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

AKI supports animal welfare organizations in Honduras, Jamaica, Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Namibia, Malawi, Ghana, Armenia, and Bosnia with 100% of your donation sent to our partner organizations.

AKI News: June 2012

Dear AKI Friends,

Over the years, several people have commented to me, when they hear about AKI, that our responsibility is to "local" animals, the animals in our backyard; why should we worry about animals in Africa or Central America or elsewhere across the globe? I have several responses, depending on the situation, but my--and AKI--bottom line is that if animals need help, it doesn’t matter if they are down the road or across the ocean (and we’re grateful that Harlan, with Red Flyer, who you can read about below, told AKI that he feels the same). Most importantly, AKI is not about creating a me/them; global/local divide. We hope that we can do our part in bringing animal welfare advocates from all over the world together in one community.

I’d love to hear your thoughts on this: are "animal people" more prone than others to think "us v. them”? Or are we more open to giving to those who need it most? What can we do to break down that divide? (email, karen@animal-kind.org)

Meanwhile, join us on an "armchair" trip around the world, to where AKI’s partner organizations work. We hope that once you read about the wonderful work of our partners, you’ll decide to support them through AKI (see link at the bottom of this newsletter for secure, quick donation methods).

Bosnia

Thank you to AKI donors who helped fund Bosnia Animal Foundation’s sterilization campaign in Bihac; and thanks to BAF’s great bunch of volunteers for carrying off this campaign! We’ve posted a BAF video that captures the good and the sad times, and best of all, the success story of BAF’s April 2012 capture-vaccinate-neuter-release program. Watch this fun, heartwarming (not too sad!) video from the link on AKI’s BAF page,

http://www.animal-kind.org/bosniaanimalfoundation.html

or directly from youtube,

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fC9BypqRmNo&feature=email

HONDURAS & NAMIBIA & JAMAICA PHOTO GALLERIES
We have so many beautiful pictures and great animal rescue stories, we've started "photo galleries" so you can quickly and easily read about the dogs and cats that AKI donations are helping.

Read about some of the dogs and cats at Pilar's Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras sanctuary, including Ali the 5 year old boxer, whose owner took him to the vet to have him euthanized. Instead, the vet called Pilar, and Ali is now at HHHH's sanctuary: http://www.animal-kind.org/hondurasphotoalbum.html

In May, the El Heraldo newspaper in Honduras published a glowing article about Pilar's work in animal welfare and ornithology. We've posted it on our main Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras page:

http://www.animal-kind.org/honduras.html

You can find pictures and stories from Namibia's rural SPCAs, including Walvis Bay

http://www.animal-kind.org/namibia/Walvis.html (Someone with Walvis Bay SPCA must be a professional photographer, these are beautiful pictures!)

Tsumeb, Rundu, and Ludertiz too. AKI support provides dog food, cat food, blankets, bowls, and vet care for kitties like these from Walvis Bay (We love their brightly painted kennels, I bet they do too!)

You can read about Deborah's Kingston Community Animal Welfare rescues here. Any of you who are familiar with Deborah's work knows that there's always a good story behind her rescues:

http://www.animal-kind.org/jamaicaphotoalbum.html

AKI support to KCAW helps Deborah purchase food and provide vet care for the street dog and cats, who if not for Deborah, wouldn't have a daily meal to look forward to.

**New Addition to "Our Supporters" page**

We've added Zina and her fundraising efforts for a new sanctuary for the Uganda SPCA to Our Supporters' page:

http://www.animal-kind.org/supporters.html

Support AKI, and you can make it on to "Our Supporters" page too!

**AKI is Nominated for a CLASSY Award**

We hear that for the non-profit community, this award is the equivalent of
the Oscar's! Read about our nomination here:


Uganda

AKI has a new friend in Harlan with Red Flyer. When AKI supporter, Mandy, read about Zooey, a little dog at the Uganda SPCA who was hit by a car and whose rear legs are paralyzed, Mandy went into action. She found Harlan, and Harlan used his contacts to find a little cart for Zooey. Now, AKI will use our network of travelers to get the cart to Zooey asap. You can see a video of sweet, happy Zooey, just underneath Hope's video at the link below--with love and care from the USPCA staff, and now at her foster home, Zooey is thriving!

http://www.animal-kind.org/ugandaadvocate.html

Armenia

AKI donations helped Nune purchase dog food for the + 200 dogs at the Save the Animals' shelter! Next, AKI support will help fix the drainage at the shelter (more pictures to come).

We've posted an article about Nune's animal welfare efforts and the Save the Animals' shelter in Yerevan, Armenia. When you read this article, you'll see why AKI supports Nune's work (to read the article, click the link below, and then click just below the heading on the Save the Animals' page):

http://www.animal-kind.org/armeniasavetheanimals.html

As always, AKI is so grateful for your support; we and our partner organizations couldn't do all this without you. We think our Tanzania-based partner organization, TAWESO, says it best in this June 24, 2012 email message from Executive Director Dr. Thomas Kahema:

I am happy that we have just come from our Donkey Welfare Programme in Mpwapwa where we spent some days there with UK vet student volunteers providing humane education and veterinary care for the donkeys. We are also expecting this week to receive about 4 veterinary students from Ontario Veterinary College, Canada who will be with us for about two weeks in Dar es Salaam. We will send to you the reports and
the donation reports after the works. Again we thank AKI so much for support and greetings to all at AKI.

Very Sincerely,

Karen Menczer, Executive Director
& the AKI Board

At this link, you can find, quick, secure methods to donate and if you'd like, to designate one or more of our partner organizations to receive your donation:

http://www.animal-kind.org/supportus.html

Thank you for forwarding the AKI newsletter to friends and family who care about animals!

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