GREEK ANIMAL RESCUE UK

TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ended 30 November 2025

The trustees of Greek Animal Rescue UK (GAR) present their annual report for the year ended 30 November 2025.

The charity is organised in such a way that the trustees discuss regularly how best to manage its affairs. As there are no paid employees, the organisation also relies on the continued support of a small number of volunteers to manage its activities.

Charitable Objectives

1. The relief of suffering of animals in Greece in need of care and attention by the provision of funds, materials and equipment for the care, accommodation and treatment of such animals.
2. The prevention of cruelty to animals in Greece.
3. The advancement of public education in all aspects of the care and protection of animals.

Activities

In practical terms this means:

- Promoting, coordinating and providing funding for sterilising campaigns.
- Providing financial and practical assistance to local organisations and individuals involved in animal welfare within their communities.
- Encouraging and supporting improvements in animal welfare and the implementation of animal welfare legislation in Greece.

Sterilising campaigns remain the most effective way to reduce stray animal overpopulation in Greece and continue to be GAR's principal priority.

During 2025 GAR increasingly focused on larger-scale neutering projects, which can provide a more cost-effective way of sterilising significant numbers of animals and make a greater long-term impact on stray populations.

GAR also provides veterinary treatment, parasite treatments, food and other essential assistance to animal welfare volunteers and organisations throughout Greece. GAR pays veterinary practices and suppliers directly rather than making unrestricted payments to individuals or welfare groups. This helps ensure that charitable funds are used for their intended purpose.

Achieving Our Goals

Sterilising Campaigns

2025 was GAR's most successful year to date for neutering.

During the year GAR funded the sterilisation of 8,754 animals, comprising 7,153 cats and 1,601 dogs. This compares with 6,112 animals in 2024, an increase of 2,642 animals, or approximately 43%, in a single year.

Neutering expenditure increased from approximately £266k in 2024 to £303k in 2025, an increase of approximately 14%. The increase in the number of animals neutered was therefore considerably greater than the increase in expenditure, reflecting the benefits of developing larger-scale and cost-effective projects where possible.

During 2025 GAR expanded its work into new areas as well as significantly developing existing projects. Andros became GAR's largest island neutering project to date. Working with an experienced Greek veterinary team and dedicated local volunteers, GAR established an ongoing large-scale programme designed to make a significant and sustainable impact on the island's stray animal population.

On Evia, GAR supported a major neutering programme using an experienced Romanian veterinary team, enabling large numbers of animals to be sterilised during intensive campaigns. New projects were also established on Tinos and Chios, alongside programmes in many other areas of mainland Greece and the islands. GAR jointly funded 2 projects with another UK charity The Greek Cat Welfare Society on Chios and Evia. GAR also jointly funded another Evia project with the UK charity Animal Action Greece.

Although larger projects increasingly form an important part of GAR's strategy, the charity continues to support smaller local programmes where appropriate. This allows GAR to maintain its extensive network of animal welfare contacts throughout Greece whilst directing a greater proportion of its neutering budget towards projects capable of achieving significant and lasting impact.

Support for Local Animal Welfare and Rescue Work

GAR continued to work with a wide variety of animal welfare organisations including equine and farm animal sanctuaries, individual volunteers and rescuers throughout Greece.

Medical assistance remains an important part of our work. This includes direct payments to Greek vets for individual animals requiring urgent treatment and preventative parasite treatments, particularly against often fatal Mediterranean diseases transmitted by ticks and other parasites. GAR also provided support to organisations assisting animals affected by wildfires, including those operating emergency care stations.

Food assistance was also increased during 2025. We continue to support established welfare groups and volunteers with food, particularly during the winter when conditions can be especially difficult for street animals and the people caring for them.

Rehoming

Rehoming became more difficult during 2025. GAR continues to promote rehoming for those lucky dogs for whom a suitable home can be found and has also promoted the rehoming of some cats. We remain committed to carefully managed rehoming, providing lifetime rescue back-up.

GAR has also assisted other animal welfare groups in Salamina, Halkida and Kavala by contributing towards costs associated with rehoming animals to suitable homes in the UK and Germany.

Financial Review

Total income decreased by approximately 8% from £983k in 2024 to £902k in 2025. GAR nevertheless remains in a strong financial position due primarily to the substantial legacy income received in recent years.

Donations and Subscriptions

Donations and subscriptions decreased significantly from £220k to £166k, a reduction of approximately 24%. This remains a concern as they represent the core regular income. GAR has received confirmation that another UK charity is contacting GAR supporters to encourage them to cease fundraising for and donating to GAR. The trustees are concerned that misleading information about GAR has been

communicated and the potential impact of this, although it is not possible to quantify the financial effect. Despite this, GAR remains extremely grateful for the continued loyalty and generosity of so many supporters, particularly during a period when household finances remain under pressure.

Legacies

Legacy income totaled £638k, compared with £719k in 2024. We remain enormously grateful to those supporters who remember GAR in their wills. Legacy income received in recent years has enabled the charity to substantially expand its work throughout Greece and particularly the vital neutering programmes.

Most testators are known to our admin volunteer and GAR always approaches executors to establish whether the testator had expressed any preference regarding how their legacy should be spent or whether there is a particular part of Greece they wished to help and the request is almost always neutering. Legacies remain unpredictable and cannot be relied upon when planning the charity's longer-term expenditure.

Investment Income

Investment income increased substantially from £24k in 2024 to £72k in 2025. During the year GAR continued to hold significant funds in interest-bearing and fixed-term accounts while the trustees considered the most appropriate longer-term strategy for managing the charity's accumulated funds.

Fundraising and Other Income

Fundraising income decreased from £15k to £10k. Other income which includes merchandise sales increased from approximately £5k to £15k.

GAR remains managed entirely by volunteers and we are extremely grateful to everyone who fundraises, attends events, sells merchandise, creates the calendar, manages sales and online sales and otherwise gives their time to support our work.

Expenditure

Total expenditure increased from £550k in 2024 to £623k in 2025, an increase of approximately 13%. Greek rescue expenditure increased from £506k to £572k, reflecting the trustees' planned use of accumulated legacy funds to significantly increase GAR's direct animal welfare work in Greece.

The direction of expenditure during 2025 also reflects the strategy outlined in our previous Trustees' Report: to reduce expenditure associated with boarding and transport where possible and direct more resources towards neutering, food and medical assistance including treatment for individual animals within Greece. We are helping more animals this way.

Greek Rescue Expenses

Neutering expenditure increased from £266k to £303k, reflecting the record 8,754 animals sterilised during the year. Veterinary and medical costs increased from £110k to £144k as GAR continued to receive substantial requests for assistance with individual animals and preventative medical treatment. Food expenditure increased from £46k to £58k.

Boarding costs reduced substantially from £9k to £3k and transport expenditure reduced from £32k to £29k. Equipment expenditure was approximately £6k and other grants for regular support on Salamina and Kos amounted to approximately £30k. These figures demonstrate GAR's expenditure towards preventative work and direct assistance to animals within Greece.

2025 Neutering Geography Report

GAR's 2025 neutering programme reached a very wide geographical area across mainland Greece and the islands. The Athens total covers many suburbs. The detailed project records total 7,153 cats and 1,601 dogs, giving the confirmed annual total of 8,754 animals.

Area	Cats	Dogs	Total
Aegina	380	0	380
Amfissa	20	25	45
Andros	750	30	780
Argolida	30	0	30
Athens	738	28	766
Attiki	30	0	30
Chios	300	0	300
Corfu	25	37	62
Crete	25	75	100
Drama	30	38	68
Edessa	100	0	100
Evia	1009	318	1327
Grevenon	0	44	44
Halkida	107	50	157
Halkidiki	125	20	145
Igoumenitsa	100	50	150
Ioannina	60	0	60
Kallithea	165	0	165
Kastoria	0	20	20
Keratsini	10	0	10
Kimolos and Polyaigos	25	0	25
Kivotos	50	50	100
Koropi	42	22	64
Kozani	0	61	61
Kyparissa	100	0	100
Lefkada	217	0	217
Leptokarya	25	0	25
Loutraki	50	0	50
Meganisi	62	0	62
Megara	315	163	478
Mesolonghi	0	30	30
Messinia	50	6	56
Nea Anchialos	30	30	60
Patra	85	75	160
Paxos	0	35	35
Pireaus	100	0	100

Area	Cats	Dogs	Total
Porto Rafti	190	30	220
Preveza	49	34	83
Psara	60	2	62
Pyrgos	0	2	2
Rafina	70	3	73
Rhodes	140	10	150
Salamina	100	0	100
Samos	199	0	199
Schistos	100	0	100
Serres	50	40	90
Sifnos	80	0	80
Thassos	60	0	60
Thessaloniki	270	77	347
Tinos	415	0	415
Volos	215	176	391
Xanthi	0	20	20
TOTAL	**7,153**	**1,601**	**8,754**

UK Rescue Expenses

UK rescue expenditure increased from £16k to £29k during 2025. The largest element was boarding expenditure of £14k together with veterinary and medical costs of £13k. Food and transport costs made up the remainder. These costs primarily relate to GAR's continuing responsibility to provide appropriate back-up for animals rehomed through the charity.

Financial Reserves Policy

The trustees reviewed the charity's reserves policy during 2025. Although GAR continues to hold substantial funds as a result of generous legacies received in recent years, legacy income cannot be relied upon and regular donations decreased significantly during the year.

The charity's expenditure has also increased considerably as we have expanded our neutering, medical and food programmes throughout Greece. Total expenditure during 2025 was £623k, of which £572k related to Greek rescue expenditure.

The trustees therefore consider that an unrestricted reserve of £500k is now appropriate to provide sufficient financial security to enable GAR to continue its established programmes and meet its commitments during a period when future income remains uncertain. The reserves policy will continue to be reviewed annually.

Funds held above the agreed reserve are intended to be used over future years to further GAR's charitable objectives, including the continued neutering projects, medical and food programmes. The trustees consider it important that substantial legacy income is used in a planned and sustainable way to achieve long-term benefit for animals rather than creating unsustainable short-term commitments.

Restricted Funds

GAR continued to honour the wishes associated with the designated legacy for the island of Samos. At the end of 2024, the remaining designated balance was £3,100. During 2025 approximately £3,800 was spent supporting neutering on Samos, fully utilising the remaining designated funds, with the additional expenditure met from GAR's unrestricted funds. The trustees remain committed to ensuring that designated funds are used in accordance with the wishes associated with them.

Investment Policy

During 2025 the trustees continued to review how the charity's substantial reserves could be managed most effectively whilst ensuring that sufficient funds remained readily available to meet GAR's charitable commitments.

At the end of 2025 the trustees were reviewing the longer-term investment of the charity's accumulated funds, with the aim of balancing security, accessibility, income and long-term growth.

Trustees' Response to the Independent Examiner's Report and Future Goals

The trustees recognise that GAR has again been fortunate to receive substantial legacy income during 2025. However, legacy income cannot be relied upon and the significant reduction in regular charity donations remains an important consideration when planning future expenditure.

Despite income decreasing, the trustees made the planned decision to increase expenditure on all GAR's charitable objectives in 2025 using funds accumulated from generous legacies.

2025 was GAR's most successful year to date for neutering, with 8,754 animals neutered throughout Greece, alongside increased support for animals requiring medical treatment and food.

GAR intends to continue funding larger-scale neutering projects where these provide effective and cost-efficient means of addressing stray animal overpopulation, whilst maintaining support for smaller projects and individual animal welfare volunteers. The trustees are particularly encouraged by the development of the large-scale programme on Andros, GAR's largest island neutering project to date, together with major work on Evia and new projects on the islands of Tinos and Chios.

We would also like to acknowledge our social media volunteer, who ensures that GAR's social media platforms (Facebook, X, Instagram, TikTok, Threads and Bluesky) are updated daily. GAR intends to launch a YouTube presence in 2026. TikTok was launched in 2025, helping us reach a new and slightly younger audience. There has also been excellent growth across our other social media platforms, helped by the regular engaging content produced by our volunteer.

We were also delighted that BAFTA-winning screenwriter Sarah Phelps, who adopted a Greek dog, became a patron of GAR during 2025. Sarah visited Greece accompanied by our social media volunteer, travelling to Athens, Evia, Karditsa and Kavala. During the visit they met many of the rescuers GAR supports, including volunteers who visit schools to promote the importance of animal welfare, and witnessed a large-scale neutering project in action. Sarah's subsequent report appropriately highlighted the importance of both the "clinic and the classroom" in improving animal welfare.

We remain extremely grateful to our supporters, volunteers, executors, veterinary teams and animal welfare volunteers throughout Greece. Their continued support enabled GAR to achieve the largest neutering programme in the charity's history and substantially increase the number of animals helped during 2025.

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Greek Animal Rescue

I report on the accounts of the above for the year ended 30th November 2025

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The 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 2012 (the charities act) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

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 any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. My examination included 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 such matters. The procedures do not cover all evidence that would be required of an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair reflection and the report is limited on this basis.

Independent Examiners Report

The charity has once again made a significant profit for the year, with large legacies once again making a major contribution. A significant amount of interest continues to be generated from investments.

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Greek Animal Rescue

Income & Expenditure account for the year ended 30th November 2025.

	2025	2024
Donations & Subscriptions	165,891	219,514
Legacies	638,263	718,537
Fundraising	10,448	15,209
Investment Income	72,464	24,091
Other Income	14,533	5,374
Total Income	901,599	982,725
Expenses		
Greek Rescue Expenses	571,775	505,705
UK Rescue Expenses	29,389	16,127
Office Services	5,895	7,788
PPS & Journals	5,554	4,650
Advertising & Publicity	1,106	1.282
Merchandising	4,761	3,257
Designated Donations	4,525	10,747
Total Expenses	623,005	549,541
Profit/ (Loss) for the year	278,594	433,184
Balance Brought Forward	1,787,195	1,354,011
Balance Carried Forward	2,065,789	1,787,195
Represented By		
Treasurers Account	27,248	33,139
Treasurers Account (2)	1,055	1,979
30 Day Account	1,635,829	561,762
COIF Account	15,000	15,000
Fixed Deposits	305,124	1,005,125
Unity Trust	13,907	113,571
Paypal/cash I Hand	10,200	3,150
Nochex account	57,426	53,460
	2,065,789	1,787,195

Approved by the board of Trustees on 9th September 2026 and signed on its behalf.

Laura Tregent	Gillian Samarasekera
Trustee	Trustee

Notes to the accounts:

Greek Rescue Expenses		UK Rescue Expenses
Board	3,121	14,025
Equipment	5,747	
Food	57,811	1,356
Grant	29,596	
Neutering	302,648	
Transport	29,127	805
Vet/Medical	143,725	13,203
Total	571,775	29,389