



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2024
Period end

Period start date To 31st December 2024

Charity name: German Shepherd Dog Welfare Fund

Charity registration number: 274076

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the Fund shall be the care and protection of German Shepherd Dogs that are in need of such by reason of sickness, maltreatment or poor circumstance, and the prevention of cruelty to and suffering amongst such animals. If feasible, we do our best to find these dogs a new loving home once they have been assessed/rehabilitated.
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	The committee strives to help any German Shepherd in need that is brought to our attention. We often collect these dogs from homes, kennels or bad situations and take them to a pre-arranged boarding kennel, for which we pay their boarding fee for the entire time they are in our care. If these dogs prove unsuitable for homing through health or temperament, we pay their boarding fees for the rest of their life. We fund raise to pay for their kennelling and veterinary fees. If a dog comes to us sick, or suffers ailments whilst in our care, we ensure they receive prompt veterinary treatment irrelevant of the cost. If a dog has an ongoing illness when we home it, we pledge to pay the vet costs for that illness for the rest of the dog's life. We do our best to rehabilitate dogs that are brought to us with temperament issues. We will only rehome a dog once we know it is safe to do so. Sometimes rehabilitation can take months, but we do not let the length of time with us and the cost of kennelling cloud our judgement as to their suitability for rehoming. We ensure every dog in our care receives optimum quality of life which goes way beyond put a roof over their head and feeding them. Their

		mental wellbeing is as important as their physical health.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustee's are aware of the guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit and respond accordingly.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
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	Since GSD Welfare became a registered charity, we have homed in excess of 9,000 German Shepherd Dogs. We have a number of approximately 30 dogs in our care that are not fit for rehoming due to temperament or health. These dogs will remain in our care for the rest of their days being cared for and living a happy existence. For many of the dogs that have come into our care, there is no doubt that we were their last hope. Without us these dogs would have been euthanized. We have taken dogs into our care when owners could no longer afford veterinary fees for their ailments. Their only alternative would have been euthanasia. We have collected dogs from veterinarians, where their owners have taken them for euthanasia through health or temperament, or sometimes just because they are no longer wanted.

		<p>We have also taken dogs from dog pounds once their time was up and they were booked for euthanasia the next day. We do not discriminate. If a German Shepherd needs or help, we strive to provide that help as long as it is needed. We also give behavioural advice to dog guardians to try to save the dog from ending up in rescue.</p>
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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	Positive position with funds available to cover our work
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No minimum figure set to hold as reserves but essential to cover periods where fundraising may be minimal for whatever reason, unexpected veterinary bills etc.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£649,818
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

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	
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	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Written Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
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	Trustees must demonstrate a minimum of two years membership & show a positive ongoing interest in our work, unless they are bringing specific required skills. Officers (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) are elected at AGM by members

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	German Shepherd Dog Welfare Fund
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	274076
Charity's principal address	26 St Johns Close Ryhall Stamford Lincs PE9 4HS

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	Debbie Hill	Chair		
2	Cher Nicholson	Secretary	December 24	
3	Tony Wiltshire	Treasurer		
4	Christine Hart			
5	Mary Osborne			
6	Lorraine Smith		June 25	
7	Joanne Simms		June 25	
8	Karen Harris		June 25	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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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	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

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

N/A

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)

A. Wiltshire

Full name(s)

Anthony Wiltshire

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

2/10/2025

Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024
for
German Shepherd Dogs Welfare Fund

German Shepherd Dogs Welfare Fund

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Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024

Accountants' Report to
German Shepherd Dogs Welfare Fund

In accordance with instructions given to us we have prepared without carrying out an audit the annexed financial statements from the accounting records of German Shepherd Dogs Welfare Fund and from information and explanations supplied to us.

Vortex Accountants Limited
Top Floor
Claridon House
London Road
Stanford Le Hope
Essex
SS17 0JU

9 September 2025

Client Approval Certificate

I approve the financial statements and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Mr T Wilt

9 September 2025

German Shepherd Dogs Welfare Fund

Trading and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Sales	37,221		23,967	
Donations	109,928		78,000	
Memberships	890		327	
Other Income	7,688		8,756	
	<u> </u>	155,727	<u> </u>	111,050
Cost of sales				
Purchases	4,367		3,283	
Kennel Bills	306,997		337,553	
Vetinary Costs	47,209		24,503	
	<u> </u>	358,573	<u> </u>	365,339
GROSS LOSS		(202,846)		(254,289)
Expenditure				
Printing, postage & stationery	326		354	
Accountancy	240		240	
	<u> </u>	566	<u> </u>	594
NET LOSS		<u><u>(203,412)</u></u>		<u><u>(254,883)</u></u>

German Shepherd Dogs Welfare Fund

Balance Sheet
31 December 2024

Notes	2024		2023	
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for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. CAPITAL ACCOUNT

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