

ISPCA

CARING FOR ALL ANIMALS



ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018

THE IRISH SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

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CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

As reported in previous years, demand for the ISPCA's services increased in 2018 and we were fortunate to have extra capacity to take in animals at the new kennel block at the National Animal Centre and at the Donegal Animal Rehabilitation Centre. However, unfortunately our income declined in 2018. The Board have been very concerned at this downturn and this year we have taken steps to identify opportunities to reduce expenditure, thanks to the hard work of our Audit Committee and Head of Finance.

As highlighted in the Annual Report, our Inspectors continue to successfully enforce animal welfare legislation, which resulted in a lengthy custodial sentence being handed down by the courts for animal cruelty, which we welcome.

The Board of Directors were refreshed and strengthened by the addition of a number of new Directors during 2018 and commissioned a piece of work to review the ISPCA's engagement with key stakeholders, including our members, staff and the Department of Agriculture. This work is drawing to a conclusion and we will be engaging with our members later this year to share the outputs, which will form the basis for a review of our strategic framework.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Helen Dooley', is written over a thin blue horizontal line.

Helen Dooley, Chairperson

CEO REPORT

2018 was another challenging yet rewarding year for the ISPCA. The ISPCA's National Cruelty Helpline received over 17,000 calls with a record 3,494 being passed to Inspectors to investigate allegations of cruelty, neglect or abuse. The ISPCA's enforcement of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 (AHWA) via our team of nine Inspectors continued with 22 new prosecutions being initiated and 18 finalised in court. This takes the number of prosecutions initiated since our Inspectors received authorisation in May 2014 to over 130, with 64 finalised in court. Over 1,100 animals were seized by or surrendered to our Inspectors, including a record 348 cats, with 69 cats and kittens removed from a hoarding situation in a single incident. In November 2018, two defendants pled guilty to serious animal welfare offences in relation to a puppy farm in Carlow which was visited by ISPCA Inspectors and An Garda Síochána in April 2015. This was the largest case in ISPCA history, with 340 dogs and 11 horses removed from the property. One of the defendants was subsequently sentenced to a three-year custodial sentence, banned for life from any involvement with dogs and horses and ordered to pay €35k to the ISPCA in lieu of costs. This further demonstrates the success of the AHWA and the statutory powers bestowed on our Inspectors.

However, the busier our Inspectors are, the more animals they take into their possession. Our animal centres have never been busier dealing with those animals and our amazing staff and volunteers are constantly working hard to ensure the best possible care and rehabilitation is given to all animals before they find new, loving homes. In 2018, the ISPCA officially opened its third centre, the Donegal Animal Rehabilitation Centre (ARC), thanks to the hard work of affiliated member Donegal SPCA. The ARC provides a much-needed facility for vulnerable animals in the north-west. In 2018 we completed a new block of kennels at the National Animal Centre (NAC) specifically for whelping bitches and puppies and we also renovated the equine isolation unit at the Mallow Equine Centre (MEC). Due to the increased number of dogs being admitted to the MEC, we also renovated the kennel block and added a grooming room to reduce external costs.

Advocacy is a significant part of the ISPCA's work. Campaigning and lobbying for improvements in animal welfare is often done quietly and behind the scenes, but arguably can result in the biggest gains for animal welfare. The ISPCA is constantly advocating for better protection for pets (including exotic animals), horses, farm animals, wild animals and animals used in entertainment, sport and research. We are starting to see results from intensive lobbying and campaigning over recent years. In January 2018 a ban on the use of wild animals in travelling circuses came into force



in Ireland following the ISPCA's successful Big Stop campaign and targeted lobbying of politicians across the political spectrum. This remarkable result is the culmination of many years of campaigning by the ISPCA. Other examples of our advocacy work can be found on page 13 of this report.

Although 2018 was a very challenging year from an income generation perspective, which resulted in the ISPCA operating at a deficit due to reduced fundraising income and legacies, I look forward to 2019 with confidence that it will be a very successful year and that the ISPCA will continue to make significant improvements to animal welfare in Ireland through its enforcement, education and advocacy work. Much has been achieved but there is still more to be done. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all ISPCA staff and volunteers for their continued hard work, dedication and commitment to the cause of animal welfare. I'd also like to thank our donors and supporters, without whom the ISPCA could not help the thousands of animals that come into our care every year. Without this support, these animals would continue to suffer, hidden away and voiceless. Finally, I'd like to thank the ISPCA's Board of Directors and, in particular, Chairperson Helen Dooley for their support throughout a very challenging year.

Andrew Kelly

Dr Andrew Kelly, Chief Executive Officer

OUR ANIMAL CENTRES

The ISPCA has three Animal Rescue Centres and one administration office in Dublin.

Donegal Animal Rehabilitation Centre

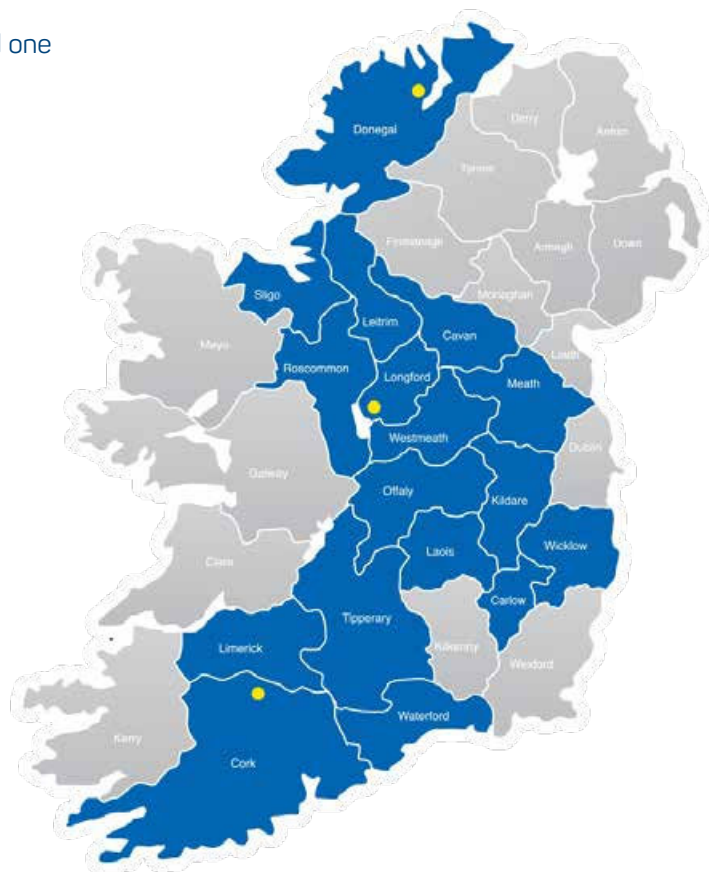
Barrack
Ramelton
Donegal
Telephone: 074 9152360
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National Animal Centre

Derryglogher
Keenagh
Longford
Telephone: 043 33 25035
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Equine Rescue Centre

Dromsligo
Mallow
Cork
Telephone: 022 43218
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OUR VOLUNTEERS

In 2018 a total of 134 volunteers logged over 4,413 hours at the National Animal Centre and we hope to top that figure in 2019. Our volunteers perform a variety of roles including working as kennel assistants, cat cuddlers, dog walkers, photographers, equine assistants, gardeners, as well as attending events to promote the ISPCA and our work. Volunteers play a pivotal role in the rehabilitation of the animals that we care for every day and they are very much part of the team and the ISPCA family.

We were honoured this year to have three of our volunteers, Jane Harris, Tamsyn Harris and Helen Nolan, shortlisted at the Volunteer Ireland National Volunteer Awards.



NATIONAL ANIMAL CENTRE

The National Animal Centre, which was opened in 2002, and sits on 88 acres in the heart of the country, is the largest of our three centres and caters for the dogs, cats, equines and wildlife rescued by our Inspectors. In 2018 we constructed an additional block of six kennels to help deal with the increasing number of rescue cases.



EQUINE RESCUE CENTRE

While originally established to care for equines, our centre in Mallow has been taking in more dogs and cats than ever before. In 2018 the staff cared for over 200 dogs, as well as 70 equines. In 2018 we renovated the equine isolation unit, adding three new isolation stables to the existing two.





DONEGAL ANIMAL REHABILITATION CENTRE

Our third centre, the Donegal Animal Rehabilitation Centre, was officially opened in June 2018. The centre, which is just outside Letterkenny, was built by Donegal SPCA. We would like to thank the former Committee of Donegal SPCA for their hard work and commitment in building the centre, which was only possible due to a number of legacies.



In its first six months the centre cared for over 170 dogs, cats and equines. Poppy was the first dog rehomed from the centre. She came to us after her former owner made a call to our National Animal Cruelty Helpline. He was struggling to care for her due to a sudden illness, and knew the best choice was to ask for help. He signed Poppy over to the ISPCA so she could continue to have the care she needed.

Poppy stayed with us for two months and received some veterinary care and training to get ready for a new home. She thrived at the training, and enjoyed the love and attention she received from us, and she is now in a new loving home.



The ISPCA also take in a variety of wildlife casualties to rehabilitate and one such case was an orphaned corncrake chick. The corncrake is a rare breeding bird in Ireland restricted to the north-west. The chick was rescued by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) following an urgent call received from a member of the public who spotted it. The chick was in poor condition and very unsteady on its feet. Our Centre Manager in Donegal administered a special diet with a syringe in tiny quantities every half hour. It was touch and go whether the chick would survive until it started eating sufficiently on its own. After six days of intensive care and a healthy weight gain the chick was safely transported into the care of the NPWS where it joined other corncrakes in a breeding programme at Fota Wildlife Park.

INSPECTORATE

The ISPCA has nine Animal Welfare Inspectors covering 17 counties in Ireland. Without our Inspectorate Team, thousands of animals would continue to suffer, hidden away and in silence.





MAKING AN IMPACT - HAPPY TAILS

Matty

Matty the Yorkie was found in a zipped plastic bag beside a rural laneway. A local man who discovered Matty cut him free of the plastic bag, but he found that Matty was frozen and traumatised.

Saved from a terrifying death by suffocation, Matty was taken to a local vet for immediate assessment. He had no injuries, but also wasn't microchipped, meaning his owner could not be tracked down. After being transferred to the National Animal Centre Matty was cared for, vaccinated, treated for parasites, neutered and microchipped.

In spite of his disturbing, traumatic ordeal, Matty remains a kind, loveable and gentle dog. He is now a much-loved family pet. Julie, his new owner, said he is enjoying walks on the beach, car journeys, and family get-togethers. "I'm having so much fun with this little fella. Just love him so much ... our little Matty," she added.



Thumper (renamed Strauss)

Thumper, renamed Strauss by his new owners, was born at the National Animal Centre. Strauss' family chose to adopt him after they had bought another bunny, Poppy. His new owner Sarah said, "It became clear Poppy needed a partner, bunnies are so much happier in a pairing. Strauss loves being minded by Poppy. He really is the best boy, he makes an amazing 'husbun' for her." All personality, this 2.3kg bunny zooms around the house all day, stopping only for belly rubs or his favourite treat: bananas. "He can somehow smell them from the next room and comes hopping in," said his owner, Sarah. Sarah said she was apprehensive about adopting a bunny, having purchased Poppy first, but she said, "it's the best thing we ever did."



MAKING AN IMPACT - HAPPY TAILS

Quincy

Quincy is one of 44 cats rescued recently by one of our Inspectors from an overcrowding situation. It hasn't taken long for Quincy to settle and feel comfortable roaming from one room to the next in search of the most comfortable place to sleep.

Quincy's adopter Eoghan wrote to the ISPCA to let us know just how quickly his inquisitive new cat has made himself comfortable. "Quincy has wasted no time becoming a loving and friendly member of our family. We are over the moon with him! He is a beautiful and cheerful cat who loves to snuggle in the evenings."



Rainbow and Gooseberry

Rainbow and Gooseberry are a pair of father and son guinea pigs who were recently rehomed together. A family who were considering adopting rather than buying two guinea pigs contacted the ISPCA, and learned their new friends were waiting. Rainbow and Gooseberry were renamed Sammy and Harry. They are settled comfortably in their stylish new house, feasting on hay, lettuce, pellets and cucumber



MAKING AN IMPACT - HAPPY TAILS

Sefton

Sefton was born at our Mallow Equine Centre. Tina, Sefton's adopter, was looking for a horse at least 16 hands high, but said, "From the second I saw him, I knew he would be my horse." Sefton was not yet four years old, and barely reached 15 hands high.

Sefton is calm, affectionate, and eager to please. He is easy to look after and gets on well with everyone he meets, whether they have two legs or four.

"I'm glad we adopted him, because money couldn't buy him. He's one in a million and we love him very much," Tina said.



Emilia

Emilia, or Emi for short, was adopted from the ISPCA in July and has grown tremendously. "We are really happy we adopted her, and think she is really happy too," said Emi's new owner. At first Emi was shy and afraid of new things, including stairs and water. Now she loves a good swim and has got over her shyness.

Emi "has grown into a real lady". She loves meeting new people, children and dogs, and gets compliments all the time, according to her forever family.



ADVOCACY & LOBBYING

Advocacy and lobbying, some of examples of which are given below, are an important part of the work we do. By engaging directly with politicians and policy makers using a reasoned and evidence-based approach we can achieve change which will improve the welfare of animals in Ireland.

Dogs and Cats

The ISPCA continues to be an active member of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes (ADCH) and hosted an open meeting of ADCH in Dublin in November 2018 which was attended by ADCH members and non-members and subsequently some of those non-members present joined. ADCH and the ISPCA advocate for the introduction of minimum animal welfare standards and assist members to aspire to the highest possible welfare and operational standards. We will continue to advocate for the highest possible animal welfare standards for all dogs and cats in Ireland.

Dog Breeding

The ISPCA is working very hard to address the animal welfare problems associated with dog breeding and was heavily involved in calling for new Guidelines to enable local authorities to enforce dog breeding regulations more effectively and consistently across the country. The ISPCA was invited to take part in a working group to draft the new Guidelines and we also submitted a detailed response to the resultant public consultation. As a result of the ISPCA working in collaboration with other like-minded welfare organisations, the new Guidelines published in July 2018 and which come into force in 2019 are much stronger than the previous Guidelines and we have already noted a reduction in the number of dogs being kept by registered breeders and a significant improvement in conditions in dog breeding establishments. We are now focusing on lobbying for a review of the Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010 which would introduce more offences, such as making it an offence for a licensed dog breeder to breach the conditions of their licence, and also make the Guidelines a statutory requirement.

Greyhound Racing

The ISPCA is a member of the International Greyhound Forum (IGF) in which animal welfare organisations engage directly with the greyhound industry to improve the welfare of greyhounds before, during and after their racing / coursing careers. The ISPCA submitted evidence to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture regarding the new Greyhound Racing Bill and along with the other welfare members of the IGF we supported amendments to the Greyhound Racing Bill to introduce a ban on the export of greyhounds to third countries (non EU member states) where animal welfare legislation is not as good as in the EU. Although these amendments were not adopted, we will continue to put pressure on the Irish Greyhound Board to prevent such exports through the Code of Practice for greyhound owners and breeders.

Fur Farming

In 2018, the ISPCA campaigned for a ban on fur farming in Ireland and supported Deputy Ruth Coppinger's Private Members Bill (PMB) calling for a ban. Working with colleagues from the Fur Free Alliance, the ISPCA provided scientific evidence in support of a ban and held an event for politicians to hear the evidence for themselves. The event was well attended and we have subsequently met with many influential politicians seeking support for the PMB, which will receive its second reading in the Oireachtas in July 2019. It is hoped that the government will introduce a ban on fur farming without further delay.



ADVOCACY & LOBBYING CONTINUED

Farm Animals

The ISPCA is a member of the Farm Animal Welfare Advisory Council (FAWAC), which meets four times per year and gives us the opportunity to raise concerns about the welfare of farmed animals. In 2018, the ISPCA lobbied politicians on a number of farm animal welfare issues such as live exports, pig welfare, dairy farming and intensive farming of pigs and laying hens. We supported Compassion in World Farming's End the Cage Age campaign calling for one million signatures to end the use of cages for farmed animals across the EU by 2025. This is a European Citizens' Initiative and is expected to achieve over one million signatures from EU citizens in 2019, which will force the European Commission to state what action it intends to take on the issue. We also supported Eurogroup for Animals End Pig Pain campaign calling on the government to enforce the EU Pigs Directive and ban the cruel and unnecessary docking of pigs' tails. In Ireland, 95% of pigs (3.5 million per year) are raised in indoor intensive units and 99% of them have their tails cut off without anaesthetic despite being prohibited by the EU Pigs Directive.

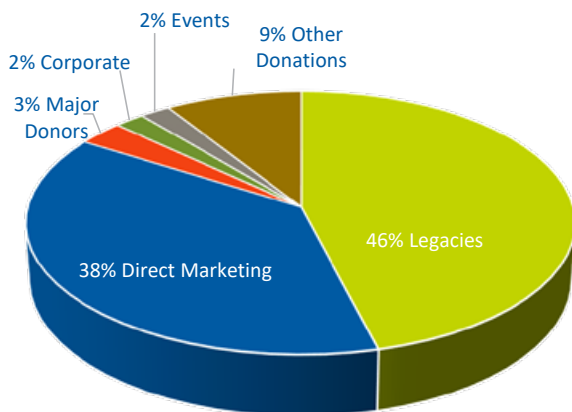
Exotic Pets

The ISPCA has dealt with many exotic species over the years. In 2018, we responded to the consultation on the introduction of a Code of Practice for Pet Shops published by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. In our consultation response, in addition to calling for a ban on selling puppies, kittens and rabbits in pet shops, we called for the introduction of a positive list of exotic species that can be bred, sold or kept based on the welfare needs of the animals, risk to public health and risk to the environment should they escape or be deliberately released. We have also called for pet shops to provide accurate information for potential exotic pet owners and to discourage impulse purchases. We have also started developing care information for the most commonly kept species such as bearded dragons and leopard geckos to ensure that if owned they are cared for appropriately.

RAISING FUNDS

We rely on our supporters to help us continue our work and the majority of our funding comes from the public. Thank you to all of our generous donors.

Last year Ciarán Fitzgerald challenged himself to run 600km of trails across Ireland in nine days and raise €1,000 for the ISPCA. He surpassed both goals by raising €3,000 for us, and completing the run in only six days!



FUNDRAISING & BEQUESTS INCOME



RAISING AWARENESS



345,185

Unique visits to
www.ISPCA.ie



2.6 MILLION

Page views



↑ 55%

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS



↑ 9%

TWITTER FOLLOWERS



↑ 4.5%

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

IPAAG

The Irish Pet Advertising Advisory Group (IPAAG) was set up to combat growing concerns about the irresponsible advertising of pets online. IPAAG launched #PuppyDotCon campaign to highlight the dangers of buying a pet online. The campaign encourages adopting a pet from a reputable animal welfare organisation and raises awareness about the dangers of responding to online pet advertisements. The awareness video received over 500,000 views since the launch in October.



FERAL CAT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Feral cat overpopulation is a serious welfare concern in Ireland, with an estimated 200,000 feral cats across the country. The ISPCA encourages members of the public who are in contact with a feral cat colony to take part in Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) to help tackle the issues that accompany cat overpopulation, or to donate to their local animal welfare charities to help with the cost of humane cat traps and subsidies for neutering.



SPAYAWARE CAMPAIGN

Once again in 2018, the ISPCA urged the public to help reduce the high number of unwanted cats and dogs in Ireland by spaying and neutering their pets as early as possible. In nearly all cases, spaying and neutering has overwhelmingly positive benefits.

DOG WARDEN SERVICE

The ISPCA continues to provide Dog Warden Services in four counties on behalf of Local Authorities. Our focus is on improving animal welfare standards, reuniting stray dogs with their owners and finding suitable homes for stray and unwanted dogs. We work closely with our affiliated members and other animal welfare groups to achieve these aims. The number of stray and unwanted dogs entering Irish pounds is slowly declining; however, more needs to be done to reduce the number further. We can't do it on our own, but dog owners can help, by keeping their dog under effective control, ensuring it is microchipped and neutered and by being a responsible dog owner.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the 'Charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2018 which comprise The Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements (including a summary of significant accounting policies).

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable Irish law and 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.

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 2018 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; 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 responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard as issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Service Authority ("IAASA") Ethical Standard, 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 auditor's 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

OPINION ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2014

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

- we have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit
- the accounting records of the Charitable Company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readably and properly audited,
- the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records;
- the information given in the Director's/Trustees Report is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Director's Report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of Directors' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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 Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company internal control.

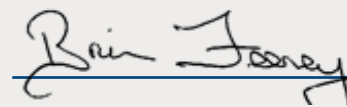
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- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in the Auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the Auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

THE PURPOSE OF OUR AUDIT WORK AND TO WHO WE OWE RESPONSIBILITY

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: 11 May 2019



FACTS & FIGURES

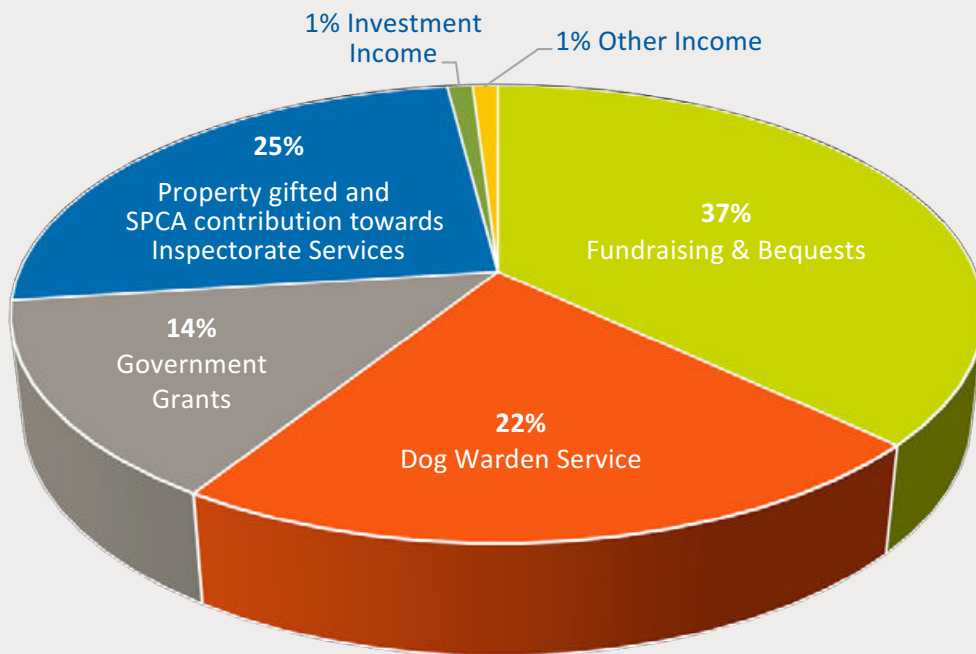
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

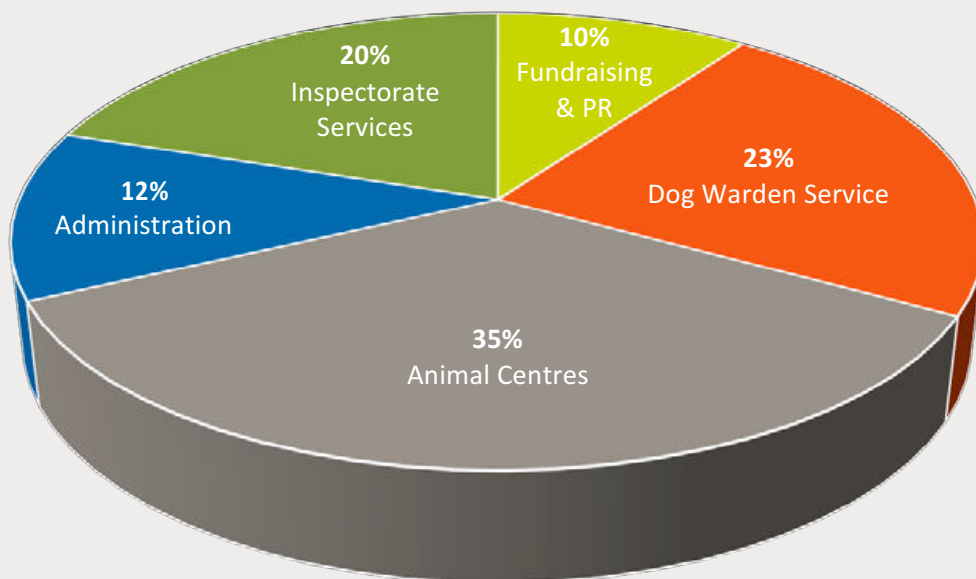
	Note	Restricted Funds 2018 €	Unrestricted Funds 2018 €	Total Funds 2018 €	Total Funds 2017 €
INCOME FROM:					
Government Grants		439,716	-	439,716	362,167
Other trading activities	2	-	1,368,964	1,368,964	1,495,189
Investments	4	-	19,872	19,872	23,528
Other income	5	44,544	1,343,208	1,387,752	1,278,279
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		484,260	2,732,044	3,216,304	3,159,163
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	6	484,260	2,653,538	3,137,798	2,954,752
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		484,260	2,653,538	3,137,798	2,954,752
NET INCOME BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS / (LOSSES)		-	78,506	78,506	204,411
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	(41,549)	(41,549)	125,057
NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS		-	36,957	36,957	329,468
Transfers between funds	19	(97,680)	22,944	(74,736)	(434,655)
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		(97,680)	59,901	(37,779)	(105,187)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(97,680)	59,901	(37,779)	(105,187)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds at 1 January 2018		150,180	2,387,714	2,537,894	2,643,081
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018		52,500	2,447,615	2,500,115	2,537,894

FACTS & FIGURES

INCOME 2018



EXPENDITURE 2018




FACTS & FIGURES

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018


FIXED ASSETS	Note	€	2018 €	€	2017 €
Tangible assets	12		2,244,694		1,395,766
Fixed asset investments	13		815,015		1,466,048
			<u>3,059,709</u>		<u>2,861,814</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	14	37,113		19,909	
Debtors	15	53,213		78,323	
Cash at bank and in hand	16	223,464		423,557	
		<u>313,790</u>		<u>521,789</u>	
CREDITORS:					
amounts falling due within one year	17	(768,713)		(645,855)	
			<u>(454,923)</u>		<u>(124,066)</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES					
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>2,604,786</u>		<u>2,737,748</u>
CREDITORS:					
amounts falling due after more than one year	18		(104,671)		(199,854)
NET ASSETS			<u>2,500,115</u>		<u>2,537,894</u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	19		52,500		150,180
Unrestricted funds	19		2,447,615		2,387,714
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>2,500,115</u>		<u>2,537,894</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Directors on 11 May 2019 and signed on their behalf by:



Helen Dooley
Director

11 May 2019



Carin Bryans
Director

The notes on pages 15 to 32 form part of these financial statements.*
*ISPCA financial statements are available on www.ispc.ie

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TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Restricted Funds 2018 €	Unrestricted Funds 2018 €	Total Funds 2018 €	Total Funds 2017 €
CHARITY TRADING INCOME				
Dog Warden Service	-	723,266	723,266	808,915
Affiliation fees	-	2,159	2,159	2,032
Fundraising and donations	-	643,539	643,539	684,242
Net income from trading activities	-	1,368,964	1,368,964	1,495,189

In 2017, of total income from Dog Warden Services, affiliation fees, fundraising and donations, all funds were unrestricted.

INVESTMENT INCOME

	Restricted Funds 2018 €	Unrestricted Funds 2018 €	Total Funds 2018 €	Total Funds 2017 €
Dividend Income	-	19,866	19,866	22,840
Interest Income	-	6	6	688
	-	19,872	19,872	23,528

OTHER INCOME

	Restricted Funds 2018 €	Unrestricted Funds 2018 €	Total Funds 2018 €	Total Funds 2017 €
Other Income	-	824,698	824,698	68,615
Bequest Income	44,544	504,732	549,276	1,197,093
Income from sale of equipment	-	13,778	13,778	12,571
	44,544	1,343,208	1,387,752	1,278,279

In 2017 €493,081 of other income was restricted.

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted Funds 2018 €	Unrestricted Funds 2018 €	Total Funds 2018 €	Total Funds 2017 €
Head Office*	484,260	1,914,537	2,398,797	2,118,489
Dog Warden Service*	-	739,001	739,001	836,263
	484,260	2,653,538	3,137,798	2,954,752

*Please see note 7 & 8 for breakdown.

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DIRECT COSTS

	Head Office €	Dog Warden Services €	Total 2018 €	Total 2017 €
Direct labour salaries	952,420	451,014	1,403,434	1,376,492
Motor costs	101,049	34,036	135,085	132,538
Animal costs	286,831	11,918	298,749	257,794
Veterinary fees	153,219	16,509	169,728	159,801
Telephone	16,547	6,345	22,892	24,244
Uniform and protective clothing	3,373	-	3,373	11,667
Depreciation	102,399	17,120	119,519	90,980
Light & Heat	24,190	4,768	28,958	31,192
Repairs & Maintenance	53,064	4,499	57,563	50,104
Rent & Rates	-	55,762	55,762	57,021
Subscriptions and affiliation fees	41,034	-	41,034	34,298
Animal Welfare Campaigns	17,545	-	17,545	10,870
Rates	6,344	-	6,344	-
	1,758,015	601,971	2,359,986	2,237,001

SUPPORT COSTS

	Head Office €	Dog Warden Services €	Total 2018 €	Total 2017 €
Admin and management charge	(29,046)	29,046	-	-
Staff costs	279,642	67,833	347,475	307,849
Travel and Accommodation	17,001	222	17,223	15,853
Postage, phone & stationery	16,694	9,999	26,693	26,613
Computer and website costs	45,026	2,160	47,186	40,869
Advertising and promotion	7,186	-	7,186	10,328
Insurance	40,876	13,426	54,302	49,100
Legal and professional fees	47,043	1,879	48,922	52,713
Audit, accountancy and consultancy	15,455	7,109	22,564	20,773
Repairs & Maintenance	14,830	-	14,830	12,955
Rates	-	-	-	2,755
Rent	45,717	-	45,717	6,950
Light and heat	7,953	-	7,953	6,148
Depreciation	41,310	-	41,310	36,060
Bank interest and leasing	12,999	5,356	18,355	14,985
Subscriptions and affiliation fees	1,600	-	1,600	2,095
Fundraising costs	76,496	-	76,496	111,706
	640,782	137,030	777,812	717,752

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STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees was: 50 (2017: 48) and the average monthly number of employees during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows (including casual and part-time staff):

	2018 No.	2017 No.
Administration	11	11
Inspectors	9	9
Animal Centres	20	18
Dog Warden Service	10	10
	50	48

	Head Office €	Dog Warden Services €	Total 2018 €	Total 2017 €
Wages & Salaries	1,099,170	450,963	1,550,133	1,493,324
Employer PRSI	116,588	49,364	165,952	158,095
Pension Costs	16,304	18,520	34,824	32,922
Total	1,232,062	518,847	1,750,909	1,684,341

During the year, no directors received any remuneration (2017 -€NIL).

The number of higher paid employees was:

	2018 No.	2017 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 €92,478 (2017: €92,339) for the year.



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STRUCTURE & GOVERNANCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Board of Directors meets eight times per year. Four Directors represent our affiliated members.

Carin Elizabeth Bryans
 Helen Dooley (Chairperson)
 Anna Kavanagh (appointed 23 January 2018)
 Tracey Long (Kildare & West Wicklow SPCA)
 Darragh McDonald (appointed 14 March 2018)
 Marie O'Byrne (North County Dublin SPCA)
 Noel O'Donoghue (Kilkenny SPCA)
 Elizabeth O'Flynn (resigned 25 January 2019)
 Fiona Squibb (Louth SPCA)
 Conor Walsh (appointed 14 March 2018)
 Nicola Walshe (appointed 10 April 2018)

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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1890 515 515


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