
Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary



Trustees Annual Report 2025/26

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1 Reference & Administration

The Charity's name - Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary

Registered Charity number – SC039701

Principal Address:

Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary
24 Abbotshall Road
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Aberdeen
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Names of the Charity Trustees on date of approval
(All appointed at the AGM on 06/09/2026)

Ms Suzanne Simpson - Chairperson
Ms Emma McLeod - Vice Chairperson
Mrs Kirsteen Campbell - Secretary
Ms Lorraine Baker – Treasurer

2 Structure, Governance & Management

Type of governing document - Charity Constitution

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

- An executive committee of four Trustees shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the organisation and shall consist of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.
- The Trustees must be fully paid-up members of the organisation.
- Individuals will be given a Trustee position only after receiving nominations, for a specific Trustee position, from two other fully paid-up members of the organisation. In the event of multiple individuals being nominated for the same Trustee position, the position will be filled by a private ballot of those present at the annual general meeting at which time a majority vote must be gained by one individual.
- The election of a Trustee will be for one year. All Trustees shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election.

3 Objectives & Activities

- Provision of a sanctuary to Greyhounds and Lurchers in danger.
- Provide veterinary care where needed and to ensure the wellbeing of Greyhounds and Lurchers.
- Promote responsible Greyhound and Lurcher ownership and, in particular, encourage the neutering of dogs as a means of reducing stray, abandoned and unwanted Greyhounds and Lurchers.
- Forge links with other Greyhound and Lurcher rescue organisations i.e. Greyhound Awareness League, in furtherance of the organisation's objectives.
- Provide support and aftercare through the rehoming of Greyhounds and Lurchers.
- Co-ordination of fundraising through events and raising awareness of the Greyhound and Lurcher breeds.
- Provision of home checks on all potential foster/adoption carers to ascertain individual and home suitability.
- To always provide and meet the needs of any Greyhound and Lurcher placed in rescue.
- Promote and implement an equal opportunities policy for all. The organisation will not discriminate on grounds of gender, marital status, ethnic origin, colour, nationality, disability, race and religion, or other grounds of discrimination not prohibited by legislation such as sexual orientation, age etc when considering potential adopters of Greyhounds placed in their care.
- Monitor rehoming to ensure compliance with adoption agreement and where this is breached take action to terminate adoption.

4 Main activities in pursuance of these objectives

- The Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary (SGS) continue to lead regular walks throughout Scotland with very positive feedback and a growth in attendees. The walks provide not only a social activity for existing sighthound owners, but also an opportunity to potential adopters to meet the dogs and to talk to team members.
- The number of applications to adopt between April 2025 end of March 2026 has been increased dramatically compared to the same period in 2024/25. The number of fostering applications has also increased:
 - Adoption applications: 113 (41 in 2024/25)
 - Fostering applications: 26 (18 2024/25)
 - Home checks: 65 (50 2024/25)
 - Adoptions: 53 (44 2025/25)
- The discrepancy in the number of applications received and the number of home checks and adoptions can be accounted for by several factors. Firstly, many applicants also applied to other agencies and often adopted through them. Secondly, we have many repeat adopters who do not require a home check. Thirdly, we received several applications from cat owners, and as we had no cat testing options, we had to refer these applicants to other agencies (we ultimately closed all applications from cat owners until recently). Lastly, many applicants changed their mind and no longer wanted to be considered.
- In terms of fostering applications, we have seen a slight increase. However, the numbers are still very low, and, despite a push on social media and through social events to attract more fosters, we haven't significantly increased our pool.
- SGS have continued to support veterinary care for dogs during 2025/26 which has amounted to: £32644.
- All SGS dogs have been neutered and spayed (normally prior to rehoming), and this is crucially important to the charity and the management team, unless otherwise advised by a vet.

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- We continue to support foster carers and new adopters with our fully comprehensive “follow-up service”. At least two team members are involved with each follow-up.
 - We have continued to hold fundraising activities throughout the year in the form of online raffles and auctions. We have also continued to raise funds through sponsorship and membership.
 - Finally, the commitment to a fair and transparent rehoming system has been maintained and no issues have arisen regarding any concerns.

5 Achievements, performance, and fundraising

We have once again had a busy year attending various shows and organising events, walks and online fundraising activities.

In July 2025, we attended the Stratherrick & Foyers Highland Gathering in Gorthleck near Inverness. This was a great success and our greyhounds did a superb job of showcasing the breed!

Our activities didn't stop there! We also held the SGS Summer Show in August. This event, taking place in Livingston, was a huge success with participants coming from all over Scotland to meet the dogs and partake in the festivities.

Both events were a great opportunity to raise awareness of the breed, and we have received several enquiries to foster and adopt as a result.

We were back in Livingston in September, having been invited to hold a stall at Livingston Cricket Club Gala Day. Another great success showcasing Greyhounds as pets.

The SGS team members also organised walks around the country for the Great Global Greyhound Walk held on the 28th September. We contributed 84 hounds at walks held in Falkirk, East Dunbartonshire, Perth, Midlothian, and Foyers.

Our Fundraising Co-ordinator has been busy throughout the year organising regular auctions and raffles. These have provided SGS with additional income and have been very popular with the wider SGS community. We are also grateful to individuals who have raised funds for SGS throughout the year.

6 Treasurer's Report

Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary Charity Number: SC39701 Statement of Receipts and Payments - For the year ended 31 March 2026		
	31 March 2026	31 March 2025
	£	£
Receipts		
Donations	19092	12890
Sales	784	728
Fundraising	1210	7012
Membership	420	810
Sponsor a Dog	0	80
Bank Interest	950	929
Other Income	12119	8805
TOTAL	34575	31254

Payments		
Veterinary Expenses	26146	9171
Kennelling	325	0
Dog General Expenses	1227	1251
Purchases	1456	813
Insurances	705	666
Professional fees – Accountant	0	0
Sundry Expenses	0	29
Telephones	1499	1196
Postage and Stationery	284	754
Fuel	0	0
Bank Charges	0	0
Long Term Foster Expenses	4247	2484
Long term foster vet/medical expenses	6118	8465
TOTAL	42007	24830

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	-7432	6424
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BALANCES	
Bank balance b/f 01.04.2025	93769
Surplus/Deficit for the year	-7432
Balance c/f 31 March 2026	86337

The report covers the period 01.04.25 - 31.03.26. I have included the statement of receipts and payments.

Regarding money in, or Receipts:

Receipts overall are up by £3321, being £34575 as opposed to £31254

- Donations remain strong and increased significantly, many thanks to those involved, at £19092 from £12890 - fantastic.
- Sales are very low and remain so, as last year.
- Fundraising from “Give as you live”, “Charities Trust” etc has reduced to £1210 from previous year of £7012.
- Memberships reduced to £420 from £810 last year.
- Sponsor a dog has a zero figure as these are being included in donations from now on.
- Bank interest was similar, £950 as opposed to £929.
- Other income increased significantly to £12119 as opposed to £8805, this consisted of gift aid and donations made when a dog is adopted.

At the end of this period the balance available to SGS was £86337 as opposed to £93769 in March 2025, a reduction of £7432. Income received by SGS over this year was £34575 as opposed to £31254 last year, again primarily from donations and from fundraising.

Expenses paid over this period increased by £17177 to a total of £42007, as opposed to £24830 last year, with the most significant expense being veterinary fees, significantly higher than the previous year. This left a deficit over this year of £7432 sadly.

Regarding SGS Expenditure or payments:

1. & 12. – Both deal with Veterinary Expenses - as always was our single highest expenditure. Significantly higher than last year's being £32644 as opposed to the previous year of £17636. This is the third year where long-term foster dog veterinary expenses were accounted for separately and their vet fees were £6118 of the £32644.
2. Kennelling - A boarding kennel was used for one dog as an alternative placement for a short period of time.
3. Dog General Expenses - was used to furnish foster dogs with items needed but not of a medical nature and is minimally less than last year.
4. Purchases - Harnesses, muzzles, calendars and clothing for resale these totalled £1456 and last year were £813

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5. Insurance – Public Liability a necessary payment and small increase of £39 on last years, being £705.
 6. Professional Fees - remain at zero thank you to our auditor who does this.
 7. Sundry Expenses - now zero had been a small £29 which was for an ICT payment.
 8. Telephones: One line held by SGS as well as the 0845 cost each month of between £3-£5. Additionally, fees for ICT, www domain etc now here and came to £1499 as opposed to £1196 last year.
 9. Postage and Stationery – for sending items to fosterers etc is down significantly to £284 from £754 last year.
 10. Fuel – zero
 11. Bank charges – zero
 12. A further £4247 was paid for other associated costs for long term foster dogs an increase of almost £2000. The commitment to long term foster dogs being substantial totalling £10365, a slight reduction on last year between long term foster expenses and long term foster veterinary/medical expenses.

We, as a charity, must submit these accounts along with AGM documentation by 31.12.2026 and intend to do so shortly after the AGM. Many Thanks as always, go to our independent examiner, Mr Mills.

Lorri Baker,
SGS Treasurer.

7 Future Plans

The plans for 2026/27 include:

- Continuing to promote kennel and foster dogs on the website.
- Continuing our fundraising activities.
- Attending more externally organised shows and activities.
- Continuing to promote regular walks throughout Scotland.
- Continuing to increase our social media presence.
- Introduce new team members to support the existing team.



8 Final Comments

I would like to thank my team for all their hard work throughout the past year, which has often been very difficult. I also want to welcome Fiona, who became a team member in early 2026, and whose input has been much appreciated in many aspects, especially in kennel runs up to Scotland.

Despite no racing in Scotland thankfully, there are still three tracks in NE England not far from our kennels, so there are always greyhounds needing rescued and we always have a waiting list. Sadly, we can't help every hound in need, and we've had to say no to a good number of greyhounds and lurchers who have reached out to SGS for help. The increasing cost of living, vet bills and insurance, plus all other rescues being full to bursting, has contributed to the numbers of hounds needing help. SGS is such a well respected rescue in Scotland and further afield, so we'll be striving to continue our aim to help as many hounds as is possible in the coming year.

With this in mind, I'd like to give a special thank you to our Fundraising Co-ordinator, Lianne. Fundraising plays such an important part in rescue, and Lianne does a wonderful job of organising raffles and auctions.

I'd also like to give a big thank you to Jax, our media expert, who promotes walks and shows, and inputs a huge amount of time and effort into our very popular annual photo competition.

Special thanks are also given to the team members who keep SGS running smoothly day to day. From phone calls and follow-up support to memberships and admin, the whole team work extremely hard all year round.

I'd also like to mention our very dedicated group of volunteers, who help with home checks, transports, and social events. Without them, SGS could not operate as it does, and I am very grateful to have them on board.

Finally, I'd like to thank Michela and her husband Chris, who help promote our kennel dogs whilst they wait for foster and forever homes. Their help is greatly appreciated.

Suzanne Simpson,
SGS Chairperson.