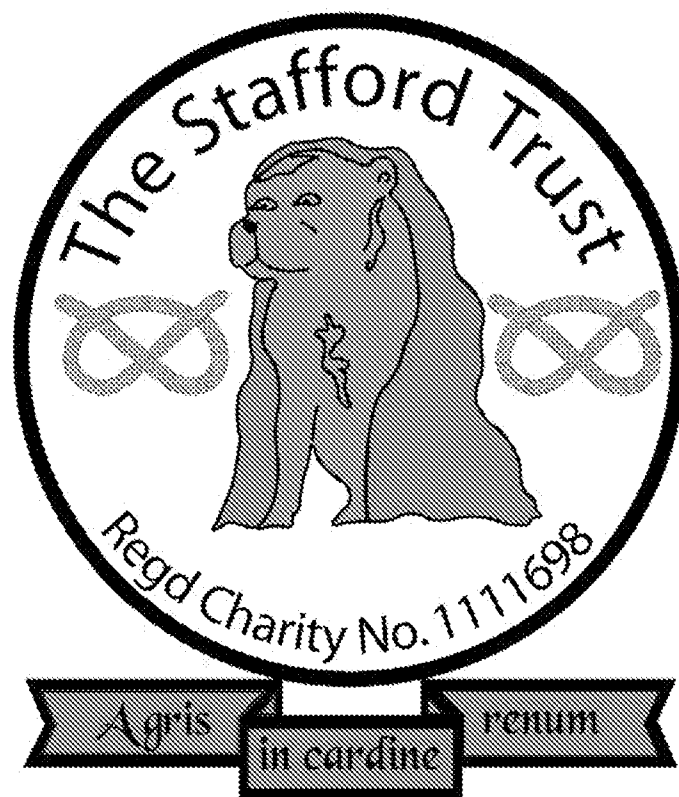


The Stafford Trust

Registered Charity No. 1111698



**Annual Report
For the year ended 31/12/2007**

It has been quite an interesting year in that we have had to work much harder for our funds than last year as most of our income has been from donations, a sponsored walk and our Gift Aid rebate.

Generally the year has seemed to move much faster and at times it has been hard to keep up.

The Handsworth Appeal started in February 2006 now stands at £2592.26. There is approximately a further £1500.00 in addition to this money which has been offered as pledges ie. The monies would only be paid over should a successful conviction be achieved. Due to the unlikelihood of a conviction now being made it was agreed that this fund should be used to aid Staffords who have suffered at the hands of humans but who have survived their ordeal but have needed veterinary treatment. This fund continues to grow albeit very slowly.

Our display boards have been used on numerous occasions to promote our work and also to show people how their donations are being used. Many more people now approach us to ask questions about our work and I think we have achieved our aim in that they do seem to attract a steady stream of people who come over to read the stories and particularly look at the photographs we use to show what we have been doing and the photographs of recent money raising events are especially popular. We also use the boards to promote up and coming events.

In September we held a Sponsored Walk at Lake Rudyard in Staffordshire. This was a great event attended by approximately 70 Staffords and their families. Each Stafford attending received a Rosette. It was really wonderful to see so many Staffords and a few other breeds walking to raise money for our Charity. We had some lovely feedback from the day and we are definitely looking forward to the next walk in October 2008.

This was the first year that we have benefited from monies reclaimed from Gift Aid Donations. I think we have been quite successful with our first year claim. We have learnt however, that instructions must be made clearer on our sponsor forms to encourage more people to fill their details out correctly to enable us to claim. Many people seemed to tick that they would like to donate via Gift Aid but then either don't put any address at all or don't put their full name which makes it impossible for us to claim on their behalf. Filling in the forms can be quite time consuming but receiving our a cheque for £1783.04 made it all worthwhile.

This has been quite a challenging second year but I feel we have made some real gains and learnt that to continue to be a successful charity we need to promote our work even more. There is unfortunately still a growing trend of cruelty in the world of Staffordshire Bull Terriers which if anything is getting worse and not better. I can only hope that more severe sentences start to be given out for cruelty to animals which would hopefully have the knock on effect of dissuading people from thinking that what they are doing is acceptable behaviour.

Financial Report

1st November 2006 - 31st December 2007

Incoming

Donations	£6372.00
Legacies	£467.08
Insurance Commission	£3304.37
Handsworth Appeal	£300.00
Payroll Giving	£59.59
Sponsored Walk	£2040.50
Furness Building Society interest	£915.40
HM Revenue & Customs – Gift Aid	£1783.04

Total	£15241.98
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Outgoing

Kennelling	£5497.00
Veterinary Bills	£2050.07

Total	£7547.07
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Barclays Bank	£2583.67
Furness Building Society	£27310.55

Assets as of 31/12/2007 £29894.22

All in all it has been quite a successful year.

The outgoing monies were made in payment to Northern SBT Rescue and Sussex SBT Rescue for kennelling.

The veterinary bills were for various neutering operations, the covering of vet fees for Marvin (Berkshire) who required an emergency operation to save his life and for Petra (South Wales) who needed an operation on her leg.