



Dear Valued AKI Supporters,
(July 2019)

Our Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organization Grant Program

When I wrote last month, we had received 8 complete grant applications with 2 1/2 weeks to go to the deadline. By the July 15 deadline, we had received 29 proposals, 24 of which were complete and eligible!

Thank you so much to our donors, especially our monthly donors and those of you who designated your donation for a grant. Your donations make it possible for us to hold this grant competition.

(picture right, a 2018 AKI grant recipient, OIPA-Cameroon, held rabies clinics with their grant funds)



At this point, **we expect to fund 6 grants, but I'd sure like to fund more!** Don't take it from me though. Our external grant evaluation committee members seem to agree:

I found this such a difficult exercise because all of the applicants seem so worthy.

They each have good ideas and merit and I would like to fund them all!

Unfortunately, I want to fund most of them and I know there's not enough money.

I haven't read one yet that I wouldn't support if I could.

What makes it even more difficult is that there are only a handful of grant opportunities for animal welfare organizations based in Africa. And **AKI is the only funding source that specifically targets Africa-based animal welfare organizations!**

When you donate for a grant, you can:

- choose among projects from 16 countries,
- choose to support cats, dogs, donkeys, and/or horses,
- choose hands-on vet support, humane education, development of infrastructure (among others)

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As Humane Ed Specialist, Aluizah Amasaba, with AKI Partner Organization Ghana SPCA, said, "29 grant applications, meaning 29 proposals from 29 Animal Welfare Organisations in Africa...**surely this is an indication that issues of animal welfare are gaining pace in Africa. I see there is hope for Africa's animals.**"

In AKI's August newsletter, we'll announce the winners of our 2019 grant program!

[The AKI Blog-July](#)

In this month's AKI Blog, read about how our Partners, Ghana SPCA, Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras, and Uganda SPCA have been using your donations:

[In Ghana, AKI Donors Support Field Trips, A Rabies Vaccination Clinic, & More:](#) Thanks to donations from AKI supporters, in the past 6 months, GSPCA has taken a total of 125 Humane Ed students on 3 field trips to 3 different vet clinics! (& more)



[How AKI Donors are Helping Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras \(through June 2019\):](#) Puppies Daisy, Ana, and Tonka go to 4ever homes, Sadie gains weight, Pilar speaks to a high school class about animal welfare, the HHHH sanctuary gets lots of visitors, and Pilar gets an award! (picture above, the HHHH Sanctuary, where Pilar cares for the most difficult cat and dog cases)

[My Visit to the Uganda SPCA Haven \(March/April\) & Beyond \(May-July\):](#) Read about some of USPCA's rescues from the last few months, including one that took 3 hours to get puppies out of a drain pipe (picture below).

Also from the AKI Blog in July, one of our 2018 grant recipients, Save Animals-DRC, started a new program that we love:

In [Bring a Smile - Democratic Republic of Congo](#) Ekwa N'tende Dieumerci (Chargé de Projet et Administration-Save Animals) writes about Save Animals' Bring a Smile program, where the group visits old people's homes and orphanages and brings a dog along (they start with a small dog to get people used to dogs),

they play quiz games, and have other interactive entertainment, all to promote pets (and discourage eating cats and dogs).

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Niger Rosie

You may remember [Niger Rosie's story](#)-it's difficult to forget! She went from Agadez, Niger (thanks to US soldier, Brad) to a foster in Niamey, Niger (thank you Tracy), to AKI Partner, Mbwa wa Africa in Arusha, Tanzania (thank you Sandra, Jens, and their dedicated staff and volunteers), to her 4ever home in Northern Ireland with vet Susan. Tired of all the bad, sad news? Watch Rosie's heartwarming video:

[WATCH NIGER ROSIE'S STORY ON YOUTUBE](#)

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To [donate to AKI](#) click here or on the picture to the right ***(It took 3 hours for the Uganda SPCA team to rescue mama and her puppies from a drain pipe. The USPCA doesn't give up and we don't either! With your help, we'll continue raising money for the USPCA and other animal welfare organizations in poor countries who rely on us!)***



AKI donors support our 10 Partner Organizations in: Uganda, Tanzania (2 Partners), South Sudan, Namibia, Liberia, Ghana, Armenia, Jamaica, and Honduras; and AKI's Grant Program for Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organizations (2018 grant recipients are located in: Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Mozambique, Senegal, Somaliland, and South Africa (2).)

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Gratefully,
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