

**Romania Animal Aid**  
(Registered charity, number 1133543)  
**Financial statements**  
**for the year ended 5 July 2012**

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**Romania Animal Aid  
Trustees' Annual Report  
for the year ended 5 July 2012**

**Full name** Romania Animal Aid

**Working name** Action Aid for Animals

**Registered charity number** 1133543

**Principal address**

243 High Street  
Tunstall  
Stoke on Trent  
Staffordshire  
ST6 5EG

**Trustees**

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Kendra Pinder                            | Chair     |
| Valerie Guy, resigned 1 November 2013    | Treasurer |
| Darren Pinder, appointed 1 November 2013 | Treasurer |
| Anne Piper                               | Secretary |

**Bankers**

Cashplus  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
One London Wall  
London  
EC2Y 5EB

**Independent examiner**

Mark Lawton  
Employee of VAST  
The Dudson Centre  
Hope Street  
Hanley  
Stoke on Trent  
ST1 5DD

**Governance and management**

The charity is operated under the rules of its trust deed adopted 18 January 2010.

**Aims and objectives**

Rescuing, caring for and re-homing victims of animal abuse, cruelty and abandonment in Romania. Relieving the suffering of Animals in Romania by providing aid and funding spay and neuter clinics.

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 or other facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals. 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 and to educate the public in matters pertaining to animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals.

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**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

Romania Animal Aid began in January 2010 its mission is to promote and educate the public on animal welfare issues, by sharing best practice in animal welfare, both locally and internationally. Improvements to practices help communities address the issues they face. The promotion of best practice in the Home, in areas such as re-homing, neutering and veterinary care.

The trustee's of Action Aid for Animals are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the charity. The trustee's are of the view that the core mission of the charity together with the activities which underpin this mission are for public benefit in the following ways:

- By promoting and educating the public on animal welfare issues, demonstrable benefits to public are achieved.
- By sharing best practice in animal welfare, both locally and internationally, improvements to practices help communities address the issues they face.
- By following best practice in the home in areas as re-homing, neutering and veterinary care.

**Summary of the main achievements during the period**

For this year we focused upon increasing the charity's income so we could implement and fund more projects to save even more lives and create positive change. This we achieved by decreasing the spending on transport costs by implementing and organising our own transport. We also allowed others to use the space within our transport for animals they had rescued and found homes for in other areas of Europe and the United Kingdom. They then donated towards the transport costs, but also were able to claim gift aid on the donations which then increased our income but also allowed us to fund larger and more diverse projects than before.

It was incredibly important to us that the transport itself was non profit and that it gave back to the animals left behind. We started to collect aid and on the return journey back to Romania we would distribute the aid to the non profit groups and individual rescuers as well as delivering entire van loads of aid to animal shelters within Romania.

This was a great success both financially for the charity and for the animals we help. Literally thousands more animals were able to be helped than the year previously.

The increase of income and generation of aid can be found in the following figures.

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**Financial Review**

Previous financial year 5 July 2011 Income was £23,667, spending £23,086. Much of the spending was on sterilisations and transport of a few animals to secure their safety, the collection and distribution of aid was marginal and sporadic as the transport system had not been put in place.

This current financial year 5 July 2012 Income was £60,236, spending £61,520 and approximately £112,000 of aid was collected and distributed. With the increase of income we were able to expand and fund more life saving projects below are just a few examples:

- Increase in funding veterinary costs.
- Sterilising and vaccinating entire shelters rather than animals as before.
- Funding of kennels to be built to keep the rescued animals safe.
- Funded for emergency transport spaces for those most in need.
- Funded for food to be purchased and delivered within Romania to areas our own transport could not reach.
- Funding and organising of rescues, utilising our own transport to rescue dogs and cats within Romania to be collected and brought to safety within Romania foster places.
- Funding for Aid to be distributed to more desolate locations.

Since the year end, sadly our former treasurer has passed away. With her passing this has resulted in the organisation's realisation on the reliance of her for its financial record keeping, as her family have been unable to find some of the organisations receipts. This has resulted in the organisation changing its policy and having all the financial records kept on the premises so as to avoid any future misplacement of its financial records.

**The charity's policy on reserves**

Romania Animal Aid does not currently have a specific reserves policy, as such a small charity with our mission we can not afford to have reserves.

**Risk Policy**

The main risk the charity faces is ensuring that the monies and aid we send to help the animals does actually get spent and used on the animals.

We require receipts and also photographic evidence that the money and aid we send is being used on what it is intended for. We also have visited projects that we have funded in Romania to see the results and progress ourselves.

**Donations policy**

The organisation policy for giving donations or aid is that it must be given for the sole purpose and benefit of animal or animals in need and must only be used for that purpose.

All donations given by the charity for the use of the betterment of the animals first and foremost is to save lives, alleviate suffering and support those animal/animals it is benefiting. However we are always aware that our donations made must also be of benefit to the public. All our donations be them financial or physical aid has accomplished both of these criteria.

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**Other information**

It has been an incredibly busy but tough year for the charity. We are so pleased that through our hard work and the amazing connections we have made throughout Europe that our ability to help even more animals, to benefit the public in more ways has had a very positive impact and in many ways surpassed our expectations.

We are eternally grateful to the support we have been given throughout the year by so many volunteers and will always be thankful to those that have enabled us to surpass our own charity's expectations and goals.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Kendra Pinder  
Chair

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of  
Romania Animal Aid  
for the year ended 5 July 2012**

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's qualified statement**

We have prepared accounts on behalf of the Romania Animal Aid based on the information and explanations provided by the trustees. The Charity failed to keep records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act. As stated in the Act the charity trustees must ensure that accounting records are kept in respect of the charity which are sufficient to show and explain all the charity's transactions, and which are such as to—

(a) disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and

(b) enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 132(1), those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under section 132(1).

The accounting records must in particular contain—

(a) entries showing from day to day all sums of money received and expended by the charity, and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure takes place, and

(b) a record of the assets and liabilities of the charity.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Lawton  
Employee of VAST

**Romania Animal Aid**  
**Receipts & payments account**  
**for the year ended 5 July 2012**

|   | Note | 2012<br>£            |
|---|------|----------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                         |      |                      |
| Adoption fee income                     |      | 50,724               |
| Donations                               | 2    | 9,512                |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                   |      | <u><b>60,236</b></u> |
| <br><b>Payments</b>                     |      |                      |
| Motor & travel expenses                 |      | 17,919               |
| Volunteer expenses                      |      | 3,473                |
| Rescue cost                             |      | 19,640               |
| Advertising                             |      | 353                  |
| Food                                    |      | 4,138                |
| Veterinary costs                        |      | 13,594               |
| Equipment, repairs & renewals           |      | 79                   |
| Bank and Paypal charges                 |      | 1,210                |
| Insurance                               |      | 784                  |
| Telephone                               |      | 277                  |
| Sundry payments                         |      | 53                   |
| <b>Total payments</b>                   |      | <u><b>61,520</b></u> |
| <br><b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>      |      |                      |
|   |      | <b>(1,284)</b>       |
| Cash funds at start of this period      |      | 1,599                |
| <b>Cash funds at end of this period</b> |      | <u><b>315</b></u>    |

**Romania Animal Aid**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**at 5 July 2012**

|                    | Note | 2012<br>£  |
|--------------------|------|------------|
| <b>Cash assets</b> |      |            |
| Bank accounts      |      | 315        |
|                    |      | <u>315</u> |
| <br>               |      |            |
| <b>Liabilities</b> |      |            |
| Creditors          |      | 950        |
|                    |      | <u>950</u> |

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Kendra Pinder  
Chair

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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**1. Receipts & payments accounts**

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context “cash” includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

**2. Grants & donations**

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
|                           | £                   |
| Sundry grants & donations | <u>9,512</u>        |
|                           | <u><b>9,512</b></u> |

**3. Trustees' remuneration**

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

**4. Previous period comparison**

The previous period's figures have not been included for comparison because no financial statement were required for that period, and therefore comparative figures are not available.