

ROSCOMMON SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

ANNUAL REPORT

2017



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Legal and Administration Details

CHARITY NAME: Roscommon Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

**CHARITY
REGISTRATION NO:** 20072735

CHY NUMBER: 18790

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Roscommon Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

COMMITTEE	Heidi Nolan	(Chairperson, Resigned 19 August 2017)
	Rebecca Shiel	(Treasurer, Resigned 25 September 2017)
	Deanna John's	(Fundraiser, Resigned 25 September 2017)
	Rosie Carrol	(Member, Resigned 25 September 2017)
	Louise Higgins	(Member, Resigned 25 September 2017)
	Christine Rattle	(Member, Resigned 25 September 2017)

COMMITTEE	Rose Harvey - Chairperson	Appointed	11 November 2017
	Steven Hunter - Vice Chair	Appointed	11 November 2017
	Bridget Banham - Secretary	Appointed	11 November 2017
	Edward Conneely - Treasurer	Appointed	11 November 2017
	Paul O'Sullivan - PR	Appointed	11 November 2017
	Marie Farrell - Schools	Appointed	11 November 2017
	Bernadette Murphy- Welfare	Appointed	11 November 2017
	Marie Farrell - Fundraising	Appointed	11 November 2017

Chairperson's Report.

The chairperson and treasurer present their annual report and the financial statements for the period ending 31 December 2017.

1. The principal activity of Roscommon SPCA is working towards the day when all dogs and cats can enjoy a happy life, free from the threat of unnecessary destruction. To achieve this, we aim to rescue, care for and rehome lost, unwanted and abandoned animals. We work to reduce the number of, and ultimately see an end to, homeless dogs and cats in Co Roscommon. In addition, we aim to educate people in responsible animal ownership and care. We rely on the prevention and cure approach. Preventative measures such as neutering, micro-chipping; education and lobbying are used as longer term solutions. The last few months of 2017 were a very successful and busy time for Roscommon SPCA. The new committee which was elected in October 2017 is bringing new life, enthusiasm, co-operation and cohesion to the society. The committee has established good working relationships and is effectively promoting the good name of the society.
2. I want to pay a big thank you to all the volunteers and fundraisers who help each day. Without you it would be impossible to carry out all the work that's involved and there would be no Roscommon SPCA.
3. Each year you hope that things will get better, but each year the numbers seem to get bigger with all the animals that are abused, neglected and dumped, but as I have always said, 'animals have no voice, we are their voice'.

Update on the work of Roscommon SPCA.

4. As many of you may be aware, as of October 2017 the Roscommon SPCA has been up and running with a new committee. Since this time, we have strived for the best possible results for the animals in the county. With the tremendous support of our tireless volunteers, as well as the invaluable contributions from the people of Roscommon, we can now reflect on some of the remarkable achievements over the past number of months. It has been a busy time for the Roscommon SPCA so we would like to update you all on some of the work that has been done in this time.
5. Our Spaying, Neutering and Microchipping programme has had a huge uptake, and this demonstrates our sincere commitment to animal welfare, it will also improve the health and wellbeing of many animals in the county.
6. While all of this work is going on, we are also working hard to engage with the public on a number of platforms. 2080 phone calls. 1700 texts. 1650 emails. Over 67 hours of phone time and too many Facebook messages to count. We value this line of communication with the people of Roscommon, and are happy to see such engagement from the public. We are glad to assist in any way we can. We have also been working hard to build relationships with local media and to get our message out there. While we regularly update our Facebook page, we have also had information published in the Roscommon Herald so we can reach those who may not be online. Ros FM, Shannonside and Midwest Radio have also contributed by promoting our work.
7. We have achieved so much in only a few months and are eagerly moving forward with new initiatives such as our School Education Programme, while also remaining committed to active fundraising and engagement with the people of Roscommon.
8. I believe that the successes of the last few months will provide a solid platform for the work of the society, while also allowing us to develop and grow. In this way we will honour our mission to rescue, rehabilitate, rehome and provide the best care possible for animals in need from all over County Roscommon.

Committee

1. The Committee met ten times this year. I would like to thank our Committee members for their commitment this year as all meetings were well attended. But the work is never done, and I would encourage anyone who has some time spare, to lend a hand. As the saying goes..."many hands make light work!" I would also ask that anyone allowing their name to go forward for the committee in 2018 do so by giving a firm commitment to work.

Rose Harvey

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Chairperson

05 March 2018

SUMMARY

Roscommon Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Roscommon SPCA) is a voluntary organisation established in 1963. Registered with The Charity Regulator & Revenue Services. CHARITY NUMBER: 20072735 - CHY 18790

We are affiliated to the ISPCA and strive to help as many needy animals in the county as we can. We rescue as many dogs from pound situations as we have the space and funds for as well as taking in unwanted dogs and cats from members of the public when we are able to.

COMPLIANCE

Our promise to you:

As well as helping animals in need and promoting animal welfare, we have important obligations to our supporters. In return for your commitment to our work we make this commitment to you.

You are entitled to:

Information concerning our work. Confidentiality and a choice as to whether you wish to receive further information from the Roscommon SPCA. Improve the way charities in Ireland raise their funds. Promote high levels of accountability and transparency by organisation's fundraising from the public. Provide clarity and assurances to donors and prospective donors about the organisation's they support

Our Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising:

Roscommon SPCA is committed to complying with the Statement for Guiding Principles for Fundraising and has formally discussed and adopted the Statement at a meeting of the Committee members.

CASH & NON CASH HANDLING

Cash handling procedures are important to protect the organisation from fraud, theft or embezzlement, to protect staff or volunteers from accusations of dishonesty and to assure donors that their donations and gifts are used for the purpose for which they were given.

KEEPING ACCOUNTS - The Charities Act 2009

- The Act requires charities that are not companies to keep proper books of account that:
- Correctly record and explain the transactions of the organisation.
- Enable the financial position of the organisation to be determined with reasonable accuracy at any time.
- Enable the charity trustees to ensure that any statements of account are prepared in compliance with the regulations, and
- Enable the accounts of the organisation to be readily and properly audited

Complied By: Edward Conneely - Treasurer

1. STATUS OF CHARITY

Following the AGM on the 19th August 2017 the Chairperson resigned and this left Roscommon SPCA without a working committee, there was no response from current member to join the committee. From August 2017 to October 2017 Roscommon SPCA ceased all activities and was on the verge of closing down permanently.

Following a meeting with one of the Directors of the ISPCA, it was decided that everything possible would be done to resurrect Roscommon SPCA. A series of meeting were held and new members recruited. A meeting on the 16th October 2017 brought together a group of people willing to take on the responsibilities for roscommon SPCA.

On the 11th November an EGM was held and a new committee was formed. At the end of the year the committee was made of 8 members. The Charity going forward now is in a very strong position for the future.

We strive to be transparent in everything we do and follow as much as possible all guidelines as laid down.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

The main of objectives of Roscommon SPCA is to alleviate the distress and suffering of animals in the county.

We believe in the five freedoms:

1. Freedom from hunger or thirst by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigor.
2. Freedom from discomfort by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
3. Freedom from pain, injury or disease by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.
4. Freedom to express normal behavior by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.
5. Freedom from fear and distress by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

3. MEMBERS

At the end of December 2017, Roscommon SPCA had 35 paid up members.

4. ANIMAL WELFARE

We have been running a very successful community based spaying & neutering programme up to 31st December 2017. A total of 179 people took up this offer. Cost to spay/neuter a cat €10.00. Dogs, €20.00 for microchip and registration €10.00.

Dogs Spayed/Neutered	95
Cats Spayed/Neutered	310
Dogs Microchipped	75
Dogs Vaccinated	33
Veterinary Care	134 (includes sick/injured animals, amputations, flea/worming etc.)
T.N.R. Cats	95 (Community/Feral cats' spayed/neutered/returned)

5. **GRANTS**

We received a grant of €20,000 from the Department of Agriculture which we are very grateful for. No other grants received. Grant income is reflected in the income and expenditure in the period in which the expenditure for which the grant was applied is incurred.

6. **BANKING**

All transaction takes place via online banking. All bills are paid via on line banking.

7. **COMMITTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENCES**

No members of the committee received any remuneration or expenses during the year.

8. **THE YEAR AHEAD**

The year ahead will be a very busy one for Roscommon SPCA, and we are looking forward to be in a stronger position to do more for animal welfare.

INCOME - €11,644

Income from 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017		
DAFM GRANT	€20,000.00	Department of Agriculture Ex Gratia Funding to Animal Welfare Organisations for 2017.
MEMBERSHIP FEES	€304.00	This is from fees paid by members annually.
Animal Adoption Fees	€1,072.00	Fee paid when you adopt one of our rescue animals.
Church Gate Collections	€1,193.00	Church gate collections take place almost every weekend throughout the year.
Street Collections	€3,470.00	We have annual street collections in Roscommon town, Strokestown, Boyle, Castlerea & Ballaghaderreen.
Donations	€1,193.00	Donations given to us by the public.
Charity Shop	€3,556.00	Money received through the sale of donated good in the Charity Shop Ballaghaderreen.
Community Market	€1,098.00	Monthly Community Market, Ballaghaderreen.
Bag Packs	€72.00	Income from Bag Packs in various stores.
Fundraising	€2,016.00	Income from Hamper Raffles, Coffee mornings, Appeals.
Christmas Calendars & Cards	€770.00	Sales of Cards & Calendars.
<i>Total Annual Income</i>	€11,644.00	

EXPENDITURE - €32,117

Expenditure from 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017		
Food for Animals	€1,326.00	Food purchased for Feral Cats etc.
Rent Payable	€1,216.00	Fees For Charity Shop.
Vet Care & Medication	€6,165.00	Veterinary Care & Medication for rescued cats & dogs.
Insurance	€705.00	Our public liability insurance.
Consumables	€241.00	Fire extinguishers for shop etc.
Printing/Postage/Stationary	€334.00	Stamps/stationary for running of the SPCA.
Advertising & Promotions	€1,436.00	Fundraising Buckets/Jackets/Flyers etc.
Telephone	€39.00	Our Phones.
Kennelling	€8,000.00	Private Kennels for our rescue dogs.
Mileage Allowance	€1,258.00	In carrying out the work of the SPCA.
Accountancy	€492.00	Our Annual accounts fees.
Bank Charges	€70.00	Our Annual Banking Charges.
Sundry Expenses	€133.00	Sundries items. (shop signs)
<i>Total Annual Expenditure</i>	€32,117.00	

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Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2017

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Accountants' Report on the Unaudited Accounts to

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As described on page 3 you have approved the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 set out on pages 2 to 3. In accordance with your instructions we have compiled these unaudited accounts from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

Nestor & Co.

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Trading and profit and loss account

For the year ended 31 December 2017

	2017		2016	
	€	€	€	€
Income				
DAFM Grants	20,000		20,000	
Membership Fees	304		210	
Adoption Fees	1,043		5,638	
Fundraising	20,297		27,866	
	41,644		53,714	
Expenses				
Food	1,326		1,176	
Rent payable	1,216		-	
Vet & medications	16,165		28,514	
Insurance	705		705	
Consumables	241		-	
Printing, postage and stationery	334		385	
Advertising & Promotions	1,436		1,808	
Telephone and fax	539		270	
Kennelling	8,002		16,225	
Motor running expenses	1,258		2,585	
Accountancy	492		492	
Bank charges	270		351	
Sundry expenses	6		-	
Subscriptions	127		127	
	(32,117)		(52,638)	
Net loss	<u>9,527</u>		<u>1,076</u>	

Roscommon Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Balance sheet
as at 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017		2016	
		€	€	€	€
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		32,351		22,824	
Net current assets			32,351		22,824
Total assets less current					
Liabilities			32,351		22,824
Capital account					
Brought forward at 1 January 2017			22,824		21,748
Loss for the year			9,527		1,076
			<u>32,351</u>		<u>22,824</u>

I approve these accounts and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

E J Conneely

Edward Conneely

Date: 22 February 2018

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