. We are carrying out most Liverpool veterinary procedures in house; however, costs of supplies and vet-advised foods coming from Europe combine to increase this area of expense by 40%. We expect this to continue next year, and we continue to experience difficulties with supply shortages.

We will continue to closely monitor the effects of growing costs and the cost-of-living crisis which is impacting every organisation and business across the UK.

We are committed to making the most of every penny, in the way that our supporters would expect.

Reserves policy: To ensure we are sustainable and responsible; we endeavour to maintain a reserve of around £600,000 which would ensure the running of the charity for 6 months. Currently unrestricted reserves amount to £1,175,386 of which £401,345 is reflected in tangible fixed assets. We are currently meeting our target reserves balance while facing increasing cost pressures.

Income Sources

Gifts in Wills continue to be our most vital source of funds, covering a significant 40% of our annual costs. This year legacies were £706,756.

We are grateful beyond words to the wonderful and compassionate supporters below, who have enabled us to develop facilities fit for the future that help us help more animals better. We are ever mindful of our responsibility to make our legators and their families proud.

Our deepest gratitude goes to:

Patrick Lewis

Wendy Cannon

Dorothy Barnes

Our charity shops raise vital funds for the animals, with income in the current year of £378,612. We are always grateful for the consistently hard work of the shop managers, and their committed, loyal and passionate team of volunteers who selflessly arrive every day with a determination to get every penny possible to transform the lives of the animals. We take additional pride in this fundraising approach as it is environmentally great practice to recycle and repurpose goods, and it is of enormous value to people who are struggling with the cost of living.

Trust Funding: We have achieved £101,000 in grants from trusts, foundations and funders as we demonstrate what we can achieve with their support and their belief in our ability to make a lasting impact on the lives of vulnerable animals. We are especially thankful to those organisations who have the insight and understanding that our work supports actions which address the injustices and suffering of animals, largely because of human actions, when 99% of other funding organisations still choose people as their sole beneficiaries. This needs to change; until then we are grateful for every organisation and individual who steps up to help.

Pets Foundation

We received the first part of the funding for the Pets Foundation's 'Prevent' Award for our exciting new 'Petmobile' Project. We recruited 2 excellent staff members who will be delivering this service. Amy Edwards is a qualified veterinary nurse, with years of experience working with animals. Natalie Busby is a Canine Behavioural Therapist with knowledge and skills in positive behavioural training and support. Our Petmobile Team have developed comprehensive Standard Operational Procedures and built up a network of invested and enthusiastic partners who will work closely with us on delivering this service. This is a completely new and innovative project which will change the way we think about solution-focussed animal welfare work in the North West of England. We will help people in some of the most disadvantaged communities across Merseyside, offering practical help and advice to help people to keep their pets in their homes.

We would like to thank the Rose Animal Welfare Trust for their kind donation of £10,000 for medical care costs, helping us to ensure that the animals get the care they need.

The Animal Defence Trust awarded £1,000 for the second waterbird aviary at the Liverpool Centre.

The William Dean Countryside Trust gave £1,000 to fund 2 Brinsley Incubators for the Wildlife Unit, to improve our rehabilitation work with underweight and injured hedgehogs

The Ratcliff Foundation donated £9,100 to help with medical costs for our horses and ponies at our Wales Centre

The Barratt Redrow Foundation donated funds for fencing material, enabling us to extend the exercise field and facilitate socialisation and training sessions for the dogs

We are deeply grateful to the following Trusts and Foundations for their support with veterinary costs and general purposes:

ANIMAL DEFENCE TRUST

THE ANTHONY AND DEIRDRE MONTAGU TRUST

AUDREY EMMA LAMB CHARITABLE TRUST

BAKER FAMILY TRUST

BARRY GREEN MEMORIAL FUND

DOREEN GREENLEES DISCRETIONARY WILL TRUST

GALLIMORE TRUST

HEMBY TRUST

LEE BAKIRGIAN FAMILY TRUST

THE CHARITY OF STELLA SYMONS

MAYOR OF SEFTON CHARITY FUND

THE OAKDALE TRUST

SYLVANUS CHARITABLE TRUST

CASTANEA TRUST

SHRIMALA TRUST

WALKER 597 ANIMAL TRUST

WILLIAM HOWARTH TRUST

Community Appeals

Our most dedicated supporters once again kick started our '**Your Present, Their Future'** End of Year Appeal, with their pledges providing the platform for the public appeal throughout December.

Our End of Year Appeal in 2025 raised a wonderful of **£52,884!** Our endless gratitude goes to everyone who gave money to rescue animals in these challenging personal times. We were very pleased to welcome some of our most committed supporters for a visit and a tour of the rescue centre in the Summer, showing them the incredible impact they have on the lives of rescued animals every day, and introducing them to some of the animals whose lives they have changed.







STRATEGIC AIM - RESPOND

We never lose sight of why we do this work. Everything we do is in pursuit of our goal to meet the needs of as many animals as possible.

In 2025, we were able to provide direct care via admittance into our rescues for a total of 1,001 animals.

We received 1,501 requests for help at our Reception from members of the public. We were able to provide direct assistance in 90% of cases. We liaised with Sefton Council, Health and Social Services, other centres and veterinary services to address the remaining issues.

The Liverpool Cattery

Last year, our Liverpool Cattery rehomed over 260 cats and kittens. This is the highest number on record. It is a testament to the life-changing impact of our enhanced provision and project development in 2024.

We managed to neuter and microchip over 200 cats and kittens, directly addressing the need to control the over-population of cats across the NorthWest and in the UK. Our services are needed more than ever, with a growing waiting list of cats in desperate need of help and a space in our Cattery.

ROCKY'S STORY

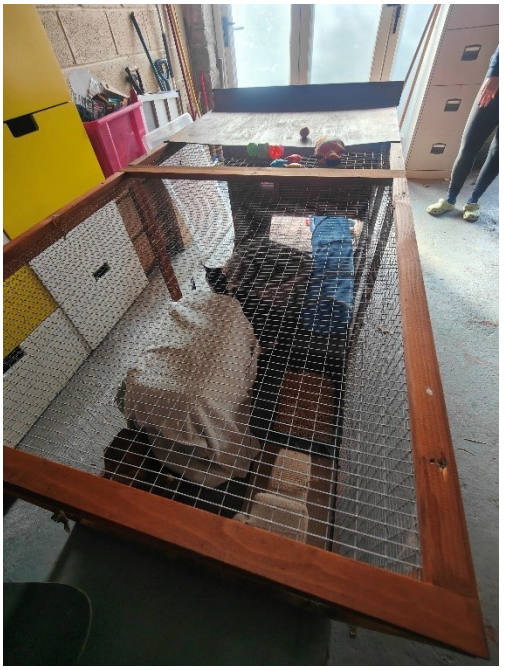
Of the hundreds of cats in our care, we had a significant number who needed to find a rural/barn home, with patient owners who understood cats who were not suitable for a more homely environment, due to being semi-feral or having experienced trauma or abuse in their past.



Our beautiful boy Rocky who spent over 500 days with us before finding his forever home. The only contact he would ever allow us to have with him was being brushed with broken brush from a dustpan and brush set! Rocky had been a little reactive around human food, which triggered him to lash out when he wanted a bite! Due to this, he was constantly watching other cats leave the rescue while he stayed and became withdrawn during his stay with us. We launched a special targeted appeal for these cats, and after much perseverance, we found a family who offered Rocky a place to call home.

The family consulted our staff in the construction and layout of Rocky's new living space in their barn. This preliminary planning was key to ensuring a smooth and successful adoption (see below). We get regular updates from his fantastic family - Rocky now lives in Sheffield, surrounded by fields in which he can roam, and a family who give him all the love and the space that he could ever need.

One size does not fit all – we'll always try our hardest to make sure that every cat's individual needs are embraced – however challenging they may be.





MISTY'S SECOND CHANCE

When Misty's owner contacted Freshfields Animal Rescue, they were facing an impossible situation. As a kitten, Misty had suffered a devastating break to her front left leg. Her owners simply couldn't afford the surgery needed to repair or amputate it, and they were on the verge of having to make the heartbreaking decision to put her to sleep.

Instead, they surrendered Misty to Freshfields, giving us the opportunity to fight for her.

And fight we did.

Our dedicated veterinary team, supported by specialist volunteer vets, carried out **three separate surgeries** in an attempt to save Misty's leg. During her time with us, she also underwent two X-rays and had external fixators and pins carefully removed. She needed a range of anti-inflammatory and pain-relieving medication to help her recover from the extensive procedures.

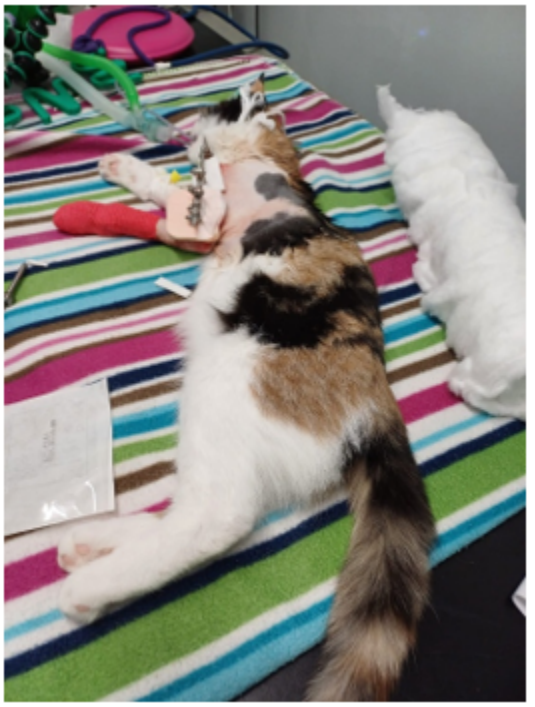
Misty's recovery wasn't without its challenges. Following surgery, she developed radial nerve paresis, causing her foot to knuckle for the first ten days. This meant she needed additional physiotherapy, as well as extra care, monitoring and rehabilitation from our team.

Alongside her complex treatment, Misty also received everything she needed to give her the best possible start to life — including a microchip, spaying, flea and worm treatments, nutritious food and daily care and attention.

The total cost of Misty's treatment and care would be estimated at **at least £4,000 through a standard veterinary practice**.

But Misty had something priceless on her side: a team who refused to give up on her.





Thanks to our outstanding veterinary team, dedicated staff, specialist volunteers and the incredible support of the Freshfields community, Misty was given the chance she so desperately needed.

Today, that chance has paid off.

Misty is now absolutely thriving in her forever home. Her mobility has improved enormously, and she can walk, play and enjoy life to the fullest.



Misty's story is a powerful reminder of what Freshfields can achieve when people come together for an animal in need. We believe every animal deserves the opportunity to have a future — and sometimes, giving them that future means going above and beyond.

For Misty, it meant everything.

HOARDING SITUATIONS – FRESHFIELDS TO THE RESCUE

We have seen an increase in hoarding cases and have rescued many cats and kittens from desperate, appalling conditions. Cats from these situations are often withdrawn, anxious or semi-feral, and may be suffering from malnutrition, fleas, skin problems and other health issues. In one case, we rescued 21 kittens. Many of them had conjunctivitis, badly infected eyes, itchy and inflamed skin, were very thin, and appeared to be in significant pain. In another hoarding case, we rescued 21 cats living in appalling conditions.



All were malnourished and needed medical attention. We carried out health checks, neutered and microchipped them, fully vaccinated them, and provided worm and flea treatments. Some also needed further procedures, including dental treatment and X-rays. Because the cats had different levels of socialisation, we carefully rehomed each one in the most suitable environment, whether domestic or outdoor.

Sal and Marcie

These two had a special place in our hearts as they were so unwell when we got them from a hoarding situation in August this year. They were the size of 4/5 week old kittens even though they were 7 weeks+ and Sal was very sick with cat flu. During their time in foster, we realised that Marcie had very limited sight, so we knew we needed a home that was willing to take all that on.

We are so happy that they are thriving and well, happy and loved.



The process took 9 months, from rescue to rehoming, for all 21 cats. A major issue for us, hoarding cases are on the rise, with requests for us to help coming in monthly. We believe this is due to the huge impact of the cost-of-living crisis, and the continuing legacy of the Covid Pandemic, when more people acquired a pet and did not have them neutered. We expect the fallout to last much longer than the epidemic did.

A year of transformed lives

Thanks to the full continuum of care now provided at the centre — from intake and isolation through to post-surgery recovery and general accommodation — we rescued and rehomed 260 cats in 2025.

Every one of these cats has had their life transformed, thanks to your support.

The Kennels

In 2025 we continued to build on the foundations of the root and branch transformational programme we had put in place in 2024. The framework of our training and development programme, with significant emphasis on the behavioural support of the dogs, was further designed and developed, and implemented with confidence and skill by our staff team.

The introduction of consistent and clearly defined rehabilitation plans, excellent record keeping processes, together with enhanced behavioural work, have improved the overall welfare of all dogs and prepared them better to be able to find homes. This has greatly reduced the average time a dog is in our care before rehoming, allowing us to increase the overall number of dogs we can help. By far the most significant outcomes from this focussed and targeted programme have been the rehoming of 3 long-term dogs. Barney, Jackson and Rikki had 17 years between them at the rescue centre. All of them found the loving, family homes they deserved, thanks to everyone who helps us fulfil our promise that there will be No Animal Left Behind.

BARNEY'S STORY

Barney's life was transformed by the improved practices and targeted behavioural support in 2025. His story, and its outcome, is emblematic of everything we are at Freshfields, and everything we want to achieve for the very special dogs who desperately need our help.

Barney was 9 years old when he first arrived at Freshfields. He was bewildered, a nervous wreck and scared of everything. There were clearly significant barriers to Barney finding a new home. We were determined that 2025 would be his year. We set about co-ordinating the delivery of his rehabilitation and support plan, with defined tasks and behavioural support, plotting a pathway towards Barney being ready for adoption within the year.

A member of staff took Barney under their wing and slowly worked with him on his anxiety. With a specially developed Desensitisation Plan, and with the full support of our behaviourist, Barney was taken out into the big wide world and introduced to unfamiliar sights, smells and sounds. He began to trust people and to overcome his fears. From Crosby market to Formby beach, he became more comfortable in a range of different environments. He began to enjoy being taken for walks, and his confidence grew. Barney was ready.



Barney's quirky character started to attract followers, and he became a firm favourite amongst staff and volunteers. He had people sponsoring him, sending him gifts and sometimes coming in to see him, including his best friend Vera, a long-time Freshfields supporter and friend. Despite all that, he was still waiting for his special family to come along.

As his 14th birthday approached, Barney caught the eye of a special couple from Yorkshire. They were committed to Barney, followed our advice and techniques, travelled regularly to see him and stayed overnight locally in order to build up a relationship with him. After a month of bonding, the way ahead was clear: Barney was going home.



After 1,486 days in a rescue centre, Barney is now basking in the sun. His family tell us that he particularly loves looking out of the window at the top of the stairs where he can watch the world go by. He enjoys trips to the coffee shop, and his favourite place is in front of the wood burner; he loves nothing more than curling up in front of it and dreaming about how happy he is in his fabulous home.



Understanding fear and building trust

Early experiences and limited socialisation can have a lasting impact on rescue dogs. Fearfulness is a common behaviour, particularly in dogs who have experienced cruelty, neglect or a lack of positive contact with people and the world around them.

Strengthening our support

We are continuing to strengthen our ability to work with dogs who show severe reactive behaviour. Our approach uses a range of interventions designed to improve each dog's quality of life while they are in rescue and increase their chances of adoption.

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- play
- training activities
- calm, consistent interaction
- simply being present and allowing trust to develop at the dog's own pace

Preparing dogs for the future

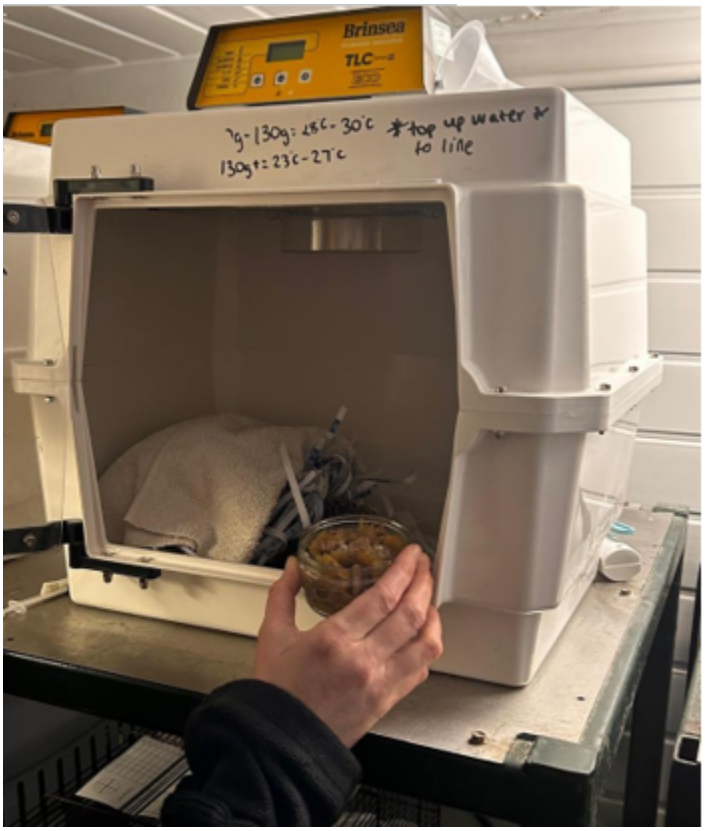
In 2026, we will continue to refine and improve the strategies that have enabled us to assess needs, deliver focused training and rehabilitation plans, and evaluate progress with confidence and skill.

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Wildlife Unit

2025 saw remarkable outcomes for the hedgehogs in our care, as our 'First 48 Hours' plan had its first full year in operation. Focussed, timely medical treatment and intensive medical care has made a massive difference to our ability to care for and rehabilitate the hogs. As part of our Enhanced Treatment and Support Programme, our over-wintering numbers went down from 88 to just 8! Our save and release figures have gone up from 40% to an incredible 78%.

With the purchase of 3 Brinsea TLC-40 Eco Series II Digitally controlled incubators, we have achieved incredible results.





This was beyond our expectations – our target was an increased save rate of 20%, and we doubled that.

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Matilda (pictured) came in at just 147g in October, with a very bad case of mange. She responded beautifully to treatment and put a lot of weight on. With our fast-track support and round the clock care, we avoided having to have Matilda over-wintering with us. She was able to go back to the wild very soon after her medical treatment and rehabilitation work.

The greatly improved outcomes and save rates this year are a testament to the dedication, skills and experience of our fantastic Wildlife Unit staff and volunteers. We work at the heart of both urban and rural communities, and we are constantly responding to the harmful effects of human habitation. We are always looking to improve every aspect of our care. Advancing the active medication plan and carefully monitoring the weight, health and wellbeing of the hogs has resulted in saving more lives than ever in our bid to tackle the ongoing threats to wildlife in the UK.

Supporting our community to help hedgehogs sooner

Our local community are enthusiastic and engaged supporters of our wildlife work. By working closely with the public, we can help people understand when a hedgehog needs urgent care and how to get them to us as quickly as possible.

We have developed education materials that provide clear, accurate advice on identifying when a hedgehog is in difficulty. This is vital because, in many cases, well-meaning people have kept hedgehogs warm for several days before bringing them in — by which point it has sometimes been too late to save them.

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Looking forwards – our plan for 2025

In 2026, we aim to use these pro-active strategies to improve the lives of our waterbirds, by securing a second waterbird aviary. We will rescue and rehabilitate more waterbirds, particularly ducklings.

We are seeing a big increase in the number of ducklings brought into the rescue centre, either groups that have lost their mother or single ducklings who have been separated from their family. We pair up any singles, so that they have a companion to be released with.

Water birds have a specially designed water aviary which ensures their feathers are fully waterproofed, and they are strong swimmers. Once we are sure of that and the flight feathers are in, they are released so they have the best chance of survival.

At the moment, we are limited in our endeavours by space and lack of resources. The issue is that ducking season is contained to a few months over the Spring and Summer. We get a very large number of calls for assistance from the public, who are very invested and enthusiastic supporters of our Wildlife Unit project. Once the ducklings are old enough to go into our larger aviary to be waterproofed, we have a backlog of so many all needing to go into the aviary at the same time.



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With demand continuing to rise, having only 1 aviary results in a longer stay than needed for the water birds in the main unit, causing unnecessary stress. We look forward to securing a second aviary and reporting on our progress next year.

Small Animals Unit

Our Small Animals team continue to face challenges presented by the public's lack of understanding of the often-complex needs of small animals, particularly rabbits and guinea pigs. These creatures are often mistakenly seen as 'starter-pets', purchased impulsively and without consideration of the companionship, care and social interaction they need.

We received a call from two of our wonderful dog walker volunteers, who had spotted a guinea pig dumped in the bushes by a lake, with only some lettuce left beside him.





We acted swiftly and were able to bring him to safety before any harm came to him. We named him George, and kept him safe, warm, and love until we found him a new home.

His story could have ended very differently, without the intervention of Freshfields Animal Rescue.

Guinea pigs cannot survive in the wild. They are gentle, domesticated pets who are completely defenceless against predators, the cold, and starvation.

We will endeavour to keep raising awareness of the need for specialised care, housing, socialisation and regular medical attention. Rabbits are known as the 'silent sufferers'. We will continue to be their voice and advocate for their needs.

STRATEGIC AIM - PREVENT

The development of our Petmobile is a generational shift for us as a charity, as we pioneer a new service which is uniquely placed to help Keep Pets with their People. With a sector in crisis in the UK, we needed to produce a blueprint for a future which would involve going beyond site-based provision to create a community outreach service meeting people where they are.

We believe that the animal rescue sector as a whole will need to adjust their approach with a shift to prevention if we are ever to be able to manage the crippling and ever expending pet welfare crisis.

MORE ON PETMOBILE **– WHAT WE DID IN 2025 TO PREPARE FOR 2026**

Preventing unwanted litters – partnership working in Wales

An important part of our work at Freshfields Wales is helping to prevent unwanted animals from entering the rescue system in the first place.

During 2025, Freshfields Wales continued to act as an advocate for Cats Protection, helping local cat owners and people caring for unowned or community cats to access support with neutering.

People who contact us because they are struggling to afford neutering, or because they are caring for cats that do not have an owner, can approach Freshfields for advice. We work with Cats Protection to help them access neutering vouchers, allowing the cats to be neutered at a reduced or supported cost.

This partnership is particularly important in helping to tackle the cycle of unwanted litters. Cats can reproduce very quickly, and preventing even one unwanted litter can make a significant difference to the number of kittens who may otherwise require rescue and rehoming in the future.

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A Year in the life of the Wales Rescue Centre

A year in the life of our Wales centre is a cycle of hard work, emotional resilience, and constant adaptation across changing seasonal demands, covering everything from Spring influxes of kittens, to to coping with another cold, hard Winter weather. 2025 was another busy and rewarding year at Freshfields Wales, with our team caring for a wide range of animals while continuing to develop the rescue centre, support our local community and, most importantly, work towards finding loving and suitable homes for the animals in our care.

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Finding the right home

One of the most rewarding parts of our work is seeing animals who have spent time with us finally begin their new lives.

In March, Oswald the pig left Freshfields Wales for his new home. He settled in well and was introduced to his new piggy companion, Marcel.





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After spending 20 weeks at Freshfields, Toota finally found her fantastic forever home in August.

Toota's story demonstrates the importance of looking beyond a standard approach and considering the individual needs of each animal. It also highlights the value of working with other organisations and specialist behaviour professionals, and of having the space and facilities to implement their recommendations. We are very grateful to our friends at Wood Green for their insight, advice, guidance and support. We can achieve so much more when we do it together.

Supporting the next generation

Education and community engagement are an important part of our work at Freshfields Wales.

During 2025, nine school and college pupils completed a week of work experience at the rescue, giving them an opportunity to experience first-hand what it is really like to work in animal rescue.

While many young people understandably imagine rescue work as spending the day cuddling animals, their experience showed them that the reality is much broader. Working in an animal rescue centre can be physically demanding, messy and emotionally challenging, as well as hugely rewarding.

During their placements, pupils gained a better understanding of animal welfare and responsible animal care, the daily routines involved in caring for rescued animals, the importance of cleanliness, hygiene and maintaining safe environments, the physical work involved in working at a rescue centre and also the emotional challenges that can come with caring for vulnerable animals. The importance of patience, compassion and teamwork and the responsibilities involved in caring for animals until the right home can be found.

We believe this experience is valuable not only for the pupils themselves, but also for the wider community. Young people can take what they have learnt back to their schools, colleges, families and friendship groups, helping to develop a better understanding of responsible animal ownership and animal welfare.

For Freshfields, offering work experience also allows us to inspire the next generation of people who may go on to work with animals or within the wider charity and welfare sector. It helps young people understand the realities of rescue work and gives them practical experience of working as part of a team.

Connecting with our community

In July, pupils from Treffos Independent School visited Freshfields Wales after researching local charities and voting to support us.



The children brought donations of towels and newspapers and were also planning a fundraising activity, with the proceeds going towards helping our animals.

Their visit gave them the opportunity to learn about the different animals at Freshfields. They toured our cattery, met our cats and enjoyed time with some of our confident kittens. They also learnt about horse teeth and had the opportunity to groom our Shetland pony, Prima, before meeting our pigs, Edith and Rupert, as well as Captain and Hippo.

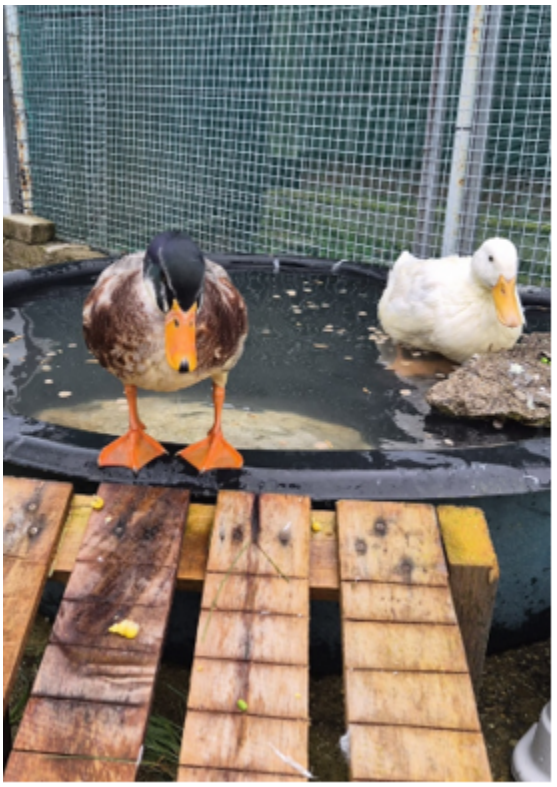
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We are incredibly grateful to schools, community groups and individuals who choose to support Freshfields and help us continue our work.

A new home for our birds

2025 also saw the completion of an exciting new development at the Wales rescue – our new bird enclosure.

Our new fox-proof bird enclosure provides a large outdoor area with a variety of housing options for ducks, geese and chickens. It also includes a large pond and even swings for the birds to enjoy, and incudes and indoor area / isolation shed.



Our first residents were ducks Dutch and Pancake, who arrived in November. They quickly made themselves at home and particularly enjoyed exploring their new pond. After spending six weeks in their new enclosure, both ducks went on to their new home.

The new enclosure represents an important improvement to the facilities available at Freshfields Wales and allows us to now provide rescue and rehabilitation to poultry and fowl birds in a safe, stimulating and appropriate environment while they wait for new homes.

Bringing the community together

In December, Freshfields Wales held its first ever Christmas event. Singers from Lleisiau'r Byd Criccieth World Voices and Cambrian Coast Community Choir helped create a wonderful festive atmosphere, while Gwynedd Tea and Coffee Supplies generously donated refreshments and cakes. Sally, a local baker also kindly provided delicious homemade mince pies.



Our dedicated staff and volunteers worked hard behind the scenes to decorate the rescue, prepare stalls and ensure that our animals were cared for throughout the event.

It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome supporters to Freshfields Wales, bring people together and allow the community to experience the rescue in a different way.

A changing team

Where would we be without our Maintenance Maestros! After almost a decade at Freshfields, our maintenance colleague Bill retired in May and returned to his roots in Wigan. Bill worked incredibly hard over the years to keep the rescue centre safe, functional and maintained, carrying out the many repairs and practical jobs that are essential to the day-to-day running of a busy rescue centre.



We were pleased to welcome Gavin as Bill's successor. Gavin has continued the work required to maintain the centre and has brought the same strong work ethic and commitment to keeping Freshfields Wales running safely and effectively.

As we close the year, we reflect on the range of challenges we faced and how we never give up on the animals who need us every day. Some animals required little more than time and a safe place to recover before finding their new homes. Others, like Toota, required us to think differently, seek specialist advice and adapt our approach. We welcomed new animals, developed our facilities, worked with schools and colleges, engaged with our local community and celebrated many happy endings.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our funders, donors, volunteers, supporters and the wider community.

STRATEGIC AIM – CONNECT

In the summer of 2025 we began a series of Rescue Tours – inviting people in small groups to visit the rescue centre to learn more about our work, deepen their connection with the charity, and meet some of the animals whose lives they are changing with their support.

The visits proved a great success, with visitors to both centres expressing how much they appreciated the invitation and how they enjoyed seeing up close the animals they are helping.



Some donors increased their regular support, others signed up for the mailing list, and some decided to be pledgers for our Christmas appeal. It is our privilege to welcome them through our doors and tell them that they are as much a part of the rescue team as we are.

Community Engagement and Volunteer Development

Rosa, our Volunteer Co-ordinator, looks back on a year of growth and development in our Community Ambassador and Volunteering Programme:

The Community Ambassador and volunteering programme has continued to grow, strengthening our presence across the local community while providing valuable support throughout the rescue.

We now have **19 Community Ambassadors**, with **10 volunteers dedicated solely to the Community Ambassador role**. These ambassadors represent the charity at events, engage with members of the public, raise awareness of our work, support fundraising activities and help develop relationships with local organisations and businesses.

We celebrated our Volunteers during UK Volunteers Week in June! Thank you to every single one of you marvellous people. We couldn’t do it without you!



To support volunteers in this role, we held a dedicated **Community Ambassador event**, which volunteers could attend either **in person or online**. This helped make the event accessible to a wider group and provided an opportunity to share information, clarify expectations, discuss upcoming activities and ensure ambassadors felt informed and confident when representing the charity.

Fundraising and Community Events

Community events have generated valuable income while increasing public awareness of the rescue.

We worked with **Pets at Home** on several fundraising initiatives. These included:

- **Santa Paws**, which raised an impressive **£1,660 in Liverpool** (£1000 of this was a voucher for us to spend in store) and **£515 in Bangor**



- A **Wishlist campaign**, which delivered several trolleys full of donations
- Several additional in-store events that helped raise funds, collect essential supplies and increase awareness of the rescue's work.

We are incredibly grateful to the team at Pets at Home for their fantastic support in 2025.



Across the specifically recorded activities above, **more than £3000 was raised**, alongside donated food and other essential items. This income and practical support make a direct contribution to the charity's day-to-day work.

Donation Collections

A coordinated system was established for volunteers to collect both **donation tins containing monetary contributions** and **donation bins containing food and essential supplies** from various locations.

Volunteers were organised to collect these donations regularly and ensure they were returned safely to the rescue. This has helped maintain relationships with participating businesses and community venues while making sure donations are gathered promptly and used effectively.

The donation-bin scheme is particularly valuable because it provides a steady supply of food and other essentials. At the same time, donation tins give members of the public a simple and accessible way to make smaller financial contributions that collectively add up to meaningful support.

Volunteer Recruitment and Support

Volunteers have filled a **wide variety of roles throughout the rescue**, providing practical assistance wherever it has been needed most. This flexibility has helped support the charity's daily operations and reduced pressure on existing staff and volunteers.

We have also welcomed several **short-term volunteers from around the world**. These volunteers joined the rescue to provide general assistance during their stay, bringing enthusiasm, additional capacity and a range of different experiences to the team. Their involvement demonstrates that the charity's work has an appeal that reaches beyond the immediate local community.

To recruit additional practical support, dedicated **flyer campaigns** were developed for **maintenance and gardening volunteer opportunities**. These campaigns were designed to reach people with relevant skills or an interest in outdoor and practical work, while making the requirements of each role clear. Recruiting volunteers in these areas is important for maintaining a safe, welcoming and well-presented environment for the animals, visitors and wider team. We are still recruiting for these roles, and both are a big priority at our Liverpool rescue.

Volunteer Identity and Professionalism

Volunteer badges were designed and ordered for use across the entire charity. These badges help ensure that volunteers are **clearly identifiable** when carrying out their duties, attending events or representing the rescue in public.

Introducing consistent identification supports a more professional and coordinated appearance. It also gives members of the public greater confidence when approaching volunteers for information, making donations or asking questions about the charity's work.

Summer Programme of Events

We were delighted to have the opportunity to promote our rescue and rehoming work across a number of Summer Fairs and Open Days, including the Southport Food and Drink Festival. We are incredibly grateful for the sterling support and ‘can-do’ approach of our volunteers in making sure that we give a Voice to the Voiceless and raise awareness of our vital work at these events across the Borough. Thank you to Sandra and Sue (pictured) and the many others who made these days such a success.



Corporate Volunteering

Several **corporate volunteer groups** have attended the rescue for one-off volunteering days. These visits provided valuable practical support while allowing local businesses and their employees to engage directly with the charity's work.

Corporate volunteering can also create longer-term benefits by raising awareness, strengthening relationships with local employers and encouraging future fundraising or partnership opportunities.

ELAINE – OUR Millenium Miracle-Worker marks 25 years at Freshfields!

Elaine's relationship with Freshfields began on the 1st January 2000 as a New Millenium's resolution. Her mum had adopted a dog from Freshfields many years earlier, and Elaine felt that she would like to get involved by joining Freshfields as a dog-walking volunteer.

Elaine estimates that during her time with us, she has walked over 120 different dogs, and we've worked out that she's walked to the moon and back!

Elaine has worn out lots of pairs of shoes over the years. She's walked in the wind, rain and snow, and has given so many dogs the simple joy of feeling the sun on their faces. Elaine has opened her heart and home and adopted Freshfields dogs too, first of all Christy and Molly, then Tilly and Rani.

Elaine has fulfilled many different roles within the charity over the last 25 years. She has been a Trustee, serving on the Board with dedication, and has been involved in TV and radio, once being driven to Media City in Salford at 6am to appear on Breakfast telly!



Whether it's home checks, training volunteers, vet runs, judging the Dog Show or promoting bull breed awareness, Elaine has put her hand up for anything and everything over the past 25 years.

Elaine once said that volunteering gives her a sense of purpose. She said that the best part was the reward of seeing a sad dog end up in a loving home, and know you've been part of the journey.

Jane Young, our Chair of the Board of Trustees, said:

"Elaine is a volunteer who embodies the values at the heart of Freshfields Animal Rescue. Her ability to connect with the most traumatised and damaged animals, and help them to heal and to love again, is something very special to witness. We are constantly moved to see the impact she has on the lives of dogs who have known nothing but loneliness and fear.

Elaine, you've been at the heart of everything we've done for the past 25 years. You've transformed lives, giving dogs the chance to explore the outside world, have a good sniff around and enjoy their adventures, and delight in having fun and playing, often for the first time in their lives".





THANK YOU so much for your incredible years of dedication and devotion to the animals. Thank you, Elaine, for making the world a better place for everyone at Freshfields.

Rescue partners – We have supportive relationships with many local vets and rescues as well as rescues across the UK through our Association for Dogs and Cats Homes networks. We work alongside the RSPCA on trap, neuter and release work in north Wales, receive invaluable support from Cats Protection in form of neuter vouchers, and engage in community support projects to provide pet food to food banks and smaller rescues, and provide care packages to homeless pet owners alongside the 'Care for the Paw' veterinary team.

We would again like to thank Bill Esterson MP for his recognition of the value of animal rescue charities like Freshfields and his appreciation of our valuable contribution in our communities.

Connecting with local businesses

Pets at Home Store Partnerships – our partnerships with Penny Lane Liverpool and Bangor in Wales provides us with opportunities to connect with people to encourage adoptions, support and increase awareness of animal welfare issues.

The store staff do an incredible job of raising funds for our animals throughout the year and providing free pet food. We were happy to attend the Christmas Fair at the Bangor store, giving local children the opportunity to get to know us and learn about how we care for ponies like Harvey and Celyn.

We look forward to continuing our partnership, raising awareness of our work in the local community, and raising funds for the animals whose lives we save every year.

Amey Charity of the Year

We were delighted to be chosen by Amey Ltd's Grounded Services Support (GSS) Team in Speke as one of their Charities of the Year. Through their Matched Funding Scheme, every pound raised locally by employees is matched by the corporation.



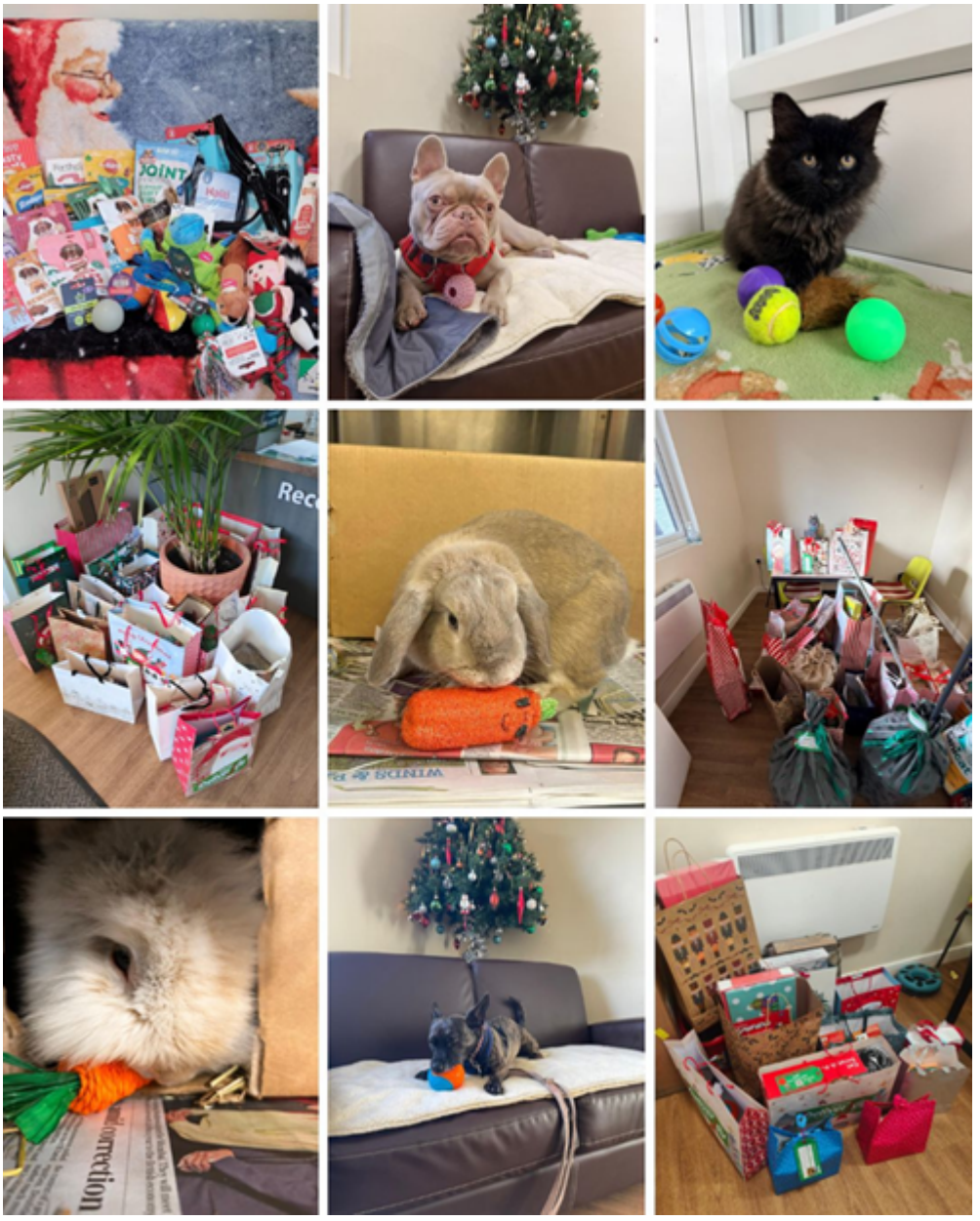
The GSS team at the Matchworks office raised £1,000 for Freshfields, which was matched by Amey Ltd. We were glad to visit their offices and thank the staff in person for their support for the animals.

Dunelm Delivering Joy at Christmas!

A huge thank you to all the wonderful staff and customers at **Dunelm Switch Island** for spreading so much joy to the animals at Freshfields Animal Rescue through their **Delivering Joy Campaign**.

We were overwhelmed by the incredible number of gifts donated, and by the love and kindness behind every single one. These are just a few photos of the wonderful presents the animals received.

It is truly heart-warming to know that we have such amazing support from our local community. Your generosity makes such a difference to the animals in our care, especially at Christmas, when every little bit of kindness means so much.The gifts arrived in plenty of time for the animals to enjoy and open on Christmas Day — you really did **deliver joy and happiness to our rescue animals**!



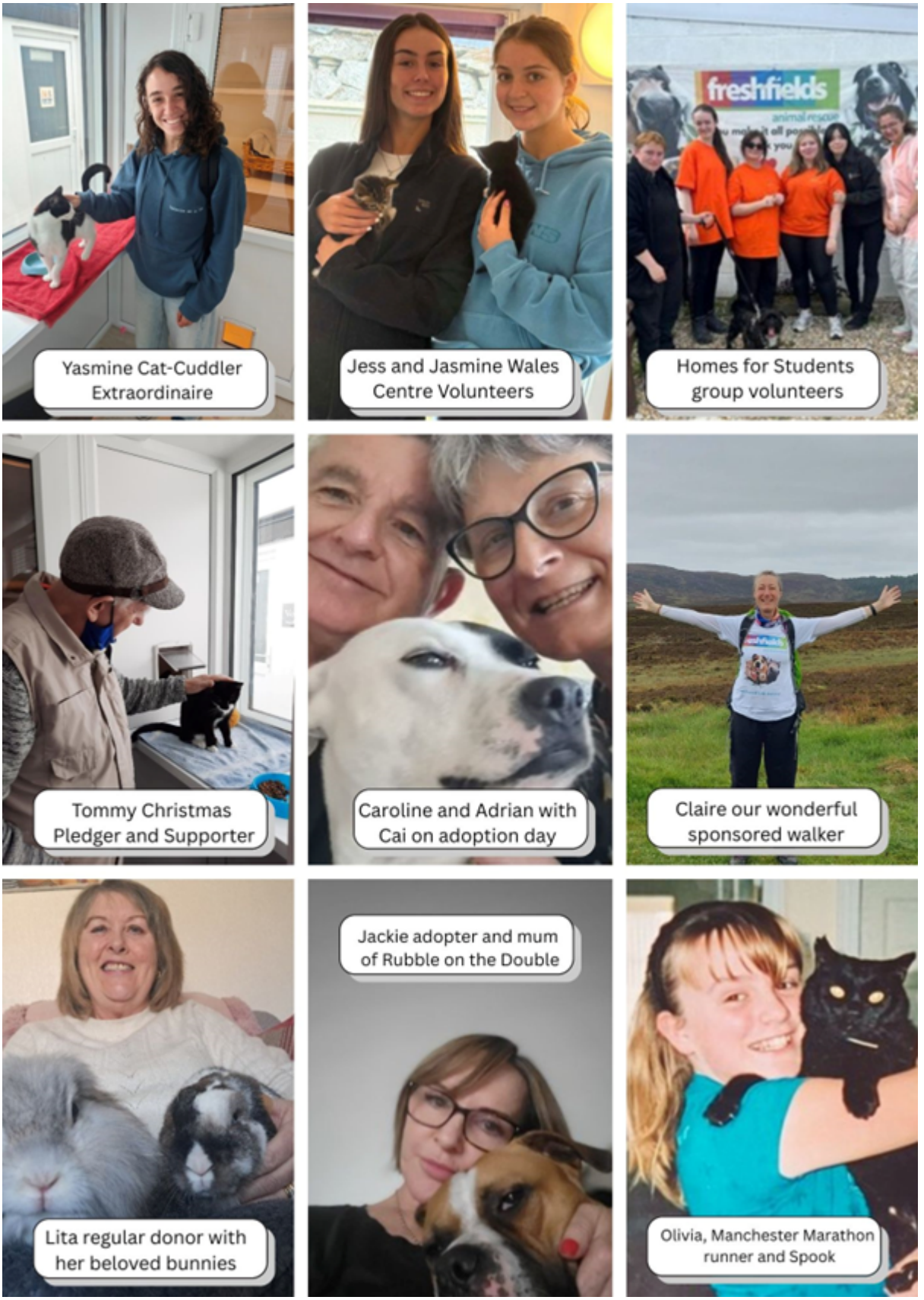
We are thrilled to hear that Freshfields has once again been chosen as a Christmas charity for **2026**. We are so grateful to everyone at Dunelm Switch Island and to all their lovely customers for continuing to support us and the animals who need us most.

Merseyrail Chooses Freshfields Animal Rescue as Charity Partner

As the year came to a close, we were delighted to hear that Merseyrail has chosen Freshfields Animal Rescue as one of 2 Charity Partners for 2026-27. We look forward to building a brilliant relationship with them and reporting on this fantastic partnership in next year's report.

We have an incredible rescue community – including YOU!

We are constantly encouraged and humbled by the thousands of truly wonderful people who connect with us every year to prevent suffering of animals in their area. Here are just a few:


Yasmine Cat-Cuddler Extraordinaire
Jess and Jasmine Wales Centre Volunteers
freshfields
Homes for Students group volunteers
Tommy Christmas Pledger and Supporter
Caroline and Adrian with Cai on adoption day
Claire our wonderful sponsored walker
Lita regular donor with her beloved bunnies
Jackie adopter and mum of Rubble on the Double
Olivia, Manchester Marathon runner and Spook

We value our supporters immensely and literally cannot thank them enough. We are trying our best to communicate regularly with our supporters and show them the lives they have transformed. We will continue to improve how we connect and express our impact and gratitude.

LOOKING FORWARDS TO 2026 AND BEYOND

It is a pleasure each year to reflect on our achievements when producing our annual report. Despite the relentless challenges, we are unrelenting and achieving a lot of positive change each year. We are on track with our strategic plan and timescale. We have a solid team that we are immensely proud of. We will continue to protect our achievements in terms in rescue impact and care quality, and will soon be reporting on some innovative and bold preventative work.

You make it all possible. Every year we are blown away by your continued support and faith in us that we will do you proud. Thank you.



Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation number 1160348, registered using the Foundation model that was adopted on 28 January 2015.

Trustees

With key responsibility for governing and directing the work of the organisation, the contribution of our Trustees has never been more important. Our Volunteer Trustees ensure we deliver on our charitable purposes, comply with our ethics, and meet our legal obligations. They do so with vision, drive and a sense of duty. Combining knowledge of rescue management, finance, IT, legal and social work with a passion for the protection of wildlife, farmed and companion animals, the Board provides oversight along with practical and moral support to the delivery teams.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

J Young	
A Armstrong	
D Martin	(Resigned 1 July 2025)
D Cox	
C Pope	(Resigned 2 January 2026)
W D Shaw	(Appointed 2 September 2025)
C M Coghill	(Appointed 27 May 2025)

Recruitment and appointment of the Management Committee

The Trustees appoint members of the Executive and Management Teams as and when appropriate. We aim for a balance of skills, experience and knowledge in our Board of Trustees, combined with a passion to make the world a better place for vulnerable animals. Each Trustee receives a full induction into the history, values and mission of Freshfields Animal Rescue, and every individual contributes their skills to benefit the management and development of our work.

Recruitment of new Trustees

Trustees are appointed through a structured recruitment process, involving a formal application and a democratic Trustee voting process to ensure that new Trustees add value and expertise to the organisation. Trustees are appointed by agreement with the existing Trustees. There are no paid employees on the Board.

We would like to thank all our Trustees for their commitment to protecting and upholding the ethics and principles of Freshfields Animal Rescue, for their care in safeguarding the assets and resources of the organisation, and for their contribution of skills and knowledge for the benefit of the animals.

Related parties

There are no related parties.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

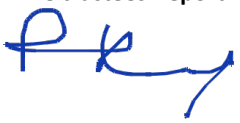
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



J Young
Chair of the Board of Trustees
Dated: 29 October 2026

FRESHFIELDS ANIMAL RESCUE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRESHFIELDS ANIMAL RESCUE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Freshfields Animal Rescue (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance;
- the charity's own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur either as a result of fraud or error;
- the results of our enquiries of management and members of the Board of Trustees of their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charity's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
- identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
- the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following areas:

(i) The presentation of the charity's Statement of Financial Activities, (ii) revenue recognition, and (iii) the overstatement of salary and other costs. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Charities Act and the Statement of Recommended Practice - 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued by the joint SORP making body.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included Animal Welfare and Data Protection Regulations.

Audit response to risks identified

As a result of performing the above, we identified the presentation of the charity's Statement of Financial Activities, revenue recognition and overstatement of wages and other costs as the key audit matters related to the potential risk of fraud. The key audit matters section of our report explains the matters in more detail and also describes the specific procedures we performed in response to those key audit matters.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations described above as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management and members of the Board of Trustees concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with relevant authorities where matters identified were significant;
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council’s website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Other matters

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRESHFIELDS ANIMAL RESCUE

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Mitchell Charlesworth (Audit) Limited.

Mitchell Charlesworth (Audit) Limited 29 October 2026

Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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100 Old Hall Street
Liverpool
L3 9QJ

Mitchell Charlesworth (Audit) Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

FRESHFIELDS ANIMAL RESCUE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	**3**	1,173,797	58,296	1,232,093	626,433	24,503	650,936
Charitable activities	**4**	40,132	-	40,132	49,507	-	49,507
Other trading activities	**5**	411,282	-	411,282	437,269	-	437,269
Other income	**6**	15,051	-	15,051	10,162	-	10,162
Total income		1,640,262	58,296	1,698,558	1,123,371	24,503	1,147,874
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	**7**	267,135	-	267,135	264,348	395	264,743
Charitable activities	**8**	1,273,582	74,130	1,347,712	1,230,424	25,963	1,256,387
Other expenditure		-	-	-	2,359	-	2,359
Total expenditure		1,540,717	74,130	1,614,847	1,497,131	26,358	1,523,489
Net income/(expenditure)		99,545	(15,834)	83,711	(373,760)	(1,855)	(375,615)
Transfers between funds		2,487	(2,487)	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**10**	102,032	(18,321)	83,711	(373,760)	(1,855)	(375,615)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2025		1,073,354	247,856	1,321,210	1,447,114	249,711	1,696,825
Fund balances at 31 December 2025		1,175,386	229,535	1,404,921	1,073,354	247,856	1,321,210

All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

FRESHFIELDS ANIMAL RESCUE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**14**		626,880		667,738
Current assets					
Stocks	**15**	10,216		11,285	
Debtors	**16**	426,429		215,924	
Cash at bank and in hand		429,027		488,147	
		865,672		715,356	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**17**	(87,631)		(61,884)	
Net current assets			778,041		653,472
Total assets less current liabilities			1,404,921		1,321,210
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	**19**		229,535		247,856
Unrestricted funds	**20**		1,175,386		1,073,354
			1,404,921		1,321,210

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 29 October 2026



J Young
Chair of the Board of Trustees

FRESHFIELDS ANIMAL RESCUE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	**25**		(42,054)		(37,072)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(17,066)		(18,101)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		-		2,400	
Net cash used in investing activities			(17,066)		(15,701)
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(59,120)		(52,773)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			488,147		540,920
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			429,027		488,147

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1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Freshfields Animal Rescue is a charitable incorporated organisation, registered in the United Kingdom. The address of the principal office is East Lodge Farm, East Lane, Ince Blundell, Liverpool, L29 3EA. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are described in the Trustees' Report on pages 1 and 2.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS 102”) and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Report.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of generating funds includes expenditure on fund raising activities and head office overheads.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs associated with the operation and management of residential accommodation and welfare support services.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Support costs are those that assist the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs and administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a pro-rata basis consistent with the use of the resources.

The analysis of these costs is included in note 9.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended. Individual assets are capitalised on the balance sheet where their cost exceeds £500.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	4% per annum
Improvements to property	4% per annum
Plant and machinery	25% on reducing balance basis
Fixtures and fittings	5% / 25% on reducing balance basis
Motor vehicles	25% on reducing balance basis

Freehold land is not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured at the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the charity transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Taxation

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.13 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.14 Operating lease agreements

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

1.15 Irrecoverable VAT

All resources expended are classified under activity headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category or resources expended for which it is incurred.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements

Useful economic lives of fixed assets

The charity depreciates tangible assets over their estimated useful lives. The estimation of the useful lives of assets is based on historic performance as well as expectations about future use and therefore requires assumptions to be applied by management. The actual lives of these assets can vary depending on a variety of factors, including technological innovation, product life cycles and maintenance programmes. Judgement is applied by the trustees when determining the residual values for plant, machinery and equipment. When determining the residual value management assesses the amount that the charity would currently obtain for the disposal of the asset, if it were already of the condition expected at the end of its useful economic life.

Legacy income

The charity is notified of legacies and recognises the income when they are reasonably known and receipt is expected. The trustees make an assessment of the amounts due to the charity based on the information available at the time the financial statements are prepared.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	354,824	2,000	356,824	302,713	-	302,713
Legacies	706,756	-	706,756	294,350	-	294,350
Grants	112,217	56,296	168,513	29,370	24,503	53,873
	1,173,797	58,296	1,232,093	626,433	24,503	650,936

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Charitable activities		
Adoptions	40,132	49,507

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	32,670	15,561
Shop income	378,612	421,708
Other trading activities	411,282	437,269

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Commission	15,051	10,162

7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising and publicity						
Purchases	4,157	-	4,157	5,534	-	5,534
Rent and rates	46,711	-	46,711	45,531	-	45,531
Light and heat	7,036	-	7,036	11,506	-	11,506
Advertising	-	-	-	-	395	395
Other fundraising costs	25,337	-	25,337	24,903	-	24,903
Staff costs	46,578	-	46,578	40,666	-	40,666
Depreciation and impairment	159	-	159	260	-	260
	129,978	-	129,978	128,400	395	128,795
Trading costs						
Staff costs	137,157	-	137,157	135,948	-	135,948
Total costs	267,135	-	267,135	264,348	395	264,743

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2025	Charitable activities 2024
	£	£
Direct costs		
Staff costs	887,459	838,236
Depreciation and impairment	57,765	58,692
Centre - restricted	28,415	1,708
Travel expenses	145	739
Grant spend	1,486	-
Vet fees	77,346	70,459
Animal food and care	31,225	38,245
Small equipment	834	2,129
Rates and water	2,156	1,780
Light and heat	46,654	48,599
Repairs and maintenance	22,012	19,762
Sundry expenses	2,023	1,699
Veterinary consumables	53,408	50,474
Hygiene and waste	32,222	29,240
Motor expenses	6,591	1,810
	1,249,741	1,163,572
Share of support and governance costs (see note 9)		
Support	82,500	80,452
Governance	15,471	12,363
	1,347,712	1,256,387
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	1,273,582	1,230,424
Restricted funds	74,130	25,963
	1,347,712	1,256,387

9 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Insurance	14,594	27,387
Telephone	6,297	7,837
Postage and stationery	10,294	12,669
Bank charges	10,072	10,959
Computer expenses and consumables	8,902	5,849
Staff training	17,275	2,569
Legal and professional fees	15,066	13,182
Governance costs	15,471	12,363
	97,971	92,815
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	97,971	92,815

10 Net movement in funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	9,500	9,500
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	57,924	58,952
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	2,359

11 Trustees

The total remuneration paid to a trustee was £NIL (2024: £NIL). In addition pension contributions amounting to £NIL (2024: £NIL) were paid in respect of one trustee. Full details are provided in note 24.

There were no trustees' expenses reimbursed during the year ended 31 December 2025, nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Management	3	3
Animal workers	32	31
Income generation	9	7
Operational support	7	6
Total	51	47

12 Employees **(Continued)**

Employment costs	**2025**	**2024**
	£	**£**
Wages and salaries	969,445	947,348
Social security costs	85,059	50,662
Other pension costs	16,690	16,840
	1,071,194	1,014,850

Termination payments (included above) totalling £Nil (2024: £18,000) were made in the reporting period.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2025	**2024**
	£	**£**
Aggregate compensation	164,076	167,835

The trustees consider the key management personnel to be; the Director, the Operations Manager (Wales), Finance Manager, and the Area Shops Managers (Liverpool and Wales).

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from income tax on its charitable activities.

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property	Improvements to property	Plant and machinery	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 January 2025	170,968	843,220	172,953	2,004	59,548	1,248,693
Additions	-	4,260	306	-	12,500	17,066
At 31 December 2025	170,968	847,480	173,259	2,004	72,048	1,265,759
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 January 2025	72,244	339,486	134,801	1,370	33,054	580,955
Depreciation charged in the year	6,839	33,829	9,544	159	7,553	57,924
At 31 December 2025	79,083	373,315	144,345	1,529	40,607	638,879
Carrying amount						
At 31 December 2025	91,885	474,165	28,914	475	31,441	626,880
At 31 December 2024	98,724	503,734	38,152	634	26,494	667,738

15 Stocks

	2025	2024
	£	£
Animal feed, consumables and veterinary supplies	10,216	11,285

16 Debtors

	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	517	-
Other debtors	24,396	10,722
Prepayments and accrued income	401,516	205,202
	426,429	215,924

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	43,587	16,396
Trade creditors	23,556	11,457
Other creditors	-	8,079
Accruals and deferred income	20,488	25,952
	87,631	61,884

18 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025	2024
Defined contribution schemes	£	£
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	16,690	16,840

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

19 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Dog Sensory Garden	14,059	-	(3,515)	-	10,544
New ambulance appeal	2,198	-	(550)	-	1,648
On-site vet room	5,773	-	(1,443)	-	4,330
Wales Centre improvements	29,351	-	(1,545)	-	27,806
Kayleigh (wildlife volunteer)	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
The Pet Plan Charitable Trust	1,263	-	(316)	-	947
The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust	40,416	-	(2,834)	-	37,582
Doreen Greenlees Trust	4,200	-	(200)	-	4,000
Hill Dickinson	10,575	-	(503)	-	10,072
Animal Friends	468	-	-	(468)	-
Co-Operative Community Fund	44	-	(22)	-	22
Pets at Home	45,760	-	(1,990)	-	43,770
Support Adoption for Pets	71,688	-	(3,414)	-	68,274
Sylvanus Charitable Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Animal Defence Trust	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Battersea	20,000	-	(3,500)	-	16,500
Audrey Lamb Trust	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
''Will Week'	42	-	(2)	-	40
Petmobile Project	-	52,296	(52,296)	-	-
Other	2,019	-	-	(2,019)	-
	247,856	58,296	(74,130)	(2,487)	229,535

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19 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

Previous year:	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Dog Sensory Garden	22,197	-	(8,138)	-	14,059
New ambulance appeal	3,297	-	(1,099)	-	2,198
On-site vet room	8,150	-	(2,377)	-	5,773
Wales Centre improvements	30,896	-	(1,545)	-	29,351
The Pet Plan Charitable Trust	1,895	-	(632)	-	1,263
The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust	22,901	20,000	(2,485)	-	40,416
Doreen Greenlees Trust	4,400	-	(200)	-	4,200
Hill Dickinson	11,078	-	(503)	-	10,575
Animal Friends	-	2,128	(1,660)	-	468
Co-Operative Community Fund	66	-	(22)	-	44
Pets at Home	47,750	-	(1,990)	-	45,760
Support Adoption for Pets	75,102	-	(3,414)	-	71,688
Animal Defence Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Battersea	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
''Will Week'	44	-	(2)	-	42
Other	1,935	375	(291)	-	2,019
	249,711	24,503	(26,358)	-	247,856

19 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

Dog Sensory Garden donation

One of the charity's long term supporters and volunteers donated the proceeds of a personal investment to be used to landscape and provide agility equipment on the dog exercise field. A variety of textures (astroturf, rubber, grass, sand and stone) were included in the landscaping to provide a sensory experience for the dogs in the charities care.

New ambulance appeal

Donations were received to contribute to the purchase of a new Freshfields ambulance to replace the existing one.

On-site vet room

Funds were donated from Pet Plan and Caf Bank, and a general appeal for the construction of a vet room at the centre.

Wales Centre improvements

The Billy Meade Trust donated £50,000 for improvements of the Wales Centre. This included improvements to the cattery and electric repairs.

Pet Plan Charitable Trust

We were awarded £7,497 from Pet Plan Charitable Trust towards the cost of a new Animal Ambulance, replacing a vehicle which was unfit for purpose and enabling the safe and secure transport of animals.

Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust made an award for a new X-Ray machine for the Vet Room, enabling our vet to carry out routine X-rays on site and therefore reduce costs; further sums of £6,208 and £11,000 were provided for the construction of a new cattery unit, including cattery maternity pens.

Co-operative Community Fund

We were awarded funds to deliver much needed refurbishment and repairs to the structure of one of the Kennel blocks. The side walls had been damaged by leaks as the covering materials were no longer fit for purpose. These funds will ensure a safe, dry and comfortable environment for the dogs in the main areas in which they meet, greet and socialise.

Doreen Greenlees

The Doreen Greenless Charitable Trust donated £5,000 towards the cost of the Welcome Area in the development of the Animal Adoption Hub. This is to provide a warm, welcoming and well-equipped space for visitors and people who want to adopt an animal.

Hill Dickinson

Hill Dickinson solicitors contributed £12,587 towards the construction of the Animal Adoption Hub.

Support Adoption for Pets

This animal welfare charity donated £85,344 towards the construction of the Animal Adoption Hub.

'Will Week'

A donation of £50 was made towards the construction of the Animal Adoption Hub.

Pets at Home

The Pets Foundation provided a grant of £49,740 towards the upgrading of the cattery unit at the Liverpool premises.

19 Restricted funds **(Continued)**

Animal Defence Trust

A grant of £1,000 was received for the construction of an aviary building. The work is due to commence in 2027.

Battersea

A Paul O'Grady legacy donation of £20,000 was received for the upgrading of the vet room at the Liverpool premises.

Petmobile Project

A grant was approved for the development, initiation and operations of a three-year pilot scheme with the strategic aim of relieving pressure on rescue centres by providing practical support, in the community, to help to keep pets with their people.

Audrey Lamb Trust

A grant of £1,000 was received for veterinary fees.

Kayleigh (wildlife volunteer)

A wildlife volunteer donated £2,000 towards the construction of an aviary building. The work is due to commence in 2027.

Sylvanus Charitable Trust

The Sylvanus Charitable Trust provided £2,000 towards vet bills for dogs.

20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2025	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,073,354	1,640,262	(1,540,717)	2,487	1,175,386

Previous year:	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	1,447,114	1,123,371	(1,497,131)	-	1,073,354

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	Total 2025
	£	£	£
At 31 December 2025:			
Tangible assets	401,345	225,535	626,880
Current assets/(liabilities)	774,041	4,000	778,041
	1,175,386	229,535	1,404,921

	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024
	£	£	£
At 31 December 2024:			
Tangible assets	460,434	207,304	667,738
Current assets/(liabilities)	612,920	40,552	653,472
	1,073,354	247,856	1,321,210

22 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Within one year	44,468	41,867

23 Capital commitments

As at 31 December 2025 the entity had no capital commitments, being contracted for but not provided in the financial statements.

24 Related party transactions

In the opinion of the trustees there is no ultimate controlling party.

During the year the charity paid trustees insurance amounting to £724 (2024: £762).

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25	Cash absorbed by operations	2025	2024
		£	£
	Surplus/(deficit) for the year	83,711	(375,615)
	Adjustments for:		
	(Gain)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	2,359
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	57,924	58,952
	Movements in working capital:		
	Decrease in stocks	1,069	2,814
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(210,505)	269,265
	Increase in creditors	25,747	5,153
	Cash absorbed by operations	(42,054)	(37,072)

26 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.