

Financial report

2025

Stichting Otterdam

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Preface

This is the financial report of Stichting Otterdam from Rotterdam.

This overview contains the income and expenses of calendar year 2025, as well as the start and end balance of the bank accounts of Stichting Otterdam.

In 2024, there is a result of € -759,57, which is expected because of the lack of events.

Narrative

By Tom Geller ("Jack Newhorse"), Voorzitter, tom@otterdam.org

As secretaris Christiaan notes above, Stichting Otterdam was largely dormant for 2025. This was on purpose. We decided not to produce further Otterdances after Otterdance 5 for three reasons:

1. Nighttime dances with alcohol appeal to too narrow a demographic, undermining our core goal to "make furry art and culture more accessible".
2. High-context communication within that narrow demographic, along with alcohol, led to attendee behaviour that Stichting Otterdam doesn't want to be associated with.
3. Similar events are now being run by others. (See our [Principle #6](#): "If someone else is doing it well, we don't do it.")

The Otterdam Furry Arts Festival in 2024 was a great success and deserves to be repeated. However, circumstances and resources that made it possible in 2024 weren't as clear in 2025.

But there was activity behind the scenes:

- I was on the board of the second Furry Studies Conference (Washington State, US), continuing our good relationship after hosting the first one in Rotterdam at OFAF.
- A new organisational website was written to replace the old placeholder one. It documents our structure and past activities, and describes proposed programs.
- The website text was implemented by students at Graphisch Lyceum Rotterdam, whose work was donated through [GLR's "EchtWerk" program](#)
- We brought on new staff volunteers ("volundiertjes"). We also attempted to recruit new board members (secretaris and penningmeester, to replace the departing Christiaan) from within the community, but were unsuccessful in that.
- We engaged a consultant from [Advies voor Stichtingen](#) to help revise our bylaws (statuten) as needed, create a budget, and recruit new board members.

As I write this in January 2026, we're meeting with various parties in Rotterdam to expand our funding, partnership possibilities, and reach. We expect an active 2026.

Bank accounts

	31-12-2024	31-12-2025
Public bank account (NL63ADYB1000001694)	€ 7,526.72	€7,287,24
Stripe (Payment Provider)	€ 0.00	€ 0.00
Grants bank account	€ 336.70	€ 338.18
Furry studies conference	€ 204.63	€ 0.00
	€ 8,068.05	€ 8,931.84

We expect a 26 euro VAT return over 2025.

Income

	Bank account
Donations	€ 0.-
Sale event tickets	€ 0.-
Sale merchandise	€ 12.40
Hotel/Hostel	€ 0.-
Raised for charity	€ 0.-
Interest on bank	€ 44.83
Total	€ 57.23

Expenses

		Bank account
Services		
	Artists	€ 0.-
	A/V & DJ	€ 0.-
	Rent event location	€ 0.-
	Miscellaneous services	€ 0.-
Goods		
	Event necessities	€ 0.-
	Merchandise	€ 0.-
Generic costs		
	Generic	€ 0.-
	Rounding differences	€ -1.75
	Bank costs	€ 306.15
	Digital services	€ 306.79
	Print work	€ 0.-
	Fursuit lounge	€ 0.-
	Transport costs	€ 0.-
	Donations	€ 205.61
Sale costs		
	Payment provider and hostel	€ 0.-
Other		
	Exchange rate differences	-€ 1.29
	Verification payments	€ 0.-
Total		€ 816.80

Result

	€ 57.23
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