



LAOIS
S.P.C.A.

ANNUAL
REPORT



2018

CATS

We have had another very busy year, especially with cats and have continued with our TNR scheme for ferals despite lack of volunteers to assist with trapping, and 209 ferals were neutered and returned to site. Unfortunately several had to be euthanized due to severe illness.

We are now testing cats for FIV and FELV (2 cat diseases that cannot transfer to humans or other animals), it is greatly increasing our vet bills but is the responsible action to take to reduce the spread of the disease.

All the cats/kittens we rehomed were neutered before going to their new homes and we were able to help, with the co-operation of the vets in the county, 393 cats to be neutered at a greatly reduced cost to their owners. That made a grand total of 717 cats neutered. A total of 115 cats/kittens were rehomed during the year, all having been abandoned by their owners or the result of road traffic accidents where owners could not be traced.

We ask for a donation of 40 euros and some people complain when they hear of this but as every cat/kitten is treated for worms and fleas etc. approx. Cost 10 euro

Fully vaccinated	"	50
Neutered or spayed		55/70
	Total	115/ 130

and that is only if they do not require further veterinary treatment- pretty good value for 40 euro we think.

We would ask the public to help us by (a) neutering their own cats and (b) telling us of any feral (wild) cats that appear on their property so they can be caught and neutered and returned so the numbers do not increase. Many people do not realise how quickly 2 ferals can multiply to 20, we will cover the cost of 2 but our funds will not run to the cost of 10 plus.

We see and hear heartbreaking stories of kittens abandoned in plastic bags in country lanes etc. and there are some irresponsible and cruel people around but equally we meet some lovely people and we could not help as we do if it was not for the fosterers who give up their spare bedrooms, bathrooms, utility rooms and living rooms to care for these animals until they can be rehomed. We also receive great help from friends who run fundraising events for us, donate raffle prizes and leave food for us in VetCare THANK YOU everyone.

DOGS

We take as many dogs as possible from Laois Dog Pound but our priority has to be abandoned puppies and dogs that are injured through road traffic accidents, all are reported to the Dog Warden in case they have an owner that is looking for them.

Our year started with a litter of 6 abandoned Akita puppies, they were like big Teddy Bears but it was obvious from Facebook comments that many people had no idea of the size or temperament of Akitas. Two were rehomed in Ireland and four went to Sweden where there is a shortage of dogs and rescues there can match the dogs with people with knowledge of the breed. We had several more litters of pups abandoned although some we were able to find the mother who could feed the pups (definitely better than having to feed every 2 hrs with a bottle). These were mostly collie crossed with ? or lurcher types. Mostly we are able to find homes for the dogs in Ireland but sometimes we have to send them to England to find a suitable home, this is very expensive as they require additional vaccinations before transport, but the quality of homes is our top priority and we only work with rescues that we know personally and that have the same rehoming criteria as ourselves.

In 2018 we neutered 29 dogs which includes 16 rehomed from Laois Pound where we continued with our agreement to pay half the neutering costs. We rehomed 18 dogs, due to lack of fosterers we are limited to how many we can take into our care.

THANK YOUs

First to the Dept. Of Agriculture for their ex-gratia payment of 17,000 euros.

So many people are due our thanks we could not thank everyone individually but we must note Raven Haven who look after swans and large birds for us and Dan in Kildare Wildlife Unit for caring for foxes, hedgehogs, small birds etc.

We must thank the vets in the county who reduce their costs for cat neutering to encourage people to neuter their own and to help us with TNR and the businesses who allow us to have food appeals on their premises or collection boxes on their counters.

The mainstay of the Society are the fosterers and volunteers who help in our shop, with fundraising and especially the Cat Co-ordinator and Dog Co-ordinator who are working 24/7 organising foster homes, running the lost and found Facebook page, running back and forth to vets and dealing with telephone calls from mostly appreciative people but some are very demanding!

We are always short of funds so we would ask that anyone with bric-a-brac or good unwanted clothes to donate those to our charity shop in Hynds' Square, Portlaoise- One persons junk is another person's treasure!

We thank each and every one of the people who help by donating money through Facebook, PayPal, standing orders etc.- without you there would not be a Laois SPCA.

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**DETAILED TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

	€	2018 €	€	2017 €
Income				
Donations		6,501		7,968
Fundraising		3,876		7,643
Collection Boxes		3,049		2,035
Subscriptions		-		30
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Ex Gratia Funding Grant		17,000		17,000
Shop Income		27,711		29,832
Rehoming and Other Income		6,090		7,505
		<u>64,227</u>		<u>72,013</u>
Administrative expenses		<u>(62,452)</u>		<u>(77,001)</u>
Operating surplus/(deficit)		<u><u>1,775</u></u>		<u><u>(4,988)</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, 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 business 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.

1.8 Derivatives

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to fair value at each reporting end date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in surplus or deficit immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in surplus or deficit depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

A derivative with a positive fair value is recognised as a financial asset, whereas a derivative with a negative fair value is recognised as a financial liability.

1.9 Taxation

The company is a charity CHY 20064266 and the company has obtained exemption from the Revenue Commissioners in respect of corporation tax

2 Income

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the Republic of Ireland.

Grant income received as follows: Department of Agriculture , Food and the Marine Ex Gratia Funding Grant €17,000 (2017: €17,000)

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**SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

	2018	2017
	€	€
Administrative expenses		
Litter & Food	2,279	4,326
Veterinary Expenses	19,306	24,335
Euthanase & Disposal	1,517	1,205
Spaying & Neutering	21,548	28,710
Microchipping	380	308
Shop Rent	7,300	7,200
Rates	114	119
Waste disposal	330	330
Power, light and heat	1,648	1,629
Shop expenses	994	1,146
Insurance	1,110	705
Motor running expenses	-	28
Transport Costs	50	625
Boarding costs	538	1,490
ISPCA Affiliation Fee	127	127
Audit fees	1,250	1,250
Bank charges	488	671
Printing and stationery	68	135
Telephone	2,502	2,116
Sundry expenses	698	180
Depreciation	205	366
	<u>62,452</u>	<u>77,001</u>