

# Business Plan and Annual Report 2016 

Charity Name

Registration Number

Principal Address

The Starlight Trust

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Website
starlighttrust.org.uk

# Charity Management \& Activities 

## Managing Trustee Details

| Name | Office | Dates Acted |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sarah Argrave | Animal Care Manager, Webmaster | All year |
| David Argrave | Treasurer, Animal Care Assistant, Animal Rescue \& Transport <br> Officer | All year |

Other Trustee Details

| Name | Office | Dates Acted |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Amanda Lynch |  | All year |
|  |  |  |

## Constitution and Activities

| Type of governing document | Constitution |
| :--- | :--- |
| How the charity is constituted | Trust |

For the benefit of the public, to relieve the suffering and distress of animals in such ways as the trust shall decide including (but not exclusively) the following ways: -
(a) to rescue, take in and provide care, shelter and sanctuary for stray, lost, neglected, abandoned, ill-treated and unwanted pets, primarily small pet rodents,

Charity Objectives

Activities Undertaken and to rehome these animals wherever possible.
(b) To promote humane behaviour towards animals by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for animals which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage.
(c) to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.
in 2008, the trust operates a rescue and sanctuary for small pets and fera pigeons from founders Sarah and Dave Argrave's home. In general, there are around 40 animals in our care at any one time. We tend to focus on animals which are vulnerable, in neglect situations, or which have been refused help elsewhere, and on quality over quantity.
The trust also runs two websites which offer advice and assistance to the public caring for animals.
Helpwildlife.co.uk was set up in 2005 and offers advice on what to do when finding a sick, injured or apparently orphaned wild bird or animal, who to turn to for help and how to resolve conflicts with 'pest' species holistically and humanely.
Smallpetsmatter.co.uk was set up in 2012 and aims to promote better care for pet rodents. If offers advice about the husbandry of the most popular species of small pet and a directory of rescues which can help if looking to rehome or adopt such animals.

# The Year Ahead 

Charity Structure and Management

Financial Plans and Expectations

Planned Activities

## Quarter 1: January - March

## Financial Summary

Total income this quarter was $£ 1460.79$. This was comprised of $£ 934.53$ in donations and $£ 526.26$ from fundraising activities. This unusual spike in income from fundraising is attributable to nearly $£ 430$ raised by Bramble's Fund in one of their online auctions.

Expenditure was comfortably within income at $£ 390.50$. $£ 278.96$ was spent directly on animal care with the remaining $£ 111.54$ being spent on other activities.

## Animal Intake

23 animals were admitted in this period - 15 rats, 7 feral pigeons and 1 wood pigeon.

## HelpWildlife.co.uk

The site received 31,966 visitors. This is a 6\% decrease on the same period last year.

## SmallPetsMatter.co.uk

The site received a total of 8663 visitors. This is a $27 \%$ increase on the same period in 2015 .

## Progress against goals

## Quarter 2: April - June

## Financial Summary

Income this period was $£ 949.11$ comprising $£ 909.32$ in donations and $£ 39.79$ from fundraising activities.

This quarter, expenditure exceeded income at $£ 966.59$. $£ 869.68$ was spent directly on animal care and $£ 96.91$ was spent on other activities.

## Animal Intake

12 animals were admitted this quarter -1 racing pigeon, 1 domestic pigeon, 8 feral pigeons and 2 wood pigeons

## HelpWildlife.co.uk

The site received 88,634 visitors which is a $16 \%$ increase on the same period in 2015

## SmallPetsMatter.co.uk

The site received a total of 8777 visitors. This is a $34 \%$ increase on the same period in 2015.

## Progress against goals

## Quarter 3: July - September

## Financial Summary

Total income this quarter was $£ 743.05$. This comprised $£ 691.07$ in donations and $£ 51.98$ from fundraising activities.

Expenditure was comfortably within income at $£ 225.82$. $£ 203.16$ was spent directly on animal care with the remaining $£ 22.66$ going on other activities.

## Animal Intake

15 animals were admitted this quarter - 5 rats, 2 syrian hamsters, 2 racing pigeons, 1 wood mouse, 4 feral pigeons and 1 wood pigeon.

HelpWildlife.co.uk
The site received 92,724 visitors. This is a $33 \%$ increase on the same period last year.

## SmallPetsMatter.co.uk

The site received a total of 9199 visitors. This is a $20 \%$ increase on the same period in 2015 .
Progress against goals

## Quarter 4: October - December

## Financial Summary

Income this quarter was a record $£ 4037.07$. This was comprised of $£ 1708.50$ in donations and $£ 2328.57$ from fundraising activities. This spike is attributable to a $£ 1500$ grant received from Lush Charitable Pot which is to fund the purchase of new custom cages for the animal room, and just over $£ 700$ raised by Bramble's Fund in one of their online auctions.

Expenditure was considerable due to the purchase of the aforementioned cages but, happily, still well within income at $£ 2547.28$. $£ 2038.12$ was spent directly on animal care, including the new cages, with the remaining $£ 509.16$ being spent on other activities. This was largely attributable to some investment in educational and fundraising materials such as leaflets.

## Animal Intake

40 animals were admitted this quarter -29 rats, 2 syrian hamsters and 9 feral pigeons.

## HelpWildlife.co.uk

The site received 53,209 visitors which is a 44\% increase on the same period in 2015.

## SmallPetsMatter.co.uk

The site received a total of 9924 visitors. This is a $22 \%$ increase on the same period in 2015.
Progress against goals

## Annual Summary

## Financial Summary

Annual income totalled $£ 7190.02$, by far our best year so far thanks to big boosts from Bramble's Fund and Lush Charity Pot. Otherwise, income from donations was up a little.

Expenditure totalled $£ 4130.19$ so was well within income. Although the vast majority ( $£ 3389.92$ ) was spent directly on animal care, a record amount ( $£ 740.27$ ) was spent on other activities due to some investment in educational and fundraising materials.

## Animal Intake and Success Rate

A total of 90 animals were admitted in 2016 (compared to 65 in 2015). The graph to the right shows the species breakdown.

During the year 35 animals were rehomed (compared to 22 last year) and 22 were released (compared to 7 in 2015).

Overall, we achieved a $90 \%$ success rate against the animals admitted in
 compared with $93 \%$ last year.

## HelpWildlife.co.uk

The site received a total of 266,263 visitors which is a $23 \%$ increase on the 2016 total

## SmallPetsMatter.co.uk

There were a total of 36,563 visitors to the site which is a $25 \%$ increase on the 2015 total.

## Progress against goals

## Assets

The receipt of over $£ 600$ worth of donated goods via our Amazon Wishlist made a sizeable contribution towards keeping expenditure within income levels.

## Liabilities

The trust holds no liabilities

## Balance

We end 2016 with a balance of $£ 3549.30$

## Annex A: Detailed Animal Stats


*Success rate is calculated by taking the number of animals admitted, discounting any which are ongoing or have a neutral outcome, and then dividing that by the number with a successful outcome. Neutral outcomes are, for example, animals which are dead or dying on arrival, those which remain here as permanent residents and then pass away at an expected point, or animals passed to other rescues. Successful outcomes are animals which are released or rehomed.

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## Receipts and Payments Accounts

2016

| Receipts |  | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Donation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ADOPTION | 10.00 | 130.00 | 60.00 | 200.00 | 400.00 |
|  | SURRENDER | 30.00 | 120.00 | 65.00 | - | 215.00 |
|  | SUBSCRIPTION | 125.00 | 115.00 | 125.00 | 160.00 | 525.00 |
|  | GIFT AID | - | 364.47 | - | - | 364.47 |
|  | HELPWILDLIFE | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | APPEAL | - | - | - | 140.00 | 140.00 |
|  | OTHER DONATION | 769.53 | 179.85 | 441.07 | 1,208.50 | 2,598.95 |
|  | TOTAL DONATIONS | 934.53 | 909.32 | 691.07 | 1,708.50 | 4,243.42 |
| Fundraising |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | SALE | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | GRANT | 428.89 | - | - | 2,208.00 | 2,636.89 |
|  | EVENT | - | - | - | 43.65 | 43.65 |
|  | ONLINE | 97.37 | 39.79 | 51.98 | 76.92 | 266.06 |
|  | TOTAL FUNDRAISING | 526.26 | 39.79 | 51.98 | 2,328.57 | 2,946.60 |
|  | OTHER | - | - | - | - | - |
|  | TOTAL RECEIPTS | 1,460.79 | 949.11 | 743.05 | 4,037.07 | 7,190.02 |


| Payments |  | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Animal Care |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | FOOD | 24.94 | 13.60 | 8.98 | 92.13 | 139.65 |
|  | HEALTH/HYGIENE | - | 113.22 | - | 48.00 | 161.22 |
|  | HOUSING/ENRICHMENT | 44.58 | 90.36 | - | 1,558.96 | 1,693.90 |
|  | VET/MEDICAL | 209.44 | 652.50 | 194.18 | 339.03 | 1,395.15 |
|  | TOTAL ANIMAL CARE | 278.96 | 869.68 | 203.16 | 2,038.12 | 3,389.92 |
| Other |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | FEE | 1.89 | 3.28 | 10.78 | 5.03 | 20.98 |
|  | IT/TELEPHONY | 47.25 | 12.88 | 11.88 | 11.88 | 83.89 |
|  | PETROL | 10.00 | 30.00 | - | 10.00 | 50.00 |
|  | FUNDRAISING/ADMIN | 22.40 | 50.75 | - | 327.93 | 401.08 |
|  | MISC | 30.00 | - | - | 154.32 | 184.32 |
|  | TOTAL OTHER | 111.54 | 96.91 | 22.66 | 509.16 | 740.27 |
|  | TOTAL PAYMENTS | 390.50 | 966.59 | 225.82 | 2,547.28 | 4,130.19 |

## POSITION AT YEAR END

BALANCE CARRIED OVER FROM LAST YEAR
LIABILITIES

## END OF YEAR BALANCE

Signed:
Date:

Signed:
Date:

