



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/25 Period start date To 31/12/25 Period end date

Charity name: Dachshund Health UK

Charity registration number: 1177400

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Preventing cruelty towards and suffering of dogs of the Dachshund breed by advancing education of the public in the care and treatment of Dachshunds and promoting humane behaviour towards Dachshunds.</li><li>2. Advancing education and research into diseases and hereditary disorders of Dachshunds and by promoting the dissemination of the useful results of such research.</li></ol>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The organisation conducts research into health conditions that affect the Dachshund breed, for example by surveying owners or through funding of veterinary and genetic research to identify causes, treatments and screening tests.</p> <p>The organisation supports online help and advice to owners of Dachshunds who may be suffering from a health issue. It creates and distributes educational materials (online and at events) for owners and potential owners so they can make informed decisions about owning and caring for the Dachshund breed.</p> <p>The organisation provides grants to owners to enable them to participate in breed-specific health screening programmes.</p> <p>The organisation promotes its research activities to ensure sufficient Dachshund owners participate, resulting in valid sampling and surveys.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are aware of the guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p>The main criteria for grant-making are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- prevalence of a health condition (percentage of the breed affected)</li> <li>- its welfare impact on the dog (and sometimes the owner)</li> <li>- the number of dogs affected or potentially affected</li> <li>- the costs of screening and/or treatment (affordability for owners)</li> <li>- the track record of researchers with whom we work and the viability of their proposed projects</li> <li>- any wider impact on society (for example promoting responsible dog ownership and husbandry)</li> </ul> <p>The ultimate decision on our choice of support and work is invariably a combination of all the above.</p>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>We have counted the non-trustee members (2) of the Dachshund IVDD Support Group as volunteers during 2025 in our online Return.</p>
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the year, the charity supported several projects, including:</p> <p>Subsidies for IVDD screening – 97 dogs were screened in 2025 as part of the Royal Kennel Club's official programme, helping to reduce the risk of breeding dogs with back disease. This screening programme was adopted formally by the Royal Kennel Club in 2021 and is now managed by them.</p> <p>Our health website (<a href="http://www.dachshundhealth.org.uk">www.dachshundhealth.org.uk</a>) had 107,000 visitors in 2025.</p> <p>321,000 people visited our IVDD website and we had 22,000 members in our IVDD Facebook Support Group. Our Instagram account increased its followers to over 2200 and is managed by Christine Bessio, a volunteer in the USA.</p> <p>During 2025, we also published infographics and advice for puppy buyers and Dachshund owners.</p> <p>We continued our support of a project with Cambridge University Vet School to investigate the genetics of IVDD.</p> <p>The main opportunities to engage with Dachshund buyers and owners were via our social media channels and at Discover Dogs which was held in conjunction with Crufts in Birmingham.</p> <p>These events were organised by the Midland Dachshund Club, and we are grateful to all the volunteers who took their dogs over the 4 days.</p> <p>We appointed 3 new Trustees at the 2025 AGM, one of whom is the Dachshund Breed Health Coordinator. We now have a retired Veterinary Surgeon and a Veterinary Nurse among our Trustees.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Following registration as a charity in 2018, the organisation inherited a total of £28,762 comprising both Restricted and Unrestricted funds from the existing Breed Council Health Fund. Upon incorporation a new bank account was set up.</p> <p>During 2025, a number of grants (total value £5,500) were made to individuals whilst total funds at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 were £25,405 of which none are restricted.</p> <p>Our major grants made during 2025 were £5,000 to the Cambridge IVDD genetics research project. We plan on making further grants to the Cambridge team in 2026 for this continuing project and also to the Canine Genetics Centre.</p> <p>We continue to have a range of dachshund owners who raise funds for us on a regular basis, particularly around the Christmas holidays.</p> <p>Dachshund Breed Clubs are also donors and we gratefully acknowledge their support and that of their members.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees consider that £8,000 of unrestricted funds should be held as Reserves. At current expenditure rates, this would cover 3 years of operational expenses.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£8,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Individual donations, fundraising by Dachshund Facebook Groups, Breed Club donations and funds from commercial online Dachshund shops.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	At the end of 2025, our IVDD Restricted Fund was zero, having used all the balance during the year. Our main risk is the rate at

		which we can increase fundraising to match our aspirations to support projects.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>The founding trustees were appointed from the Officers of the Dachshund Breed Council and representatives of the DBC Health Sub-committee.</p> <p>Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Dachshund Health UK
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1177400
Charity's principal address	The Fantails Kencot Oxfordshire GL7 3QX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ian Seath	Chairman/Secretary		
2	Katherine Herrington	Treasurer		
3	Roger Sainsbury			
4	Gill Key		Retired April 2025	
5	Anne Moore		Passed away January 2025	
6	Sharon Alton			
7	Daniel Roberts			
8	Lesley Patton		Appointed April 2025	
9	Mandy Dance		Appointed April 2025	
10	Andrew Whitfield-Roberts	Breed Health Coordinator	Appointed April 2025	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ian J Seath	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	7/5/26	

**Registered Charity No. 1177400**

**DACHSHUND HEALTH UK**

**REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED**

**31ST DECEMBER 2025**

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**DACHSHUND HEALTH UK**  
**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECMEBER 2025**

**History & Objectives**

Charitable status was obtained on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 for an organisation that had previously existed as a specific sub-committee of the Dachshund Breed Council for the promotion and research of health matters.

The public benefit of the charity is to prevent cruelty and suffering of the Dachshund Breed through advancing education of the public at large in the care and treatment of Dachshunds thereby promoting humane behaviour towards Dachshunds. The charity will seek funding to support education and research into diseases and heredity disorders and provide a means of disseminating the useful results of such research amongst the public generally.

These objectives will be met from fundraising activities to support grants to appropriate individuals and organisations and by providing advice and advocacy in respect of the Dachshund breed.

**Governance**

A committee of Trustees volunteer their time and during the period comprised:-

Chair	Mr I Seath
Secretary	Mr I Seath
Treasurer	Mrs K Herrington

**Financial Review**

Activities during the year saw a decrease in total funds to £25,405, none of which are restricted. Further contributions to the Cambridge University Study / Research amounted to £5,000.

**DACHSHUND HEALTH UK**  
**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees**

I report on the accounts of Dachshund Health UK for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act)
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiners report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiners statement**

In the course of my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011, or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records, or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and context 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 come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michael Ward FCA  
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 York  
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Date:

**DACHSHUND HEALTH UK**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025**

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
	Restricted Funds	General Fund	Restricted Funds	General Fund
	£	£		
<b><u>Incoming Resources</u></b>				
IVDD Project	1,454	-	1,429	-
Donations	-	4,104	-	2,866
Gift Aid Recovery	-	-	-	524
Legacy	-	-	-	14,172
	<u>1,454</u>	<u>4,104</u>	<u>1,429</u>	<u>17,562</u>
<b><u>Resources Expended</u></b>				
Cambridge Study	5,000	-	5,000	-
Grants	5,500	-	3,900	-
Screening Programme	-	-	-	849
Bank Charges	47	47	47	47
Sundry	-	127	-	20
Accountancy	204	204	195	195
	<u>10,751</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>9,142</u>	<u>1,111</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)	(9,297)	3,726	(7,713)	16,451
Transfer Funds	<u>9,297</u>	<u>(9,297)</u>	<u>7,713</u>	<u>(7,713)</u>
	-	£(5,571)	-	£8,738
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**DACHSHUND HEALTH UK****BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025**

	<u>2025</u>			<u>2024</u>		
	<u>Restricted Fund</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Restricted Fund</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>						
Cash at Bank	-	25,813	25,813	-	31,366	31,366
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>						
Creditors	-	(408)	(408)	-	(390)	(390)
	<u>-</u>	<u>£25,405</u>	<u>£25,405</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£30,976</u>	<u>£30,976</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
<u>Funds</u>						
General Fund	-	25,405	25,405	-	30,976	30,976
IVDD Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£25,405</u>	<u>£25,405</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£30,976</u>	<u>£30,976</u>
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## Approval of Accounts

The accounts were approved on .....27/4/26.....

Chair ..... *Jan J. Leath* .....Treasurer ..... *K.A. Herington* .....

**DACHSHUND HEALTH UK**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025**

**1. Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Preparation of Accounts**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice:

Accounting and Reporting Charities in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK FRS 102 and with the Charities Act 2011.

**Income**

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated cost included in fundraising costs.

**Liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to make a payment and that such obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

**Value Added Tax**

Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.