

ISPCA
CARING FOR ALL ANIMALS



ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017

THE IRISH SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

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CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

I am pleased to report on the progress made by the ISPCA in 2017. The number of animals coming into the care of the ISPCA continues to increase year-on-year, in part due to the effectiveness of our dedicated team of Inspectors. However, the increased demand for our services means that our resources are under pressure. In response to the increased demand, in 2017 we commenced the building of additional kennels at the National Animal Centre which are scheduled to be completed shortly. Our capacity will also be increased when the new Donegal animal centre opens later this year.

Funding continues to be a source of concern for the Board of Directors. Our total income in 2017 was up c. €100,000 on 2016, but we continue to be very reliant on legacy income which is by its nature uncertain. However, we are extremely grateful to our supporters and donors for making provision for the ISPCA in their wills. In 2018 and beyond, we would like to diversify our sources of fundraising and to increase the amount of grant funding we receive.

In 2017, I began a process to refresh the Board of Directors, to ensure that we have the appropriate mix of animal welfare and professional skills to serve the organisation. The number of Directors on the Board appointed by our affiliated members continues to stand at four, and later this year we will begin an engagement process with our members with a view to increasing their participation in the affairs of the ISPCA, with a view to increasing our overall effectiveness.



Helen Dooley,
Chairperson

OUR VISION

To end cruelty to animals in Ireland

OUR MISSION

Through education, legislation and ongoing support for our affiliated member societies we can prevent cruelty to all animals

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

To prevent cruelty, alleviate suffering and to promote kindness to animals



CEO REPORT

2017 was another busy and challenging year for the ISPCA. Our National Animal Cruelty Helpline received over 16,000 calls resulting in over 3,200 investigations into allegations of animal cruelty by our Inspectors. A record 21 ISPCA initiated prosecutions were finalised in court, compared to 15 in 2016 and nine in 2015. A further 19 prosecutions were initiated.



Although many of our supporters have been disappointed with the penalties imposed by the courts, 2017 saw the first custodial sentences imposed under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 (AHWA) for ISPCA initiated prosecutions, including an 18 month prison sentence for cruelty offences handed down to a Donegal man who viciously killed his own dog. Seven bans on keeping animals were imposed, including two lifelong bans and one five year ban. This is a very important development given that in 2016 when 15 prosecutions were finalised, only two disqualification orders were imposed. At the time of writing, over 100 prosecutions have been initiated by ISPCA Inspectors since receiving statutory powers in May 2014 and 50 of these (including 8 so far in 2018) have been finalised in court.

This clearly demonstrates the impact of the statutory powers bestowed on our Inspectors by the Department for Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the AHWA. Notwithstanding the appointment of a ninth Inspector in 2017, we are still only able to provide Inspectorate coverage in 17 counties. We hope to further increase the number of Inspectors and the counties covered over the coming years until we have full coverage of the country. However, this will require significant new resources and we will be working hard to generate sufficient funding, both from government and the public, to help us achieve this goal.

The more animals we help, the more pressure we put on our animal centres which were stretched to breaking point last year. Over 1,250 animals were seized by or surrendered to the ISPCA in 2017, including 758 dogs, 356 cats and 55 equines. In 2017, the National Animal Centre (NAC) admitted over 700 animals, including over 400 dogs, the vast majority of which were rehomed. Work started in 2017 on a new block of kennels, specifically to accommodate puppies, pregnant females, whelping mums and other vulnerable dogs. This much needed extra kennel space will be invaluable in providing a safe and quiet area for puppies and will give them much needed respite from the noisy main kennel block.

Our equine rescue centre in Mallow, Cork found new homes for 37 equines. This is a remarkable achievement as it is becoming more and more challenging to find appropriate homes for equines in Ireland. The number of dogs being admitted to the Mallow centre continued to increase with a total of 149 being admitted in 2017. As a result we have had to develop the dog facilities on site, building new kennels and a dog grooming area.

One of the main limitations to increasing the number of Inspectors is the lack of facilities to care for the animals seized by or surrendered to our Inspectors. In 2017, affiliated member Donegal SPCA completed the building of a new centre near Letterkenny in Donegal. This centre will provide facilities for our Donegal Inspector for animals seized in the course of his duty and will provide a much needed service for animal welfare in Donegal. It is anticipated that the centre will open in the summer of 2018.

In addition to dealing with animals seized by or surrendered to our Inspectors, the ISPCA also coordinated the removal and rehoming of 346 dogs and 257 cats from a research facility in Mayo that ceased operating in 2016. This challenging rescue started in December 2016 and was completed in December 2017. Many of the dogs were poorly socialised and a lot of hard work was required to get them ready for rehoming. This was only possible thanks to the assistance of our friends at Dogs Trust Ireland, who helped rehome over 150 of the dogs and at Cats Protection Belfast, who took in over 80 of the cats for rehoming. We are very grateful to them for their assistance.

The ISPCA withdrew from operating the Dog Warden Service for Carlow and Kilkenny in 2017 and now continues to manage four services. By reducing the number of services we manage we have been able to focus on the remaining services, improving facilities and welfare provision. The number of dogs being reclaimed, rehomed or transferred to animal rescues continues to rise, with over 95% of dogs being reclaimed or rehomed in 2017.

Governance and transparency are key issues within the charity sector, rightly so, and the ISPCA is doing all it can to ensure that we are fully transparent and accountable. We are fully committed to good governance and are on a journey towards achieving Charities Institute Ireland's Triple Lock standards, to demonstrate that we are compliant with the Governance Code, the Charities Regulator's fundraising guidelines and appropriate financial reporting and controls.

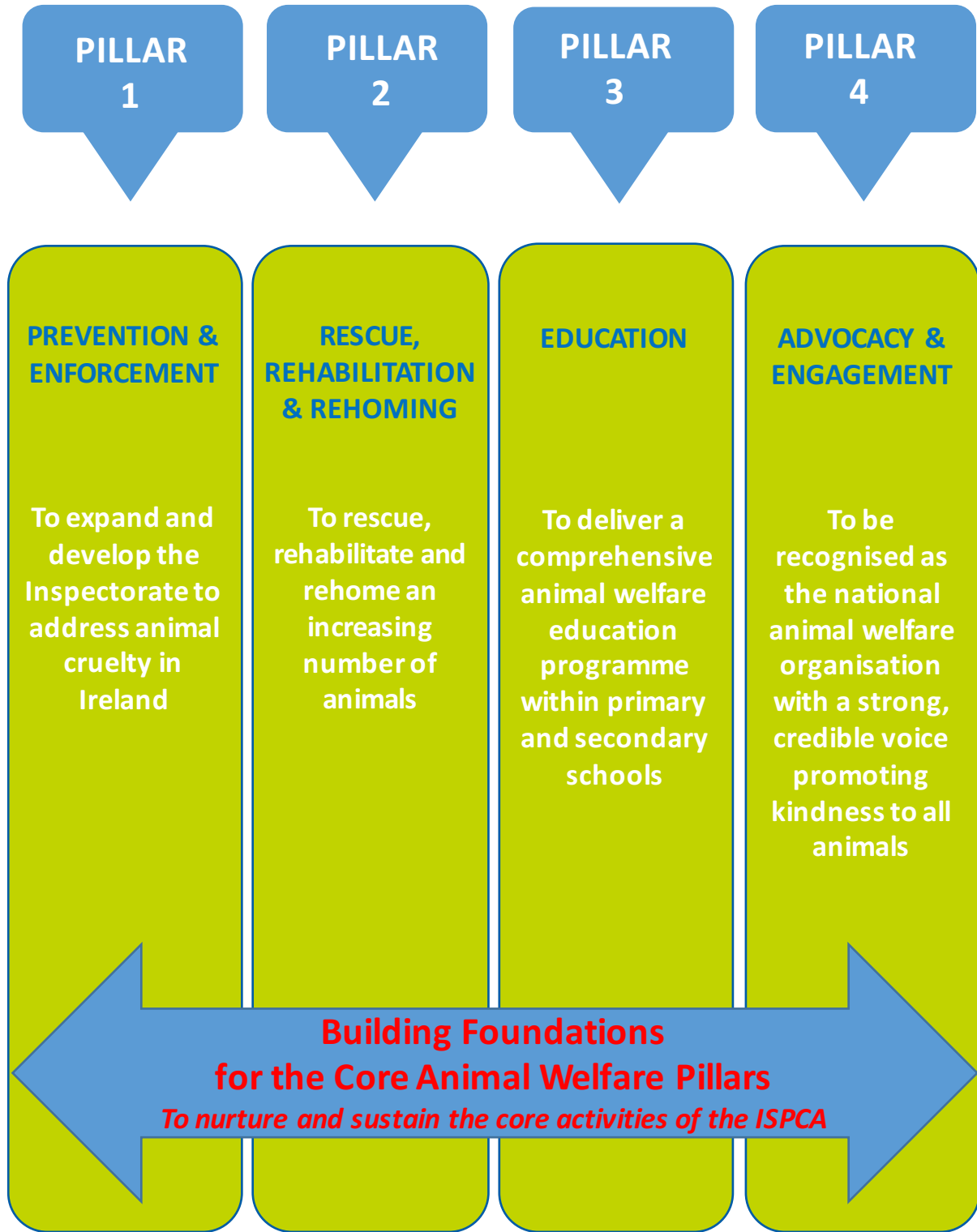
We are over two years into our first five year strategic plan that was launched in January 2016. I am pleased to say that much has been achieved but we cannot be complacent. We are now looking to focus on targeting our resources on the most pressing issues as we head towards 2020 and beyond.

I would like to sincerely thank all of our employees, volunteers and affiliated member organisations for their hard work throughout 2017, dealing with those animals most in need, sometimes in very difficult and harrowing circumstances. I would also like to thank the ISPCA's Board of Directors and Chairperson Helen Dooley for their commitment and support. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Department of Agriculture for the ongoing and increased financial support to the ISPCA and our affiliated member organisations through the ex-gratia grant scheme. Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank our supporters who continue to donate to the ISPCA in difficult times – we could not do what we do without their continued support.



Dr Andrew Kelly,
Chief Executive Officer

OUR STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK



INSPECTORATE

It is now four years since the Animal Health and Welfare Act came into force. Since receiving authorisation under the Act from the Minister for Agriculture, our Inspectors have been at the forefront of enforcing the legislation with over 100 prosecutions initiated so far.

The increase in the number of prosecutions year-on-year is an indication that our Inspectors are having an impact, but we could do much more with sufficient resources. Only by providing significant deterrents can we hope to see a reduction in animal cruelty in Ireland.

Last year, over 1,200 animals were seized by or surrendered to the ISPCA. Many of these animals were traumatised and in poor condition. All required veterinary treatment and rehabilitation by our dedicated team of animal carers, before they could be responsibly and safely rehomed. Sadly our Inspectors witness horrific cruelty on a regular basis.

There are large parts of Ireland that our Inspectors cannot reach. We aim to recruit more Inspectors in the coming years to be able to provide coverage for the whole of Ireland but currently we do not have sufficient resources. It costs more than €50,000 per annum to keep an Inspector on the road, including vehicle costs, uniform and equipment, veterinary costs, administrative support and salary. The total cost for the Inspectorate in 2017 was over €560,000. Our resources have never been under more pressure. Our Inspectors need appropriate facilities to which to take seized or surrendered animals. Our animal centres in Cork and Longford are constantly full to capacity with dogs, cats, equines and other animals. We need to develop our centres to deal with the increase in animals we take in.

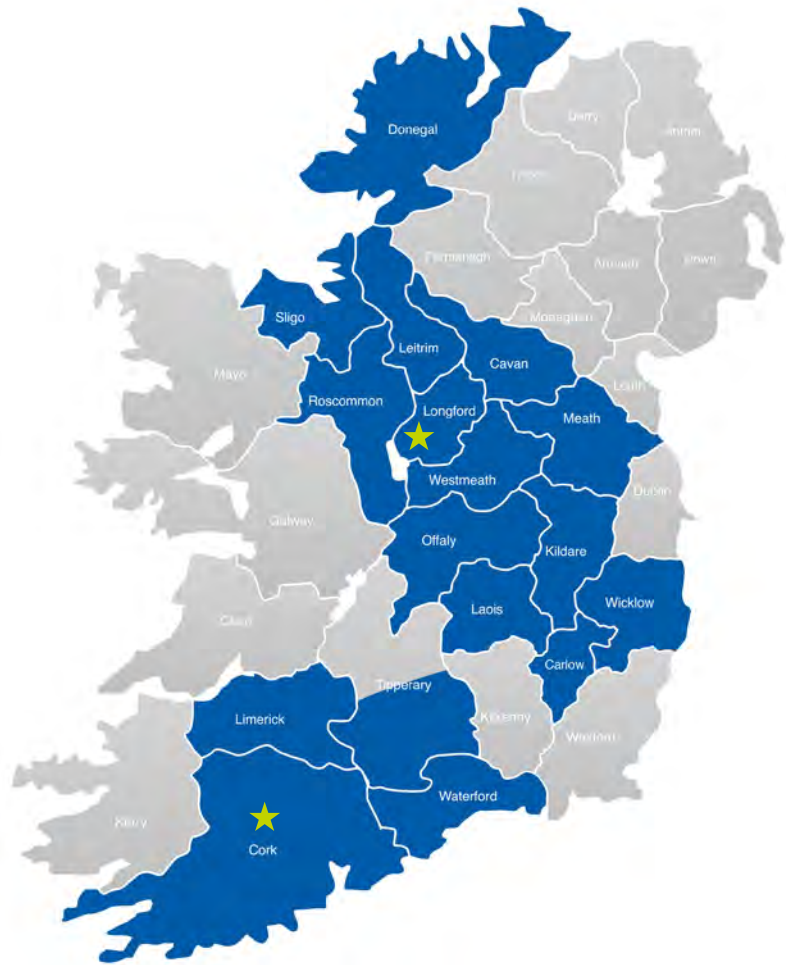
Without our Inspectorate team, thousands of animals would continue to suffer, hidden away and in silence.



The ISPCA has nine Animal Welfare Inspectors covering 17 counties in Ireland. We have two Animal Rescue Centres and an administration office in Dublin.

National Animal Centre,
Derryglogher,
Keenagh,
Longford.

Equine Rescue Centre,
Dromsligo,
Mallow,
Cork.



MAKING AN IMPACT: INSPECTORATE CASE STUDIES

MISTY

WOMAN DISQUALIFIED FROM KEEPING ANIMALS FOR FIVE YEARS

Misty, a one year old Siberian husky dog, was found chained at the back of a property. Misty was signed over to the ISPCA and upon admission to the Donegal Animal Hospital, was found to weigh just 9.5kgs.



CASE SUMMARY

Date: January 2017

Defendant: Female 20's

Plea: Guilty

Conviction: Failing to provide appropriate food

Sentence: Disqualified from keeping animals for a period of five years, paid €369 in ISPCA expenses and fined €10



ROXY

HORRIFIC SUFFERING CAUSED BY A ROPE

Roxy, a mare, was found with a rope deeply embedded in her nose. She was seized by our Inspector and received immediate veterinary treatment. The veterinary evidence suggested the rope had been there for several weeks.

CASE SUMMARY

Date: April 2017

Defendant: Male 60's

Plea: Guilty

Conviction: Causing unnecessary suffering to a horse

Sentence: Fined €400 and ordered to pay costs of €500



NALA

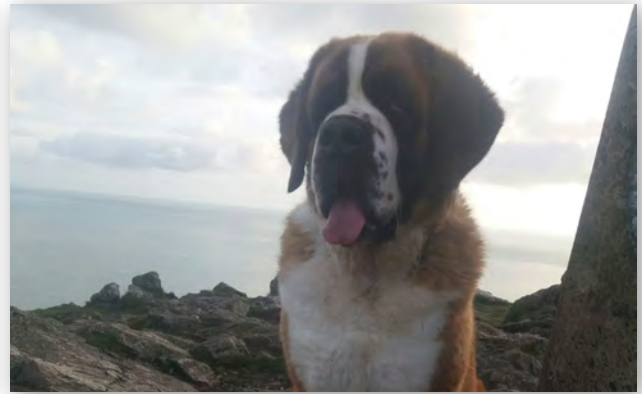
MAN ADMITS TO THE ILLEGAL REMOVAL OF DEW CLAWS

Having been bought from a breeder, Nala’s owner became concerned at her puppy’s discomfort and took her to a vet. It was discovered that a botched attempt to remove her dew claws resulted in a partial nail growth which was deformed, painful and required surgery.



CASE SUMMARY

Date: December 2017
Defendant: Male 30’s
Plea: Guilty
Conviction: Removing the dew claws of a dog
Sentence: Probation act applied after €250 was contributed to the ISPCA



HECTOR

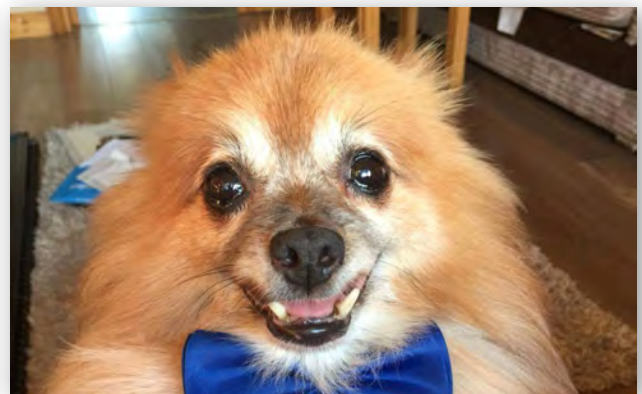
WOMAN CONVICTED OF CRUELTY TO FIVE DOGS

Hector, was one of five dogs discovered in very poor conditions. He was covered in faeces and his breed was initially indistinguishable. All of his teeth except for two had to be removed as they were rotten.



CASE SUMMARY

Date: March 2017
Defendant: Female 40’s
Plea: Guilty
Conviction: Causing unnecessary suffering to dogs
Sentence: Fined €2,500 and ordered to pay €1,108 in vet costs and €1,000 legal costs.



MAKING AN IMPACT: HAPPY TAILS

REBEL

When Rebel was rescued by the ISPCA, he was extremely emaciated and could barely stand on his own. He received the very best of care from staff and volunteers at the Centre and he made a remarkable recovery. Rebel's new owner said he has settled in so well and that he has a wonderful personality.



TIPSY & MILLY

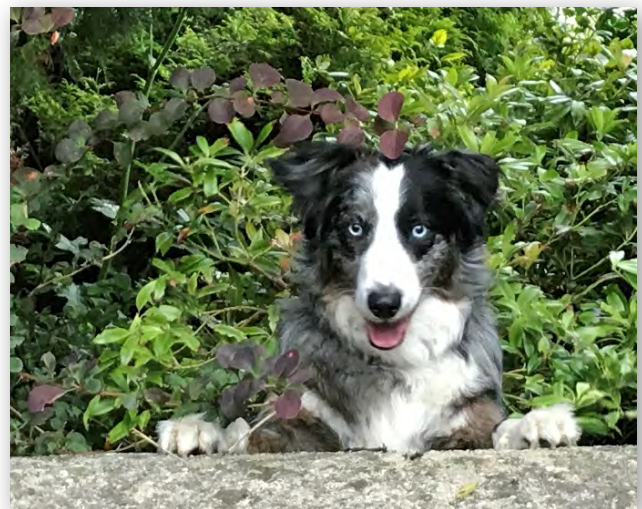
Adorable kittens Topsy and Milly look like they are living the life of luxury since they were adopted.

“They’ve settled in really well and we couldn’t be happier with them. We feel very privileged to have been able to adopt these two scamps, they are incredibly affectionate and we are all mad about each other at this stage!”



BOGART

Bogart's new owner James said “When Bogart first came into the family he was a little scared, but soon his personality really shone through. Bogart gives every family member a share of his love and thoroughly enjoys his walkies. He has really become one of the family. Above all he is a good and loyal companion and I honestly can’t imagine life without him.”





ZOLA

Zola certainly landed on her paws in her new home with Dympna. It did not take her long to settle into her new home. She just loves getting pampered and laps up all the attention. She goes everywhere with Dympna including travelling to work with her every day.



LEXI & LULU

Despite spending their entire lives living in a clinical environment with limited stimuli, Lexi and Lulu are adorably interactive cats. They are so entertaining and enjoy chasing each other around the house, usually late at night!



SPIKE

Spike is a gorgeous pony who was rescued by the ISPCA and has now found a new loving home with Monica. She said: "Spike is just adorable and is a great addition to our family. He settled in really well and loves his new stable and running around their field. We couldn't be happier with Spike."

MAKING AN IMPACT: OVER 600 EX-LABORATORY ANIMALS REHOMED

In 2017 the ISPCA coordinated the rehoming of 346 dogs (mostly beagles) and 257 cats from a research facility in Mayo that ceased operating in 2016. This was a very challenging operation which took 12 months to complete. All of the dogs and cats had to be microchipped, neutered and health checked before being removed from the facility in groups on a monthly basis until the final group was removed in December 2017. Many of the dogs had never been outdoors and required extensive socialisation before they could be responsibly rehomed. The ISPCA is grateful to Dogs Trust Ireland, Cats Protection and other welfare groups for their assistance in finding homes for these animals. As well as giving these animals the chance of a normal life in a loving home, the knowledge and experience gained will help inform future projects to rescue and rehome ex-laboratory animals.



NATIONAL ANIMAL CENTRE, LONGFORD

The ISPCA National Animal Centre was established in 2002 in order to support the ISPCA Inspectorate with the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of animals that have been cruelly treated, neglected and/or abused. Situated on 88 acres in rural Longford, the centre is designed to provide veterinary care and rehabilitation to animals that have been subjected to cruelty or neglect and return them to a state that enables them to be responsibly rehomed in a suitable environment. 2017 saw a large increase in the number of admissions due to the ex-laboratory animals we took in.



MALLOW EQUINE RESCUE CENTRE, CORK

The ISPCA Equine Rescue Centre is based in Dromsligo, Mallow, Cork. The centre opened in June 2007, thanks to a legacy from Victor Dowling. Such a facility was urgently required to accommodate cruelly treated and neglected equines in the south of the country. Since then, the centre has welcomed more than equines and we have built new kennels and a dog grooming room to care for the increasing numbers of dogs being admitted.



DOG WARDEN SERVICE

The ISPCA continues to provide Dog Warden Services in four counties on behalf of Local Authorities. Our focus is on improving welfare standards, reuniting stray dogs with their owners and finding suitable homes for stray and unwanted dogs by working closely with other welfare groups, including our affiliated members. In 2017 more than 95% of dogs were successfully reunited with their owners, responsibly rehomed or transferred to approved rescue organisations for rehoming. The number of dogs entering Irish pounds has declined over the past number of years and this trend is expected to continue. Our message is keep your dog under effective control at all times, ensure your dog is neutered and microchipped and enjoy the benefits of responsible dog ownership.



ADVOCACY

The ISPCA is an advocacy organisation and our campaigning work paid off in 2017, when the Minister for Agriculture announced that he was introducing a Regulation to ban the use of wild animals in circuses. This was a direct result of our Big Stop campaign launched in 2016 and also significant behind-the-scenes lobbying of politicians across the spectrum. This demonstrates the value of evidence-based and ethically sound animal welfare policies and targeted evidence-based campaigns. The ISPCA continues to advocate for farm animals through membership of the Farm Animal Welfare Advisory Council, raising concerns about many issues, including live exports of farmed animals, the unnecessary and cruel tail-docking of piglets and the rapid and unsustainable expansion of the Irish dairy herd, which risks the welfare of cattle and farmers alike.

We are a member of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH), a UK based umbrella organisation for animal welfare groups in the UK and Ireland, representing 143 organisations, including seven Irish organisations. ADCH has recently developed a set of minimum standards for animal rescue organisations which the ISPCA would like to see introduced for all animal rescue organisations in Ireland, along with a registration and licensing system.

Since 2016, we have been a member of Eurogroup for Animals, the EU's largest animal welfare lobby group. We are also members of the EU Dog and Cat Alliance, both of which lobby at the EU level for better protection for animals.

We worked with our colleagues at Eurogroup for Animals to promote EU-wide campaigns including Stop the Trucks on live exports and End Pig Pain on unnecessary mutilations (including tail-docking) in the pig industry. As a result, there has been significant progress on these issues both at home and in the EU.

We submitted responses to a number of government consultations including the consultation on the Guidelines associated with the Dog Breeding Establishments Act (2010). We hope that the new Guidelines will facilitate robust and consistent application and enforcement of the law relating to dog breeding.

RAISING AWARENESS



3 MILLION

Page views



352,807

Unique visits to www.ISPCA.ie



↑ 14%

TWITTER FOLLOWERS



↑ 34%

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS



↑ 11%

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

CAMPAIGNS

SPAYAWARE

The ISPCA launched the annual SpayAware campaign highlighting the positive benefits of spaying or neutering our pets and urging pet owners to speak to their vets as early as possible to prevent unwanted litters of kittens and puppies.

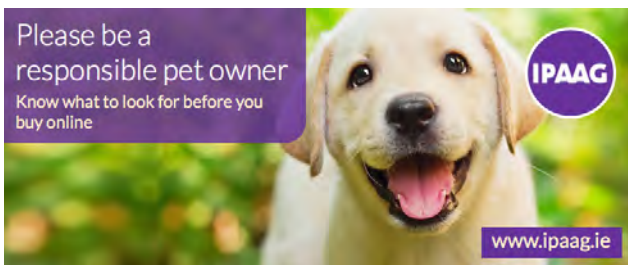
Comedian PJ Gallagher with Rosanna Davison, Vet Pete Wedderburn, ISPCA CEO Dr Andrew Kelly and Chief Inspector Conor Dowling with some adorable ISPCA rescued puppies and dogs.



ANIMAL WELFARE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM



Education is the key to better animal welfare and responsible pet ownership in Ireland, and the ISPCA is calling on the Department of Education to introduce a module on animal welfare and responsible pet ownership into the National School curriculum.



IPAAG

The Irish Pet Advertising Advisory Group (IPAAG) is an advisory group chaired by ISPCA CEO Dr Andrew Kelly and made up of leading Irish animal welfare organisations, representatives from the veterinary profession, government departments and websites that

advertise animals for sale. This major initiative will improve the welfare of the thousands of pets advertised online on a weekly basis, reminding the public to beware of the pitfalls in responding to online ads for puppies and other animals. The group is engaging with a number of websites and has introduced a list of Minimum Standards for websites to ensure the welfare of the animals advertised online is protected and that any illegal activity is identified and investigated.

THE ISPCA BIG STOP CAMPAIGN

The ISPCA called on our supporters to join The Big Stop campaign to sign our petition calling for a ban on the use of wild animals in circuses in Ireland. We received a massive 27,625 online signatures and we are delighted that a successful ban was implemented from January 2018. Huge thanks to our dedicated supporters for making this happen. We are now calling for a ban on the use of wild animals in circuses throughout the EU through our membership of Eurogroup for Animals.



HOME FOREVER PROGRAMME

The ISPCA created a Home Forever programme to make sure we are there if the worst were to happen. If a pet owner becomes incapacitated, moves into residential care or passes away, we will look after their pets. Home Forever gives pet owners the peace of mind that there can still be a bright future ahead for their beloved pet. We will do all we can to find a new and loving home for their pet.

FUNDRAISING

In 2017 the ISPCA raised over €1.8 million, including almost €1.2 million in legacies. Other fundraising activities included direct marketing, events and grants. All donations are critical to our work and we are grateful to those that shared our concern and our passion for animal welfare.

We are also grateful for corporate donations (monetary and time spent volunteering), as well as those major donors who continued to support our work.

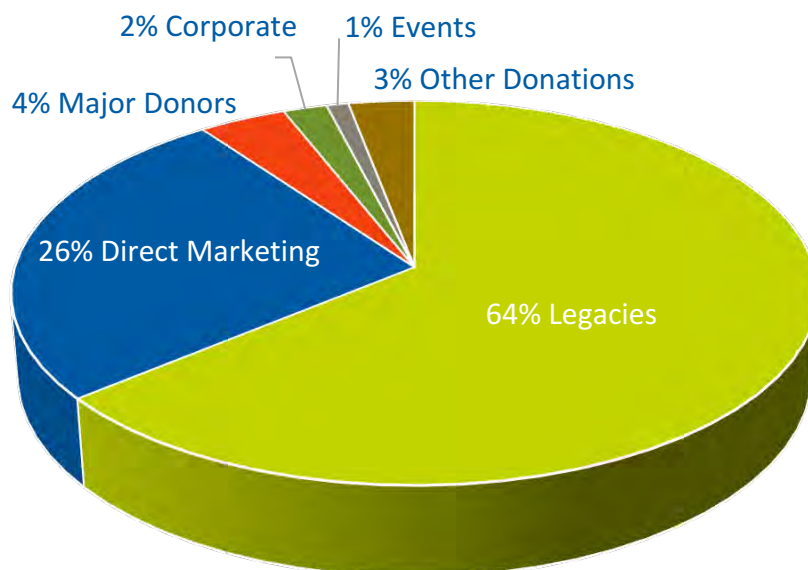


VHI Mini Marathon participants



Zurich Life employees completed a days volunteering at the ISPCA National Animal Centre, in Longford and donated €1,300.

FUNDRAISING & BEQUESTS INCOME



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

We have audited the Financial Statements of The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the year ended 31 December 2017 set out on pages 11 to 29. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable Irish law and Republic of Ireland Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective 1 January 2015 (Republic of Ireland Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). In our opinion the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with Republic of Ireland Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs Ireland) and applicable law. Our responsibility under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Statements in the Republic of Ireland, including the Ethical Standard as issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- The Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the Financial Statements is not appropriate; or
- The Directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the Financial Statements are authorised for issue.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the Financial Statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. Our opinion on the Financial Statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

OPINION ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2014

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- The information given in the Directors' report for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- The Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the provisions in the Companies Act 2014 which require us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions specified by law are not made.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the Financial Statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, where applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these Financial Statements. A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Statements is located on the IAASA website. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report. The purpose of our audit work and to who we owe our responsibilities. This report is made solely to the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable members those matters that we are required to state to them in the audit report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not except or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity or the charitable members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Brian Feeney (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of RBK Business Advisers
Date: 12 May 2018



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

| | | Restricted Funds 2017 € | Unrestricted Funds 2017 € | Total Funds 2017 € | Total Funds 2016 € |
|---|------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| INCOME FROM: | | | | | |
| | Note | | | | |
| Other trading activities | 2 | - | 1,495,189 | 1,495,189 | 1,741,753 |
| Investments | 4 | - | 23,528 | 23,528 | 25,487 |
| Other income | 5 | 493,081 | 1,147,363 | 1,640,444 | 1,285,060 |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 493,081 | 2,666,080 | 3,159,161 | 3,052,300 |
| EXPENDITURE ON: | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | 6 | 493,081 | 2,461,671 | 2,954,752 | 3,103,497 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | 493,081 | 2,461,671 | 2,954,752 | 3,103,497 |
| NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS | | | | | |
| | | - | 204,409 | 204,409 | (51,197) |
| Net gains on investments | | - | 125,057 | 125,057 | 88,133 |
| NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS | | - | 329,466 | 329,466 | 36,936 |
| Transfers between funds | 19 | (434,655) | - | (434,655) | (98,612) |
| NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) | | (434,655) | 329,466 | (105,189) | (61,676) |
| NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS | | (434,655) | 329,466 | (105,189) | (61,676) |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS: | | | | | |
| Total funds at 1 January 2017 | | 584,835 | 2,058,246 | 2,643,081 | 2,704,757 |
| TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017 | | 150,180 | 2,387,712 | 2,537,892 | 2,643,081 |

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The financial statements were approved by the Directors on 12 May 2018 and signed on their behalf by:

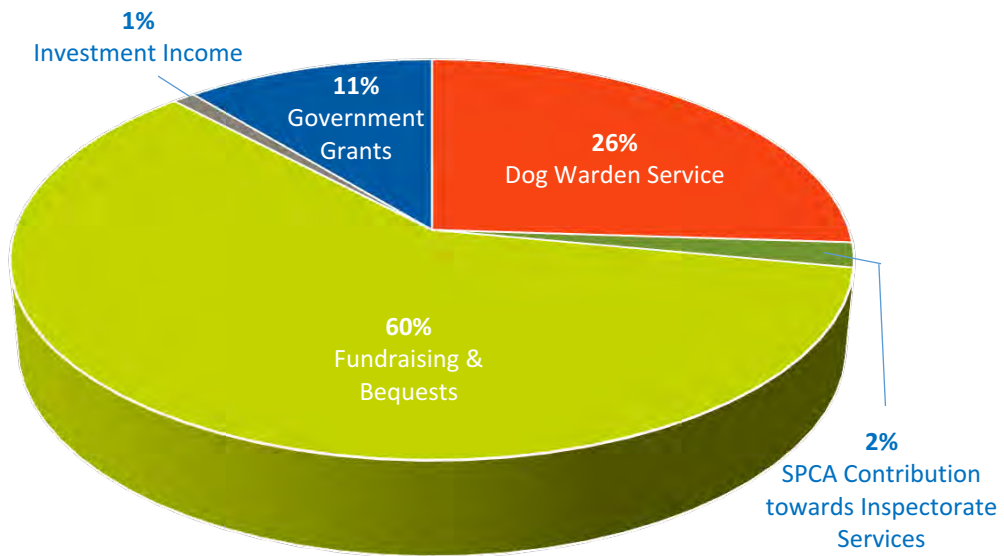


Helen Dooley
Director

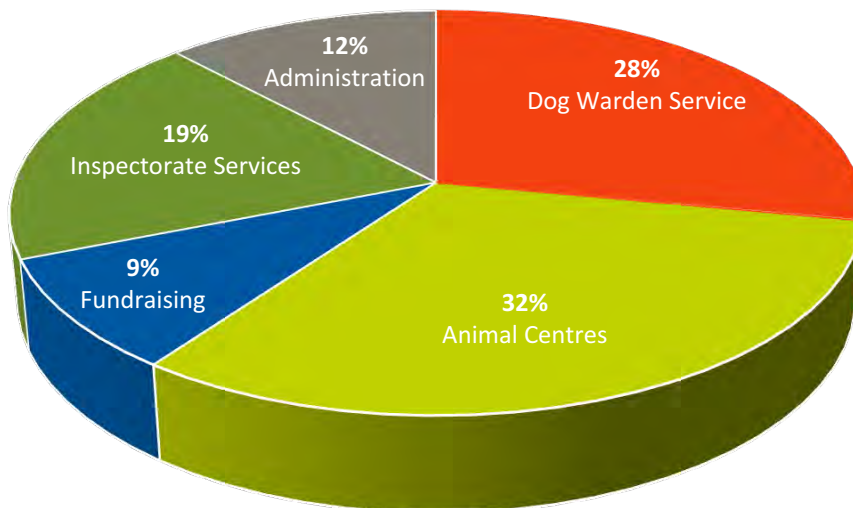


Carin Bryans
Director

INCOME 2017



EXPENDITURE 2017

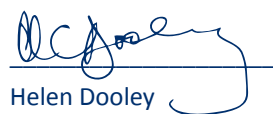


BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

| | NOTE | € 2017 € | € 2016 € |
|--|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Tangible assets | 12 | 1,395,765 | 1,402,454 |
| Fixed asset investments | 13 | 1,466,048 | 1,261,549 |
| | | <u>2,861,813</u> | <u>2,664,003</u> |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Stocks | 14 | 19,908 | 20,940 |
| Debtors | 15 | 78,323 | 31,955 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 16 | 423,557 | 781,424 |
| | | <u>521,788</u> | <u>834,319</u> |
| CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year | 17 | <u>(645,855)</u> | <u>(587,339)</u> |
| NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS | | <u>(124,067)</u> | <u>246,980</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>2,737,746</u> | <u>2,910,983</u> |
| CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year | 18 | <u>(199,854)</u> | <u>(267,902)</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | <u><u>2,537,892</u></u> | <u><u>2,643,081</u></u> |
| CHARITY FUNDS | | | |
| Restricted funds | 19 | 150,180 | 584,835 |
| Unrestricted funds | 19 | 2,387,712 | 2,058,246 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | <u><u>2,537,892</u></u> | <u><u>2,643,081</u></u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Directors on 12 May 2018 and signed on their behalf by:



Helen Dooley

Director



Carin Bryans

Director

The notes on pages 14 to 29 form part of these financial statements*.

*ISPCA financial statements are available on www.ispca.ie

2. TRADING ACTIVITIES

| CHARITY TRADING INCOME | Restricted Funds 2017 € | Unrestricted Funds 2017 € | Total Funds 2017 € | Total Funds 2016 € |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Dog Warden Service | - | 808,915 | 808,915 | 918,810 |
| Affiliation fees | - | 2,032 | 2,032 | 2,413 |
| Fundraising and donations | - | 684,242 | 684,242 | 820,530 |
| Net income from trading activities | - | 1,495,189 | 1,495,189 | 1,741,753 |

In 2016, of total income from Dog Warden Services, affiliation fees, fundraising and donations, €22,940 was to restricted and €1,718,813 was to unrestricted.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

| | Restricted Funds 2017 € | Unrestricted Funds 2017 € | Total Funds 2017 € | Total Funds 2016 € |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Dividend Income | - | 22,840 | 22,840 | 24,549 |
| Interest Income | - | 688 | 688 | 938 |
| | - | 23,528 | 23,528 | 25,487 |

All investment income in the prior year of €25,487 was classified as unrestricted income.

5. OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES

| | Restricted Funds 2017 € | Unrestricted Funds 2017 € | Total Funds 2017 € | Total Funds 2016 € |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Other Income | - | 430,782 | 430,782 | 474,620 |
| Bequest Income | 493,081 | 704,010 | 1,197,091 | 809,800 |
| Income from sale of equipment | - | 12,571 | 12,571 | 640 |
| | 493,081 | 1,147,363 | 1,640,444 | 1,285,060 |

In 2016, of the total other income from Other Incoming Resources €85,895 was to restricted and €1,199,165 was to unrestricted funds.

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | Restricted Funds 2017 € | Unrestricted Funds 2017 € | Total Funds 2017 € | Total Funds 2016 € |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Head Office* | 493,081 | 1,625,407 | 2,118,488 | 2,166,555 |
| Dog Warden Service* | - | 836,264 | 836,264 | 936,942 |
| | 493,081 | 2,461,671 | 2,954,752 | 3,103,497 |

*Please see note 7 and 8 for breakdown

7. DIRECT COSTS

| | Head Office | € | Dog Warden Service € | Total 2017 € | Total 2016 € |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Direct labour salaries | 867,127 | | 509,365 | 1,376,492 | 1,385,437 |
| Motor costs | 91,716 | | 40,822 | 132,538 | 147,516 |
| Animal costs | 238,697 | | 19,096 | 257,793 | 240,038 |
| Veterinary fees | 124,807 | | 34,994 | 159,801 | 197,852 |
| Telephone | 17,198 | | 7,046 | 24,244 | 25,196 |
| Uniform and protective clothing | 10,352 | | 1,315 | 11,667 | 7,463 |
| Depreciation | 77,289 | | 13,691 | 90,980 | 84,187 |
| Light & Heat | 24,148 | | 7,044 | 31,192 | 24,950 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 45,165 | | 4,939 | 50,104 | 60,672 |
| Rent & Rates | - | | 57,021 | 57,021 | 54,777 |
| Subscriptions and affiliation fees | 34,298 | | - | 34,298 | 8,745 |
| Animal Welfare Campaigns | 10,870 | | - | 10,870 | 14,547 |
| | 1,541,667 | | 695,333 | 2,237,000 | 2,251,380 |

8. SUPPORT COSTS

| | Head Office € | Dog Warden Service € | Total 2017 € | Total 2016 € |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Admin and management charge | (29,046) | 29,046 | - | - |
| Staff costs | 235,173 | 72,676 | 307,849 | 300,410 |
| Travel and Accommodation | 15,853 | - | 15,853 | 14,948 |
| Postage, phone & stationery | 17,617 | 8,996 | 26,613 | 32,620 |
| Computer and website costs | 39,854 | 1,015 | 40,869 | 22,159 |
| Advertising and promotion | 10,070 | 258 | 10,328 | 11,016 |
| Insurance | 31,673 | 17,427 | 49,100 | 34,184 |
| Legal and professional fees | 52,114 | 599 | 52,713 | 33,537 |
| Audit, accountancy and consultancy | 11,699 | 9,074 | 20,773 | 26,845 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 12,955 | - | 12,955 | 11,764 |
| Rates | 2,755 | - | 2,755 | 6,519 |
| Rent | 6,950 | - | 6,950 | 7,992 |
| Light and heat | 6,148 | - | 6,148 | 5,011 |
| Depreciation | 36,060 | - | 36,060 | 29,565 |
| Bank interest and leasing | 13,145 | 1,840 | 14,985 | 16,211 |
| General expenses | - | - | - | 45 |
| Subscriptions and affiliation fees | 2,095 | - | 2,095 | 2,516 |
| Fundraising costs | 111,706 | - | 111,706 | 296,775 |
| | 576,821 | 140,931 | 717,752 | 852,117 |

10. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees was: 48 (2016: 49) and the average monthly number of employees during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows (including casual and part-time staff):

| | 2017 No. | 2016 No. |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Administration | 11 | 10 |
| Inspectors | 9 | 8 |
| Animal Centres | 18 | 17 |
| Dog Warden Service | 10 | 14 |
| | 48 | 49 |

| | Head Office € | Dog warden service € | 2017 € | 2016 € |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Wages & Salaries | 984,865 | 508,459 | 1,493,324 | 1,500,076 |
| Employer PRSI | 103,033 | 55,062 | 158,095 | 153,732 |
| Pension Costs | 14,402 | 18,520 | 32,922 | 32,039 |
| Total | 1,102,300 | 582,041 | 1,684,341 | 1,685,847 |

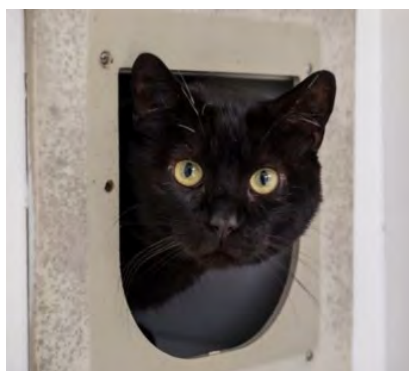
During the year, no directors received any remuneration (2016 -€NIL).

The number of higher paid employees was:

| | 2017 No. | 2016 No. |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| In the band €90,001 - €100,000 | 1 | 1 |

These bands include basic pay and excludes employer pension and PRSI contributions.

The CEO remuneration amounts to €92,339 (2016: €89,949) for the year.



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MEMBER FOCUS: ROSCOMMON SPCA

In October 2017 the Roscommon SPCA formed a new committee. Since then, the spaying, neutering and microchipping programme had a big uptake with over 150 dogs and over 280 cats spayed/neutered and over 100 dogs microchipped. Much has been achieved and work on building relationships with local media and the people of Roscommon continues.

| | Over 4 month period |
|---|----------------------------|
| Dogs neutered / spayed | 154 |
| Cats neutered / spayed | 287 |
| Dogs microchipped | 108 |
| Vaccinations | 21 |
| Cats trapped, neutered & released (TNR) | 121 |
| Phone calls | 2080 |
| Texts | 1700 |
| Emails | 1650 |

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Board of Directors meet eight times per year and consists of 11 members. Four Directors represent our affiliated members.

Helen Dooley (Chairperson)

Tracey Long (Kildare & West Wicklow SPCA)

Marie O'Byrne (North County Dublin SPCA)

Noel O'Donoghue (Kilkenny SPCA)

Fiona Squibb (Louth SPCA)

Carin Elizabeth Bryans

Anna Kavanagh

Darragh McDonald

Elizabeth O'Flynn

Conor Walsh

Nicola Walshe

GOVERNANCE

The Board of the ISPCA is committed to the principles of good governance and believes in openness, transparency and accountability. We have signed up to the Governance Code and are on the 'adoption journey'. The ISPCA fully complies with the Charity Regulatory Authority's Fundraising Guidelines and adheres to Charities Institute Ireland Codes of Practice on Fundraising as follows:

- Fundraising Codes of Good Practice
- Direct Recruitment
- Lotteries
- Telemarketing Fundraising
- Cash Collections
- Digital Fundraising
- Payroll Giving
- Volunteers for Fundraising
- Events

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