Dear AKI Friends,

When I started AKI almost 9 years ago, there were so few foundations and other grant-making entities that supported animal welfare organizations working outside the US and Canada. Although so much has changed in the last 9 years--in particular, we can now connect with potential supporters on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram--grant opportunities are still almost non-existent for animal welfare efforts in Africa, Latin America & the Caribbean, and in Eastern Europe (Caucasus). Yet in these regions, we find talented, experienced, and enthusiastic animal advocates and effective organizations dealing with some of the most difficult issues, and doing it with very little support. The main reason I started AKI hasn't changed. The reasons to support AKI haven't changed either--helping animals where your donations really do make the difference between life and death.

You'll find more reasons to support AKI below.

The Queen of Kingston (Jamaica)

Not all queens will bathe, flea powder, and cut dogs' toe nails. But Deborah will! Bubba lives near to where Deborah works in downtown Kingston, so she's always stopping in and checking on his dogs and him. He tries to care for his dogs, but he needs a little help. Deborah brings him dog food, and last week, Deborah got 1 of Bubba's dogs spayed--3 still need to be fixed.

Deborah's organization, Kingston Community Animal Welfare, is the only organization in Kingston that helps street dogs and cats and pets of poor people. In my eyes, that makes Deborah a queen!
To read about some of the dogs and cats that KCAW helps--thanks to AKI donors--please check our AKI Blog, in particular, the April 16 post about the Queen of Kingston. KCAW can’t do this without our help! Your donations are so appreciated.

http://www.animal-kind.org/#!the-aki-blog/rcgjv

**The Oldest Street Dog in Kingston**

Deborah thinks that this girl gets the title. Deborah said, "I feed her every day. She waits for me on the sidewalk. She has no teeth, so I prepare special meals for her. She 'gums' her food, very efficiently. She is a darling darling dog." Deborah has been feeding her for so many years. *"She seems happy to be living on this sidewalk, it's what she knows and loves, the freedom and familiarity and all the people know her too."*

Kingston Community Animal Welfare has been an AKI partner organization since I started AKI in 2007. From when I met Deborah and fed needy dogs and cats with her to now.....there are so few places she can count on for support. Please consider helping where your help is needed most!

http://www.animal-kind.org/#!donatetoaki/epq2c

**If you've wondered if your donations can really make a difference....**

Yes! They can. An AKI donor contributed the money to build this new, beautiful, roomy cattery at the Uganda SPCA Haven. **Without her support, the cats would still be in the old rickety cattery.** I was always so worried that a dog would make his way in and get to the cats (Luckily that never happened). Now the cats are 100% safe and secure.

Alex Ochieng sent the good news, "We fixed cat tree on the middle of the house, the house has 2 doors and places for swinging. We would like to say big THANK YOU to AKI and the family who sponsored the cat house."

Please check this AKI Blog post to read how Uganda SPCA uses AKI donor funds, and please consider donating--our partner organizations rely on your donations to rescue, rehabilitate, advocate, rejuvenate.

You can support emergency vet care, spay/neuter, shelter renovations, dog and cat food--just let us know your preferences!

http://www.animal-kind.org/#!Your-donations-at-work-for-Uganda-SPCA/k4fzm/5716a97c0cf25351a37b68aa
The AKI Blog

We have recent blog posts with the latest news from Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras, Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society, and Ghana SPCA that include information on how our partner organizations use your donations. You can click on the RSS feed icon on the AKI website and sign up to receive the AKI Blog, a great way to stay up to date on international animal welfare.

(Picture above: Uganda SPCA’s new cattery)

We are committed to supporting our partner organizations, but we're also committed to keeping you informed about how your donations are used, what our partner organizations are doing and what they need. Without you, none of this would be possible--and that is the truth!

Remember when you shop, use Amazonsmile and designate AKI; use Goodsearch when you search online; use Goodshop to find good deals; and think of AKI when you want to help animals in countries where your donations really do make a difference.

Thank you for your support,

Karen Menczer, Director
&
the AKI Board

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