

SNIP International

**Registered Charity No. 1064664
Company Number 3259867**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT
For the year ended 31st December 2016**

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) – (Retired 19th May 2017)
Mr Robert Bacon
Mrs L Brookes (Retired 31st May 2016)
Ms A L Cartier Van Dissel, DVM, MRCVS
Ms Siru Annika Lähdeniemi
Ms Johanna Lopez (Appointed 25th November 2016)
Mr Nigel Mason

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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Registered Office: wef 13th April 2016

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)

This is the twentieth 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, Ms Johanna Lopez has been appointed as a trustee, and Mrs Linda Brookes has retired on 31st May 2016. All other Trustees served throughout the year.

Since the balance sheet date Dr K A Horne has retired (19th May 2017) and Nigel Mason has been elected chairman.

In accordance with the Articles Ms A L Cartier Van Dissel and Mr Robert Bacon will retire and offer themselves for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting. Ms J Lopez having been co-opted during the year will offer herself for election.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND RESERVE POLICY

There is negligible risk in the operation of SNIP International.

It is the policy of SNIP International not to commit to equipment donations or the major part of overheads unless funds are available. Some overheads recur annually (amounting to no more than several hundred pounds) and by prudent management of reserves are covered multiple times.

Our reserves policy also enables us to consider applications for donations of equipment despite not having sufficient current income to support them.

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 2016

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 Dubrovnik, Croatia during 2016, and as in previous years, equipment has been donated, to conference attendees, with additional financial support from MDC Exports Ltd and Cats Protection.

This year we were able to increase our equipment donations at the conference in conjunction with a donation from Petplan with an equal amount of funding provided by us. We are able to report the success of this joint venture helping many organisations within the host country of Croatia. 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, which are able to collect equipment in the UK, is now well established.

We have also, on occasion delivered equipment overseas after coming to an arrangement regarding delivery costs, where the total donation including transport exceeds our policy limit of £250 per organisation in a 12 month period.

For all donated items, we request 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 consider this forms an important part of our current practice.

FINANCIAL RESULTS AND ACCOUNTS

As shown in the financial statements, Income exceeded Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2016 resulting in a surplus of £2730, which is added to the Unrestricted Fund. The accounts are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime under Companies Act 2006 and Statement of Recommended Practice FRS 102 applicable to small company charities (effective 1st January 2016) and the Charity's governing documents.

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 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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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.

Already in place for 2017 we have received a further grant from Petplan. Its purpose is to replicate the successful venture undertaken in Croatia in 2016 at the ICAWC conference. In 2017 the conference takes place in Cyprus and it is planned to assist local organisations of that country.

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

Nigel Mason – Chairman
25th August 2017

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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
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2016**

	2016	2015
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Subscriptions and Donations	15,922	15,898
Legacy	4,000	0
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Total incoming resources	19,922	15,898
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Resources expended		
Donation and delivery of trapping/handling equipment to overseas animal welfare organisations	14,543	9,052
Conference, Newsletter and Publicity	1,070	1,275
Administration costs	515	625
Governance costs	1,064	805
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Total resources expended	17,192	11,757
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Net Income/ (Expenditure) for the year	2,730	4,141
Unrestricted Fund brought forward at 1st January 2016	6,351	2,210
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Unrestricted Fund carried forward at 31st December 2016	9,081	6,351
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2016

	2016	2015
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Equipment for future donations	0	0
Debtors	1,000	296
Cash at bank	8,100	6,559
	9,100	6,855
CURRENT LIABILITIES: amounts		
Falling due within one year		
Subscriptions paid in advance	0	251
Other liabilities	19	253
	9,081	6,351
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	9,081	6,351
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	9,081	6,351

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 FRS 102 applicable to small company charities (effective 1st January 2016) and the Charity's governing documents.

For the year, ending 31st December 2016 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 25th August 2017

Nigel Mason, Chairman

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2016

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime under Companies Act 2006 and Statement of Recommended Practice FRS 102 applicable to small company charities (effective 1st January 2016) and the Charity's governing documents.

Voluntary income is received in the form of donations (including legacies) from individuals, grants from charitable funds, annual subscriptions of Friends of SNIP International and certain administrative, publicity and travel costs are borne by the Trustees and not reimbursed.

- i) Donations and legacies from individuals 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) Annual Subscriptions of 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 are carried out on a voluntary basis.

The Trustees are prohibited from receiving 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 (2015 – Nil).

3. TAXATION

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

4. UNRESTRICTED 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 31st DECEMBER 2016

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 £4174 (£4,224 -2015) has been included in Subscriptions and Donations Income and in Resources Expended (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.