Second Chance Animal Rescue

Trustees Annual Report and Annual Accounts
For the year ended 31st December 2025

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Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Second Chance Animal Rescue
Also known as:	SCAR
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Management Committee

John Ranger	Chair
Susan Brady	
Charles Ranger	
Linda Burns	

Trustees Report January 2025 – December 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the year ended 31st December 2025. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice (Sorp 2019) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1"January 2015).

Objectives of the Charity

Second Chance Animal Rescue (CIO governed by Constitution) is a public benefit entity which aims to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome animals that have been abandoned, neglected or abused. We aim to relieve the suffering of animals in need by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security.

We are committed to raising awareness of animal welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among animals through working with the public. We also support the therapeutic value of involvement with animals by encouraging volunteering, particularly for members of the community with physical and mental disabilities or who are socially isolated.

Main Activities of the Charity

To rescue, rehabilitate and rehome animals suffering from abuse or neglect. If animals cannot be rehomed they are provided a home at the rescue for the remainder of their natural lives.

To take part in external events such as fetes and school/uniform groups activities, to raise awareness of animal welfare to members of the public.

To provide volunteering opportunities to a diverse range of people, providing experience of working with animals and the opportunity to be part of the team.

Our Impact and Achievements

Over the past year, demand for our services has continued to increase with more animals needing our care and support. At the same time, rising costs, particularly for animal feed, bedding, veterinary treatment and the day-to-day running of the rescue, have meant that we need to raise more funds than ever to continue our work. Despite these challenges, we have continued to provide a safe place for animals in need, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of our supporters.

Improving our facilities and animal welfare

This year, the trustees agreed to invest some of our reserves in improving our facilities to help us meet the growing demand. We have renovated our quarantine area, creating better facilities for animals requiring isolation and a larger intake space to accommodate the

increasing number of animals coming into our care. These improvements have also provided much-needed additional space for wildlife, particularly birds, which members of the public rescue and bring to us.

We have also improved our feed stores. We are incredibly fortunate to receive regular donations of food and supplies from our local community, but storing and organising these donations had become increasingly challenging. Our new feed stores provide more space and allow us to manage donations more effectively, improve stock rotation and make the best use of everything we receive.

While rehoming is an important part of our work, many of the animals in our care are unable to be rehomed due to their individual needs or circumstances. For these animals, SCAR provides a permanent, safe and loving home where they can receive the care and attention they need for the rest of their lives. This is an important part of our work, but also brings a long-term commitment to meeting their welfare needs, including ongoing veterinary care, feeding and suitable accommodation.

The exceptionally hot and dry weather during summer 2025 brought additional challenges, particularly for our larger animals. The prolonged dry conditions affected grazing, increasing our reliance on hay and supplementary feed at a time when costs were already rising. Our volunteers also worked incredibly hard to ensure animals had sufficient water, shade and care during the hottest periods which placed additional demands on both our finances and our volunteer team.

Raising awareness and bringing our community together

Throughout the year, we have held and attended a number of events to raise vital funds and increase awareness of our work. These events are about more than fundraising; they give us valuable opportunities to engage with local people, share information about responsible animal ownership and animal welfare, and help people better understand the needs of the animals we care for.

Our Santa's Grotto continued to be a highlight of the year, providing an affordable and enjoyable Christmas experience for local children and families while raising much-needed funds for the rescue. Once again, we received incredibly positive feedback and are grateful to everyone who attended, volunteered or donated items to make the event possible. It has become a firm favourite in our annual calendar and we look forward to continuing this tradition.

Our volunteers and supporters

SCAR is run entirely by volunteers, and everything we achieve is made possible by people generously giving their time, skills and energy. From the daily feeding, cleaning and care of animals to maintenance, fundraising, administration and organising events, our volunteers make an extraordinary contribution.

As demand increases, so does the work involved in caring for our animals and keeping the rescue running. We recognise the pressure this places on our volunteer team and remain committed to welcoming new volunteers and making the best use of the skills and time people can offer.

We are also extremely grateful to our local community, whose generosity continues to make such a difference. Whether through financial donations, gifts of food and supplies, attending events or helping to spread the word about our work, every contribution helps us care for animals in need.

Looking ahead and securing our future

We recognise that the continued cost-of-living pressures are affecting both the costs of running our charity and people's ability to donate. Like many small charities, we face the challenge of meeting growing demand while ensuring we have the resources to continue our work in the years ahead. With this in mind, a key priority for 2026 will be to strengthen and diversify our income to help secure the long-term sustainability of the rescue. This will include developing our approach to legacy giving, raising awareness of how supporters can leave a gift to SCAR in their will, alongside exploring new fundraising opportunities and ways to encourage regular support.

We also plan to improve our communications, particularly around animals available for rehoming, to help them reach more potential adopters and give them the best possible chance of finding a suitable, loving home. We will also focus on better promoting our events, fundraising activities and the wider work of the rescue, helping us reach new supporters and encourage more people to get involved.

Despite the challenges, we remain proud of what our small, volunteer-run charity continues to achieve. The improvements made this year will help us care for animals more effectively, while our volunteers and supporters remain at the heart of everything we do. Together, we will continue to give animals in need the care, safety and second chances they deserve.

Financial Review

The financial year continued to be challenging, with increasing costs of animal care and maintaining our rescue facilities placing pressure on our resources. Total expenditure for the year was approximately £115,000, exceeding our income for the period.

During the year, the trustees made a planned decision to invest some of the charity's reserves in improvements to our quarantine facilities and feed stores. These investments will help us respond to increasing demand, improve animal welfare and make better use of the donations we receive.

While we recognise that expenditure exceeding income is not sustainable in the longer term, the trustees continue to monitor the charity's financial position carefully. Our priority for 2026 will be to strengthen and diversify our fundraising, while managing expenditure

and maintaining sufficient reserves to meet our ongoing commitments to the animals in our care.

Governance

New trustees are appointed through either an application process or through invitation to join the board based on skills and experience. They are inducted through a buddying system with existing trustees. The charity is run solely by volunteers and employs no paid staff. At present the trustees are responsible for decisions and day to day management.

The trustees regularly consider the main risks facing the charity, particularly increasing animal care costs, fluctuations in fundraising income, the demands placed on our volunteers and our ongoing responsibility for animals requiring lifelong care. These risks are managed through careful financial oversight, maintaining appropriate reserves, investing in suitable facilities and continuing to recruit and support volunteers. The trustees recognise the importance of diversifying income to strengthen the charity's resilience in the longer term.

The trustees are confident that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Notes Forming Part of the Financial Statement

Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently through the year and in the preceding year.

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

- Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes – the charity has no designated funds in this period.

- Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal – the charity has no designated funds in this period.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to, or virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Financial Statements when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

- Any tax recoverable from Gift Aid income is reflected in the accounts in the year in which it is received.

Resources expended

- Expenditure is recognised on a cash basis.

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities. It includes costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the Independent Review fees linked to the strategic management of the charity.

Statement of Cash Flow

As Second Chance Animal Rescue is not considered a larger charity a Statement of Cash Flow is not required.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £100 are not capitalised. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in all cases is estimated at 4 years. Impairment reviews are carried out as and when evidence comes to light that the recoverable amount of a functional asset is below its net book value due to damage, obsolescence, or other relevant factors.

Reserves

Second Chance Animal Rescue requires an appropriate level of funds in reserve to:

- ensure that the trustees are able to provide services currently available to animals in need and local people for a minimum of three months into the future should funding become unavailable.
- ensure that Second Chance Animal Rescue is able to survive unexpected setbacks such as short-terms funding issues or problems from internal or external causes.
- provide financial stability to pro-actively respond to changes in levels of demand.

Trustees recognise that although six months reserves would usually be adequate to ensure financial security, due to the current economic challenges and likely impact it will have on demand and income generation, it will seek to maintain at least three months reserves with the view to increasing this in future years.

Based on predicted expenditure for the coming year it is estimated that it would currently cost approximately £29,644 to operate services for that period. Our total reserves at 31st December 2025 stood at £75,196.



John Ranger
Chairman on behalf of
Board of Trustees
Second Chance Animal Rescue

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Income & Expenditure
for the year ending 31st December 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
REVENUE	**72,879**	206,476
Expenses	**(118,575)**	(113,896)
NET (LOSS) / INCOME BEFORE INTEREST	**(45,696)**	92,696
Interest Received & Other Income	**499**	116
NET (LOSS) / INCOME BEFORE TAXATION	**(45,197)**	92,812
Taxation	**0**	0
NET (LOSS) / INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	**(45,197)**	92,812

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Assets & Liabilities
As at 31st December 2025

	Notes	**2025**	2024
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Land & Buildings	1	**0**	0
Tangible Assets	1	**7,507**	6,867
		7,507	6,867
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		**67,689**	113,526
		67,689	113,526
CREDITORS – Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		**0**	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		**67,689**	113,526
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITES		**75,196**	120,393
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILTIES		**0**	0
NET ASSETS		**75,196**	120,393
RESERVES			
Brought forward		**120,393**	27,697
Result for the period		**(45,197)**	92,696
TOTAL RESERVES		**75,196**	120,393

Notes to the Accounts

1. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
COST			
As at 31.12.24	2,000	25,026	27,026
Additions	0	4,600	4,600
Disposals	(0)	(0)	(0)
At 31.12.25	2,000	29,626	31,626
DEPRECIATION			
As at 31.12.24	2,000	18,159	20,159
Charge for Year	0	3,960	3,960
Disposals	(0)	(0)	(0)
At 31.12.25	2,000	22,119	24,119
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31.12.25	0	7,507	7,507
At 31.12.24	0	6,867	6,867

2. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN RESERVES

	Income Account £	**Total £**
As at 31.12.24	120,393	**120,393**
Net Loss for the period	(45,197)	**(45,197)**
As at 31.12.25	75,196	**75,196**

Statement of Financial Activities

		2025		2024
	£	**£**	£	£
REVENUE				
Voluntary Income	**54,465**		188,825	
Rehoming Donations	**6,840**		3,582	
Livery	**9,270**		8,100	
Donations from Trusts	**0**		2,666	
Earned Income	**2,304**		3,303	
Bank Interest Received	**499**		116	
TOTAL INCOME		**73,378**		206,592
EXPENDITURE				
Animal Feed	**4,050**		4,877	
Bank/Donation Charges	**1,315**		798	
Hay & Straw	**19,820**		25,730	
Insurance	**2,892**		2,481	
Telephone	**233**		193	
Printing, Post & Stationary	**184**		92	
Motor Expenses	**7,100**		6,299	
IT costs	**317**		669	
Vet & Medical Expenses	**6,285**		5,744	
General Animal Expenses	**2,069**		5,333	
Fundraising Expenses	**585**		1,450	
Small Tools	**267**		40	
Sundry Expenses	**885**		379	
Depreciation	**3,960**		2,977	
Building Supplies/Maintenance	**23,503**		13,049	
Rent	**45,110**		43,785	
		118,575		113,896
NET (DEFECIT) / SURPLUS		**(45,197)**		92,696

The charity holds no designated or restricted funds in this accounting period

Year ending 31st December 2025

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 9 to 12 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act).

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the 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 gives 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 did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 no concerns and 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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