September 2017

Dear AKI Supporters,

You may have noticed that I didn't send an AKI Newsletter in August. Although I normally send a newsletter once a month, things haven't been "normal," especially in the western hemisphere, with earthquakes and Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and now Maria.

And although these disasters haven't directly affected our partners (except for some wild weather in the Caribbean), they're actually having a HUGE effect on us!

Fundraising efforts for storm and earthquake victims, people and animals, have been popping up everywhere. While not to minimize the need, it makes it very difficult for us to raise the money that our AKI partner organizations require to continue their rescue and rehab, spay/neuter, sheltering, feeding, and educating.

We ask that you don't forget AKI in the fundraising maelstrom— even small donations take our AKI partner organizations a long way! Your secure place to donate, here: https://www.animal-kind.org/

Mbwa wa Africa’s Latest Rescues
These cuties, from the "Bear Group" of 5 puppies, rescued by Mbwa wa Africa, at about 3 weeks old, are just a few of the kitties, dogs, and donkeys who rely on AKI donors!

The AKI Blog: August & September
As always, our AKI Blog posts strive to keep you informed about how your donations are used by each of our partner organizations. August-September AKI Blog posts on the AKI website, https://www.animal-kind.org/aki-blog, are:

- AKI donors help TAWESO rescue Dar es Salaam dogs
- Save the Animals-Armenia Update: August 2017
- Why & How we're helping Mbwa wa Africa's shelter in Arusha, Tanzania
- An early morning phone call leads to a string of rescues in Tegucigalpa (Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras)
- Kingston Community Animal Welfare-Rescues Made Possible Thanks to AKI Donors
- Hope Sanctuary kitties are parasite-free thanks to AKI donors!

Through our AKI Blog, we also strive to keep you informed about animal welfare around the world. Thanks to Carrie Spoores, who volunteers with Bahrain Strays, the AKI Blog has a fascinating, heartwarming article about animal welfare work in Bahrain:

- The Plight of Bahrain's Strays (see picture above of one of many dog packs in Bahrain that is fed, watered, and cared for by Bahrain Strays. These dogs lives on the streets, where they have to survive 100-110 deg F temperatures!)

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**AKI Support to the Uganda SPCA**

The Uganda SPCA uses AKI funds to cover rent, salaries, utilities (all of which keep USPCA Haven doors open!) and for rescue and rehab, vet care, and spay/neuter. **While the USPCA relies on AKI donors for operating funds, we're also raising money that will go toward the purchase of a larger plot of land where The Haven can move to and have the security of ownership. We're so excited about this piece of land (above is the general area, not the exact plot) that's come available!**

The land is being offered at a reasonable price (as far as Kampala land goes), but even that is way beyond anything AKI or USPCA has been able to raise. **In the build up to the holidays, we're going to work even harder to raise money to purchase this plot.**

And we'll be looking for others who want to help (peer to peer fundraising, crowdfunding, special events--all are possible). If you're able to donate to help the USPCA purchase land--we're SO grateful. If you're able to put a fundraising effort together--we WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP!

We don't want this opportunity to pass us by! Donations are accepted (make sure you designate yours for USPCA land purchase) at this link:

https://www.animal-kind.org/uganda-aki

or feel free to get in touch with me at karen@animal-kind.org to discuss fundraising campaigns. Wouldn't it be WONDERFUL to have a fully USPCA owned Haven?!
Technical Advisory Group: Donor Coordination

Ok, it may not be the most exciting topic, but donor coordination is becoming more important as more animal welfare organizations spring up around the world and more animal welfare issues materialize. Together, the AKI Board has over 100 years of experience working in Africa, Latin America/Caribbean, and Eastern Europe. And now, with the Technical Advisory Group, we're bringing even more experience—another half century of experience!—to help make sure that AKI is supporting the organizations and the activities that are most critical for moving animal welfare forward, to ensure that your donations are used to support the most critical needs, and to provide expertise on international animal welfare to the public, media, and funding organizations.

Read about the TAG here:

https://www.animal-kind.org/aki-board

(Photo above: Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society's Humane Education Program turns children into animal welfare advocates and good pet owners!)

The AKI Website has a New Look!

Thanks to Deborah Newman, we've had a re-make, and we look beautiful! Check us out:

https://www.animal-kind.org/

(Photo right: Deborah with Kingston Community Animal Welfare helped this woman's dog; they live together in a tenement yard, shown in the background of the photo.)

We are so grateful to each and every one of you for your support!

You can donate to help animals in any of the countries where we work: Uganda, Tanzania (2 partners, including our newest partner organization, Mbwa wa Africa), South Sudan, Namibia, Liberia, Ghana, Armenia, Jamaica, Honduras, and Barbados (new as of 2017).

AKI always sends 100% of your donations to our partner organizations.

When you shop online at Amazon Smile, please remember to designate Animal-Kind International! Thank you!

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Thank you for your donations, without your help, none of this would be possible.