Dachshund Rescue CIO

Registered Charity Number 1159602

Report of the Trustees and Accounts

Year ended 31 December 2025

Brown Butler
Chartered Accountants
Leeds

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chairperson	L M Hall
Trustees	C Russell L M Hall K Saywell S Kray J Paxton L Van Vuren S Johnson (appointed 27 August 2026)
Principal Office	Whin Hill Landing Lane Newport HU15 2QD
Charity Registration Number	1159602
Independent Examiner	Beverley Tate Brown Butler Leigh House 28-32 St Paul's Street Leeds LS1 2JT
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Street Branch PO Box 1000 BX1 1LT
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The trustees of Dachshund Rescue CIO ("Dachshund Rescue" or "the Charity") present their annual report and unaudited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The trustees confirm that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"), the Charity's constitution and the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and activities

The primary focus for Dachshund Rescue is to relieve the suffering of Dachshunds throughout the UK to provide new homes or foster homes for those in need. Providing care and treatment for those who are sick, ill-treated or find themselves in poor circumstances, also providing help and training to those with behavioural issues.

To promote the advancement of education of the general public in matters relating to dachshunds and by this means preventing cruelty and suffering.

In furtherance of this purpose, the Charity carries out a range of activities, including:

- providing sanctuary for those dogs with medical or behavioural issues and, when and where appropriate, providing medical attention and treatment for rescued dogs and arranging responsible rehoming.
- promoting the advancement of education of the general public in matters relating to dachshunds and by these means preventing cruelty and suffering.

Dachshund Rescue has no employees. Volunteers run the charity, including regional rehoming coordinators, transport and home check coordinators, home checkers, and transporters. These volunteers are unpaid; however, we reimburse all out-of-pocket expenses.

Achievements and performance

In 2025, Dachshund Rescue rehomed 372 dogs, received 1,831 adoption applications and continued to support dogs with behavioural and pre-existing medical needs. The Charity expanded its volunteer capacity, funded veterinary research, and continued to develop boarding and rehabilitation services at The Elms.

Dachshund Rescue continued to receive a high number of requests from owners wishing to surrender their dogs during 2025; once again, our resources were stretched to the limit. We saw an increase in Dachshunds with bite histories, which we considered on a case-by-case basis; we recognised our duty to safeguard and acted accordingly or provided advice.

We worked extremely hard to avoid a temporary closure due to the overwhelming number of owners wishing to surrender.

In 2025, most dogs surrendered to the Charity had behavioural issues or pre-existing medical conditions. Some had needs that made immediate adoption unsuitable and therefore remained in long-term foster care.

Our pre-existing medical register increased to 240. All of the unspayed bitches surrendered were issued with a spay agreement requiring the procedure to be carried out within the next 12 to 24 months at the Charity's expense. The total cost of our spaying and neutering in 2025 was £23,725.

The most common reasons given for rehoming dogs in 2025 were as follows:

- Change of circumstances, i.e., a new baby in the home, a change in working hours or breakdown in relationships.
- The breed's growing popularity has led to indiscriminate breeding of dachshunds with poor genetics. These dogs are not bred for temperament or health, which can lead to behavioural issues or health conditions, and owners may lack the funds for behavioural training or ongoing medical costs.
- Veterinary costs continue to rise, and we see many dogs surrendered who haven't seen a vet for several years.
- Poor research and lack of understanding of the breed and its needs.

To reduce avoidable surrenders, the Charity retains a breed-specific trainer and funds training sessions for owners struggling with their dog's behaviour. Wherever possible, this support helps the dog remain safely in its existing home.

Alternatively, we will rehome the dog and have the trainer in place to offer ongoing remote support, along with the rehoming coordinator.

The trustees continue to set aside a sum of money for pre-existing medical conditions and spaying/neutering, although it is not our standard policy to routinely castrate male dogs unless there is a behavioural or medical reason.

We continue to receive requests for financial assistance for urgent veterinary costs, with many cancelling insurance policies due to increased policy costs.

We have also helped several Dachshunds referred for spinal surgery; however, we would choose this option only after ruling out conservative treatment or the pioneering non-invasive chondroitinase enzyme. Again, the Trustees considered it necessary to set aside funding to prevent Dachshunds from suffering, even if they are not surrendered to the charity.

As demand for rehoming continued to increase, the Charity provided additional resources to its rehoming team. Its network of home-check and transport volunteers also grew, supported by six regional home-check and transport coordinators.

We run regular recruitment campaigns to increase our volunteer numbers and have implemented a mentoring process to improve retention.

To support the wellbeing of the rehoming team as demand increases, the Charity has secured access to a mental health counsellor. The service is available voluntarily to all members of the rehoming team, and the trustees have set aside funds for it.

The Elms provides facilities where the Charity can assess dachshunds with significant behavioural issues, support their rehabilitation and prepare them for suitable new homes.

The Elms remains the Charity's operational headquarters. The Elms Kennels, the Charity's wholly owned subsidiary, continued to grow its client base through social media and word-of-mouth recommendations. The kennels provide an emergency safe haven for rescued dachshunds and boarding services for external clients with dogs of any breed. The subsidiary operates independently from the Charity, occupies its own area of the property and employs staff who work solely for the kennels.

In 2025, the subsidiary generated a profit, which was gifted to the Charity.

The Elms Rehabilitation Centre opened in 2024 to dogs of all breeds requiring physical rehabilitation. Services for external clients enable the centre to fund its operations, and it gifts any profit to the Charity. The centre continues to provide free rehabilitation for every dachshund the Charity rehomed. By building relationships with veterinary practices and referral centres, it is also developing a specialist reputation for rehabilitating dachshunds recovering from IVDD complications.

In June 2025, Professor Paul Freeman of Queen's Veterinary Hospital, Cambridge, visited and kindly offered to lecture vets and other veterinary professionals on current treatments and the latest research on IVDD. The day was a great success. We are committed to educating the public and professionals about the breed's welfare.

The rehabilitation centre's staff and operations are entirely separate from the Charity's.

We will constantly review our policies and procedures to ensure we meet our objectives.

Finance review

Extracts from the unaudited accounts:

	2025 £	2024 £
Total income		
Legacies receivable	164,425	57,814
Other income	232,917	242,449
	397,342	300,263
Expenditure	(255,670)	(366,634)
Net movement in funds	141,672	(66,371)
Funds carried forward	1,788,812	1,647,140

Dachshund Rescue has been fortunate to receive legacies, and we remain thankful to people who remember the charity in their will. Our principal funding comes from adoption fees and donations.

Dachshund Rescue has no restricted funds.

Most of our expenses are veterinary fees, rehabilitation, training, and volunteer mileage.

The Elms boarding kennels reduced the Charity's boarding expenditure in 2025, while the Elms Rehabilitation Centre reduced its physiotherapy and hydrotherapy costs.

We continue to support the dogs we rehome with pre-existing medical conditions. This support ensures that prospective adopters are not deterred by potential treatment and medication costs or by an inability to obtain insurance. Dachshund Rescue covers all pre-existing medical conditions, and these costs increased in 2025.

As the investment market remains volatile, we continue to manage our portfolio with Insignis Cash, achieving interest rates above 4% and with no associated risk. These cash portfolios are managed monthly.

Dachshund Rescue remains diligent in ensuring funds are appropriately placed and regularly monitored.

Reserves policy

The trustees review the level of reserves annually to ensure that sufficient funds are available to cover the Charity's running costs and planned commitments. The accompanying accounts report the free reserves balance at 31 December 2025.

Plans for the future

We are committed to continuing to provide help, support and assistance to any dachshund in need.

We have seen a significant rise in the number of Dachshunds with IVDD. Many are euthanised due to the lack of understanding of the treatment available. Through our rehabilitation centre and staff, we are committed to educating owners and veterinary first-seen practices about available treatment options, as well as the type and length of rehabilitation.

We strive to grow our social media following so we can provide breed and welfare education.

Dachshund Rescue continues to work with Queens Veterinary School Cambridge. In 2025, we agreed to fund a new residency student to continue the research into a cure for IVDD.

We continue to run recruitment campaigns to grow the organisation's volunteer numbers.

We have more events planned at The Elms, focused on fundraising and the breed's welfare.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution, adopted in December 2014.

Dachshund Rescue became a registered charity in December 2014. Before registration, the rescue operated as a collaboration between the Dachshund Club and the Longhaired Dachshund Club. The Charity is governed by its trustees, who meet at least four times each year.

Trustees and co-ordinators meet via Zoom, which is the most cost-effective option.

The organisation has an organisational structure consisting of the board of trustees & volunteers. Nine voluntary co-coordinators, based throughout the country, carry out the Charity's daily operations, supported by fosterers and transportation volunteers.

The Charity is managed by the seven trustees in office. The trustees oversee delivery of the Charity's aims and objectives and plan future activities that will further them.

Anyone interested in becoming a trustee is asked to submit a CV for the board to review. An existing trustee then nominates the applicant by completing a trustee nomination form. If the board approves the application, two trustees conduct an informal interview and recommend the applicant to the full board. References are obtained following a successful nomination. Once appointed and after returning the trustee declaration, the new trustee completes a standard induction process and receives a full copy of the accounts and the minutes of the previous meeting.

Reference and administrative details

The Charity is managed by the seven trustees in office. The trustees oversee delivery of the Charity's aims and objectives and plan future activities that will further them.

The trustees who held office during the year were as follows:

Lynn Hall – Chair
Claire Russell
Gina Salisbury (resigned 15 January 2026)
Jacqui Paxton
Susan Kray
Katie Saywell
Louise Van Vuren
Rosanne Cobbold (appointed 20 November 2025, resigned 7 July 2026)

The following trustees were appointed post year end:

Sue Page (appointed 8 February 2026, resigned 17 August 2026)
Sarah Johnson (appointed 27 August 2026)

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the Charity on 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Lynn Hall
Signed on 13 October 2026 @ 17:07
……
L M Hall

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the Accounts in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the Charity on 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Lynn Hall
Signed on 13 October 2026 @ 17:07
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L M Hall
Chair

Annual Report and Accounts
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dachshund Rescue CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Dachshund Rescue CIO ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the Charity is not subject to audit under charity law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, therefore, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view'. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Unrestricted funds £
Income:			
Donations and legacies	2	240,565	124,178
Charitable activities	3	135,184	141,457
Investment income	4	15,593	28,628
Rent receivable from subsidiary undertaking		6,000	6,000
Total income		397,342	300,263
Expenditure:			
Charitable activities		(198,236)	(310,636)
Administration and governance costs		(57,434)	(55,998)
Total expenditure	5	(255,670)	(366,634)
Net income/(expenditure)		141,672	(66,371)
Net movement in funds		141,672	(66,371)
Total funds brought forward		1,647,140	1,713,511
Total funds carried forward		1,788,812	1,647,140

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these accounts

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £		2024 £	
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	9		1,020,517		1,036,957
Investments	10		4		4
			1,020,521		1,036,961
Current assets					
Debtors	11	68,207		52,662	
Cash at bank and in hand		728,400		631,461	
		796,607		684,123	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(28,316)		(73,944)	
Net current assets			768,291		610,179
Net assets			1,788,812		1,647,140
Funds of the Charity:					
Unrestricted funds	13		1,788,812		1,647,140

The accounts were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed on 13 October 2026 @ 17:07
.....
L M Hall
Chair

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these accounts

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention modified, where appropriate, to include certain items at fair value and in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP - FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The presentation currency is £ sterling.

The CIO constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The majority of the Charity's income is received from dog adoption fees and from regular donors. Should there be significant reductions in this income, the Trustees would raise funds from other sources and in the unlikely event that they were insufficient, the Trustees consider they have the ability to reduce expenditure in line with the reduced income.

(b) Exemption from preparing group accounts

The Charity is part of a small group. The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption provided by section 139(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and has not prepared group accounts. Consequently the accounts present information about Dachshund Rescue CIO as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

(c) Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds comprise grants, donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the Charity without specified purpose and are available as general funds.

(d) Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of donations and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Income from charitable activity is accounted for when earned.
- Income from legacies is accounted for when probable of receipt and the amount can be reliably measured. If a legacy debtor is subsequently impaired because it is doubtful that full settlement will be received, the adjustment made to derecognise the legacy debtor is included in legacy income.

1 Accounting policies - continued

(e) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably:

- Costs of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable activity expenditure includes both the direct costs and support costs relating to each activity. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.
- Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the Charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(f) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost less estimated residual value of all tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives. The annual rates and methods of depreciation are as follows:-

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Freehold property (Buildings only)	Straight line basis over 50 years
Plant and equipment	10% reducing balance basis

No depreciation is provided on freehold land.

(g) Fixed asset investments

Shares in subsidiary undertakings are measured at cost less impairment.

(h) Financial instruments

Short term debtors and creditors are not interest bearing and are stated at original invoiced amounts.

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

1 Accounting policies - continued

(i) Volunteers and gifts in kind

The trustees are grateful for the contribution of volunteers in the Charity's educational activities, administration and fundraising activities. No financial adjustment is made in respect of this contribution.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations from individuals	58,382	43,952
Legacies receivable	164,425	57,814
Gift aid - subsidiary undertaking	17,758	22,412
	240,565	124,178

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Adoption fees	125,137	133,869
Trading income;		
Insurance commissions received	10,047	7,588
	135,184	141,457

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	15,593	28,628

5 Expenditure

	Direct costs £	Support costs (note 6) £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities				
Educational sponsorship and fees	-	-	-	71,125
Veterinary costs	123,121	2,364	125,485	148,191
Training and rehabilitation	11,703	2,364	14,067	18,821
Boarding, rehoming and fostering costs	13,444	45,240	58,684	72,499
	148,268	49,968	198,236	310,636
Administration and governance costs	11,645	45,789	57,434	55,998
	159,913	95,757	255,670	366,634

6 Support costs

	Administration and governance costs £	Charitable activities £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Printing, postage and stationery	-	1,564	1,564	1,852
Travel and subsistence	-	9,887	9,887	21,302
Telephone	-	7,460	7,460	7,980
Independent examiner's fees	2,500	-	2,500	2,406
Accountancy fees	24,815	-	24,815	22,062
Computer expenses	1,272	-	1,272	2,613
Repairs and maintenance	2,190	6,570	8,760	23,545
Rates	753	2,258	3,011	3,088
Light, heat and water	2,758	8,276	11,034	7,616
Bank charges	747	-	747	(62)
Trade subscriptions	5,699	-	5,699	2,795
Advertising	404	-	404	738
Cleaning	151	452	603	661
Depreciation	4,500	13,501	18,001	16,116
	45,789	49,968	95,757	112,712

Governance costs amount to £27,315 (2024: £24,468).

No persons were employed by the Charity during the year (2024: none).

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration from the Charity during the year in relation to their roles as trustees.

C Russell received remuneration totalling £22,820 (2024: £15,201) during the year in relation to the provision of bookkeeping services under a service agreement approved by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Charity's governing document.

The CIO provides living accommodation to L M Hall which is essential for the proper performance of her duties that include the provision of welfare of rescued dogs throughout the day and night.

The trustees have not received any reimbursement of expenses incurred in their roles as trustees during the year (2024: £nil). The trustees do receive reimbursement of expenses incurred in relation to their work in rescuing and the fostering of the dogs. The amount paid to trustees in the year totalled £1,394 (2024: £4,483).

8 Taxation

The Charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Plant and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2025	1,003,567	66,597	1,070,164
Additions	-	1,561	1,561
At 31 December 2025	1,003,567	68,158	1,071,725
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2025	24,352	8,855	33,207
Charge for the year	12,071	5,930	18,001
At 31 December 2025	36,423	14,785	51,208
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	979,215	57,742	1,036,957
At 31 December 2025	967,144	53,373	1,020,517

10 Fixed asset investments

Subsidiary undertakings

	£
Cost	
At 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025	4

Details of subsidiary undertakings:

	Description of holding	Proportion of holding	Principal activity
Dachshund Rescue At The Elms Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Boarding of animals
The Elms Rehabilitation Centre Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Dog rehabilitation

The registered office address of the subsidiary undertakings is Whin Hill, Landing Lane, Newport, Brough, HU15 2QD.

11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	5,226	9,375
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertaking	43,281	13,853
Prepayments and accrued income	19,700	29,434
	68,207	52,662

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	24,215	23,976
Accruals	4,101	49,968
	28,316	73,944

13 Funds

Unrestricted funds

The movement on unrestricted funds is as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The nature and use of funds are disclosed in the accounting policies on page 11 (“unrestricted funds”).

All assets held by the Charity at 31 December 2025 relate to unrestricted funds.