

Charity number: 1196922

Pointers In Need

Unaudited accounts

for the year ended 31 August 2025

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Report of the trustees

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Legal and administrative information

The trustees who served during the period are stated below:

M Jefford (Chair)

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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 our grateful to our community of volunteers, supporters and donors for their unwavering support in helping to achieve our purpose.

Achievements and performance

1 Introduction

The past financial year has been one of continued operational activity, strong fundraising support, and important organisational developments for Pointers In Need.

Our core mission remains unchanged: rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming abandoned and vulnerable Pointers, primarily from Greece, and placing them into safe and appropriate homes in the United Kingdom.

Over the past year the charity has continued to respond to rescue needs while strengthening governance, improving fundraising initiatives, and adapting operational practices to ensure long-term sustainability.

I would like to thank our CEO Claire Gouzoulis, trustees, volunteers, supporters, and adopters whose dedication continues to make this work possible.

2 Rescue and Rehoming Activity

During the financial year the charity continued to take responsibility for new rescue cases while successfully rehoming a significant number of dogs.

Across the reporting periods the charity:

Rescue and Rehoming Statistics

Activity	Total
New Pointers taken into responsibility	29
Pointers transported to the UK	35
Pointers placed into adopted homes	40
Pointers in foster care abroad	7 (current)
Pointers in foster care in the UK	4 (current)

The charity continues to prioritise responsible placements and therefore maintains strict adoption requirements, including secure garden fencing standards. These requirements remain essential to ensuring the safety and welfare of the dogs placed into homes.

While there were a number of enquiries throughout the year, some applicants were not suitable due to insufficient home environments, particularly inadequate fencing. The charity has confirmed that these standards will **not be relaxed**, as they form a critical part of our safeguarding policy.

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.

3 Welfare Challenges and Losses

As with all rescue organisations, the year included difficult moments.

Sadly several dogs were lost during the period, including:

- Sunny – killed by a train after escaping
- George – fatally injured after escaping
- Wills – euthanised following severe neurological illness

These cases underline the importance of strict guidance provided to adopters regarding off-lead exercise and behavioural adjustment periods.

The charity continues to invest significant time in adopter education and support to minimise such incidents.

4 Kennel and Operational Changes

One of the most significant operational changes this year relates to the charity's kennel arrangements in Greece.

Due to the departure of our kennel staff member and the difficulty in finding a replacement, the charity made the decision to close the existing kennels at the end of February 2026 once the remaining dogs were placed or moved.

To ensure continued capacity for rescue work, a new arrangement has been secured with a **private boarding facility in Avlona, Greece**, operated by Rania.

Key details:

- Boarding cost: **€150 per kennel per month**
- Location: approximately one hour from Athens
- Facility provides daily care and support
- Veterinary and administrative support available

This partnership also assists with securing **health certificates required for dogs travelling to the UK**, which has historically been a major operational challenge.

5 Strategic Development in Greece

A potentially transformative development occurred this year in relation to the charity's ability to operate legally and efficiently within Greece.

Following discussions with a commercial lawyer in Athens, work has begun on establishing a **Not-For-Profit Company in Greece**.

This organisation will:

- Operate alongside Pointers In Need UK
- Be registered with the **East Attika Regional Department**
- Hold a **Greek tax number and bank account**
- Register with the official **pet/society platform**
- Support the legal processing of rescued animals

The entity will be formed with two members:

- Claire Gouzoulis
- Iris Gouzoulis

The organisation will have **no financial profit purpose** and will exist solely to support rescue operations and administrative processes within Greece.

This structure could significantly improve the charity's ability to obtain **health certificates for rescued dogs**, which has been a longstanding operational obstacle.

UK accountants have been consulted to ensure the structure complies with UK charity and tax regulations.

6 Financial Overview

The charity continued to benefit from strong supporter engagement throughout the year.

Adoption Donations

Total income from adoption donations:
£26,305

Fundraising Income

Fundraising activities generated:

£11,757

This includes:

- General fundraising campaigns
- Auctions
- Merchandise sales (calendars and Christmas cards)
- Raffles and supporter donations

Cash Balances (as of latest reporting period)

Account	Balance
PayPal	£19,433
Lloyds Bank	£45,523

These balances reflect both ongoing operational funds and commitments for boarding, veterinary costs, and transport.

7 Fundraising and Community Support

Fundraising activity remained strong throughout the year.

Highlights include:

- **Calendar sales**, which completely sold out
- **Christmas card sales**, including a new design which proved particularly popular
- Multiple **online auctions**
- The **Grand Crufts Raffle**, which had already raised over **£600 prior to the event**
- Support from generous donors including a **£5,000 legacy gift**

The charity also continues to maintain an active online presence.

- Instagram followers: **1,680**
- Website regularly updated with rescue stories and adoption updates

Efforts are ongoing to recruit a **marketing volunteer** to further develop outreach and fundraising.

8 Dogs Requiring Long-Term Support

Several dogs continue to receive long-term financial support due to medical conditions, particularly **Leishmaniasis**, which requires ongoing treatment.

These dogs include:

- Bonzo
- Xaris
- Fotis

The charity continues to support their care while actively promoting them for adoption where possible.

9 Volunteers and Governance

The charity continues to operate through the dedication of volunteers.

Active volunteers during the year included:

- Karin Ringrose
- Michelle Hunter
- Jan Britton
- Penny Nicoll
- Matthew Jefford
- Colin Lipscomb
- Rachel Larter
- Maggie Pende
- Di Dickinson

The trustees also confirmed in July 2025 that **trustee terms would be renewed for a further three years** in order to ensure continuity of governance during a period of operational development.

10 Operational Pressures

It is important to acknowledge the extraordinary commitment shown by the charity's CEO and volunteer team

At times the workload associated with rescue operations, transport coordination, veterinary arrangements, fundraising, and adoption management has been extremely demanding.

Sustaining the charity's work will require continued focus on:

- Volunteer recruitment
- Delegation of operational responsibilities
- Expanding fundraising capacity

11 Looking Ahead

Key priorities for the coming year include:

- Finalising the **Greek not-for-profit organisation**
- Strengthening **fundraising capability**
- Recruiting additional volunteer support
- Continuing to expand **responsible adoption placements**
- Improving access to **health certification processes**

These developments will help ensure Pointers In Need can continue rescuing and rehoming vulnerable dogs in a sustainable and legally robust manner.

12 Closing Remarks

Despite the operational challenges faced during the year, the charity has continued to deliver significant impact through the rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming of vulnerable dogs.

This work would not be possible without the dedication of our CEO, volunteers, supporters, adopters, and trustees.

On behalf of the Board, I extend sincere thanks to everyone involved in supporting the mission of Pointers In Need.

Together we continue to give abandoned Pointers the opportunity for safe, loving homes and better futures.

Matthew Jefford

Chair of Trustees

Pointers In Need

1 April 2026

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 2025 set out on pages 8 to 12.

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.

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Dated: 1 April 2026

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Unrestricted funds	
	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
Donations and grants	78,488	67,411
Charitable activities	26,305	34,531
Other trading activities	11,757	10,114
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Total income	116,550	112,056
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Expenses		
Raising funds	3,963	5,540
Charitable activities	109,910	84,608
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Total expenses	113,873	90,148
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Net income for the year	2,677	21,908
Total funds brought forward	62,936	41,028
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Total funds carried forward	65,613	62,936
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This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	1,078	1,268
Current assets			
Other debtors	4	371	100
Cash at bank and in hand		64,956	62,636
		<u>65,327</u>	<u>62,736</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	792	1,068
Net current assets		<u>64,535</u>	<u>61,668</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>65,613</u>	<u>62,936</u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6	<u>65,613</u>	<u>62,936</u>

Approved by the board of trustees on 1 April 2026 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

	2025 No	2024 No
Average number of employees	1	1

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3 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 September 2024	2,064	2,064
At 31 August 2025	2,064	2,064
Depreciation		
At 1 September 2024	796	796
Charge for the year	190	190
At 31 August 2025	986	986
Net book value		
At 31 August 2025	1,078	1,078
At 31 August 2024	1,268	1,268

4 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	371	100

5 Creditors

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	-	204
Accruals	792	864
	792	1,068

6 Unrestricted funds

	Brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
General fund	62,936	116,550	113,873	-	65,613

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Detailed statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 August 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income		
Donations and grants	78,488	67,411
Charitable activities	26,305	34,531
Other trading activities	11,757	10,114
	116,550	112,056
Expenses		
Raising funds		
Merchandise for sale	3,963	5,540
Charitable activities		
Boarding, fostering and transport	69,124	51,045
Veterinary fees	6,265	2,882
Wages	24,681	23,204
Motor costs	1,893	1,410
Payment processing	1,219	801
Website costs	383	326
Training	252	-
Insurance	998	879
Printing, postage and stationery	2,198	1,281
Telephone	1,415	603
Sundry expenses	-	12
Accountancy	480	564
Subscriptions	175	201
Charitable donations	637	1,177
Depreciation of plant and machinery	190	223
	109,910	84,608
Total expenses	113,873	90,148
Net income for the year	2,677	21,908