CK9 Trustee Annual Report

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2025

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1186980

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Admin & Legal:

Administration and Legal Charity Name: Cloud K9 Rescue

Registered Charity number: 1186980

Charity's registered address: 1 The Sycamores, South Kilworth, Lutterworth, Leics, LE17 6EW

The Charity Trustees are:

Colleen Stead: Trustee Appointed 31st Jan 2020

Bridget Younger: Trustee Appointed 5th Jan 2020

Dave Younger: Trustee & Treasurer Appointed 5th Jan 2020

Rebecca Atkin: Trustee Appointed 8th Feb 2020

During 2025 we continued to operate with 4 trustees. We continue to try and identify more potential trustees who we feel would be a good match, with a different skill set that will complement the existing team. However, we won't recruit just to increase numbers. Working with four trustees works well as it makes communication easier, however there are more things we would like to be doing to promote the charity and the dogs, that isn't always possible due to time constraints.

Activities in 2025:

In Romania the stray dog population is enormous due to its political history, it's lack of animal welfare laws, it's cultural misunderstanding of the benefits of spay and neuter and its commonly held belief that dogs are vermin and can be discarded on a whim. It is a country of cultural diversity though with dedicated rescuers who devote their lives to rescuing those dogs in desperate need.

Sadly, thousands of puppies are born who are then discarded at the side of busy roads, rivers or in forests never to be found.

Pregnant females, elderly and ill are either captured by merciless dog catchers or handed in by their owners and deserted at the horrific and unforgiving public shelters. In these shelters overcrowding, hunger, disease, fights and injury are commonplace.

The saddest are the elderly who have given a lifetime of devotion to an often-uncaring owner only to be handed over to the dog catchers when their bark has gone and their health is failing.

The only possible way to escape this hell is to find a suitable rescuer, foster carer or adopter, most likely in a foreign country.

Our dedicated team who aim to visit annually (self-funded), have been haunted by the plight of Romanian dogs and are committed to doing everything we possibly can for these dogs. We are often asked "why Romanian dogs?" and the answer is simple….. because if we can offer even just one dog a chance to a better life and then why would we not? There is absolutely no comparison to a rescue/rehoming centre here in the UK to the public shelters in Romania, absolutely none. We have seen it for ourselves.

We work with a small number of Romanian rescuers. These are people who we know and trust, supporting them by offering rehoming and monetary donations towards vet fees, dog food or even kennels. Over the last few years, we have all fostered, adopted, and raised funds for many Romanian dogs and we will continue to do so until there are no dogs to rescue.

As you can see from our accounts, we have met all of our objectives. We have cared for dogs in Romania that needed help, which, without our intervention they certainly would have died. Most moved on to other rescues for them to rehome.

Provision of Services:

Below are the services we have set out in our governing document to undertake as a charity.

Fundraise in the UK

Foster dogs in the UK

Adopt dogs in the UK

Provide support for our Adopted dogs in the UK

Offer RBU for our adopted dogs in the UK

Raise awareness of the status of dogs in Romania by attending dog shows and festivals

Support rescuers in Romania with financial aid

Fundraise and help towards dogs in Romania who need special care

Undertake special projects in both UK and Romania

Trustees Report:

2025 summary

2025 was a steady year for us, due mainly to the lack of Foster Carers. Several appeals were made throughout the year. Throughout 2025 we reserved, fostered and found new homes for 15 dogs, which is slightly less than last year.

January began with us receiving the sad news that our good friend Mona, who we regularly sent our Food Club donations was stepping back from dog rescue for personal reasons. We decided that future Food Club money would be sent to various other rescues and shelters in need.

Early January saw Luna complete her home trial and be fully adopted and also, Thor went on his home trial.

In mid-January we were made aware of a dog called Ilona who was living on the huge landfill site at Pata Rat. Ilona was found with a deep neck wound caused by a tight ligature placed on her at a young age and as she grew, the ligature cut deep into her flesh. Our friends at TAC rescued her, treated her injury and got her ready to travel to us once she was fully healed.

We also agreed to promote a young dog called Obi for another rescue. This went well and he was soon offered a home.

Alex Larg-Weston and the Tail Wagger Display Team regularly raise money for animal causes and CK9 were lucky enough to be chosen and we received £1200 which was put into the Spay and Neuter Fund.

We were also able to send funds to buy a pressure washer to a shelter that was struggling to keep the dog kennels clean.

In early February Ilona arrived in the UK into her foster home.

Our first fundraiser of the year was a Valentine's Photo Competition with a £50 gift card as the prize.

In mid-February we were told of another tiny 4kg dog also living close to Pata rat. She had been hit by a car and one of her legs was so badly damaged, it couldn't be saved. We reserved her to travel when fit.

Yet another tri-paw, called Furnica was also reserved by us and lovely Ilona went on her home trial.

Our friend and rescuer Ana had a very sick dog called Irvin so we made a donation and put out an appeal for more funds to help with medication and vet treatment.

In March we had the chance to be included in The Doggy Lottery and encouraged our supporters to get involved and vote for us.

March 3rd was National Tri-Paw Day so we celebrated all the CK9 tri-paws.

We received a positive update on Irvin from Ana. He was recovering well and gaining weight. He was offered a foster space by another charity and we were delighted by this news as we didn't have any foster space at that time.

Food Club money for March was sent to Flo at Save Valcea Dogs.

Sadly, 2 dogs, Cassie and Dora from the same household were returned to our care due to bereavement. We honoured our Full Rescue Back up Policy.

Later in the month Herbie and Furnica arrived on the Happy Bus and tiny Lizuca was adopted.

We ended the month on a massive high by taking first place in The Doggy Lottery and receiving around £600.

In early April we appealed for foster carers, particularly for a young boy named Pixel.

Once again, the Food Club donations were sent to Flo at Save Valcea Dogs.

In May, Pixel was luckily offered a foster space and we also reserved 2 dogs called Bruno and Misha. Herbie went on home trial.

The Bank Holiday saw us fundraising with a Holiday Activity game. Prizes were a Vale Pet food voucher for £50 and a £20 Primark Gift Card.

Bruno and Pixel boarded the Happy Bus.

We were able to send another donation to Ana for a dog with a horrendous leg fracture to help with vet costs.

2 more dogs reserved, Lenny and Sasha.

In June, Bruno was reserved to go on home trial and Herbie was adopted.

Travel dates were organised for Lenny and Sasha and Bruno and Pixel were adopted.

We sent a donation to Ana who had a litter of puppies needing worming treatment, vaccinations and puppy food.

Food Club donations were also sent to Ana this month.

July saw our friends at TAC rescue yet another poor dog hit by a car and just left by the road side. The dog had multiple fractures and we sent a donation to help with costs.

Sasha was adopted.

In July another dog named Maria was saved by TAC. She had a severe flea infestation causing hair loss and pain. Her owners wanted her put to sleep, but she was saved and treated and put safe in Romanian foster care.

At the end of July there was a TV documentary called Rescue Roulette – Dogs From Abroad. This programme did nothing to help the plight of foreign dogs and we were quick to assure our supporters and potential adopters that we do not transport dogs "straight off the streets" and we do not do "doorstep drops" as all our dogs come into private foster homes to be fully assessed before adoption.

In August we were delighted to hear that one of our previously adopted dogs, Rada, who had spent her life on a rubbish dump, had won 1st prize in a local Fun Dog Show. We were understandably very proud of her.

We reserved Hazel, a young Malinois cross puppy aged 7 months.

Another fund-raising game with a Football theme had a £50 prize.

Young Norris, was a boy dumped at the public shelter by his family. He was soon rescued from there by the lady whose company we use to transport our dogs. She asked if we could help find him a home and of course we said yes.

Bridget, Dave and their CK9 dog, Skipper visited Green Lodge Care Home in Billingham for a Meet A Rescue Dog event. It was organised by member of staff, Clair who along with her partner, John, also own a CK9 dog called Cassie. Skipper and Cassie met the residents and their families for some cuddles and fuss and Cassie did some tricks. Bridget gave a short talk about our charity and the work we do. A raffle hamper raised £67 for CK9.

September Food Club donations went to Save Valcea Dogs and we reserved a little dog called Lia.

Through luck and a family event, Bridget and Dave were able to meet up with foster carer Debra and her husband despite living several hundred miles apart.

An extra donation was sent to Flo at Save Valcea Dogs to help with transport for 3 dogs who had spent their entire lives in a shelter.

Little girl Milly who had been offered a foster space by owners of 2 CK9 dogs managed to charm her foster carers and they adopted her.

Back in July, Ana had rescued a dog Maggie and her puppy Sweep who were found wandering in a field. We reserved Maggie and soon after we were able to offer foster space to Sweep too.

We also reserved a young boy called Apollo and Hazel, the Malinois cross was reserved by an experienced owner.

October Food Club donation was sent to Ana. Misha arrived to a new foster carer and Hazel was officially adopted.

Summon The Mummy was our Halloween scratch card game with a prize of £100.

7th October saw a statement by the UK government saying that from immediate effect all Romanian dogs being imported into the UK need a negative Brucella Canis test performed by APHA UK before they can enter the country. As a charity we had already been getting our dogs tested by Laboklin in Germany but could no longer use this laboratory. This new ruling had a huge impact on rescue groups

and charities, but we welcomed it as a “level playing field”. There were obviously cost implications and logistical issues but we vowed to get on board with the new process as soon as possible.

Foster carer Debra organised a fundraiser for a huge You Beauty Advent Calendar worth £160. This raised £300.

Misha’s foster carer fell in love with her and adopted her.

November Food Club Donations were sent to a rescue called Elsa’s Haven.

We put out an appeal for foster carers for Norris and Bronte.

We were asked to help a quite large older boy called GG (gentle giant). He had been on the streets for around 3 years. He turned up at Ana’s gate frozen cold, hungry and injured. He also had a mutilated ear and tail. We said we would do our best to help once he recovered from his ordeal.

Maggie and Lia boarded the Happy Bus.

Ana had rescued a Mum with 9 puppies. We were asked to help and we reserved 2, Melody and Macarena. We appealed for foster carers for when they were old enough to travel.

Lia was reserved.

December had 2 fundraisers. The first was to win a Pet Portrait by Sophie’s Paintings and the second was a scratch card game to Name The Elf with a £100 prize just in time for Christmas.

Sadly, the adopters of a dog called Dave had to say goodbye to him after a short unexpected illness. They made a Christmas donation to us in his memory and we sent the money to Ana and we named another puppy in the litter of 9 “Dave”.

Maggie’s puppy Sweep arrived into foster and was soon reserved.

We ended the year with a huge appeal for a foster space for big GG.

Thank you to all of the people who have helped us this year. Again, we can’t do any of the things we do without moral and financial support provided by supporters, family and friends.

Equally we cannot rehome the dogs we bring over without the wonderful rescuers we deal with in Romania and the fantastic fosterers who have helped us all year.

Finally, a thank you to the rest of the CK9 committee (and families) who give up their free time and often their homes to give Romanian dogs a better life. We’re excited for 2026 and getting to meet and know more lovely Rommie dogs.

CK9 2025 in numbers:

15 dogs rehomed	
Cost of Rehoming Dogs to / in the UK	£6,957.29
Donations to Romanian Shelters	£3,804.99
UK Vets Fees	£2,577.99
Food Club Money Sent to Romania	£1,356.78

Fundraising:

We would firstly like to thank the regular monthly donors, whether that is £1 or £30, this enables us to send money to rescuers and other shelters for the strays on the streets.

We pride ourselves on not relying on individual donations, although welcomed, rather supporting ourselves through hard work fundraising. During 2025 we rehomed a small number of dogs, therefore fundraising continued but we supported and donated to different rescuers who needed it.

We always try and think of new and different initiatives for raising funds, whether that is via social media or external events.

Online fundraisers have been effective for quick turnaround of funds, in the form of Bridget's 'Guess the …….'. Most winners kindly donate back their winnings, which is much appreciated.

The Doggy Lottery has continued to be a real windfall, which we first got involved in during 2021. During 2025 we participated on one occasion. We hope this will continue through 2026 as well.

We have had generous support from small businesses and individuals, donating items or vouchers for raffles.

Treasurers Report & Accounts:

This is our sixth full year as a registered charity. Once again, we started the year with a good balance in the bank account and with our fundraising efforts, we have been able to fulfil our commitments we have set out in our Governing Document.

There was a slight reduction in the cash held in our accounts, as we have spent a little more on our causes than we received in donations and fundraising.

Several dogs were highlighted to us by the rescuers in Romania, who needed urgent or specialist medical attention, all of which we were able to provide financial support for. We held special appeal requests for some of the dogs with the difference being provided by our general funds.

In December, the Trustees held the AGM, where the fundraising dynamics of the charity were discussed and we fully agreed to continue in the same current way as we did in 2024.

The 2025 accounts have been approved by the Trustees.

On a final note, we, the Trustees of Cloud K9 Rescue would like to give our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped by adopting a dog, undertaking a fund-raising activity, supporting our fund-raising games and by simply being part of group. We could not achieve our aims without you.

Cloud K9 Rescue

2025 Accounts

	MONEY IN		OUT		Balance
Opening balance (from 2024)	£	9,744.69			
2024 accounts					
General Donations (Gift Aid)	£	5,718.25			
Adoption Fee (Non Gift Aid)	£	6,825.73	£	395.00	
Fundraising (Non Gift Aid)	£	2,527.34			
Food Club Donation (Gift Aid)	£	817.76			
Cost of Rehoming Dogs to / in the UK	£	280.99	£	6,957.29	
Donations to Romanian Shelters			£	3,804.99	
UK Vets Fees			£	2,577.95	
General costs	£	11.99	£	1,616.90	
Food Club money Sent to Romania			£	1,356.78	
Fundraising gifts			£	169.99	
Total	**£**	**25,926.75**	**£**	**16,878.90**	**£ 9,047.85**
Reserved					
Vets Contingency fees			£	3,000.00	
PL Insurance			£	420.00	
Chase Insurance			£	400.00	
Web Site			£	100.00	
Total Reserve			**£**	**3,920.00**	**£ 3,920.00**
Available funds					**£ 5,127.85**

Signed Dave Younger

David Younger - Trustee & Treasurer

Dated 13 September 2026

2026 Objectives:

We will continue to responsibly rehome as many dogs as we can during the year. We acknowledge that this will be subject to having foster carers.

We would like to continue to run external fundraisers and we'd like to get more people fundraising for us. We will keep doing what we do well though and running online fundraisers, look for individuals or business to donate items for raffles.

We want to continue to work with TAC in 2026 or other Romanian Vets with at least one spay and neuter campaign.

We may look at further increasing our vet contingency fund. We know how expensive veterinary treatment is in the UK, so we would like to be financially stable enough to react if we need to.

We would like to add some more people to our foster team.

We will continue to look for one or maybe two more committee members, providing they complement our existing skills and experience.

Acknowledgements:

Monthly donors – this gives us comfort each month that we can send a regular payment to a chosen rescuer for food.

Fundraising Donors - thank you to everyone who has donated a raffle prize this year. Having prizes donated means that all money raised can go to the charity and ultimately the dogs. Special shout out to The Doggy Lottery

Adopters – to everyone who has adopted one of our dogs and given them a future. This is what we do it for.

Fosterers past and present – by far one of the hardest jobs, taking on unknown quantities, giving them time love and patience and having to wave them off to their new home.

Rescuers – our rescuers on the ground in Romania, by far have the hardest jobs. Being faced with cruelty and abandonment every day, little welfare law and little money. Their commitment is unfailing.

TAC – The organisation in Romania who run the spay and neuter campaigns in our name. They organise the location, the vet team, the volunteers, the food and everything else that goes with the event. They have also become good friends.

One off donations – whilst we do not rely on, any one-off donations have been very much appreciated.

Family – Sometimes taking a back seat to the charity and often the first people we speak to with successes or heartache.

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The Trustees of CK9 Rescue

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