

# **SOS SERBIAN POINTER & PALS RESCUE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025**

**CHARITY REGISTRATION No. 1203623**

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## **SOS SERBIAN POINTER & PALS RESCUE**

### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>CHARITY NUMBER</b>	1203623
<b>START OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	01st April 2024
<b>END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	31st March 2025
<b>TRUSTEES SERVING DURING AND AFTER THE YEAR</b>	Amanda Slade - Chair Allison Burgess
<b>GOVERNING INSTRUMENT</b>	Trust deed dated 01 April 2021 as amended by resolution dated 12 June 2023
<b>OBJECTS</b>	For the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of dogs and cats in Serbia which are in need of care and attention; To maintain an support rescue facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals; To provide these facilities for such animals while actively seeking new homes for 'rescued' animals.
<b>CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>	SOS Serbian Pointer & Pals Rescue Hamilton House 87-89 Bell Street Reigate RH2 7AN
<b>PRIMARY BANKERS</b>	Barclays Bank Leicester LE87 2BB
<b>INDEPENDENT EXAMINER</b>	Z Derbak MAAT AATQB Independent Examiners Ltd The Grain Store Hills Barns Appledram Lane South Chichester, West Sussex PO20 7EG

## **SOS SERBIAN POINTER & PALS RESCUE**

### **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

SOS Serbian Pointers and Pals Rescue was formed for the benefit of the public to relieve the suffering of dogs in Serbia and Romania who are in need of care and attention and in particular, to maintain and support rescue facilities for the reception, care and treatment of such animals. To provide safe facilities of private kennel and boarding costs for dogs in both Serbia and Romania and the UK while actively seeking homes for dogs in our care. Undertake spay and neutering campaigns with local rescuers.

This year has been a challenge with increasing travelling costs to the UK and seen several sponsors reducing or stopping their sponsorships. However we have put measures in place by increasing our online auctions to monthly opposed to quarterly which is bringing in consistent funds each month and this has generated interest with new members joining our group. In addition this we running ongoing fundraisers from start to end each month ensuring we have enough funds by the end of the month to pay for all bills.

The main objectives are to ensure all dogs in our care receive monthly support to cover upkeep fees. Using Facebook as our main platform of contact, we are continuing to educate members of animal welfare issues across the Balkans and prevent suffering in the future.

The Trustees have completed the Annual Report and financial statements for SOS Serbian Pointer and Pals Rescue for the year ending 31.03.2025. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies House Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommendation Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with their Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015.

Jan Murray has worked tirelessly in our monthly auctions with donating items, making monthly appeals for donations and Facebook updates.

Michelle Mellor volunteered for several months in running and promoting our other fundraisers and assisting the Trustees with general administration and support.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

SOS Serbian Pointer and Pals Rescue continues, where possible to rescue dogs from the streets and Public Shelters, provides private pensions/kennels, arranges veterinary care when required and rehoming of unwanted dogs.

Suitable dogs are promoted for foster / adoption in GB. We also educate our members and adopters on animal welfare issues both in Serbia and GB through the platform of Facebook. Adoptions have fallen significantly due to the cost of living crisis however we are starting to gain more interest and activity from 2023/24.

Volunteers are required to support the Trustees with fundraising and administrative duties going forward into the next financial year.

Reserve funds are in place to use for any emergencies namely for veterinary and travel costs.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Gross income from all sources for this year stands at £84,057. The majority of this is generated by sponsorship and general donations. Over the year, there was a total expenditure of £84,540, the majority of this being kennel fees and general upkeep expenses in both Serbia, Romania and GB and veterinary costs. The amount of reserve held at year end was £1,695.

A separate savings account was set up in October 2024 where we can separate and hold funds to pay for vet fees, travel and general expenses.

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**TRUSTEES REPORT (continued)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees .....  ....., Trustee.

Print name: ..... AULSON BURGESS .....

Date: ..... 20/12/25 .....

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

Report to the trustees/members of SOS SERBIAN POINTER & PALS RESCUE (charity number: 1203623) on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 set out on pages 7 to 10.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Zita Derbak MAAT AATQB  
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Sign: 

Date: 22.12.2025

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

<b>RECEIPTS :</b>	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2024/25 £</b>	<b>Total 2023/24 £</b>
Voluntary Receipts	2a	84,057	0	84,057	62,514
Investment Income	2b	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>84,057</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>84,057</b>	<b>62,514</b>
<b>PAYMENTS :</b>					
Costs of Charitable Activities	3a	84,540	0	84,540	61,261
Governance Costs	3b	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>84,540</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>84,540</b>	<b>61,261</b>
<b>Net Receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>-483</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-483</b>	<b>1,253</b>
Transfer between Funds		0	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end		2,178	0	2,178	925
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>		<b>1,695</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>2,178</b>

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts.

All operations are continuing operations.

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	31-Mar-25 Total £	31-Mar-24 Total £
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Cash Funds:</b>				
Bank Accounts	1,695	0	1,695	2,178
	<b>1,695</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>2,178</b>
<b>Other Monetary assets:</b>				
N/A	0	0	0	0
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Independent Examiners Fee	1,140	0	1,140	1,140
Loan from Trustee AS	6,597	0	6,597	9,537
	<b>7,737</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,737</b>	<b>10,677</b>

### TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

Approved by the Trustees on 20/12/25 and

Signed on their behalf by , Trustee.

Print name: ALLISON BURGESS



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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

### 1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts and Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners, and they meet the appropriate legal requirements.

### 2. RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024/25 £	Total 2023/24 £
<b>a) Voluntary Receipts</b>				
Donations/Sponsorship	50,008	0	50,008	40,283
Fundraising	31,000	0	31,000	19,030
Adoption donations	1,350	0	1,350	2,080
Pet insurance	699	0	699	121
Charity grant	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Other Income	0	0	0	0
	<b>84,057</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>84,057</b>	<b>62,514</b>
<b>b) Investment Income</b>				
N/A	0	0	0	0
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 3. PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024/25 £	Total 2023/24 £
<b>a) Costs of Charitable Activities</b>				
Pensions - Serbia	10,596	0	10,596	24,811
Romania	1,472	0	1,472	1,512
Kennel Fees - UK	28,907	0	28,907	21,720
Vet bills	5,813	0	5,813	6,983
Pet insurance	3,474	0	3,474	2,876
Nexguard Spectra	20,103	0	20,103	215
Flea / tic treatment	0	0	0	22
Pet transportation	3,923	0	3,923	1,831
Grooming fees	0	0	0	50
Registered Office fees	0	0	0	149
Fundraiser gift purchase	3,845	0	3,845	224
Donation refund	0	0	0	60
Banking fees	84	0	84	0
Loan repayments	5,364	0	5,364	300
Postage reimbursement	0	0	0	74
PayPal fees	0	0	0	114
Street dog donation	45	0	45	320
Miscellaneous payments	914	0	914	0
	<b>84,540</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>84,540</b>	<b>61,261</b>
<b>b) Governance Costs</b>				
N/A	0	0	0	0
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

#### **4. DESIGNATED AND RESTRICTED FUNDS**

The charity held no designated and restricted fund in YE 2024/25 and 2023/24.

#### **5. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES OR RELATED PARTIES**

Amanda Slade, trustee, received £2,940 as a repayment of her loan. The loan's outstanding balance is £6,597 at financial year end 2024/25. (2023/24: £9,537). The loan is repayable without any set deadline and will depend on affordability. In 2023/24 she received £11,271 reimbursement for her out of pocket expenses. These costs were paid for vet bills, donations and expenses of their Serbian connections in relation to the charity work. One trustee gave £1010 unconditional donation in the year.

Allison Burgess, trustees, received £70 reimbursement for her out of pocket expenses in the financial period 2023/24.

#### **7. PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.