

SNIP International

Registered Charity No. 1064664

Company Number 3259867

TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2015

SNIP International is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity whose purpose is to relieve the suffering of stray and feral animals in communities outside the United Kingdom, particularly through the sterilisation of such animals. In practice, this means welfare activities in connection with stray and feral cats and dogs.

Trustees:

Dr K A Horne (Chairman)

Mr Robert Bacon

Mrs L Brookes (Retired 31st May 2016)

Ms A L Cartier Van Dissel, DVM, MRCVS

Ms Karen Heath (Resigned 31st July 2015)

Ms Siru Annika Lähdeniemi

Mr Nigel Mason (Appointed 16th May 2015)

Directors:

All the Current Trustees listed above are Directors of the Company.

Company Secretary:

Mr Robert Bacon

Bankers:

National Westminster Bank Plc

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)

This is the Nineteenth report of the Trustees

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

SNIP International is a company limited by guarantee and not having a Share Capital and has its constitution and objectives set out in a Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Trustees are empowered to exercise all the powers of the company subject to Company Law and the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

During the year, Mr Nigel Mason had been appointed as a trustee, and Ms Karen Heath had resigned. Since December 2015 Mrs Linda Brookes has retired on 31st May 2016.

All other Trustees served throughout the year.

In accordance with the Articles Ms Siru Annika Lähdeniemi will retire and offer herself for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting, and Mr Nigel Mason having been co-opted during the year will offer himself for election.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND RESERVE POLICY

The main risk in the way in which SNIP International is currently managed is that any shortfall in funding will be found to support the donations, which we commit to, and ongoing overhead expenses. We mitigate the potential problem of the latter by keeping overhead expenses as low as possible. All work done is on a voluntary basis. We avoid over commitment to donations by prudently limiting the expenditure thereon to a level which we can reasonably expect to be able to meet without undue reliance on grants and donations which cannot be guaranteed and leaving a level of reserves which can be called upon to maintain our operations during any short term shortfall in the receipts of outside funding.

OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

SNIP International is a charitable company dedicated to the relief from suffering of stray and feral animals in communities outside the United Kingdom, particularly through the sterilisation of such animals. Our current focus is on stray and feral cats and dogs.

The principal activity is to donate equipment designed for use in 'Trap/catch, neuter and return' procedures to overseas groups who share our approach to the treatment of stray and feral cats and dogs.

The Trustees confirm that the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit has been considered in relation to the objectives of the Charity. The report sets out those objectives and describes how they have been met in the current year.

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REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR 2015

We have continued to expand our activity of donating equipment designed for use in 'Trap/catch, neuter and return' procedures to overseas groups who share our approach to the treatment of stray and feral cats and dogs.

As part of this programme we attended the International Companion Animal Welfare Conference ('ICAWC') in Porto during 2015, at which equipment was taken and distributed to a significant number of organisations present. As on previous occasions, our activities were very favourably received, our reputation enhanced and knowledge of our aims and commitment spread even wider.

Our practice of donating to overseas groups able to collect equipment in the UK has become quite well established if erratic in the demands it creates which we have so far been able to deal with and this was anticipated to continue to grow in 2016. We have, in some cases, delivered equipment abroad after coming to an arrangement regarding delivery costs. In all cases we ask for reports on the use and benefit of the equipment we have made available.

We are continuing to give support, by way of donating specialist equipment, to training programmes provided in the UK by Dogs Trust for delegates from overseas groups. We feel that this forms an important part of our current role

FINANCIAL RESULTS AND ACCOUNTS

As shown in the financial statements, Income exceeded Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2015 resulting in a surplus of £4141 which is added to the Accumulated Fund. The accounts are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime under Companies Act 2006.

CURRENT AND FUTURE OPERATIONS

The website, www.snip-international.org, is being updated with news of animal welfare activities around the world. We hope that in future, it will be regarded as a valuable resource of information and means of communication with other like-minded groups.

We will continue to maintain operations as in the past and aim to build on the success of the ICAW Conferences we have attended so far and through donations direct from the UK.

SNIP International introduced a Facebook page in 2012, which is attracting some attention.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)

FUTURE POLICY AND DONATIONS

We will continue to identify opportunities to donate equipment, which we consider will benefit the operations of overseas groups, especially to those least able to obtain such equipment for themselves.

Where possible we donate items of equipment such as traps and trap-transfer-restrainers to bona fide overseas applicants who can arrange to have them picked up in the UK thus saving transport costs.

In all cases, we are careful not to give too much preference to any one applicant.

It is not our intention currently to provide cash donations or grants.

We will continue to support the training programmes currently offered overseas and in the United Kingdom by donating specialist equipment.

Finally, we wish to thank all our Friends. Their support is invaluable in helping us to meet our aims and we are keen to encourage others to become Friends and join us in fulfilling our mission so that more real progress can be made in promoting respect for and humane treatment of stray and feral cats and dogs.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf

Dr K A Horne – Chairman
24th June 2016

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company and Charity Law requires the Directors (who act as Trustees for the charitable activities of SNIP International) to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Directors also acknowledge their responsibility to keep proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

	2015	2014
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Subscriptions and Donations	15,898	11,226
Other income	—	—
	—	—
Total incoming resources	15,898	11,226
	—	—
Resources expended		
Charitable expenditure:		
Donation and delivery of trapping/handling equipment to overseas animal welfare organisations	9,052	9,588
Conference, Newsletter and Publicity	1,275	1,024
Administration costs	625	457
Governance costs	805	988
	—	—
Total resources expended	11,757	12,057
	—	—
Net Income/(Deficit) for the year	4,141	(831)
Fund brought forward at 1st January 2015	2,210	3,041
	—	—
Fund carried forward at 31st December 2015	6,351	2,210
	—	—

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015	2014
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Equipment for future donations	0	0
Debtors	296	324
Cash at bank	6,559	2,181
	6,855	2,505
CURRENT LIABILITIES: amounts		
Falling due within one year		
Subscriptions paid in advance	251	285
Other liabilities	253	10
	6,351	2,210
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,351	2,210
ACCUMULATED FUND	6,351	2,210

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and accruals basis of accounting. They are in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice issued applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller entities (effective 1st January 2015) and the Charity's governing documents.

For the year, ending 31st December 2015 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

Approved by the Board of Trustees
On 24th June 2016

Dr K A Horne, Chairman

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Revised 2005) including the application of certain disclosure exemptions applicable to small charities and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

Voluntary income is received in the form of cash donations, grants from charitable funds, subscriptions to become Friends of SNIP International and certain administrative, publicity and travel costs are borne by the Trustees and not reimbursed.

- i) Cash donations are included in full in the Statement of financial Activities when received
- ii) Grants from charitable funds are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when confirmation has been received that payment will be made.
- iii) Subscriptions to become Friends of SNIP International are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in accordance with the Subscription Year to which they relate.
- iv) Where significant income arises from occasional promotional events, such income is shown separately before deduction of expenses and the related expenditure, if material, is also shown separately.

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on the basis of liabilities incurred including constructive obligations, if any have arisen.

2. VOLUNTARY SERVICES

SNIP International has no employees. All its activities have been carried out on a voluntary basis.

The Trustees are not allowed to receive any remuneration for their services under terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association unless such services are provided in a professional capacity. There were no such professional charges in the year ended 31 December 2015 (2014 – Nil).

3. TAXATION

No liability to or refund of UK Corporation tax arises as a result of these accounts.

4. ACCUMULATED FUND

This represents the cumulative surplus of income over expenditure and is generally available to meet expenditure incurred by the company.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

5. CONSTITUTION

SNIP International was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The liability of each member is limited to £10. The company is also registered as a charity whose purpose is to relieve the suffering of stray and feral animals in communities outside the United Kingdom, particularly through the sterilisation of such animals.

6. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

An amount of £4224 (£4340 -2014) has been included in Subscriptions and Donations Income and in Charitable Expenditure (included in donations of equipment) in respect of equipment donated by MDC Exports Ltd and Cats Protection at the annual ICAWC.

The equipment will have been distributed at the discretion of SNIP International to ICAWC attendees based on applications but taking into account, inter alia, SNIP International's historical knowledge of the applicant organisation and their past receipt of previous donations of equipment from SNIP International.