Northumberland Dog Rescue
Registered Charity Number 1170022

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Registered Charity 1170022
Annual Report and Financial Statement
1st January 2025 – 31st December 2025

Administrative Details

Registered Charity Number	1170022
Working Name	Northumberland Dog Rescue
Address for charity correspondence	Patterson's Cottage, Charlton Mires, Alnwick, NE66 2TJ
Trustees	Kevin Edgar (Chair) Sarah Ventham Christopher Atwell
Bankers	Co-operative Bank

Independent Examiner
Mrs E. N. Gordon MICB ACIE, Ellingham, Northumberland

Summary of the purposes of the charity

The objects of NDR are to relieve the suffering of dogs in need of care, rescue and attention, and in particular to provide and maintain facilities and homes for the reception, care and treatment of such animals by such means that are exclusively charitable.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, governed by a constitution which follows the Charity Commission 'foundation model', which means that our trustees are also the sole members of the charity.

The trustees normally meet at roughly six-weekly intervals, sometimes in person and sometimes by video call. There are no committees.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

At start of year:-
Stewart Cameron – resigned 11th August 2025
Karen Larkin – resigned 22nd July 2026
Claire Watson-Armstrong – resigned 22nd July 2026

Nickie Hutton was appointed on 11th August 2025 and resigned on 22nd July 2026

The three trustees mentioned on page one of this report were appointed on 22nd July 2026.

Summary of the main activities of NDR

To provide a safe kennel or foster environment for rescue dogs

In 2025 we rescued 37 dogs. We have daily enquiries from the public, local vets and the local animal welfare officers about taking in dogs in need of a new home. Most of the dogs coming into our care require medical treatment and have behavioural issues. There is permanently a waiting lists of dogs to come into our rescue.

To work with rescue dogs and provide rehabilitation services for the dogs in our care

During 2025 we continued to develop training programmes specific to each dog. We have found great success ensuring that each dog has a "key worker" either staff or volunteer who is responsible for ensuring the dogs enrichment and training programme is working effectively.

Work collaboratively with local services to support the dogs in our care

Our relationships with the council animal welfare services and our vets are still going strong. We also work closely with other dog rescue centres and with Social Services.

To find suitable long term and forever homes for the dogs in or care

We have rehomed 30 dogs in 2025 which is slightly up from last year. This is partly due to our social media presence and the fact that many "on trend" dogs have been rescued which have been popular.

Support dog adopters to manage rescues in their homes

All adopted dogs remain NDR dogs for life and we continue to offer follow up support post adoption to ensure the dogs and their new owners have the support they need to make the adoption process successful. Once a dog is adopted we offer behavioural advice to the new owner and we have a fully qualified behaviourist/trainer at our disposal.
Adoptees are provided with information about dog services in the area.
We maintain a Friend of NDR adopters Facebook page.

Public benefit

We work closely with vets, animal welfare and the public to provide a safe space for dogs needing to be rehomed. The Charity has 3 aims; rescue, rehabilitate and rehome each are discussed at every trustee meeting.

Volunteers

We have a loyal volunteer base with over 25 volunteers helping at the kennel, fostering, fundraising and working in our charity shop. We are always looking to recruit new volunteers.

Support

We are indebted to Pets At Home for their continued support. Their donations of food and their assistance with fundraising is very much appreciated.

Report to Charity Commission

During 2025 a small number of discrepancies were discovered in the accounting records of the charity. The trustees investigated this and are confident that all funds were subsequently recovered. A report was submitted to the Charity Commission.

Fundraising activities

We were invited to run fun dog shows at events during the year at The Puffin Festival in Amble, The Mighty Dub Fest in Alnwick and the North East Dog Festival at Kirkley Hall. On New Year's day we also had our annual North Sea dip at Bamburgh. These events are good at raising funds and promoting the charity. The Charity shop did very well and continues to open 6 days a week due to a hard-working team of volunteers.

Financial Review

We had a good year in terms of our financial successes. Donations/fundraising were down but the increase in boarding and shop income more than made up for this. We ended the year with £33,293 in unrestricted funds. The restricted fund which existed in 2024 was fully used up by the end of 2025.

Special mentions

We are fortunate to have loyal hardworking staff, volunteers and supporters. They do everything from walking dogs, vet visits, kennel cleaning, maintenance, fundraising events, collecting donations, working in the charity shop, admin, the list goes on, you make such a difference to the past, current and future dogs in our care. Thank you all.
We are also grateful to our vets, Morris and Plumley in Alnwick, who provide excellent service at a discounted rate and also to Kim Smith who provides training services.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date: 1st January 2025	To	Period end date: 31st December 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Charity shop	78,652	-	-	78,652	75,205
Fundraising/donations/sponsorship	36,887	-	-	36,887	51,292
Refunds	537	-	-	537	590
Boarding kennels/adoption fees	48,698	-	-	48,698	17,735
Cottage rent	6,000	-	-	6,000	6,000
Gift aid	3,831	-	-	3,831	-
Dog sitting	744	-	-	744	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	175,349	-	-	175,349	150,822
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	175,349	-	-	175,349	150,822
A3 Payments					
Kennel expenses	3,260	11,994	-	15,254	27,786
Staff costs	97,754	-	-	97,754	98,436
Vehicle costs	1,150	-	-	1,150	788
Shop rent and expenses	9,884	-	-	9,884	8,186
Utilities	17,980	-	-	17,980	23,677
Loan repayments and interest	13,340	-	-	13,340	16,675
Veterinary costs	6,688	-	-	6,688	12,276
Fundraising/marketing	472	-	-	472	1,531
Other expenses	1,063	-	-	1,063	-
Sub total	151,591	11,994	-	163,585	189,355
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	151,591	11,994	-	163,585	189,355
Net of receipts/(payments)	23,758	- 11,994	-	11,764	- 38,533
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,535	11,994	-	21,529	60,062
Cash funds this year end	33,293	-	-	33,293	21,529

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Cash at bank	33,293	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	33,293	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Pattersons Cottage and building improvements	unrestricted	391,815	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Northumberland Council Loan		88,457	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
C Atwell	CHRISTOPHER ATWELL	15.10.26
	KEVIN EDGAR	15.10.26

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name NORTHUMBERLAND DOG RESCUE		
On accounts for the year ended	31ST DECEMBER 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1170022
Set out on pages			

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2025**.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 do not accord with the accounting records

In carrying out my examination I was made aware of a serious incident which occurred during the financial year. A number of fraudulent bank transactions were identified by the bookkeeper. The Trustees reported the matter to the police and submitted a Serious Incident Report to the Charity Commission. Subsequently the monies involved were repaid to the charity and the person responsible for the fraudulent activity was banned from any further involvement with the charity. The police closed the case, and the Trustees took steps to ensure this cannot happen again. There has been a thorough review of the internal financial controls, especially relating to the number of trustees with online banking authority/approval. I am satisfied that the incident was properly dealt with by the trustees and the matter can now be considered closed.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 18/10/2026

Name: ELSPETH NICOLA GORDON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Institute of Certified Bookkeepers (ICB) – Full Member Association of Charity Independent Examiners (ACIE) – Affiliate Member
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Section B Disclosure

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	NOT APPLICABLE