



USPCA

# Ulster Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals



**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

*Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008*

# COMPANY INFORMATION

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## COMPANY NUMBER

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# DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2008

The directors submit their audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2008. The directors have adopted the provisions of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Chief Executive	Stephen Philpott
Secretary	Stephen Philpott
Chairman	Charles Edward South
Treasurer	Denise South
President	Shauna Lowry

### *Structure, Governance and Management*

The Society is a Company Limited by Guarantee, not having a share capital and satisfies the criteria set out in Article 49 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 whereby it is exempted from the use of the word "Limited" as part of the company name.

The company is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. The liability of each member of the company is limited to a contribution, in the event of the winding up of the Society, of an amount not exceeding £1.

The Directors have ultimate legal and financial responsibility for the affairs of the USPCA, although the management of the organisation is generally delegated to the staff, through the Chief Executive. The Board of Directors meet on a quarterly basis and consist of the Chief Executive, the Chairman, the Treasurer and the other Board Members. In addition, staff meetings are held on a monthly basis.

The Directors of the company at 31 March 2008, all of whom have been in office for the whole of the year ended on that date, unless otherwise stated, are listed on the information page.

The USPCA has an induction program for new directors in which directors are advised of their legal responsibility and requirements.

### *Charitable status*

The society has been granted charitable status for taxation purposes and its registered number is XN 45066.

### *Subsidiary undertakings*

The Charity has a wholly owned subsidiary company, USPCA Trading Limited. The principal activity of the subsidiary company is the cultivation and distribution of plants and USPCA branded merchandise.

### *Risk management objectives and policies*

The directors have actively reviewed the major risks which the charity faces and have in place sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The directors have also examined other business and operational risks, which the charity faces and confirm that it has established systems to mitigate significant risks.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Society during the year continued to be animal welfare and the relief of animal suffering.

The charitable objects of the USPCA are to promote kindness and to prevent or suppress cruelty to animals and to do all such lawful acts as the Society may consider to be conducive or incidental to the attainment of those objectives.

The USPCA as a charity will, by all lawful means, prevent cruelty, promote kindness to and alleviate suffering of animals.

The USPCA, the principal animal welfare organisation in Northern Ireland, was founded in 1836 and is the second oldest animal welfare organisation in the world, preceded only by the RSPCA. Throughout its history the objectives of the USPCA have never changed, they remain to this day; 'Promoting the Welfare of all Animals Through Education and Enforcement'.

The Society operates a road based inspectorate service, a dedicated animal helpline and an animal sanctuary housing rescued and neglected animals. The Society also provides kennelling services for four of the largest councils in the Greater Belfast area at the Carryduff centre.

The charity is grateful for the efforts of its volunteers who assist in many aspects of the society's work. It is estimated that around 100 volunteers provided their services during the year and work on average 3 hours per week or 150 hours per year.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In the year under review the Society handled over 70,000 telephone calls and emails in relation to animal queries. The Welfare Officers responded to over 5,500 collective cases where Society intervention was required. The USPCA successfully rehomed some 3,300 domestic pets and in excess of 950 other animals during the course of the year ended 31 March 2008. The Society continues to be the first port of call for animal related media enquiries. During the year USPCA research and investigations were used to expose the evils of 'Dog Fighting' by both BBC Panorama & BBC NI 'Spotlight'. Two editions of UTV 'Insight' dealt with issues of concern highlighted by the Charity and we contributed to several 'One Off' animal welfare related programmes made by UK Regions and Satellite Broadcasters.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial statements are presented in the standard format required by the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 and cover the activities of the USPCA. The Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) shows the gross income from all sources.

### Overview

USPCA had a successful year. The combination of higher income and tighter control over the costs has ensured that there was a surplus in 2007/08. Net movements in funds for the year was £318,963 and net assets were £1,217,361. In the year ended 31 March 2008, incoming resources increased by £369,337 to £1,294,122 from a level of £924,785 achieved in the year ended 31 March 2007. This represents an increase of 40%.

### **Incoming resources**

Total incoming resources for 2007/08 were £1,294,122 compared with £924,785 in the previous year. Growth has been maintained in most areas with a particularly strong performance in fundraising.

Fundraising has increased by £53,408 as a result of establishing the new scheme, hosting “B.Activ.4.Animalz” in schools.

Income from legacies increased by £194,172 from 31 March 2007, an increase of 35%. The charity received 65 legacies during the year. This source provides vital unrestricted funds for the furtherance of the organisation’s activities.

### **Governance costs**

The administration costs of running the society are relatively fixed and there has been little change from 2007.

### **Balance Sheet**

The society continues to operate an overdraft, however, the situation has improved significantly from the prior year. The charity’s indebtedness has also reduced as a result of the loan and mortgage repayments during the year.

## **POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There are no post balance sheet events requiring disclosure in the financial statements.

## **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The Society hopes to develop its site at Bessbrook to include an education centre for children to help them learn about animals and responsible pet ownership. The Society is hopeful that grant funding may be available for this project.

## **DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS**

None of the directors who served during the year had any interests in the company.

## **DIRECTORS’ RESPONSIBILITIES**

The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that year. In preparing these the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and 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 directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. 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.

The directors of a company must, in determining how amounts are presented within items in the profit and loss account and balance sheet, have regard to the substance of the reported transaction or arrangement, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practice.

## AUDITORS

In accordance with Article 392 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, a resolution proposing that FPM Accountants LLP be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part VIII of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 relating to small and medium sized companies.

This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C E South'.

Charles Edward South  
Director

Date: 9th October 2008

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ULSTER SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**

We have audited the financial statements of Ulster Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the year ended 31 March 2008 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Article 243 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS**

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

## **BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

## OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2008 and of its surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.



FPM Accountants LLP  
Chartered Accountants and  
& Registered Auditors

Date: 9th October 2008

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008

	Notes	Total Funds 2008 £	Total Funds 2007 £
<b>Turnover</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,294,122</b>	924,785
Distribution costs		<b>(339,892)</b>	(309,003)
Administrative expenses		<b>(634,821)</b>	(470,284)
<b>Operating profit</b>		<b>319,409</b>	145,498
Interest payable and similar charges		<b>(446)</b>	(1,782)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>318,963</b>	143,716
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		<b>-</b>	-
<b>Profit on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		<b>318,963</b>	143,716
<b>Retained profit for the year</b>		<b>318,963</b>	143,716
Retained profit brought forward		<b>898,398</b>	754,683
<b>Retained profit carried forward</b>		<b>1,217,361</b>	898,399

*The notes on pages 10 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.*

# BALANCE SHEET

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008

	Notes	2008	2007
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	1,141,281	1,168,750
Investments	9	248,151	248,214
		<u>1,389,432</u>	<u>1,416,964</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks		10,000	12,875
Debtors	10	185,707	104,646
Cash at bank and in hand		317,175	33,050
		<u>512,882</u>	<u>150,571</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>(194,910)</u>	<u>(169,456)</u>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		<u>317,972</u>	<u>(18,885)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1,707,404</u>	<u>1,398,079</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	12	<u>(490,043)</u>	<u>(499,680)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1,217,361</u>	<u>898,399</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted income funds		<u>1,217,361</u>	<u>898,399</u>
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>		<u>1,217,361</u>	<u>898,399</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Northern Ireland Order 1986 relating to small companies, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007) and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

The financial statements were approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by



Charles Edward South  
Director

Denise South  
Director

Date: 9th October 2008

*The notes on pages 10 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.*

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008*

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### 1.1. ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

### 1.2. INCOMING RESOURCES

Incoming resources represent monies receivable as detailed in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The company has taken advantage of exemption in FRS 1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow because it is a small company.

### 1.3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings	–	Straight line over fifty years
Leasehold properties	–	Straight line over the life of the lease
Plant and machinery	–	10% Straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	–	10% Straight line
Motor vehicles	–	25% Straight line

The difference between the carrying value and market value of interests in land and buildings is not deemed to be material.

Each class of fixed asset is included at cost.

### 1.4. LEASING AND HIRE PURCHASE COMMITMENTS

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce constant periodic rates of charge on the net obligations outstanding in each period.

### 1.5. INVESTMENTS

The investment in redeemable preference share capital is stated at its subscription amount.

The value of the UK listed investments are determined by reference to readily available market prices.

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## **1.6. STOCK AND WORK IN PROGRESS**

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost is based on normal levels of activity and comprises the cost of purchase, i.e. supplier invoice price with addition of such charges such as freight or duty where appropriate.

Net realisable value comprises the actual or estimated selling price less all costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

## **1.7. LEGACIES**

Legacies are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year of receipt.

## **1.8. PENSIONS**

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the Society during the year in respect of certain employees.

## **1.9. GROUP ACCOUNTS**

The company is entitled to the exemption under Article 256 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 from the obligation to prepare group accounts.

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For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008

<b>2. Voluntary income</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations	<b>130,358</b>	81,080
Subscriptions	<b>5,678</b>	5,698
Legacies	<b>748,930</b>	554,758
	<b><u>884,966</u></b>	<b><u>641,536</u></b>
<b>3. Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Income from councils	<b>181,264</b>	187,735
Claim income	<b>7,300</b>	8,126
Police authority income	<b>91,475</b>	6,471
	<b><u>280,039</u></b>	<b><u>202,332</u></b>

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For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008

## 4. Cost of charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2008 £	Total Funds 2007 £
Veterinary fees and medicine	18,580	18,580	21,855
Rent payable and water rates	76,975	76,975	46,415
Insurance	14,787	14,787	17,360
Light and heat	13,098	13,098	11,201
Repairs, maintenance and security	82,353	82,353	43,624
Animal Feeds	6,871	6,871	8,978
Cleaning materials and consumables	12,133	12,133	20,357
Livery & exercise services	42,803	42,803	53,338
Motor, travel and subsistence	53,071	53,071	62,503
Hire purchase charges	4,386	4,386	3,821
Wages and subcontractors	236,926	236,926	220,084
Postage, stationery & advertising	10,698	10,698	18,115
Telephone	11,376	11,376	16,723
Hire of equipment	2,044	2,044	1,025
Inspectors' uniforms & expenses	1,611	1,611	2,462
General expenses	1,415	1,415	1,803
Depreciation on freehold property	12,979	12,979	12,979
Amortisation on leasehold property	10,210	10,210	10,210
Depreciation on plant and machinery	25,440	25,440	23,066
Depreciation on motor vehicles	6,250	6,250	13,688
Loss / (profit) on tangible fixed assets	(6,632)	(6,632)	(3,879)
Diminution in value of investments	63	63	-
	<b>637,437</b>	<b>637,437</b>	<b>605,728</b>

## 5. Costs of generating funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2008 £	Total Funds 2007 £
Wages and subcontractors	118,886	118,886	32,493
Motor, travel and subsistence	21,773	21,773	4,240
Publicity, fundraising and information costs	74,745	74,745	21,962
Sharing the Caring costs	4,521	4,521	3,989
	<b>219,925</b>	<b>219,925</b>	<b>62,684</b>

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008

6. Governance costs	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2008 £	Total Funds 2007 £
Wages and subcontractors	30,240	30,240	33,059
Staff pension costs	-	-	317
Staff training	-	-	1,344
Postage, stationery & advertising	1,260	1,260	845
Telephone	1,937	1,937	2,480
Motor, travel and subsistence	2,605	2,605	1,764
Legal and professional	5,966	5,966	9,203
Audit	9,000	9,000	8,500
Bank charges and interest	45,259	45,259	42,552
Bad debts	5,861	5,861	-
Discounts allowed	50	50	-
Discounts received	-	-	(4)
General expenses	2,410	2,410	1,619
Subscriptions	2,629	2,629	50
Depreciation on fixtures, fittings and equipment	10,134	10,134	9,197
Increase in value of investments	-	-	(51)
Hire purchase interest	446	446	1,782
	<u>117,797</u>	<u>117,797</u>	<u>112,657</u>

## 7. Net incoming resources

Net incoming resources is after charging:	31 March 2008 £	31 March 2007 £
Depreciation – owned assets	55,986	51,869
– assets held under hire purchase contracts	7,875	17,271
Loss / (Profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(6,632)	(3,879)
Auditors remuneration	9,000	8,500
Hire purchase interest	446	1,782
	<u>65,675</u>	<u>75,543</u>

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## 8. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings freehold £	Long leasehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1 April 2007	988,948	272,266	231,463	91,967	78,570	1,663,214
Additions	–	–	51,422	9,372	–	60,794
Disposals	–	–	(28,480)	–	(29,750)	(58,230)
At 31 March 2008	988,948	272,266	254,405	101,339	48,820	1,665,778
<b>Depreciation</b>						
At 1 April 2007	139,743	78,982	156,618	66,736	52,385	494,464
On disposals	–	–	(12,664)	–	(22,314)	(34,978)
Charge for the year	12,979	10,210	25,438	10,134	6,250	65,011
At 31 March 2008	152,722	89,192	169,392	76,870	36,321	524,497
<b>Net book values</b>						
At 31 March 2008	<b>836,226</b>	<b>183,074</b>	<b>85,013</b>	<b>24,469</b>	<b>12,499</b>	<b>1,141,281</b>
At 31 March 2007	849,205	193,284	74,845	25,231	26,185	1,168,750

Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:

Asset description	2008		2007	
	Net book value £	Depreciation charge £	Net book value £	Depreciation charge £
Plant and machinery	7,794	1,625	20,837	3,583
Motor vehicles	12,501	6,250	26,187	13,688
	<b>20,295</b>	<b>7,875</b>	47,024	17,271

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008

## 9. Investments

	Subsidiary undertakings shares £	Listed investments £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2007	245,000	3,214	248,214
Revaluations	–	(63)	(63)
At 31 March 2008	245,000	3,151	248,151
<b>Net book values</b>			
At 31 March 2008	<b>245,000</b>	<b>3,151</b>	<b>248,151</b>
At 31 March 2007	245,000	3,214	248,214

### 9.1. Holdings of 20% or more

The company holds 20% or more of the share capital of the following companies:

Company	Country of registration or incorporation	Shares held class	Proportion of shares held
<b>Subsidiary undertaking</b>			
USPCA Trading Limited	Northern Ireland	Ordinary	100%
USPCA Trading Limited	Northern Ireland	Redeemable preference	100%

## 10. Debtors

	2008 £	2007 £
Trade debtors	109,122	41,550
Amounts due from subsidiary undertaking	48,783	46,151
Other debtors	11,132	5,886
Prepayments	16,670	11,059
	<b>185,707</b>	104,646

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11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2008 £	2007 £
Bank overdraft	-	713
Bank loan	18,864	18,864
Mortgage	46,744	34,680
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	15,748	38,052
Trade creditors	68,889	46,121
Other taxes and social security costs	9,491	20,791
Other creditors	13,541	117
Accruals	21,633	10,118
	<u>194,910</u>	<u>169,456</u>

  

12. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2008 £	2007 £
Bank loan	88,177	98,622
Mortgage	373,018	391,019
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	28,848	10,039
	<u>490,043</u>	<u>499,680</u>

First Trust Bank Limited holds the following security against the Society's indebtedness to it:

Mortgage debenture incorporating a fixed and floating charge over all company assets both present and future including:

- Legal charge over Carryduff Animal Shelter, 11 Drumview Road, Lisburn
- Legal charge over assignment of lease of property at Benvardin, Coleraine
- Legal charge over 4.5 acres at Divernagh, Bessbrook
- Assignment of life policy in the amount of £300,000 on the life of Stephen Philpott.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008

### 13. Financial commitments

At 31 March 2008 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Expiry date:		
Within one year	<b>37,813</b>	23,806
Between one and five years	<b>89,242</b>	21,865
	<b>127,055</b>	45,671

These amounts represent six (2007: five) contract hire agreements undertaken in respect of motor vehicles and plant and machinery.

### 14. Related party transactions

As detailed in Note 9, USPCA Trading Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary company. All transactions between the Society and the subsidiary company are conducted on normal commercial terms and are negotiated on an arm's length basis. Balances due from or to the subsidiary are disclosed in Note 10 to the financial statements.

### 15. USPCA Trading Limited

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Turnover	<b>18,787</b>	35,971
Net loss	<b>(11,324)</b>	(20,888)
Fixed assets	<b>122,689</b>	134,591
Net current liabilities	<b>(9,630)</b>	(50,627)
Net assets	<b>20,023</b>	31,347

### 16. Post balance sheet events

There are no post balance sheet events requiring disclosure in the financial statements.