

**Charity number: 1196922**

**Pointers In Need**

**Unaudited accounts**

**for the year ended 31 August 2024**

## **Pointers In Need**

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## **Pointers In Need**

### **Report of the trustees**

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024.

#### **Legal and administrative information**

The trustees who served during the period are stated below:

M Jefford (Chair)

K E Ringrose

L Phipps

#### **Principal office**

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#### **Our purpose and activities**

The charity is concerned with rescuing, treating, rehabilitating and rehoming pointers in need and we rely on and are grateful to our community of volunteers, supporters and donors for their unwavering support in helping to achieve our purpose.

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### **1 Introduction**

Dear Supporters, Volunteers, Donors, and Stakeholders,

As the Chair of the Board of Trustees for Pointers In Need, I am pleased to present our report for the year 2024. This year has been one of growth, challenges, and remarkable achievements. Our commitment to rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming Pointers In Need remains at the forefront of all our activities, and we are grateful for the unwavering support of our community.

##### **2 Key Achievements**

###### **Rescue and Rehabilitation:**

So far in 2024, we successfully rescued 42 dogs. This was made possible through the expansion of our rescue operations and the dedication of our staff and volunteers.

We established new partnerships with local animal shelters and veterinary clinics, enhancing our ability to respond quickly to dogs in distress.

18 dogs are in foster in Europe.

11 dogs are in foster in the UK

33 dogs arrived in the UK for adoption

**Adoption Success:**

We are thrilled to report that 50 dogs found their forever homes this year. Our adoption events, social media campaigns, and community outreach efforts played a significant role in connecting these dogs with loving families.

**Volunteer Engagement and Training:**

Our volunteer base grew this year, now totaling 15 dedicated individuals who assist with everything from daily dog care to administrative support

We introduced a comprehensive volunteer training program to ensure all volunteers are well-prepared to handle the various challenges of dog rescue and care. This training has improved the quality of care we provide and enhanced the volunteer experience.

**Fundraising and Community Support:**

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters who have been instrumental in supporting our rescue operations, veterinary care, and facility maintenance.

Key fundraising events, including our annual charity day and auctions arranged by our dedicated staff and volunteers which have exceeded our fundraising targets. We also saw an increase in recurring donations, providing a stable financial base for our ongoing work.

**3 Financial Overview**

Income: Our total income is £112,056, which included donations and fundraising events.

Expenditure: Total expenditures amounted to £90,148 with significant investments in veterinary care, food, shelter maintenance, and rescue operations. We also allocated funds for staff training and facility upgrades to improve our capacity to care for more dogs.

Financial Health: We ended the year with a positive balance, allowing us to set aside funds for emergency situations and future expansion plans.

**4 Challenges Faced****Increased Demand:**

The number of dogs needing rescue has continued to rise, partly due to economic factors and changes in pet ownership trends in Europe and the UK. This has put a strain on our resources and facilities.

**Veterinary Care Costs:**

Rising costs of veterinary care and medical supplies have been a significant challenge. We have been exploring partnerships and bulk purchasing agreements to mitigate these costs.

**Facility Limitations:**

While we have been able to rescue more dogs, our current facilities are reaching capacity. Plans for expansion are in place, but they require additional funding and careful planning to ensure we can sustainably support more dogs.

## **5 Looking Ahead: Future Plans and Strategies**

### **Enhanced Community Outreach:**

We will continue to strengthen our community outreach efforts, focusing on education about responsible pet ownership, the importance of spaying and neutering, and how the community can support rescue efforts.

### **Digital Transformation:**

To streamline operations and improve our adoption process, we will look to use a dedicated CRM platform that will better track dog care, medical records, and volunteer coordination. This system will also enhance our ability to connect with potential adopters and supporters online.

### **Sustainability Initiatives:**

We are committed to adopting more sustainable practices within our operations, including the use of eco-friendly products, implementing recycling programs, and exploring renewable energy options for our facilities.

## **6 Governance and Compliance**

The Board of Trustees has met regularly throughout the year so far, ensuring that we remain compliant with all relevant regulations and uphold the highest standards of governance. This year, we also conducted an internal audit of our operations and implemented recommendations to improve transparency and efficiency.

## **7 Appreciation and Acknowledgments**

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our volunteers, staff, donors, and partners. Your dedication and passion make our work possible, and together, we have made a big difference in the lives of countless dogs. A special thank you to our adoption coordinators, who provide essential guidance and support, and to our foster families, who offer love and temporary homes to our dogs in need.

## **8 Conclusion**

As we look forward to 2025, we are filled with hope and determination. The challenges are significant, but so are the opportunities to make a difference. With the continued support of our community, we will strive to rescue more dogs, find them loving homes, and advocate for the welfare of all animals.

Thank you for being a part of our journey.

Warm regards,

**Matt Jefford**  
**Chair of Trustees**

25 June 2025

## **Independent examiners's report to the trustees of Pointers In Need**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 4 to 9.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

### **Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 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 accounts.

### **Independent examiner's report**

In the course of my examination no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure:
  - proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011 and
  - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

### **Dyfan James Phipps ACA**

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Dated: 25 June 2025

## Pointers In Need

### Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 August 2024

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	
	<b>01/09/23 to 31/08/24 £</b>	<b>27/08/22 to 31/08/23 £</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Donations and grants	67,411	19,695
Charitable activities	34,531	91,268
Other trading activities	10,114	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>112,056</b>	<b>110,963</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Raising funds	5,540	-
Charitable activities	84,608	99,261
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>90,148</b>	<b>99,261</b>
 Net income for the year	 21,908	 11,702
Total funds brought forward	41,028	29,326
Total funds carried forward	62,936	41,028

This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

## Pointers in Need

### Balance sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	3	1,268	1,491
<b>Current assets</b>			
Other debtors	4	100	-
Cash at bank and in hand		62,636	39,837
		<u>62,736</u>	<u>39,837</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	5	<u>1,068</u>	<u>300</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>61,668</u>	<u>39,537</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>62,936</u>	<u>41,028</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	6	<u>62,936</u>	<u>41,028</u>

Approved by the board of trustees on 25 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

**Matt Jefford**  
Trustee

## Pointers In Need Notes to the accounts

### 1 Accounting policies

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

#### 1a Basis Of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

#### 1b Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

#### 1c Resources Expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### 1d Allocation And Apportionment Of Costs

All costs relate to the single activity of the charitable company and are recognised accordingly.

#### 1e Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for the specific future purposes or projects.

#### 1 f Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Plant and machinery 15% reducing balance basis

#### 1g Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company, net of value added tax and trade discounts.

### 2 Employees

	2024 No	2023 No
Average number of employees	1	1

**Pointers In Need  
Notes to the accounts**

**3 Tangible fixed assets**

	Plant and machinery £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 September 2023	2,064	2,064
At 31 August 2024	2,064	2,064
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 September 2023	573	573
Charge for the year	223	223
At 31 August 2024	796	796
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 August 2024	1,268	1,268
At 31 August 2023	1,491	1,491

**4 Debtors**

	<b>2024</b> £	<b>2023</b> £
Other debtors	100	-

**5 Creditors**

	<b>2024</b> £	<b>2023</b> £
Other creditors	204	-
Accruals	864	300
	1,068	300

**6 Unrestricted funds**

	Brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
General fund	41,028	112,056	90,148	-	62,936

## Pointers In Need

### Detailed statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 August 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income</b>		
Donations and grants	67,411	19,695
Charitable activities	34,531	91,268
Other trading activities	10,114	-
	112,056	110,963
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Raising funds</b>		
Merchandise for sale	5,540	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Boarding, fostering and transport	51,045	63,272
Veterinary fees	2,882	6,008
Wages	23,204	22,850
Motor costs	1,410	2,015
Payment processing	801	199
Website costs	326	572
Water rates	-	106
Insurance	879	844
Printing, postage and stationery	1,281	1,127
Telephone	603	1,468
Sundry expenses	12	44
Accountancy	564	300
Subscriptions	201	193
Charitable donations	1,177	-
Depreciation of plant and machinery	223	263
	84,608	99,261
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>90,148</b>	<b>99,261</b>
<b>Net income for the year</b>	<b>21,908</b>	<b>11,702</b>