



Saving and Rehoming Strays SCIO
Registered Charity No. SC051584



Trustees Annual Report 2025

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Chairperson's Message

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As Chairperson of the Board, I am pleased to present our Annual Report for 2024–2025.

This report offers a comprehensive overview of our activities over the past year, including our ongoing mission and financial position. Our organisation remains dedicated to rescuing and rehoming dogs across the UK and partnering with trusted organisations in Europe to identify dogs in need. We believe in rescue without borders—that every dog, regardless of location, deserves the chance to find a loving, permanent home.

Now in our third year, we've continued to build upon the solid foundation laid in our first two years. We welcomed many new dogs—and even a few cats—into our care, and remained focused on enhancing our rescue site and strengthening our presence within the local community. Expanding our volunteer base and creating a safe, enriching environment for the animals we serve has been a key focus. These efforts have had a meaningful impact not only on the lives of the animals, but also on the individuals and families who have welcomed them into their homes.

In the pages that follow, you'll find a detailed account of the initiatives undertaken by our dedicated team over the past year in pursuit of these goals.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of animals in need.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louise Lee".

Sincerely,
Louise Lee
Chairperson of the Board



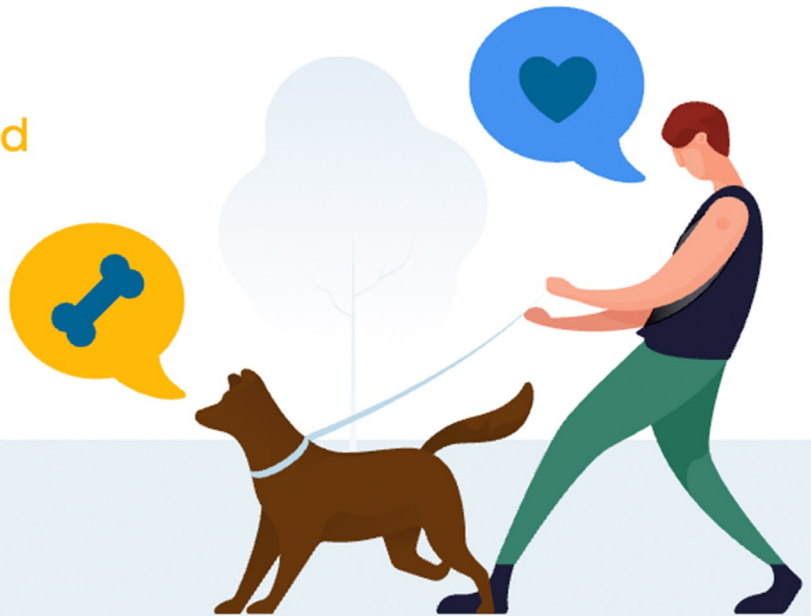
About the Organisation

The organisation was founded in 2022 to provide sanctuary, rehabilitation and find homes for the animals in our care.

Saving and Rehoming Strays SCIO was formed by a small group of volunteers who had been involved in dog rescue for many years. They wanted to formalise their activities under charitable status and be able to utilise the new opportunities this would bring to further support their dog rescue and sanctuary work. The charity was founded by Claire Louise Revis (now General Manager) registered in February 2022 and formally launched on the 1st April 2022



Our organisation is a registered charity and relies on donations from the community and public to support our work.



Growing the Charity

Our third year as a charity saw changes to our team as we looked to add key skills important to our continued growth. At the same time we continued support for the dogs in our care and further develop the best environment for them to thrive and hopefully find new homes.

Building our Team

Our board of trustees currently comprises of 4 members, each of whom also take on support activities over and above trustee responsibilities to help run the rescue. This includes fundraising, administrative and on site volunteer support.

The rescue is also supported by a General Manager (also our founder) who is employed part time and lives on site to ensure the dogs in our care are permanently supervised.

We also have a fantastic, and growing team of volunteers that support with on and off site activities and fundraising and we continue to look for volunteers to support us.

Our Team

We are a small charity and are formed by a close-knit team who all work so hard to make our charity what it is today. So come along and meet the team...



Founder and General Manager

For anyone who knows the charity, Claire needs absolutely no introduction! She is our founder and was involved in dog rescue long before Saving and Rehoming Strays became a formal charity (for over 13 years now!). During this time, Claire has worked tirelessly to save and rehome countless dogs (and...

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Ambassadors

Well we wouldn't be a very good dog rescue without some doggos on the board would we?? We have 2 Ambassadors (Stella & Suki) who represent SRS and are excellent role models in demonstrating additional physical needs should never hold you back! Stella is paralysed but certainly never lets this sto...

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Chairperson

Louise is our charity Chairperson and is one of the most organised and dedicated people you could hope to meet. There is a whole bunch of admin and organising that goes in to running a charity that's hard to list (we'd be here all day!). Never one to shy away from work, Louise is always willing to step...

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Treasurer

Cath is our wonderful treasurer who keeps track of all the pennies coming and going! It's no mean task and she does an amazing job. As a small charity that relies entirely on donations and grants, we have to be very sensible with our spendings - but we also want to make sure the dogs in our rescue receive...

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Grants Coordinator

As a small charity, a significant portion of our income comes from grants and we are always so grateful for every generous donation we receive. Grant submissions are a big part of allowing us to continue to run as we do, and Sally is the woman for the job! She is always there to put SRS on the map and...

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Secretary

Probably better known for her other role (as dog-mum to our Ambassador Suki), she is also the Secretary for SRS. Katie is involved in replying to any correspondence that comes in for the charity as well as organising and documenting regular meetings and catch ups between the team members to ke...

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Volunteers

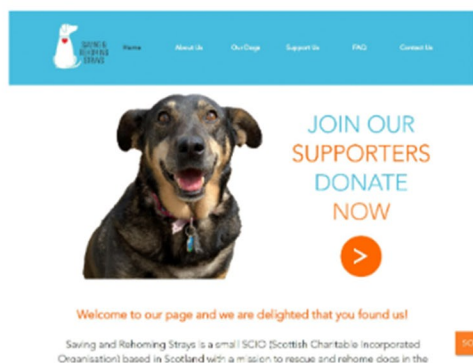
We are so lucky to have an amazing group of dedicated volunteers who give up their time to help us in our mission. No task is too big, and we count ourselves very lucky for the support they provide. It is abundantly clear that each and every one of them loves the doggos in our care and wants the...

Click this link to see the full team details on our website

<https://www.savingandrehomingstrays.org/about-us>



Growing the Charity continued

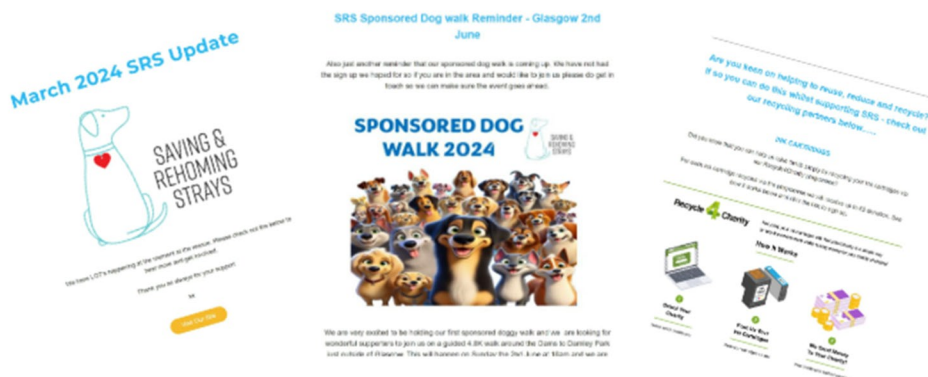


Online and Social presence

Our website continues to be the base from which we share information about our rescue. We have launched regular newsletters to showcase our events and fundraising opportunities and aim to grow our marketing sign ups over 2025. In Year 2 we had 11491 hits and 7055 unique visitors and in year 3 we continued to grow to 14771 hits and 8408 unique visitors.

To supplement this with our social media presence we have a Facebook page with over 5.7K followers (a growth of over 2000 since last April), a community page (4.9K followers) and a Twitter and Instagram profile. We use these platforms to advertise our dogs as well as the events and fundraisers being held. We hope to grow our YouTube and Twitter presence in 2025.

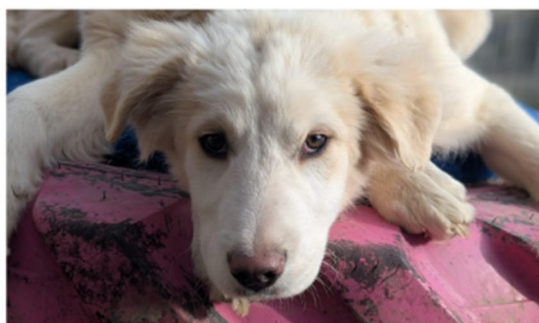
In addition we utilise Pets4Homes, Rescue Scottish Pets, Dogsblog, Wamiz and Oldies to advertise the dogs looking for homes.



In addition we have appeared on a local news station, in the Ayr local paper and we have also launched our Promotional video on the website and on YouTube - see QR code to access



Developments at our rescue site



Our rehoming center in Ayr offers a unique, kennel-free approach to dog rescue, setting us apart from many traditional shelters. Approximately 50% of the dogs in our care live inside the house, while the remaining dogs reside in carefully designed, spacious outbuildings. These facilities are structured to accommodate dogs in compatible social groups, allowing them to play, exercise, and relax together, while also enjoying regular interaction with our volunteers.

Each area of the center is thoughtfully named to reflect the needs and personalities of the dogs who live there. For example, The Giants' Pawsway provides a home for our larger dogs, while Scaredy Pants Corner offers a calm, supportive environment for our more anxious residents to build confidence at their own pace. Centre Barks serves as our dedicated activity and agility space, and The Wonky Zone is tailored to the needs of our less able-bodied and paralysed dogs, ensuring they receive the care and enrichment they deserve.

In our third year, we have continued to invest in and enhance the site to ensure the highest level of comfort, safety, and quality of life for every dog in our care.

Custom made wheeled crates make cleaning much easier whilst providing multi-level accessible beds for the dogs and double as a safe feeding area when the doors are closed at meal times.



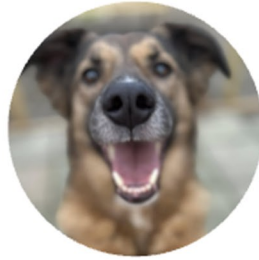
Developments at our rescue site continued



We were delighted to allocate a portion of our fundraising income toward the development of the new SRS office—an essential addition to our facilities. This purpose-built space provides a warm, dry, and welcoming environment where adopters can complete the necessary paperwork after meeting their new companions. It also serves as a comfortable rest area for our volunteers and a functional space for organising and sorting incoming donations. The office has quickly become a valuable hub of activity and support at the heart of our rescue operations.



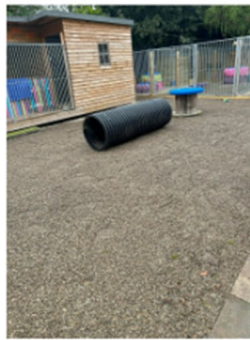
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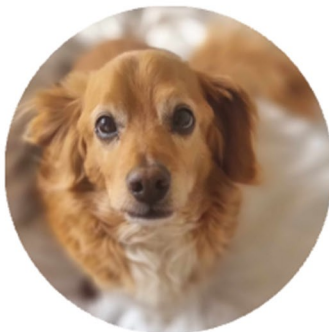
We improved our Pooh Corner kennel with insulation and a low window for the dogs to monitor their 'grounds'.



We completed landscaping of the turfed areas to make it safer for our on site team and easier to clean and maintain.



Welcome to Vanda – our new charity van



One of our most significant investments to date has been the purchase of our dedicated charity van, fondly named Vanda. After a period of careful saving and targeted fundraising, we were thrilled to seize the opportunity to acquire a vehicle that met all of our operational needs. Vanda is fully equipped with custom-built crates and ventilation systems, ensuring the safe and secure transport of dogs in our care.

Since joining the team, Vanda has proven to be an invaluable asset—supporting everything from donation collections and veterinary visits to transporting supplies and equipment to community events across the region



Putting pennies in the pot!

Fundraising has been a key focus of the last year in order to fund the projects you have seen and to keep the rescue going month to month.



We would like to take the opportunity to highlight some of the ways we have been fundraising for the past year.

Sponsored Dog Walk

Lot's of our lovely supporters and their dogs participated in our 5K dog walk with the amazing Dams to Darnley Country Park Ranger. Each dog went home with a goody bag and we raised £1923



Charity Skydive

Our Chairperson took the biggest leap - out of a plane and raised £2460

Putting pennies in the pot!

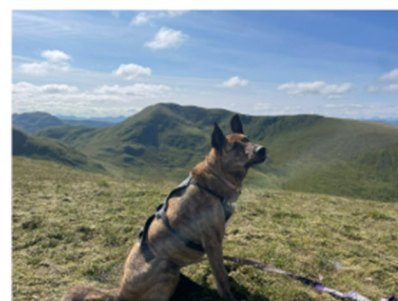


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Our first **Christmas Fair** ran at a local club brought in lot's of visitors and raised over **£4000**

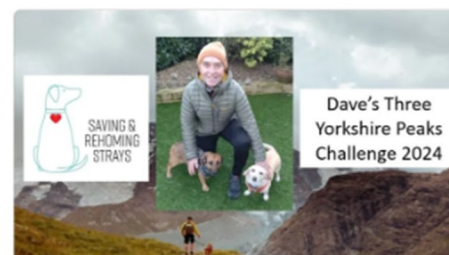


SUKIS bagged her FIRST MUNRO and raised an incredible **£2070**



James Coughlan completed the **Ten Percent Tour** and raised **£1100**

Dave Oxley completed the **Three Peaks challenge** and raised **£1185**



Putting pennies in the pot!



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We attended the **Ayr Community Summer Fair** and got to meet lots of fabulous local people and some of our SRS Alumni.



We took the opportunity to have a week in the **Maybole Charity Shop**. This was HUGE effort both in preparation and the running of the shop fully supported by our amazing team of volunteers. We raised over £2500 with our 'everything £1' sale and tombola and the charity who owns the shop confirmed we broke all previous fundraising targets and commended the professional pricing structure and management of the shop.



Putting pennies in the pot!



Our biggest event was THE BIG WAG - Year 2!!

Held in September 2024 we ran our second (now annual) Big Wag event with over 17 volunteers on the day running numerous stalls including Cakes, Water or Wine, Tombola, Raffles, Have a Go agility, Photo booth etc. We even had a doggy tarot card reader, doggy caricaturist, doggy art and welly wanging so lots to keep both humans and their furry companions busy.

We also had 5 fun dog show categories all kindly sponsored by local businesses. The event raised over **£4100** and it was amazing to see so many of our SRS dogs making an appearance.



Other fundraising activities



Christmas Cards, mugs and Calendars!

Raised over **£960**

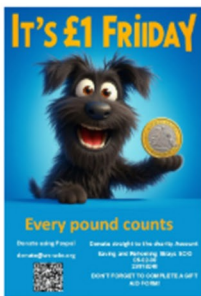
Ayrshire Alps Challenge - £550

Firewalk - £535

Kiltwalk - £730

Jewellery Auction - £700

PLUS Auctions, Clothes sales, £1 Friday, Car Boots, Table top fair, Country Fairs, Puzzle auctions, Doggy Christmas and Birthday boxes, Open Days and being part of the Doggy Lottery all contributed to our fundraising efforts.



Charity Partnerships

In 2024 we were delighted to continue our partnership with Jollyes Glenrothes

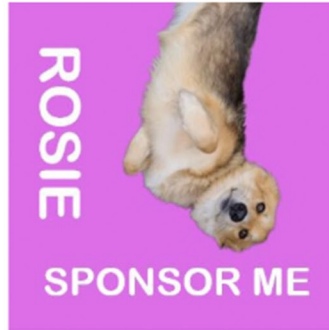


Since the beginning of our partnership, Jollyes and their customers have shown outstanding generosity, consistently donating food, toys, treats, and other essential items. These contributions have played a vital role in supporting the daily care of our dogs and have also helped bolster our fundraising efforts. Our team has had the pleasure of visiting the store with our Ambassador Dogs to engage with customers and share more about our rescue work. These events have been a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness and build lasting connections within the community.

We are delighted to announce that Jollyes East Kilbride will be joining our partnership in 2025, and we look forward to expanding our collaboration in the year ahead.



Other fundraising activities



Dog Sponsorship


Our sponsor a dog campaign allows supporters to make a monthly donation and in return they receive 3 updates a year on the dog they have sponsored. We currently have 57 sponsors (16 up on last year) bringing in just under £1000 a month.

Be Brilliant and Sponsor Me!

Hello my name is **TRAVIS**. I am known as one of the 00's of Dog Central as I have been here for a while. I have lots of friends here as they all accept me for who I am. I have wonky hips you see but I do not let that stop me. I walk with what I like to call my Hip Hop. :)

If you would like to sponsor me you can take a photo of the squiggly box below.

Love and ticks xxx



"Travis was rescued as a puppy and we were told by the vets in Romania that he was paralysed and had neurological issues. Upon his arrival in the UK I 100% knew this could not be correct and took him to my vets to have his hips x-rayed. It was then that we discovered that what was actually really wrong with him and that was that his hips joints had never developed so he had severe and permanent hip dysplasia. He doesn't let this bother him and has his own unique way of getting around and is the happiest of souls."



We are looking for sponsors for our long term residents. If you would like to sponsor one of our lovely dogs you can visit the website at www.savingandrehomingstrays.org or scan the QR code for more information. Alternatively you can email us at sponsor@srs-scio.org



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Grant Request



To find out more about our work with dogs in our care, please visit our website at www.savingandrehomingstrays.org
(Please copy and paste the following in your browser if not being digitally viewed)

Grant Applications

One of the reasons we applied for charity status is so that we could take advantage of available grants to support our activities. We made 42 grant applications in the last year (up from 25 last year) and we were successful with the following:

J + JR WILSON TRUST

Persula Foundation

Stafford Trust

Animal Friends Insurance

James T Howat Charitable Trust

Dr Elizabeth Anderson Calder Memorial Trust

Edith Murphy Charitable Trust

We would like to say thank you to all the grant givers for their support of our small charity.



Doing it for the dogs!



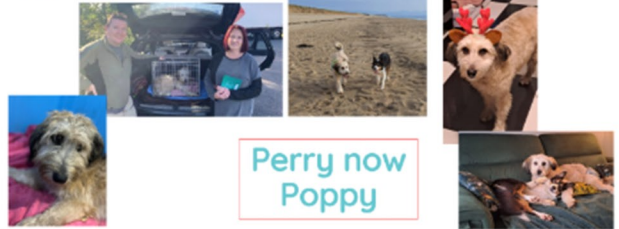
The Adoption Process

Our dogs are advertised on multiple sites to raise their profile and to try and find them a wonderful home. This includes our website, Facebook, X, Instagram, Pets4Homes, Wamiz, Rescue Scottish Pets, Oldies and DogsBlog.

Our process includes providing detailed information on what families should expect when they adopt a rescue dog, a detailed application form followed by a virtual homecheck and review of a video tour of their home and garden. If a dog and family are matched our general manager will have a thorough discussion regarding the dog and its needs and all being well a meet and greet is arranged (where possible). Adoptions are formalised with a contract and we provide a general training plan to help dogs settle into their new home and specific training plans for any behaviour that may be expected due to the dogs history. We continue to provide support for our adoptive families and in the worst case scenario we offer rescue back-up.



I've been adopted! ♥



The Results

- General enquiries received through the website - 361
- Enquiries received via other platforms – 46 (Dogsblog)
- Adoption forms completed - 415
- Homechecks completed - 90
- Adoptions completed – 86
- Dogs adopted with agreed medical care support - 1
- 13 dogs returned to rescue back-up/ failed adoptions (1 dog was returned twice through no fault of their own - counted twice). 9 of these dogs have since been re-adopted.
- **16 dogs taken from other UK rescues/families** unable to take care of their dogs
- Total dogs in care – averages around 30-35 in sanctuary/long term rehabilitation/assessment and 15-20 dogs up for adoption. This changes over time.

Since launching we have found permanent homes for 220 dogs



Making a difference

Adopter Testimonials



Daisy and Dougal

We adopted Daisy & Dougal who found themselves back at SRS through no fault of theirs. As soon as we saw their profile we knew we had to apply for them.

We have adopted from SRS before, we were blessed to have Billy in our lives for 6 years until he passed away.

We applied for the adoption of Daisy and Dougal and went through the process of interviews and home checks. This time we had the opportunity to visit DC to collect them. What a fantastic rescue centre Claire and the team are running.

We had a big hole in our lives after losing Billy, Daisy & Dougal have filled that hole with so much love and fun.

Thank you to everyone who helps with SRS you are all amazing at caring for the animals who find themselves in need.



Luci

After losing our beloved dog of 13 years, we decided to adopt another rescue dog as a companion for our remaining rescue dog 'Mio'. We found the SRS online and we were so impressed with their set-up and saw that the dogs were so well cared for and loved.

After submitting our application, we were quickly contacted by them to arrange a home visit, which was very professionally done. Within a few days we received an email to say our adoption application was successful and arranged a 'meet & greet' with our chosen dog Luci. Claire, the manager, met us at the centre where we spent some time getting to know Luci along with plenty of advice and a few comical stories from her about her love, passion and commitment to these amazing dogs.

This wonderful team go above and beyond to ensure that the dogs are fit and healthy before they are put up for adoption and they are more than happy to help with any advice needed once you have taken your special pooch home.



Bandit

I recently had the amazing opportunity to adopted Bandit (was Sebastian) from the very lovely Claire and the team at SRS team up in Ayr.

From the first contact with my initial interest in adopting an older dog the team were so thorough in checking he would be well suited to my home, which has now become our home.

The whole process was so smooth but also with the dogs safety, care, love and comfort in mind. It was really nice to eventually meet Claire at the meet and greet and collection of Mr Bandit.

I really can't thank thank Claire and her fabulous team for everything, and all the hard work they put in to saving those dogs in need. Bandit is now a local star in the village and loves his adventures and car rides. He is thoroughly enjoying his retirement! Xx

Making a difference

Adopter Testimonials



*From SRS
to
Happily Ever After!*



Making a difference

Our Volunteers

Our dedicated team of volunteers continues to grow, and their ongoing support remains vital to the success of both our on-site operations and fundraising events. Their commitment and enthusiasm make a meaningful difference in the lives of the dogs in our care, helping to create a positive, enriching environment at SRS Dog Central (DC). Beyond the hard work, our volunteers find great fulfilment in knowing they are contributing to the wellbeing and happiness of every dog we support. And of course, after a productive day, a well-earned cup of tea and some well-deserved dog cuddles are always close at hand.



"Being a volunteer is truly wonderful. Getting to spend time with the dogs makes you be in the moment, you can not think about anything else that is going on you are just in that moment. Some people may say that dog's don't understand but I do think they can sense emotions and they never ever fail to put a smile on my face.

It is such hard work for Claire and everything she has to deal with but with her spirit and the dogs it is a truly magical place to be. I have been a volunteer for a while now and it has helped me get through some difficult stuff and now as my mum is in hospice it helps me to keep putting one foot in front of the other and for that I could not be more thankful."

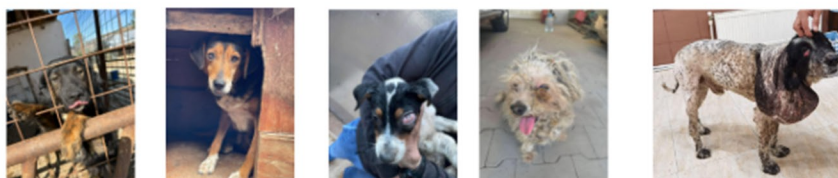
"As a volunteer at SRS dog rescue in Ayr, I can't recommend this fantastic charity highly enough. The quality of care, the level of comfort and accommodation for our dog residents and the team spirit among volunteers is second to none. I've been volunteering for eight years now and the time has flown by. Rewarding and emotionally touching in equal measure. Never doubt your capacity for compassion and making a difference."



Challenges & Reflections

As with any charity, especially in dog rescue there have been many challenges to overcome.

As a relatively young charity, we continue to navigate the challenges that come with establishing a firm footing—particularly in the competitive landscape of animal rescue. While we've received encouraging feedback on our annual report, securing grants and developing corporate partnerships remains a significant hurdle. Despite distributing nearly 100 corporate partnership packs, we have yet to receive a response. Additionally, our international rescue work has proven to be a barrier to accessing funding from some of the larger UK-based animal welfare grant providers. Nonetheless, we remain steadfast in our commitment to helping dogs wherever the need is greatest. Our rescue model includes both international and UK-based dogs, and we will continue to offer support domestically when appropriate.



With three years of operation now behind us—and with transparent financials and annual reports available—we remain hopeful that increased credibility will open more doors to grants, partnerships, and major donations. However, we recognise that our strong community fundraising efforts may unintentionally give the impression that we are less in need of financial support, despite the considerable time and resources required to sustain them. As a result, a substantial portion of our team's time is devoted to organising and delivering fundraising events, time that could otherwise be spent growing our reach and securing permanent homes for the dogs in our care.

Like many rescues, we continue to experience high volumes of surrender requests. Many of these involve dogs adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic, who missed out on crucial early training and socialisation, or whose owners' circumstances have changed. Due to limited space, we work closely with families to offer behavioural guidance and, where appropriate, provide rescue back-up for dogs previously adopted through SRS. For cases involving aggression, we require behavioural assessments and, when feasible, explore rehoming solutions that avoid the need for dogs to return to the rescue—minimising stress for the animals involved.

We have also observed a decline in suitable adoption applications, with dogs remaining in our care longer than in previous years. This has slowed the rate at which we can take in new rescues. In response, we continue to actively promote our dogs and provide a safe, stimulating, and nurturing environment as they await their forever homes.

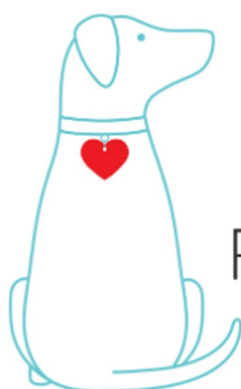
This year also brought unexpected operational challenges, including weather-related disruptions. Storm damage resulted in the loss of the roof on our donation shed, prompting us to restructure our donation sorting and storage systems to improve efficiency. We also invested in pruning perimeter trees to mitigate future risk and better protect our facilities.



Looking to the year ahead

Our plans for the next year are to continue to build on the foundations of our last three years, grow the profile and awareness of our charity and continue to improve the environment for the dogs in our care, especially those in sanctuary or rehabilitation, and find wonderful new homes for those that are ready. This will include looking to grow our social media presence and look for new ways to partner with local businesses.

Our next year will be pivotal for the growth of the charity and our ability to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home as many dogs as we are able with the support of your team and supporters.



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Structure Governance and Management

Governing Document

The trust was created by a constitution dated 28 January 2022 as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Approved as a charity on the 11th Feb 2022 and formally launched on 01 April 2022.

Recruitment and Appointment of new Trustees

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the terms of the constitution. Application for trusteeship must be made in writing to the board and each application will be considered at a subsequent board meeting. The minimum number of Trustees is 3 and the maximum is 6. At each AGM all of the trustees must retire but then may be re-elected along with any member elected by the membership.

The trustees are not remunerated for their services

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity number SC051584

Principal Address

43 Cedar Place, East Kilbride, South Lanarkshire, G75 9HT

Board of Trustees (as of 1st April 2024)

Louise Lee – Chair
Catherine Marshall – Treasurer
Katie Gardner – Secretary (end date 24th May 2025)
Sally Collins – Trustee

NEW TRUSTEES AS OF 24TH MAY 2025 FOR RECORDS

Blythe Crichton – Trustee
Beth Begley – Secretary

Bankers

Virgin Money

Independent Examiner

Jennifer Brearley

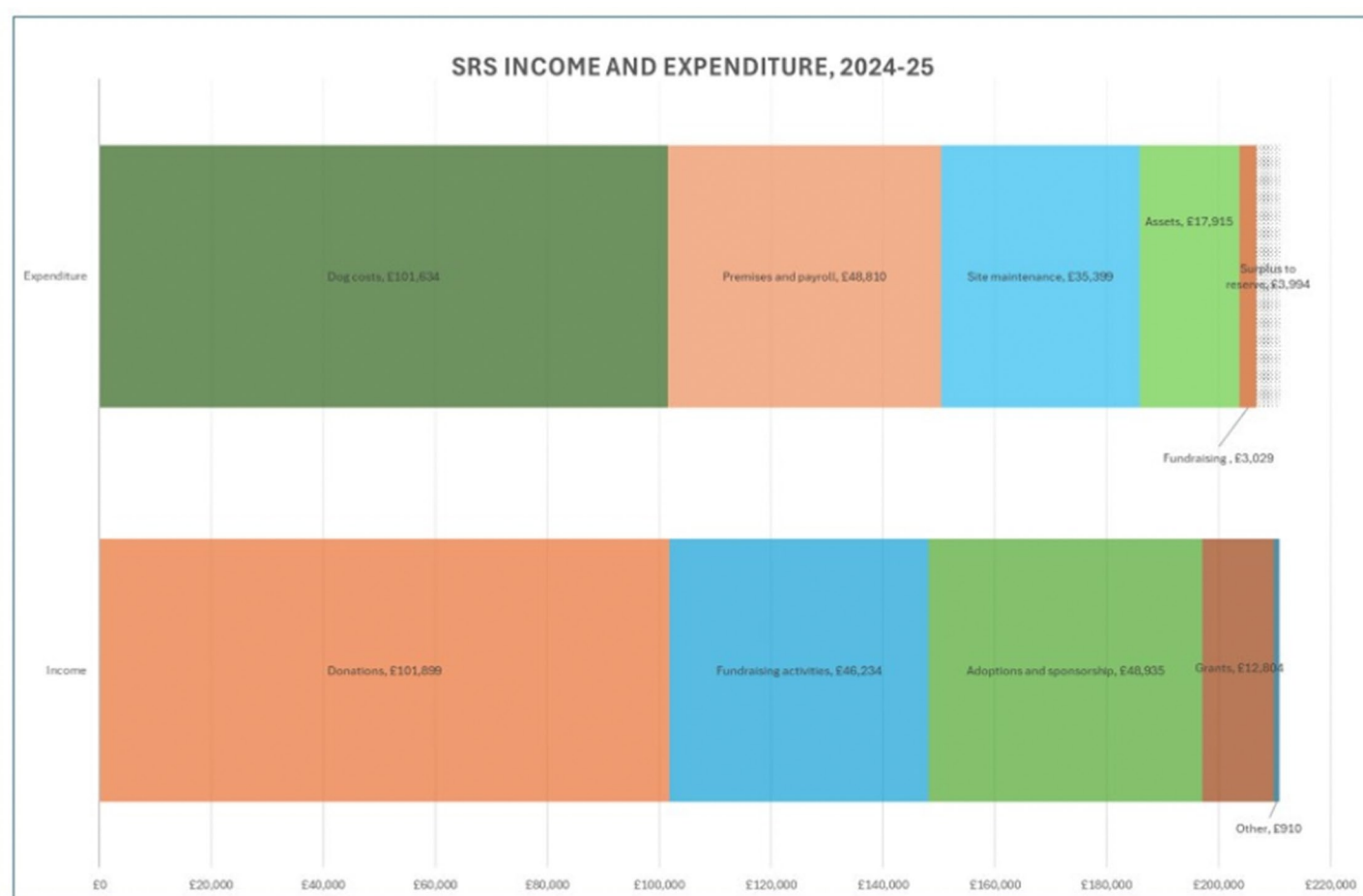


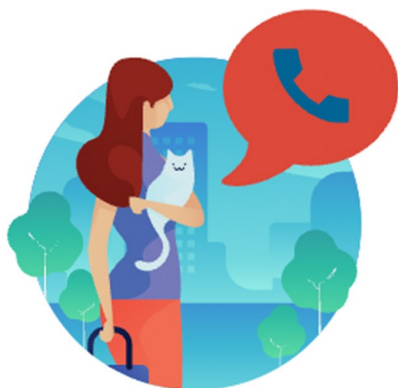
Financial Statements

The following shows a top level summary of the organization's financial statements for the year April 2024/2025

Our current target is to have 2 months of reserves which has been maintained throughout the last year.

Full audited financial statements and reserves policy can be found in appendix 1





Contact Us

If you would like to learn more information about the organisation, would like to donate and/or help organise an event, please contact us at:



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Appendix 1 – Final Accounts and Reserves Policy

Saving and Rehoming Strays

Income and Expenditure Account – For the period 1-April-2024 to 31-March 2025

	Note:	Unrestricted Funds 2024/2025 £	Restricted Funds 2024/2025 £	Total 2024/25 £	Total 2023/24 £
Income from:					
Donations	1	94,304	7,595	101,899	79,830
Receipts from fundraising activities	2	46,234		46,234	35,455
Adoptions and sponsorship	3	48,935		48,935	33,655
Grants	4	2,200	10,604	12,804	10,148
Other		910		910	467
Total Income		192,583	18,199	210,782	159,555
Expenditure on:					
Dog Costs	5	101,634		101,634	76,065
Premises and management	6	48,810		48,810	67,038
Site maintenance and improvements	7	29,795	5,604	35,399	0
Assets	8	5,320	12,595	17,915	1,530
Fundraising	2	3,029		3,029	1,876
Total Expenditure		188,589	18,199	206,787	146,509
Net Surplus (+ve) / Deficit (-ve)		3,994	0	3,994	13,046

Notes:

- Donations:** The majority of Donations are of a general nature with £7,595 being logged to specific purposes. Reclaimed GiftAid totalled £14,504.
- Fundraising activities:** This comprises a variety of activities undertaken throughout the year with events held raising £24,775, auctions raising £10,389, and £1 Friday raised £4,347. Costs relating to fund raising included pitch fees at events, marketing and sundries.
- Adoptions** comprise the majority of the total (£40,135) and the remainder is **sponsorship** of long term dogs (£8,800).
- Grants:** In addition to donations to specific purposes a number of grants have been received, of which the majority were restricted. Restricted funds have gone towards landscaping and turfing (£5104), insulated kennels (£500) and the majority of expenditure was the purchase of a specially equipped vehicle to transport dogs and attend fundraising events (£12,595).
- Dog costs** include £37,738 Vet costs, £15,806 Food, £12,000 to support dogs boarded in Romania prior to travel, £19,049 Transport and £17,041 equipment, grooming and consumables.
- Premises and payroll costs** comprise:
 - £18,216 Pay, the payroll service is provided by Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector.
 - £10,906 Utilities
 - £9,600 Rent
 - £2,539 Waste, including portable toilet for the site
 - £1,806 Council Tax
 - £1,126 Licencing and Insurance
- Site maintenance and improvements** is split into £20,153 labour costs and £15,245 for materials and equipment. This includes repairs following storm damage.
- Assets** include purchasing the van used by the Charity £14,100 plus insurance crates etc and a washing machine £485. Any deficit relating to restricted grants is covered by use of unrestricted funds,

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Saving and Rehoming Strays Balance sheet – as at 31 March 2025

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Balance held at Bank	30,152	25,919
Balance held in Paypal Account	0	44
Cash in Hand	218	413
Total Assets	30,370	26,376
Opening Balance as at 31-March 2024	26,376	13,331
Surplus for the period to 31-March 2025	3,994	13,046
Rounding adjustment	0	-1
Closing Balance as at 31-March 2024	30,370	26,376

This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses within the accounting period on a receipts and payment basis. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The Trustees have approved a reserves policy based on the uncertain and irregular nature of income compared to the regular and increasing costs of running the charity and the dog costs of holding a minimum of 2 months expenditure. Any unrestricted funds held above the level of reserves at the end of the year will be spent or designated for a future specific project.

The organisation is entitled to exemption from the audit requirement due to level of income and expenditure.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.



C Marshall

Treasurer / Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report To the Trustees of Saving and Rehoming Strays

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period 1-April-2024 to 31-March 2025 which are summarised in the annual report and detailed below.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations;

Have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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29 June 2025

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Saving and Rehoming Strays SCIO (SRS) Reserves Policy 2025–2026

Saving and Rehoming Strays is a Scottish based charity with the sole purpose of advancing animal welfare and is managed by a Board of Trustees. The charity was registered with the OSCR in February 2022 and formally launched in April 2022.

In its third financial year to April 2025, SRS generated an income of £210,781. The primary sources of this income were donations, grants, fundraising activities, sponsorship, and dog adoptions. In the same period, SRS incurred expenditure of £206,787 including ongoing site maintenance & improvements, dog costs, utilities, and a part-time salary for our 1 member of staff. As a result, SRS was left with a surplus of £30,370 which has been carried forward into the 2025–2026 financial year. Approximately £5,500 of this surplus is ringfenced for outstanding costs due to one of our rescue partners in Romanian.

With the addition of 'Vanda' (our specially equipped vehicle for transporting dogs and attending fundraising events), and the continuing rise in the cost of living, the average monthly running costs for the charity have increased to circa £10,000. The charity bank account has had a surplus of circa £20,000 (not including the £5,500 detailed above) for several months. The charity operates a financial projection which includes the current bank balance along with anticipated income/expenditure and consistently meets the trustees' target of being in the black for at least 2 months in advance.

Based on the above financial summary and due to the uncertain and irregular nature of income compared to the estimated monthly expenditure and the ever increasing cost of living, the trustees deem it a prudent aspiration to maintain reserves equating to a minimum of 2 months running costs for the 2025–2026 financial year.

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Holding such a level of reserves will also protect the charity against unforeseen situations such as unexpected costs; delay or rejection of grant applications; a need for emergency animal evacuation.

Any reserves will form part of Saving and Rehoming Strays' unrestricted funds and will be carried forward to the next financial year. Any unrestricted funds above and beyond the reserves level identified above, and remaining at the end of the financial year, will either be spent or designated for a future project to achieve the charity's purpose.

The day to day running costs of Saving and Rehoming Strays will be met from the unrestricted funds held by the charity. At the time of producing this policy, the trustees were not aware of any project requiring designation of funds. However, this may change during the financial year.

From time to time, funding may be received whereby the donor or grant giver specifies a purpose for spending the funds. In such cases, these will be identified as restricted funds and managed accordingly by the trustees.

This policy will be reviewed and, if necessary, updated upon verification of accounts for each financial year.

Louise Lee



Approved: L Lee

Date: 23 May 2025

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