



Annual Report 2018

Roscommon SPCA

Legal and Administration Details

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

**CHARITY
REGISTRATION NO:** 20072735

CHY NUMBER: 18790

BUSINESS ADDRESS: PO BOX 10
Castlerea
Co. Roscommon

BANKERS: Bank of Ireland
Boyle
Co. Roscommon

ACCOUNTANTS Nestor & Co

Certified Public Accountants
Oakvale House
Barrack Street
Ballaghaderreen
Co. Roscommon

COMMITTEE - 2018

Chairperson

Rose Harvey Appointed 11 November 2017

Secretary

Bridget Banham Appointed 11 November 2017

Treasurer

Edward Conneely Appointed 11 November 2017

Welfare

Bernadette Murphy Appointed 11 November 2017

Education

Marie Farrell Appointed 11 November 2017

Fundraising

Una Nevin Davy Appointed 13 January 2018

Breda Mc Dermott Appointed 13 January 2018

Linda Kelly Appointed 13 January 2018

Rosie Carroll Appointed 11 November 2017

Pauline Jackson Appointed 24 March 2019

Chairperson's Report.

I feel very honoured, proud and privileged to be a part of Roscommon SPCA.

We at Roscommon SPCA all bring different strengths and skills to the table and together we have: a wonderful, passionate, hard working committee, who all have one thing in common - a true love and compassion for animals!

Most of our work at the moment seems to be TNR - Trap, Neutering and Returning cats. There is an epidemic of feral cats, not only in County Roscommon, but also in the rest of Ireland.

This project has taken up most of our funds and time. We ask the owner or the person reporting the cat to please donate the first 10 euro towards neutering/spaying and we pay the balance. This can be approximately 50 euro per cat – so if there is a colony of cats and there can be as many as 30 cats in a colony, the bill can be enormous. This is one of the reasons we are continually fundraising! I am sure you could imagine our Vet bills are huge! Our community spaying and neutering programme is ongoing.

As with the donations, we have appealed for and have gathered together, some amazing volunteers, who give us as much time as they are able. That maybe: half an hour doing a church gate collection, a few hours help on the car boot stall, driving a sick animal to the vets, helping a TNR, the list is endless. We always hope that whatever the task, it is something that the volunteer is happy to do. As everyone involved i.e., Committee and volunteers are all totally unpaid, every cent we receive goes directly to the care of the animals. And just as importantly, every cent is accounted for!

We do not have office space; consequently administration is done from individual's homes. One person deals with the phone calls, and passes on the relevant information, another person deals with Facebook, accounts, emails and the legal side of running a charity. Another with the fundraising, someone else with church gate collection permits. Another

with the TNR, going to people's homes, setting cat traps, collecting the cats, taking them to the vets, releasing them, giving help and advice to the public. Another will give education talks about animal welfare in schools, offices, "Men's Sheds" and also radio and newspaper interviews. We are all working so hard to promote animal welfare and break the cycle of animal cruelty.

For all the animals we deal with, we rely on foster carers and adoption to home the animals, this negates the need for Roscommon SPCA to own or have kennel/cattery facilities which means, no financial outlay for the upkeep and running of these buildings and most important of all, the animals continue to live with people, as opposed to becoming institutionalised in a kennels/cattery.

As we are affiliated with the ISPCA, I was invited to attend the last two of the ISPCA's AGM's, in Dublin. At both of these public meetings, I was proud to hear what the ISPCA thought of the hard work, progress and transparency with which Roscommon SPCA has gone about its business. I relayed all this positivity back to my colleagues at the very next committee meetings. It is a great feeling to know that we are getting the work done correctly!

Our committee meets every six weeks and I would like to thank them for giving their time and contributions to our meetings. Our meetings are very well attended by us all. We all work hard and tirelessly to honour our Mission Statement - "To rescue, rehabilitate, rehome and provide the best care possible for animals in need from all over County Roscommon".

We are the voice for the animals that need help, they have no voice; please help us, to help them speak up!

Rose Harvey.

Chairperson, Roscommon SPCA

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 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 the organisation's fundraising from the public. Provide clarity and assurances to donors and prospective donors about the organisation 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.

Edward Conneely - Treasurer

Roscommon SPCA 2018 Income Breakdown

SOURCE OF INCOME		AMOUNT	
DAFM Grant	20,000.00		Department of Agriculture Ex Gratia Funding to Animal Welfare Organisations for 2018.
Church Gate Collections	7,214.67		Church gate collections take place almost every weekend throughout the year.
Street Collections	3,779.00		We have annual street collections in Roscommon town, Strokestown, Boyle, Castlerea & Ballaghaderreen.
Donations	5,213.62		Donations are given to us by the public.
Adoption Fees	2,787.75		The fee paid when you adopt one of our rescue animals.
Community Grant	492.00		Grant gave toward publishing an annual report.
Members Fees	130.00		This is from fees paid by members annually.
Collection Tin	103.00		Counter Top boxes in Shops
Bag Pack	385.18		Income from Bag Packs in various stores.
Fundraising	5,587.61		Income from Hamper Raffles, Coffee mornings, Appeals.
Car Boot Sales	2,356.97		Our Summer Car Boot Sales at Casey's Roscommon
Court Services	620.00		Donation via fines at the local court
Facebook Donations	8,036.20		This was set up on 14th May 2018
Refunds	123.00		Refunds
		<u>€56,829.00</u>	

Roscommon SPCA 2018 Expenditure Breakdown

SOURCE OF EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	
Veterinary Fees	40,911.24	Veterinary Care & Medication for rescued cats & dogs.
Kennelling Fees	6,794.95	Private Kennels for our rescue dogs.
Bank Charges	346.27	Our Annual Banking Charges.
Mileage Allowance (Kennels)	742.28	In carrying out the work of the SPCA.
PO BOX	325.00	Our Postal Address
Mobile Phone	447.72	The mobile phone costs
Cat Food	31.87	Bought Cat food
Room Hire for Meetings	505.00	Room Hire
Fundraising Boxes	214.64	Fundraising Buckets/Jackets/Flyers etc.
Accountants Fees	492.00	Our Annual accounts fees.
Advertising Boards/Stationary/Postage	586.71	Advertising Boards etc. Stamps/stationary for running of the SPCA.
Web Hosting	243.00	The annual charge for website
ISPCA Insurance/Fees	1,057.00	ISPCA Insurance/Fees
Microchips	105.00	Microchips for dogs
Less VAT Reclaim for 2018	-3,495.69	We are allowed to reclaim VAT on certain expenditure.
	<u>€50,531.00</u>	

UPDATE

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

The main objectives of Roscommon SPCA are 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 vigour.
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 behaviour 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.

Animal Welfare

It has been a very busy year here at Roscommon SPCA. We have been inundated with calls about sick and injured animals mainly cats & kittens.

We have been running a very successful community-based spaying & neutering programme for cats, anyone can avail of our discount spaying and neutering for €10.00 regardless of circumstances. We also ran a spaying and neutering programme for dogs at a cost of €20.00 per dog and to microchip and register your dog €10.00

Stats are from 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018

MALE DOGS	FEMALE DOGS	MALE CATS	FEMALE CATS	MICROCHIP	VET CARE	VACCINATE	TNR CATS
44	66	239	640	128	548	76	448

We dealt with a very large number of sick and injured animals in 2018, mainly cats and kittens, a lot of the kittens were the result of inbreeding and had horrendous sore eyes and deformities. Thankfully we were able to offer them excellent veterinary care and were able to find homes for them.

The dog kennels that were used by Roscommon SPCA to board our dogs closed down at the end of October 2018. Thankfully we have not had many dogs coming through and we now use Cloverhill Vets Kennels for emergency use only. We work closely with members of the public who want to rehome a dog, the dog remains at home and we work with the family to find a forever home.

Along with the number of dogs and cats we have been dealing with, we also dealt with a lot of wildlife.

OUR WILDLIFE STATS

Pine Martin	1
Hedgehogs	4
Pigeons	2
Hares	1
Ganders/Geese	3
Drakes	4
Badgers	2
Goats	3
Fox's	2
Blackbirds	3
Swans	7
Jackdaw	1
Baby Birds	11
African Parrot	1
Deer	2

GRANTS

We received a grant of €20,000 from the Department of Agriculture which we are very grateful for. We also received a Community grant of €492.00; this was to help publish an annual report.

Grant income is reflected in the income and expenditure in the period in which the expenditure for which the grant was applied is incurred.

BANKING

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

THE YEAR AHEAD

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

We use our website and Facebook to promote the work of Roscommon SPCA.

We publish articles on animal welfare in the local papers and we have a regular slot on the local radio to promote and discuss animal welfare issues.

2019

So far this year has been extremely busy as you can see by the following stats. We ran our Community-based spaying and neutering programme for dogs from the 1st January 2019 to the 10th May 2019. You could have a dog spayed or neutered for €40.00 and microchipped and registered for €10.00. The microchip programme will run all year round.

The community-based spaying and neutering programme continues all year round at a cost of €10.00 per cat regardless of the circumstances. We have so far this year been dealing with large colonies with up to 26 cats in some.

Stats are from 1st January 2019 to 1st August 2019

MALE DOGS	FEMALE DOGS	MALE CATS	FEMALE CATS	MICROCHIP	VET CARE	VACCINATE	TNR CATS
43	83	145	495	65	280	53	189

FUNDRAISING

We are blessed with a fantastic fundraising team who work tirelessly to bring in the money. We are very fortunate to have Casey's Roscommon supporting us in allowing us to have car boot sales monthly for the summer and door collections. We are also grateful to Tesco's, Dunne's in Roscommon Town for their support all year round. A couple of supermarkets in Boyle also allow us to place baskets for food in their stores.

We a lot have a very good pool of volunteers and fosters who come to our aid and help with the fundraising events and in fostering the animals.

BANK BALANCE

Income to Date: €20,500.00

Expenditure to date: €25,500.00

Our Bank Balance on the 31st of July 2019 is €30,418.00.

Outstanding Veterinary Bills stand at **€-24,000.00**



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