

SNIP International

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

**TRUSTEES' REPORT
For the year ended 31st December 2018**

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

Bankers:

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)

This is the twenty-second 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.

In accordance with the Articles Ms Siru Annika Lähdeniemi and Ms A L Cartier Van Dissel 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 2018

SNIP has once again maximized the number of groups across the world that it helps by distributing TNR/CNR equipment to a significant number of new groups via our attendance at the International Companion Animal Welfare Conference held this year in Poland. To date we have distributed 1,976 pieces of equipment to 79 countries.

During 2018, we distributed 257(277-2017) items of equipment to 85 groups (77-2017) which included 58 new groups (46-2017) and one new country (1-2017).

Also during 2018 a lot of in-house time was spent transferring information from our old database of equipment and donees to a new, more flexible system enabling quicker access to the history of a group and the previous donations it had received.

Like most organisations, we have had to grapple with the impact of GDPR and to take advice on how it affects us. In addition, we have spent much time debating future strategy and analyzing the resources and capabilities of our current trustees, identifying skills gaps and the consideration of new trustees.

I am, as always, grateful to my colleagues on the Board who actually help make all this happen with great good humor and a lot of hard work. Thanks then to Lisette, Annika, Bob and Jo.

For the third year, running The Petplan Charitable Trust had also given us the opportunity, through a generous donation, to run a supplementary TNR project in the host ICAWC country. Following previous practice SNIP International, match-funds the donation and also meets the transport costs.

TNR Poland resulted in the distribution to 11 groups within Poland. Many of these were affiliated to TOZ, which is an RSPCA equivalent in Poland.

In addition already in place, is the award of £2500 for 2019 enabling a combined £5000 worth of equipment to be donated by SNIP at the Malta ICAWC.

I must also make mention of an unexpected legacy given by supporter Amanda Green who has left SNIP an incredible gift that will help dogs and cats round the world for many years to come. Amanda will be remembered for her wonderful kindness and generosity in supporting SNIP and giving it the financial stability to not only continue but to have the financial resources to help and assist more groups.

Once again, I look forward to working with my fellow board members and supporters to maintain our work and explore other ways in which we can help animals in need.

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FINANCIAL RESULTS AND ACCOUNTS

As shown in the financial statements, Income exceeded Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2018 resulting in a surplus of £156,344, 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 and the Charity's governing documents.

CURRENT AND FUTURE OPERATIONS

Our priority for 2019 will be a new website designed from scratch and a review of our marketing material and logo. Progress has already been made in this respect. This will help increase awareness about what we do and how we can help more groups around the world to give cats and dogs a better life through TNR schemes underpinned by equipment donated by SNIPI.

We will also be seeking to recruit more trustees to help with the increased activity that the additional financial resources, provided by the legacy, will generate.

On the constitutional side we will be seeking to take advantage of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) structure thereby simplifying the governance requirements of being both a charity and limited company.

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 2019, 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 (for 2019- Malta)

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 undertaken 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.

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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.

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 Trustees (who act as Directors 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 Trustees 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 Trustees 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 2018**

	2018	2017
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Subscriptions and Donations	14,128	13,404
Legacy	158,312	0
	_____	_____
Total incoming resources	172,440	13,404
	_____	_____
Resources expended		
Donation and delivery of trapping/handling equipment to overseas animal welfare organisations	14,235	16,516
Conference, Newsletter and Publicity	1,045	1,227
Administration costs	75	99
Governance costs	741	611
	_____	_____
Total resources expended	16,096	18,453
	_____	_____
Net Income/ (Expenditure) for the year	156,344	(5,049)
Unrestricted Fund brought forward at 1st January 2018	4,032	9,081
	_____	_____
Unrestricted Fund carried forward at 31st December 2018	160,376	4,032
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2018

	2018	2017
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Equipment for future donations	0	0
Debtors	159,163	254
Cash at bank	1,578	3,842
	160,741	4,096
CURRENT LIABILITIES: amounts		
Falling due within one year		
Subscriptions paid in advance	60	59
Other liabilities	305	5
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	160,376	4,032
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UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	160,376	4,032
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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 2018 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
27th April 2019

Nigel Mason, Chairman

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2018

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) In accordance with the standard (FRS102) an advised legacy is included in the Statement of Financial Activity on the basis of :-
 - a) Probate of the estate has been obtained.
 - b) We have been advised of the estate surplus.
 - c) There are no conditions attached to the receipt of the legacy.

The treatment under FRS102 is a departure from our previously stated accounting policy (i.e. Legacy income is credited to the Financial statement when received), however there is no restatement required in respect of prior years.

- 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 (2018 Nil).

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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.

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 £2,863 (£4,374-2017) 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.