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*Helping animals....without borders. Because animal welfare has no boundaries.*

Dear AKI Friends,

Several people have told me that they donate to AKI because they feel their donation will really make a difference in the lives of animals. That's true--one person can make a difference, and through AKI we make it easy. None of your donation goes to overhead, it all goes directly to our partner animal welfare organizations, who track the use of the funds, and send us reports on what they've accomplished with AKI donations. If you like, you can even designate which AKI partner organization(s) you want to support. Read below about how some AKI donors have really made a difference (You can also help AKI by forwarding this newsletter to friends and family).

### **SAVE THE ANIMALS-ARMENIA**

Myra donates to AKI monthly, and her donation is designated for Save the Animals-Armenia. Donations from Myra and other AKI supporters bought food for the dogs at the Save the Animals' shelter this winter. Myra asked:



*How did the dogs at the Save the Animals' shelter fare over this cold winter? [see photo of a typical kennel at the shelter]:*

Ovsanna in Armenia reported, The winter was too difficult...The dogs became thin, they were shivering. Nune was replacing them inside the building one after another. When we received the AKI donation, we used it for food and all the dogs became fatter and healthier. Now the spring came and it's warm already and they are now safe and happy.

*AKI wanted to let Myra know what Save the Animals-Armenia plans to do with the next disbursement from AKI:*

Ovsanna replied, We hope to make major repairs to the shelter, and to provide vaccinations for the shelter dogs.

Save the Animals-Armenia does such wonderful work in such difficult circumstances. We are happy to be able to provide support. At this link, you can find out newest updates from Armenia about two kitties that were rescued, and you can see a wonderful video created by Ovsanna about a very lucky dog, Shurnukh.

<http://www.animal-kind.org/Ovsanna.html>

### **Namibia's Rural SPCAs**

Diana has visited Namibia, and knows firsthand the difficult situation for dogs and cats there. So she decided to sell Namibian crafts made by Erika (donated by Erika to AKI) and AKI sends 100% of sales right back to Erika to distribute among

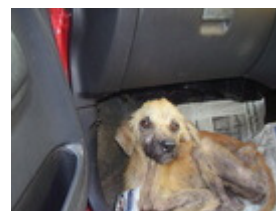


Namibia's rural SPCAs.

From the AKI home page, you can read about a dog in Walvis Bay, Namibia that is very grateful for Diana's and Erika's help! from this link, <http://www.animal-kind.org/index.html> scroll down the righthand column to the latest case in Walvis Bay. AKI funds will help Walvis Bay SPCA with veterinary costs.

### Kingston Community Animal Welfare

Deborah, who runs AKI's partner organization in Jamaica, Kingston Community Animal Welfare, told us about a special dog who she rescued from the side of a road and nursed to health (see photo of Fluffy in Deborah's car). AKI funds helped support the care of Fluffy, who was adopted by a local family (see photo).



Deborah sent this message of thanks to AKI supporters:

*Thanks again very much, for having the vision, and heart and love for animals to create Animal-Kind International and to AKI supporters for their generosity and warmth. We are grateful that people so far away are helping Jamaica's animals.*

People can have a positive impact in so many ways! Holly carried donations from AKI to Tanzania Animal Welfare Society--this is one way we avoid bank fees. Thank you very much from AKI to Holly! (below with Dr. Thomas Kahema, Executive Director of TAWESO) Thomas reported to us that TAWESO will use the funds to offset the cost of the emergency work they undertook in the aftermath of the bomb blasts in Dar es Salaam, and they will purchase supplies that will help them assist the needy animals in the poor village areas of Dar es Salaam.



Zina has been to Uganda and spent time at the Uganda SPCA's shelter, the Haven. In partnership with AKI, she is raising funds to help the USPCA purchase land to build a larger sanctuary. In January, AKI provided funds for repairs at the Haven, and those were just completed last month. To read about USPCA's latest accomplishments, click [here](#), and go to Updates from the Field, Uganda. <http://www.animal-kind.org/index.html>. If you are interested in contributing to Zina's efforts, please contact [karen@animal-kind.org](mailto:karen@animal-kind.org).

Elizabeth donated to AKI in memory of her beloved dog, Krypto. Elizabeth told us, please use my donation where ever it is needed most. That is what Krypto would have wanted: <http://www.animal-kind.org/supporters.html>.

From Ghana, AKI received a report on mistreated dogs and parrots at a hotel in Kumasi. We contacted our partner organization, Ghana SPCA, they quickly contacted authorities, and together they are now working on resolving the problem (more on that in future AKI newsletters).

AKI received 3 boxes of humane education material designated for South Sudan from an anonymous source!

Several AKI supporters send monthly contributions. Some designate a particular organization to receive their donation, others tell AKI to decide where to send it. Some designate a particular program (i.e., spay/neuter). We really appreciate monthly contributions--it helps AKI and our partners to plan for the future. Thank you very much to our AKI friends who contribute monthly!

## Bosnia Animal Foundation

Bosnia Animal Foundation reported that AKI donations helped sterilize dogs and provided urgent operations, such as one for this dog, Skviki. He had a venereal tumor that BAF was able to treat thanks to donations from AKI supporters.



## Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras

Those of you who follow Pilar's rescue stories won't be surprised by this message AKI received from her on 18 April; she is busy as ever helping the unwanted animals of Tegucigalpa. AKI support helps feed and provide vet care for all the dogs and cats at Pilar's sanctuary:

Saturday, a woman, who in December came to help bathe the dogs, showed up with Lobito, who she rescued from the street with a broken hip and paid the vet bills but could not keep him in her apartment. The dog is old and tried to bite me! Then a student showed up with a huge yellow lab, maybe 90 lbs, who he found wandering the street near his house so he brought him over since he was leaving

the next day for two months in Celestun, Merida in Mexico. Then today neighbors left and abandoned their 16-year- old dog with a huge tumor on his left side near his front leg. They said they do not have enough money to euthanize him. I decided to give him some good last days before having him euthanized. I am also taking care of two cats, one adult male and one female kitten, who were just sterilized but the male's owner was leaving for the week of Easter and the female is a stray.

## **Lilongwe Society for the Protection & Care of Animals**

At this link (go to right hand column), you can read about 3 workshops put on in March 2011 by our newest partner organization, LSPCA, to train police to handle animal cruelty/welfare cases.

<http://www.animal-kind.org/malawigroup.html>

When you read this, you'll see why we are looking forward to providing support to the LSPCA! In future newsletters, you'll be able to read how, through LSPCA, AKI supporters are helping animals in Lilongwe, Malawi.

*AKI thanks all of our supporters; we are grateful for your generosity. Together, we can continue to have a positive impact for animals in poor countries.*

*Very Sincerely Yours,*

*Karen Menczer, AKI Executive Director  
&  
The AKI Board*

*We send 100% of your donation to our partner organizations. We have no overhead.*

