



Feral Cat Partnership

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Dear all,

Legacy Fund

Following the meeting held with the RSPCA, Hull and East Riding, we have been made aware that there were questions raised as to organisations being unaware that the fund awarded to the RSPCA, Hull and East Riding was to be placed in a restricted fund for the use of feral cat work.

For clarity please note the following;

The RSPCA, Hull and East Riding were awarded an amount of £20,000.00 to be placed in a restricted fund for the use of feral cat work within the Hull and East Riding area.

The whole fund was a discretionary legacy, with trustees granted full authority to determine how it should be distributed. In reaching our decision, we were required to carefully consider our professional and regulatory obligations as solicitors, particularly in ensuring that funds are managed, safeguarded, and accounted for in accordance with strict compliance requirements.

Meetings have taken place with the RSPCA, Hull and East Riding on more than one occasion and in-depth conversations held regarding the work they undertake, how their organisation runs and how they can offer assistance to the feral cat work.

These meetings with the RSPCA and meetings held with other organisations, highlighted that there was a real issue with feral cat colonies and a need for ongoing work and support with the feral cats

Importantly, in our discussions with the RSPCA, they have confirmed their intention to work collaboratively with smaller local groups to address the challenges surrounding feral cat populations. Their approach is focused on partnership working, ensuring that local knowledge

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and expertise remain central to delivery, while also providing access to resources and support, whilst standardising practices in line with best practice policies.

Given that many organisations were all working to ultimately achieve the same goal, after much consideration it was decided that partnership working and a restricted fund would help best achieve this goal.

We fully recognise and value the vital work carried out by smaller, local organisations, and this decision was not a reflection on the quality or importance of that work. Rather, it reflects the need to ensure that the fund is administered through an organisation with established governance structures and the capacity to meet regulatory expectations associated with legacy funds.

We hope this provides reassurance that the fund will contribute to a coordinated and inclusive effort, with the shared aim of improving animal welfare across our community.

We also understand that questions were raised as to where the remainder of the legacy has been distributed. We can confirm that the fund has been used to help many other charities and organisations throughout the Hull and East Riding who are all supporting and caring for a range of different animals.

Wishes were expressed by the late couple to help as many organisations and charities as possible and by funds being allocated to a restricted fund for organisations to access, it is felt that this is more than honouring their wishes.

As mentioned above, the fund was a discretionary fund, and no further information or documentation will be made available in relation to any decisions reached or charities/organisations who have benefitted.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a horizontal line extending to the right.

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