

CK9 Trustee Annual Report

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2021



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 2021 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 compliment the existing team. 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 2021:

In Romania the stray dog population is enormous due to it's political history, it's lack of animal welfare laws, it's cultural misunderstanding of the benefits of spay and neuter and its common 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, 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:

2021 summary

2021 started with another National lockdown in the UK. We had 5 dogs in foster at the start of the year.

We experienced delays with transporting dogs early in the year due to Brexit and the new rules regarding transporting. Onerous, confusing, more expensive for charities. This was a cost that would ultimately have to be passed on to adopters and so our adoption fees increased during 2021.

The month started sadly with us being told that an old dog that we had reserved, Rupert, had passed away, it is suspected as a result of being frightened by New Year fireworks. We were devastated that he didn't get his happy ever after.

Two very special dogs travelled in February. Claudius who was skin and bone travelled to a new foster carer and was adopted by them. Gracie who was a sweet, gentle girl, found in a pool of blood by the side of the road by rescuer Ana, also travelled and was adopted by people known well to us. We were delighted to help both of these dogs.

We became aware of a dog called Beau who was an older gent who needed a special home that was prepared to understand and follow his medicine regime for heartworm. This is something we knew about and was fully committed to supporting on an ongoing basis. We are delighted to have found him a permanent foster home with CK9 funding this heartworm meds.

We made a significant contribution to Ana, towards weatherproofing the kennels at her new shelter.

Early fundraiser during February was a Valentine Hamper which raised a very healthy £430.

Always on the look out for new and different fundraising ideas, during April we ran an Easter photo competition with a 'chocoholic' prize.

A very special arrival was Jaffa, who Colleen had spotted at the Oravita shelter a year earlier and made a promise to help him there and then.

We ran an appeal for one of our rescuers, Georgiana who was exhausted and demoralised with EUR12k of vet debt. We were able to make a donation along with some very kind supporters, totalling £970.

More dogs arrived, as we became more savvy of the new paperwork requirements. Among the new arrivals was Kathy whose story was a sad one. She was found living on a chain, with her dead sisters laying just a few feet from her.

We received a very generous financial donation from Farplace Animal Rescue who had been keeping an eye on what we do and wanted to support us.

In a bid to help promote our dogs, we used the services of professional photographer Julia Healey. We thought some more professional photos might help them get attention. We were delighted with the results.

We undertook our most ambitious fundraiser to date with a very special volunteer group of ladies who walked, jogged and ran their way through 5km, 10km and half marathons. An amazing £3,250 was raised which is the biggest single fundraiser we have had to date.

No sooner had we raised some money, than we found a worthy cause to spend some of it on. 'DJ' was found at the side of the road, with a horrendous injury to a rear leg plus a fractured vertebrae. Because of the 'Dog Jog' ladies efforts we were able to fund his surgery.

At the end of the month we had more fundraisers, courtesy of Woodland Agility Group and also Tropic skincare.

June saw the arrival of 6 dogs arrive in one transport. The biggest since Covid.

During June, we started a collaboration with Vale Pet Foods. They very generously donated lots of goodies to include in our adoption packs, plus we now have a live link to their website where supporters can benefit from a discount with a donation also coming to CK9 too.

Another mistreated dog came to us in July, when little Jake who was found living on the end of a big, heavy chain. He was only 8kg himself. He was found with thorns in his eye which hadn't been treated and a foot infection. We took very little convincing to reserve him and get him treated.

We had the sad news through that little old Fay who we were financially supporting since December 2020 in Romania as she was too frail to travel to the UK, had taken a turn for the worse and was sadly put to sleep. She spent the last few months of her life adored and spoiled by Monica and living the life she had been missing. That is all we could hope to have done for such an old dog.

Fundraising never stands still and we were given the opportunity to be one of the recipients of The Doggy Lottery, which ran for four weeks. Supporters buy a ticket and vote for their favourite charity and the one with the most votes at the end of the four weeks won a bigger share of the pot. Our supporters were fabulous and we won the round, which benefitted us to the sum of £863.

We made a donation of EUR100 to Georgiana, who had found a 17 year old dog stuck in a hole. He was dehydrated, hungry and weak. He was given food, a soft bed, warmth and love. Sadly he passed away some time later, but he was warm, had a full belly and was not alone.

The end of July was a mammoth transport – the biggest we have ever had, with a group of 7 pups and 4 adults travelling. We also welcomed several new foster carers to help us out.

We saw an old dog called Isy in a shelter in Romania. She was an older lady who had been in the shelter for years, having been rescued from a kill shelter. She'd had a sticker tumour, which was successfully removed. She just needed an offer of a retirement home and so we decided we needed to find out!

One of most ambitious 'projects' happened in August, with a reunion /calendar photo shoot. We didn't know what to expect in terms of attendance. It was really successful with more than 20 dogs in attendance. It was great to catch up with the dogs and the owners and get some professional photos for the calendar, Julia Healey did an incredible job with getting so many wonderful photos and we managed to do a little fundraising on the day which covered our costs.

September was a significant milestone as we had the opportunity to get back into external fundraising, with a stand at the North East Dog Festival, something we hadn't had the opportunity to do since 2019. We were able to raise awareness of what we do and some fundraising with a bottle tombola.

Our lovely supporters and fosterers Jill and Jon hosted a coffee morning at their home in support of CK9. This was a huge success and we are very grateful.

At the start of the month saw the second Cloud K9 spay and neuter campaign go full steam ahead with the support of TAC. We couldn't have put this on without a couple of very generous individual donations.

As a result, 59 dogs were spayed and neutered over the weekend and that has certainly stopped hundreds of unwanted babies.

The CK9 calendar was finalised and printed. We also have to give thanks to Wendy Corbett design and Motion Print in Leicester, who both gave their services for free and meant we could financially maximise from the sales. The calendar was hugely successful and we sold over 100.

In November we had the arrival of some small dogs, all lovely natured and quickly reserved. It is a shame that the larger dogs we have can sometimes take longer to rehome.

At the end of November, Liz from Snaffle Paws donated a fabulous hand made doggy advent calendar for us to raffle – £100 was raised.

The final fundraiser for the year was our Gift Card Lucky Dip Tombola, with over £300 in prizes donated by individuals and companies. We raised over £350 which we were delighted with.

We sent a donation to Georgiana to help with essential van repairs so that she can keep rescuing dogs.

Finally for 2021, trustee Colleen made a road trip to Romania with Stephen (fosterer/ Defra registered transporter), to catch up with some of the rescuers and also bring back 5 more CK9 dogs

Turning to 2022, the objectives are to carry on doing what we are doing. We have more dogs we want to rescue, we would love to run 2 spay and neuter campaigns this year if funds will stretch to it, a lot will depend on how well fundraising goes. We would like to run at least one dog show, with a photo shoot for a 2023 calendar.

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.

Thank you to [Oldies.org](https://oldies.org) and Dogs Blog for promoting our dogs free of charge to try and find homes.

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 2022 and getting to meet and know more lovely Rommie dogs.

CK9 2021 in numbers:

52 dogs rehomed

55 dogs travelled to us

£1,660 donated to Mona over the year as a result of our 'food club', see what we can achieve when we all donate a small amount.

59 dogs spayed in our October campaign

Special Project – TAC spay/neuter campaign:

It is an objective of ours each year to be able to financially support at least 1 spay and neuter campaign.

In an ideal world we would travel out and support hands on. However due to the ongoing Covid pandemic, flights were restricted for much of the year and we decided on reflection, it was safer to not travel to Romania in 2021.

We therefore contacted our partner organisation in Romania, who we have used in previous spay/neuter campaigns, TAC, and asked whether they could assist for us once again. They are delighted with the way we work, compared to other UK charities, as we are very easy to deal with. We sent through some CK9 t-shirts so that they were 'branded' for the campaign.



We planned to carry out 2 campaigns during 2021, however some unexpected vet bills and continued restrictions on fundraising meant that we decided to concentrate on 1 campaign only. This was funded by two donors. One being the first legacy that we have ever received and the second being a one off donation.



At the beginning of October our campaign was held in Aiton, Cluj, and 59 dogs were spayed/neutered. Dogs that needed extra veterinary attention were given it. We were delighted with the outcome of this. TAC provided us with updates during the weekend and a full report was also provided.

Fundraising:

We would firstly like to thank the regular monthly donors, whether that is £1 or £30, this enables us to send money to Mona for the strays of Oravita.

We pride ourselves on not relying on individual donations, although welcomed, rather supporting ourselves through hard work fundraising. This has been hit hard during 2021 due to external fundraisers being cancelled for the majority of the year, therefore we have had to rely on online fundraising and asking for support with fostering and appeals for specific dogs.

We haven't asked for so many donations for foster fees this year. We have on occasion and we are generally well supported, but we always have the finances in the background to cover costs if nobody steps forward. It is clear that our supporters enjoy engaging with us when they are funding a particular dog and they can follow it's story.

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 was a real windfall, which we got involved in through a speculative email. We also have the chance to participate in this during 2022 which we definitely will do.

We have had generous support from businesses and individuals, donating items or vouchers for raffles. We carried out raffles for Valentines Day and a Gift Card raffle at Christmas. These all raised good funds for us without a cost to the charity.

We have looked at fundraising platforms such as Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising, which both donate a small % of purchases to the charity of choice, but these have had little take up. These are things we can push again though.

We will continue to look at other fundraising opportunities throughout 2022, such as lotteries and trying to get supporters to carry out fundraising events for us so that we are finding new donors and not the same people all the time.

Treasurers Report & Accounts:

This is our second full year as a registered charity. 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, this will be recovered over the next financial year.

We have undertaken a Spay & Neuter campaign, which we firmly believe will have a direct (albeit small) positive impact on the problems with the unwanted dog population in Romania.

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. We held special appeal requests for some of the dogs with the difference being provided by our general funds.

The winter weather proved to be quite bad in Romania. Storms damaged some of the shelters and we were pleased to be able to provide financial help to rectify the damage caused.

The Covid pandemic has caused our public events to be severely curtailed. Although rehoming of dogs is still taking place, face to face meetings were not allowed. The restrictions also impacted on cross border transportation of the dogs into the UK.

In February, we applied for Gift Aid. This is currently being assessed by HMRC and we hope to have a positive update in the next annual review.

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, but be prepared for the possible re-opening of events and shows in 2022.

The accounts have been approved by the Trustees and have been independently verified.

On a final note, we, the Trustees of Cloud K9 Rescue would like to give our heart felt 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

2021 Accounts



	MONEY	IN	OUT	Balance
Opening balance (from 2020)	£	8,450.00		
2021 accounts				
General Donations & Fundraising	£	27,968.00		
Rehoming dogs in UK	£	18,152.00		
Donations to Romania	£	1,142.00		
General Costs			£	3,571.00
Cost of rehoming dogs in the UK			£	29,269.00
Donations to Romanian Shelters			£	9,024.00
Food Club sent to Romania			£	1,828.00
Spay & Neuter Campaign			£	2,007.00
Romanian Vet Fees			£	1,943.00
Total	£	55,712.00	£	47,642.00
			£	8,070.00
Reserved				
Vets Contingency fees			£	2,000.00
PL Insurance			£	400.00
Chase Insurance			£	150.00
Web Site			£	86.00
Total Reserve			£	2,636.00
Ringfenced				
2021 Spay & Neuter Campaign			£1,067.00	
Dog funds in Bank Account			£768.00	
Total Ringfenced			£4,471.00	-£4,471.00
Available funds				£3,599.00

Signed **Dave Younger**

David Younger - Trustee & Treasurer

Dated Sep-22

Adopted Dogs:

We are delighted to have rehomed 52 dogs through 2021 (the same number as 2020). Each and every one has been rescued, fostered and rehomed with love and we could not be more proud. For such a small team of committee and fosterers, we are delighted. Here are a few of them





2022 Objectives:

Covid permitting, we want to do more of the same as 2021.

We want to get back to running 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 fund at least 1 spay and neuter campaign with TAC during 2022 and if rules permit, we'd like to be able to travel ourselves and support a campaign.

We would like to increase our contingency fund to at least £3,000. We have had a couple of instances during 2021 where we have seen how expensive veterinary costs are for unexpected instances. We would like to be financially stable enough to react when we need to.

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

We would like to identify one or maybe two more committee members.

Following the success of the 2022 calendar, we would like to repeat this for 2023.

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 and the 'Dog Jog' ladies for their spectacular fundraising efforts.

Vale Pet Food – Huge thanks to Luke and his team for the donations for our adoption packs and for promoting our charity with a discount code.

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.

Stephen and Sandra Collinson – for fostering and transporting dogs for us and so much more for the rescuers,

Oldies.org.uk – for advertising and promoting our dogs aged 7+ and asking nothing in return.

TAC – The organisation in Romania who ran the spay and neuter campaign in CK9's name. They kept in communication with us throughout the campaign, provided photos, used the CK9 name and logo wherever they could and also during television interviews on the local news.

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.

Thank you to all of the people who have helped us this year. Firstly we can't do any of the things we do without the moral and financial support given to us. Equally we cannot rehome the dogs we bring over without the rescuers we deal with in Romania and the fosterers who have helped us all year.

Together – We are making a difference. Thank You.

The Trustees of CK9 Rescue

Sept 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Cloud K9 Rescue

No (if any)
1186980

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2021	To	Period end date 12/31/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
General Donations & Fund Raising	27,968	-	-	27,968
Adoption Fees	18,152	-	-	18,152
Food Club	1,143	-	-	1,143
Spay & Neuter Campaign	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	47,263	-	-	47,263
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	47,263	-	-	47,263
A3 Payments				
General Costs	3,571	-	-	3,571
Cost of rehoming dogs in the UK	29,269	-	-	29,269
Donations to Romanian Shelters	9,024	-	-	9,024
Food Club sent to Romania	1,828	-	-	1,828
Spay & Neuter Campaign	2,007	-	-	2,007
Romanian Vet Fees	1,943	-	-	1,943
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	47,643	-	-	47,643
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,643	-	-	47,643
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 381	-	-	- 381
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,451	-	-	8,451
Cash funds this year end	8,070	-	-	8,070

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Funds Available	3,599	-
	Reserves & Ringfenced	4,471	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	8,070	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name
			David Younger
			Rebecca Atkin

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Last year

to the nearest £

15,122
16,922
1,014
1,170
-
-
-
-
34,228

-
-

34,228

5,553
17,296
1,014
1,500
2,686
-
-
-
-
28,049

-

28,049

6,179
-
2,271
8,450



**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

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**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

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**Current value
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**When due
(optional)**

Date of
approval

10/8/2022
10/9/2022

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of CLOUD K9 RESCUE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CLOUD K9 RESCUE (the Charity) for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Michael Wildman FCCA

Date: 13th October 2022