

SNIP International

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

**TRUSTEES' REPORT
For the year ended 31st December 2017**

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:

Mr Nigel Mason - Chairman
Ms A L Cartier Van Dissel, DVM, MRCVS
Ms Siru Annika Lähdeniemi
Mr Robert Bacon
Ms Johanna Lopez

Directors:

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

Company Secretary:

Mr Robert Bacon

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)

This is the twenty-first 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, Dr K A Horne has retired (19th May 2017) and Nigel Mason has been elected chair.

In accordance with the Articles Ms J Lopez and Mr Nigel Mason will retire and offer themselves for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting.

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 2017

We are continuing our activity of donating equipment designed for use in 'Trap/catch, neuter and return' (TNR/CNR) 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 Nicosia, Cyprus during 2017, and as in previous years, equipment was donated, to conference attendees, with additional financial support from MDC Exports Ltd and Cats Protection.

For the second consecutive year, we were able to increase our equipment donations at the conference with a £2000 grant from the Petplan Charitable Trust specifically to support organisations within the ICAWC host country. SNIP also matched the funding and also funded the transport cost of the equipment to Cyprus from the UK.

We are able to report the successful outcome of this joint venture helping many organisations in Cyprus. 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.

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.

For all donated items, we request reports on the use and benefit of the equipment we have made available.

FINANCIAL RESULTS AND ACCOUNTS

As shown in the financial statements, Expenditure exceeded Income for the year ended 31 December 2017 resulting in a deficit of £5049, which is deducted from 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 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.

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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.

For 2018 it is our intention to replicate the well received and now established practice of focusing more resources in the host country of the ICAWC conference (Krakow- Poland).

Aside from the concentrated impact within the host country, we are able to considerably reduce shipping costs and thereby deliver more equipment to each individual organisation. In addition administration can be dealt with in advance of the conference.

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. To this end we will rebuild and modernise our website to ensure it is more capable of conveying our charitable objects and can be viewed on mobile and tablet devices.

In order to create greater impact we will review our fundraising/marketing strategies to increase income where possible thereby increasing our ability to donate more equipment to those groups around the world that are operating TNC-R schemes to help animals.

When 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.

For many years our Friends annual subscription has been £15, in addition in 2010 we introduced a Friend for Life (FFL) subscription of £100. The trustees have increased the annual subscription to £30 with effect from 1st January 2018 and at the same date have removed the optional FFL subscription. We do not expect this to have a detrimental impact on our funds as most supporters generally donate in excess of £30.

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 real progress is made in promoting respect for and humane treatment of stray and feral cats and dogs.

Nigel Mason – Chairman

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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 2017**

	2017	2016
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Subscriptions and Donations	13,404	15,922
Legacy	-	
4,000		
	————	————
Total incoming resources	13,404	19,922
	————	————
Resources expended		
Donation and delivery of trapping/handling equipment to overseas animal welfare organisations	16,516	14,543
Conference, Newsletter and Publicity	1,227	1,070
Administration costs	99	515
Governance costs	611	1,064
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Total resources expended	18,453	17,192
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Net Income/ (Expenditure) for the year	(5,049)	2,730
Unrestricted Fund brought forward at 1st January 2017	9,081	6,351
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Unrestricted Fund carried forward at 31st December 2017	4,032	9,081
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2017

	2017	2016
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Equipment for future donations	0	0
Debtors	254	1,000
Cash at bank	3,842	8,100
	4,096	9,100
CURRENT LIABILITIES: amounts		
Falling due within one year		
Subscriptions paid in advance	59	0
Other liabilities	5	19
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	4,032	9,081
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UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	4,032	9,081
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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 and the Charity's governing documents.

For the year, ending 31st December 2017 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.

Approved by the Board of Trustees

25th February 2018.

Nigel Mason, Chairman

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2017

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 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 some 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 the 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 (2016 – 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 2017

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 £4374 (£4,174-2016) 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 has 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.