



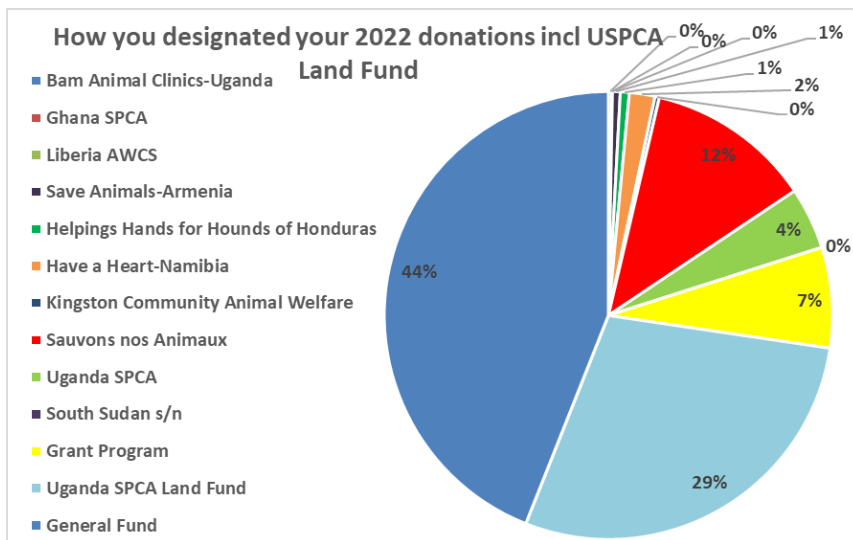
Animal-Kind International Annual Report-2022

In 2022, we continued focusing on our three main programs, (1) support for our Partner Organizations, (2) the Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organization Grant Program, and (3) Friendly Audits.

- Our Partners are animal welfare organizations that we’ve worked closely with and know well; they receive regular, ongoing funding from us.
- Our grantees receive one-time funding based on a proposal they submit. If needed, as part of our Friendly Audit Program, we provide technical and administrative help over the course of their grant project to strengthen our grantees so that they can continue to attract funding.
- By providing a volunteer mentor for targeted Africa-Based organizations, our “Friendly Audits” help animal welfare organizations in non-financial ways.

Our 2022 focus remained on Africa-based animal welfare organizations, with a secondary focus area of Latin America/Caribbean, and the “outlier,” the Caucasus (Partner Organization, Save Animals-Armenia).

1. Financial Support to AKI Partner Organizations



We provide financial support to our Partner Organizations based on the amount of total donations we receive; the amount that donors designate for the specific Partner (←); need and capacity of the Partner to use the funds; and on the quality (accountability, transparency, clear and regular communications) of the Partner’s reporting.

Looking to the future, at the AKI Board’s end-of-year meeting in December, Board members voted

to add a new Partner Organization in 2023, The Six Freedoms-Ghana. The Board also agreed to support Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras, as they determine how best to expand their influence in Honduras while cutting back on direct animal care. The Board made no other changes to AKI Partner Organizations for 2023.

Below is summary information about how our Partner Organizations used AKI funds during 2022.

AFRICA

Uganda Society for the Protection and Care of Animals:

With the purchase in 2021 of a 2.1-acre plot of land for the new Haven animal shelter, we focused on raising funds to construct infrastructure and to transport kennels from the old shelter to the new site. During 2022, concrete pads and walls were constructed so existing kennels could be moved to the site, new kennels were constructed (along with concrete pads and walls), roofs were placed on kennels (→), and about 35 dogs were moved to the new site, relieving some of the crowding at the old shelter. A kitchen was built, fencing was put up, containers, currently used for storage, were moved on site. Trees and other landscaping were donated. ((Photo below left, taken in July, when the 1st group of dogs were moved to the new site, pictured with Alex and Myra. The USPCA took a big hit in 2022, when long-time volunteer Myra left Uganda to return to the UK.)



Although we raised funds for a new cattery (at the request of the donor, to be called “Miss Debbie’s Cat House” and built in memory of Debra Matthews) and a new office/reception/vet clinic (in memory of USPCA volunteer Danica Reno), this work, along with other construction work (using donations in the AKI-USPCA Land Fund), is on hold. Newly enforced wetland conservation regulations require that the USPCA conduct an Environmental Assessment prior to further construction even though the plan is to leave on-site wetlands in their natural state to serve as dog walking/resting areas.) Besides

additional pens and buildings, the USPCA still needs to place pipes to connect to the city water system and construct sanitation facilities, a humane education center, and a perimeter wall. Land Fund money is being held in the AKI account until the EA is completed and construction can move ahead.

In 2022, we continued to support the existing shelter, as well as well as the new site. The USPCA used 92% of the funds they received from AKI for salaries for Haven staff, shelter rent, and cat and dog food. This included 7 months of shelter rent, a monthly salary supplement for Shelter Manager Alex Ochieng, the full annual salary for Assistant Shelter Manager, Jackie Bako, and all or part of other shelter staff salaries, including the shelter vet.

In addition, when the USPCA told us that they had fallen behind on spay/neuter surgeries for incoming cats and dogs (at least 50 remained to be sterilized), our supporters came through with the funds needed to get all 50 s/n'd—and then some! (← The USPCA asked for volunteer vets to help s/n USPCA's cats and dogs. By December 23, with the USPCA garage converted into a surgery theater, 38 surgeries had been completed.)



The USPCA rescues on average two to three animals/day every day. Many are found on the street nursing puppies or kittens, some are left behind when their owners leave and lock them in their compound with no access to food or water, others have been hit by cars or targeted for poisoning, and many have suffered abuse and need to be emotionally rehabilitated in addition to dealing with their physical ailments. (← On just one day at the end of November, the USPCA rescued a dog who had been hit by a car along Entebbe road and was left in the rain.



On their way back to The Haven, they received a report about a dog and her puppies in Namugooona, who were wet and cold, and had no safe place to go. The USPCA team returned to the shelter that day with 10 dogs in their vehicle!

AKI supporters covered almost 50% of USPCA's operating costs in 2022. The USPCA Executive Committee's Treasurer, Miriam, recently wrote to us to say, "We do thank you for this funding and all the many supporters who contribute through AKI ... don't know where we would be without your support. Really appreciate, more than words can say."

Bam Animal Clinics-Uganda: As in previous years, Bam Animal Clinics used the bulk of AKI funds for their donkey welfare program in eastern Uganda (→ A community vet clinic, June 2022), where the highest concentration of donkeys is found. And as they did in 2021, as part of our efforts to strengthen the organization as a whole, in 2022, Bam also used AKI funds for general running costs (salaries,



vehicle repairs, and electricity, water, and internet at their office/vet clinic in Iganga). David Balondemu told us that, “Your continuous guidance is the source of our wisdoms in this struggle.”

Bam’s 2022 donkey welfare activities took place in the Districts of Kween, Bukwo, and Kapchorwa. With AKI funding, Bam held vet clinics in donkey owning communities in February, April, June,



and August, during which Bam provided free care and treated at least 100 donkeys every day.

Bam also holds training courses in humane saddle making (← A training course in April in Kitawoi subcounty, Kween District). In 2022, AKI funding covered all material needed for the humane saddle making trainings. Over the course of several trainings, 400 people

were given sisal sacks to make their own saddles, which they kept to use for their donkeys.

AKI donors support all costs associated with the community veterinary clinics and humane saddle making training courses, including transport to the sites; accommodation; veterinary procedures requiring surgeons who are needed to treat the more serious problems; and medications (e.g., to treat internal parasites, skin infections, and wounds, multivitamins, sprays against ticks and flies). For donkeys with severe conditions, Bam arranges follow up with their local vet contacts, who they equip with medicines and supplies they’ll need to follow up.

Dogs often accompany a family’s donkeys to the clinics →. Of course, Bam doesn’t turn away an animal just because the animal is a small one! For dogs, Bam provided rabies shots, wound treatment, ear and eye care, and other needed care with supplies purchased with AKI funds. Bam also uses the clinics to teach animal caretakers to provide basic care for their donkeys and dogs, leaving the owners with practical information they can use in between Bam’s visits.



Have A Heart-Namibia uses AKI funds for the AKI-HaH Emergency Fund and the HaH Lifetime Care Program. The Emergency Fund pays for emergency care for pets whose owners are unable to afford the needed care (having had the pet spayed/neutered or agreeing to have the pet s/n’d after the care is a requirement for receiving support). The Lifetime Care Program provides boosters and parasite prevention for all returning s/n clients-for life. HaH believes (as we do) that it’s best to keep an already s/n’d pet healthy, rather than spend the effort on s/n only to see the animal suffer and die because of lack of accessible care (which was too often the case for HaH s/n clients prior to starting these two programs). These programs are HaH’s commitment to their s/n clients that HaH will continue to help them ensure their the pet’s wellbeing.

In 2022, the AKI-HaH Emergency Fund treated 50 dogs and 32 cats. The HaH Lifetime Care Program gave booster shots and parasite preventative to 250 dogs and 26 cats. (Compare this to our 2021 numbers: Emergency Fund - 14 dogs and 12 cats and Lifetime Care support - 517 dogs and 53 cats.)

One 2022 Emergency Fund recipient was Isabella, who was a feral born kitten from Windhoek.



Geesche (HaH-Namibia) wrote to us that Isabella is “busy studying how to become a tame cat.” She was living at a foster home where her caretaker, Ronja, noticed that Isabella wasn’t using her right hind leg. Ronja asked if the Emergency Fund could help with a check-up at the nearby vet clinic, and it turned out that that request saved Isabella’s life! Isabella’s leg was swollen and very painful and she had a high fever. She was immediately put on a drip and had to stay at the clinic ←. On the day she was supposed to go home, the fever returned and the joint in her leg was still warm and swollen.

She needed different antibiotics. Finally, Isabella was allowed to go back to her foster home.

Geesche wrote to say, “Thank you AKI for helping a random little back homeless cat in Africa to become a happy and healthy cat!”

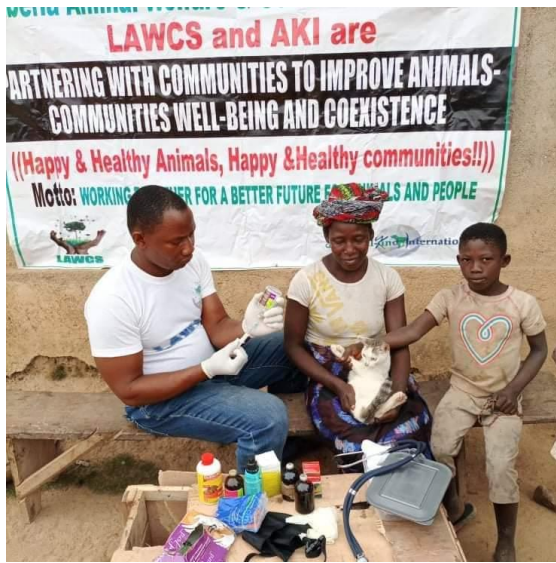
(Isabella’s full treatment, including all check-ups, tests, xrays, medication, being on a drip for several days with more than one week of overnight stays, cost only US\$ 165.95. That’s why we always say that our Emergency Fund is so cost-effective, we can help and save so many animals at a fraction of the cost in the US, EU, UK, or Canada.)

Some cases aren’t quite as serious as Isabella’s, but we’re still happy to help via the Emergency Fund. Spotty from Rehoboth → is an old neuter client, who wasn’t feeling well and Charlotte, his owner, asked HaH for help. Spotty had gingivitis (he was also constipated). Both problems were easily resolved and Spotty was sent back home, much healthier and happier than when he came to the clinic.



Katatura Pet Care Project-Namibia: It’s been over 2 years since we’ve provided funding to the Katatura team, at 1st due to COVID-19, then to an injury experienced by one of the main organizers. Sadly, their hiatus continued during 2022. We’ll be ready to support the Katatura Pet Care Project in 2023, if they are ready to begin activities in Katatura again.

Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society: In 2022, with AKI funding, LAWCS paid the salaries of two full-time staff, including Abie's, the animal health care officer. With funding for a new motorbike for Abie, for maintenance and fuel for the motorbike, and for medicines for Abie to use at community outreach clinics, funding from AKI covered the cost of all outreach clinics held during 2022. During these clinics, LAWCS provides rabies and parvo vaccinations, wound care, and other basic treatments and educates pet owners about how to improve the care of their pets.



LAWCS provides basic animal health care all over Lofa County, where there is no other accessible animal health care. As at this LAWCS's outreach clinic in February 2022 ← all LAWCS care is provided free of charge.

LAWCS also used AKI funds for 12 months of rent of their office/clinic in Voinjama, allowing them to see pet clients there in addition to their outreach work.

It's only because LAWCS's staff live and work in these communities that they are able to improve the conditions, attitudes, and behaviors towards animals (→ Pet dog Lion visited a class to show the kids that dogs are fun!)



Morris Darbo, LAWCS Director, told us, "I want to extend our profound thanks and appreciation to you, AKI and the wonderful supporters for the substantial financial support in 2022 which enabled us to reach and provide lifesaving care and treatment to thousands of dogs and cats. AKI support is critical to sustain LAWCS operation in Liberia."

Sauvons nos Animaux-Democratic Republic of Congo: Having successfully completed two grant projects (AKI's 2020 and 2021 grant programs) and being involved in our Friendly Audit process, we added SnA as a Partner Organization in 2022. Located in eastern Congo outside of Bukavu, SnA runs—as far as we know—the only animal shelter in the entire country.



SnA owns the plot of land where the shelter is located, a spacious site on a hillside, where they've built large enclosures for dogs and a cattery with a fenced-in section to keep cats safe from the dogs at the shelter. There's also a very basic vet clinic and a lean-to "kitchen, ← a

vegetable garden, and plenty of space for dogs to safely run around.

Prior to COVID-19, SnA had many dedicated supporters and they raised enough money to feed the ~200 shelter animals, around 40 cats and 160 dogs. But during the pandemic, many of their donors lost their jobs and had to stop supporting SnA; the donations still haven't returned to pre-COVID levels. Paterne, the founder & director found foster homes for many of the shelter animals because he wasn't able to buy food for 200 animals. But still he had trouble raising enough money to feed the remaining animals.

So when SnA became a Partner Organization and began receiving AKI funding on a regular basis, they used about 2/3 of AKI funds to purchase cat and dog food. They also paid 3 months of back salaries for the 5 shelter staff, who had continued working even though they had received no pay.

During 2022, we created the Shirlee Christensen Memorial Pet Food Fund for Sauvons nos Animaux cats and dogs. Shirlee was an animal advocate, and according to her daughter, she would be honored to have this Fund as her legacy. We will continue to raise money for the Pet Food Fund (and of course, also other SnA priority needs).



SnA is known for their Pet Friendly Kids Camp ←, which in 2022 hosted over 200 children for 8 weeks. The campers spend their days at the shelter, learn about cats and dogs, help with tasks around the shelter, and they also play games like soccer and checkers. SnA used AKI funds to purchase camp supplies and food for the camp kids.

South Sudan: During 2022, our virtual animal welfare team, mostly comprised of people who work part-time in South Sudan, continued to organize the first s/n campaign to be held in the capital, Juba. The in-country team worked with government officials to obtain approvals, which took a significant amount of time. Supplies were carried from Kenya to Juba and are ready to be used. The Kenya SPCA team is ready to assist. This year, instead of COVID-19 (as in the previous couple of years), South Sudan's bureaucracy has slowed the progress. We are aiming to hold the campaign in 2023.

Ghana Society for the Protection & Care of Animals: We've provided only minimal support for GSPCA during the past couple of years (mainly we've kept their website operating), 1st due to COVID, and then because we requested an evaluation/information about results of their Humane Ed work, which is still pending.

LATIN AMERICA/CARIBBEAN

Kingston (Jamaica) Community Animal Welfare: AKI donors cover about 90% of KCAW's operating costs: About 90% of the cost to feed over 1000 individual animals over the year (some

every day, some a few times a week, others only once-and then they disappear); to spay/neuter 60 cats and dogs (35 female cats, 17 female dogs, 8 male cats); to provide vet care, when needed; and to purchase supplies and medicines (parasite prevention, mange treatment, wound care, eye and ear care, etc) comes from AKI donors.

KCAW is the only organization in Kingston that helps the many cats and dogs living on the city's streets. And they also help no/low income families keep their pets safe and healthy, so that especially during difficult times, families are less likely to turn them out on the street to fend for themselves.

KCAW also has a small shelter with 5 dog pens, a large outdoor area for cats, and about 10 cats living inside, in Deborah's home. AKI supporters also help feed and care for these cats and dogs, who were found in unsafe locations and needed to be relocated, or were injured and needed regular care, so were brought to the shelter.

When Andrew found this little kitty → on a busy street, he knew he couldn't just leave her there. So he brought her to his home. He's a caretaker for a construction company, lives on the compound, and watches the place. Unfortunately, Andrew has a difficult enough time making ends meet and needed help to take care of the kitten. KCAW had already assisted him in the past with food, s/n, and medication for two dogs who live at the site and were neglected-they belong to the construction company operators, who don't care about the dogs. Andrew loves animals, so he's become the caretaker of the dogs also. Now KCAW also brings cat food for Andrew's new kitty and has gotten her spayed.



Everyone in Kingston knows of Deborah/KCAW. Her phone rings constantly with calls for help and she responds to each and every one.

Every day, Deborah travels different routes around Kingston to feed and check up on KCAW cats and dogs ←. The animals always know she's coming, they hear her car, maybe they smell the food, maybe they know what day it is, and they come running. If not for KCAW, the cats and dogs would have to rely on food scrounged from dump sites (or less likely, on the

kindness of humans).

Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras: AKI donors cover about 90% of HHHH's running costs for the Nereida Montes de Oca Refuge (the HHHH Sanctuary), primarily a sanctuary for old, sick, and essentially unadoptable dogs and cats. By far, HHHH's biggest expense is cat and dog food, and that is also what HHHH spent the bulk of AKI funds on--72%, covering 10 to 11 months

of food for Sanctuary animals. HHHH also used AKI funds to pay compensation for helpers, mainly to take care of the Sanctuary when Pilar is away. Vet care is relatively inexpensive; even so Pilar’s vet gives her deep discounts for medicines, surgeries, and other vet care, such as blood tests, antibiotics, anti-parasites, and s/n. HHHH used 11% of AKI funds for medicine and other vet supplies and surgery and other vet care.

The Sanctuary experienced an unexpected problem in 2022. The breaker and electrical wiring in the backyard had to be repaired at considerable cost. HHHH used AKI funds for the repairs.



Since HHHH is an “old folks home,” far too often we have to say goodbye to their long-term residents. In 2022, HHHH lost Ali ← and Frode →.



In 2022, HHHH continued the work started in 2021 with Patrick, who collects street dogs from his neighborhood on the northwest side of Tegucigalpa, where many stray dogs live. He brings the dogs to the Sanctuary, and Pilar takes them to her vet to be spayed. They then return to the Sanctuary to recover prior to being returned to Patrick, who works with his neighbors who feed and watch over the dogs. ← Monchita, a street dog, was spayed and then, instead of being put back out on the street, one of Patrick’s neighbors fell in love with her and decided to adopt her.

CAUCASUS REGION

Save the Animals-Armenia: SA-Armenia mainly used AKI funds to feed the remaining dogs at the SA-A shelter in Yerevan and to feed about 30 street cats and dogs and dogs used for guarding (in the industrial area, at places like scrap yards), but are given little food and water and certainly no attention except by Nune when she visits them. All the homeless dogs who Nune feeds are living safely outside the shelter’s grounds and all have been spayed by the municipality (thanks to Nune’s facilitation) or by Nune’s vet (cost covered with AKI funds).

Far too often, Nune finds puppies on the street with no one to care for them. In mid-December, during Yerevan’s cold winter, Nune saw a litter of 7 puppies living outside and knew she couldn’t leave them there where they were in danger of people and weather. Nune found someone to keep them at his house, had a pen built →, and now provides all their food, cleans up after them, and pays for their vet care.



2. Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organization Grant Program

In 2022, we held our 5th annual Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organization Grant Program. The grant program is designed specifically for African organizations, where there are fewer options for funding than in most other regions. We received 66 eligible grant applications in 2022 (compared with 52 in 2021 and 50 in 2020) and funded 9 grants. All grants must be completed within 6 months. As of this writing, 5 have been completed, 4 are ongoing. We awarded grants to:

The Six Freedoms-Ghana: This is the 2nd year that The Six Freedoms (previously HorseSafety) received an AKI grant. Their 2022 grant project, *Welfare for neglected horses in Accra and beyond, raising awareness and providing education for grooms and horse owners*, includes, among other activities, continued care of their 13 previously rescued horses. <https://www.animal-kind.org/post/the-six-freedoms-ghana-aki-s-grant-is-helping-neglected-horses>

Zambezi Working Donkey Project (Zambia): This is the 2nd AKI grant awarded to ZWDP. Their *Community Education Project* continues the work started during the previous grant project, improving the lives of working donkeys by training Community Livestock Officers to provide direct care and monitoring. <https://www.animal-kind.org/post/zambezi-working-donkey-community-education-project>

Botswana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: A 1st time AKI grantee and a previous AKI Partner Organization, BSPCA implemented the *Pet Sterilization Campaign*, targeting poverty stricken remote areas of Botswana and those unable to afford private pet care, sterilizing 254 pets. <https://www.animal-kind.org/post/botswana-sPCA-completes-their-grant-project>

Feral Cat Care's grant project, *Trap, neuter, return, veterinarian care and feeding of community cats in Bloemfontein, South Africa*, TNR'd and fed (and continues to ensure feeding and care) 140 female community cats at locations where nobody was willing or able to pay for the sterilizations, e.g. government properties and residences for the poor and elderly. <https://www.animal-kind.org/post/feral-cat-care-bloemfontein-south-africa-successfully-completes-their-grant-project>

Hero in my Hood (South Africa) creates children's story activity books with a focus on pet care and for younger children, coloring pages. Their grant project, *Teaching Children How to Care for Their Dog*, printed and distributed more than 3000 sets of pet care materials to 6 organizations that work with disadvantaged children in the poorer areas of South Africa and one in Zimbabwe. <https://www.animal-kind.org/post/hero-in-my-hood-south-africa-successfully-completes-their-grant-project>

Pwani Animal Welfare Community Based Organization's (Kenya) grant project, *Providing safe living quarters for rescued stray cats and dogs*, built 24 cat sleeping areas, 4 dog kennels, and cages to use for s/n in the field. Located in Mombasa, they work with the predominantly Muslim community to decrease cruelty towards dogs.

SPCA Grahamstown's (South Africa) grant project, *Who Let the Dogs Out?*, replaced 25 kennel gates that were badly rusted and broken, which could have harmed the shelter's dogs and their caretakers. <https://www.animal-kind.org/post/who-let-the-dogs-out-sPCA-grahamstown-project>

The Twala Trust Animal Sanctuary (Zimbabwe): With the grant from AKI, Twala Trust provided 4 months of food for rural dogs from low-income households who attend Doggy Tuesday free community veterinary clinic, which attracts about 600 dogs each week. <https://www.animal-kind.org/post/twala-trust-zimbabwe-successfully-completes-their-grant-project>

Save Animals (Democratic Republic of Congo) is a 4th time AKI grant recipient (2018, 2019, 2020, and 2022). Their grant project, *Let's promote our valued dogs: an event showcasing dogs & advocating against dog fighting*, continued their work promoting dogs as pets, friends, and part of the family, while they spread the word that dog fighting is unacceptable, illegal, and will be prosecuted.

Information about each grant and progress reports is here: <https://www.animal-kind.org/grant-program-2022>

3. Friendly Audits

We started the Friendly Audit program in 2020, in part due to COVID-19 and in part because it addresses a gap in administrative and technical support and capacity that many Africa-based animal welfare organizations have. Since so many people were homebound due to COVID restrictions and looking for virtual volunteer opportunities, we developed the Friendly Audit process to link volunteers (mentors) with African animal welfare organizations.

In 2022, 4 mentors worked with 4 organizations on tasks such as website creation and editing, social media posting, proposal writing, preparation of brochures, financial management, and whatever else the organization needed and the volunteer had experience and interest in. Seven organizations are on the waiting list for a Friendly Audit mentor.

4. Supplies to Animal Welfare Organizations

Besides financial support, AKI sends or carries supplies to our Partners and other animal welfare organizations, depending on donations we receive, organizations' needs, and availability of a willing traveler. In 2022, we delivered supplies to The Six Freedoms-Ghana and to Dr. Akunzule and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology's School of Veterinary Medicine →; Uganda SPCA and Bam Animal Clinics-Uganda; and Sauvons nos Animaux-DRC. We also assisted supporters who were traveling and wanted to carry supplies, including to Kingston Community Animal Welfare and Save Animals-Armenia.



5. Other Animal-Kind International Activities and Support-2022

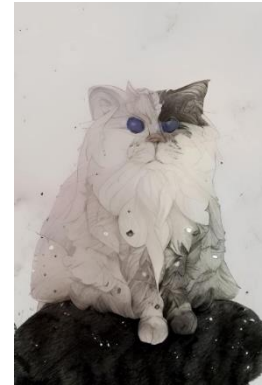
Pet Portraits: An AKI supporter began creating digital Pet Portraits



(examples ← and →) that donors could request when they donated at least \$15. In 2022, Pet Portraits raised more than \$4000 for AKI!

Strengthening AWOs in Africa (and beyond): In

addition to Friendly Audits, in 2022, we provided support to previous grantees and to other animal welfare organizations, mainly in Africa and Latin America. We distributed information on training



opportunities; provided advice on grant writing (including a Zoom

presentation to Namibia animal welfare organizations about researching, writing, and implementing international grants); and sent out information about shelter start-up and operations.

Site Visits: AKI Director, Karen, visited Partner Organizations Uganda SPCA and Bam Animal Clinics; AKI Grantee, The Six Freedoms and Partner Ghana SPCA; and Partner Sauvons nos Animaux-Congo.

Communication with AKI Supporters: Transparency and accountability are key to everything we do. We uphold this commitment by keeping our supporters updated about our Partners' and Grantees' activities and how we and they use AKI funds. In support of this, in 2022, we:

- Wrote/published 44 AKI Blog posts about the work of our Partners and Grantees.
- Sent out 11 monthly e-newsletters to AKI supporters highlighting the work of our Partners and Grantees.
- Organized a group of 6 AKI supporters (in addition to the AKI Board and sector experts) to participate in the proposal evaluation process for our 2022 Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organization Grant Program..
- Wrote GlobalGiving Progress Reports every 3 to 4 months for each GlobalGiving project (funding for Have A Heart-Namibia and Uganda SPCA shelter construction).
- Updated our Guidestar profile for 2022 and obtained platinum level again (the highest).
- Achieved Charity Navigator's four-star beacon.
- Obtained Great Non-Profit 2022 status.
- Kept the AKI website updated and creative-thanks to website developer, Deb Newman.
- Prepared pie charts showing how our Partners used AKI funds during the year. These "snapshots" quickly and easily inform how donations are used (posted on the AKI website on our Partners' pages).
- Sent end-of-year email messages to all monthly donors with a record of their donations and information about what their donations accomplished.
- Regularly posted on Facebook and Instagram throughout the year.
- Added Chris Garrett (donkey welfare expert) to the Technical Advisory Group and kept the TAG running so to better serve and inform our supporters.

2022 presented a new challenge. For some time, we've seen suspicious posts on social media, mainly on Instagram, by individuals who claim to be animal rescuers or involved in an animal welfare organization. What was different about 2022 was that the number of these suspicious posts increased significantly. Together, we and Uganda SPCA received at least 75 messages from people asking us about posts on social media and advice about donating. (Most of the suspicious posts we've seen are from Uganda.)

Although it's not USPCA's or AKI's role to investigate suspicious social media posts, we created a list of the ones reported to us. And we've provided advice to everyone who has gotten in touch asking if a social media post is genuine or fake.

Although difficult to determine, fake posts usually use photos showing bloody injuries (and may look photoshopped), and they always ask for money; and if you give once, the requests don't stop. Another clue, an imposter's bank account will not be in the name of an animal welfare organization.

These fake social media posters have made it even more difficult for animal welfare organizations in poor countries, especially in Africa, to gain the confidence of donors. This has made AKI's role of ensuring our supporters the highest level of accountability even more critical.

Raising Visibility: We help raise visibility of our Partners' and Grantees' work, their needs, and challenges. Our 2022 activities included:

- Articles in Donkeys for Africa's April/May and August/September newsletters. DfA quoted AKI about the importance of partnerships and had high praise for our Friendly Audit program.
- An article in Lakes Animal Friendship's newsletter about AKI Director Karen's visit to Ghana in which she carried HE material donated by LAF to The Six Freedoms.
- Hosting one session at each of the 3 US Foreign Service Institute's retirement seminars, during which we discussed the need for mentors for our Friendly Audits.
- A Peer-to-Peer fundraiser during the 2022 festive season, during which some of our top supporters helped raise funds and visibility, increasing our reach.

Requests to AKI for Financial and other Support: The number of requests we received in 2022 was about triple (about 600!) the number in 2021 (about 200). Most people contacted us for financial support; secondarily, for technical support, about cruelty cases, and about the legitimacy of a rescuer or organization (as mentioned above).

We received requests for financial and/or technical support from the following countries (not all-inclusive and in some cases, we received multiple requests from one country): Tanzania, Domenica, Ukraine, Mozambique, Cameroon, Namibia, Ghana, Argentina, Kenya, Zambia, Guatemala, Thailand, Bulgaria, Somaliland, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Pakistan, Costa Rica, Tunisia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Montenegro, Panama, Uganda, Cape Verde, Turkey, Bangladesh, Czechoslovakia, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Romania, Cyprus, South Sudan, Algeria, India, Somalia,

Barbados, Bolivia, Mexico, Botswana, Malawi, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Egypt, Nepal, Serbia, Gaza, Mali, Venezuela, Tenerife, Brazil, Macedonia.

We received numerous reports of abandonment, cruelty, and injuries, often from people traveling in countries and looking for help for an animal or from local people who aren't aware of animal welfare organizations in their area. We always try to assist to the best of our ability by connecting them to our local contacts. Some examples: Paulina reported a horse in Gyumr, Armenia that needed to be rescued; Joseph wrote to us about his neighbor in Ghana whose dogs are chained 24/7-connected him to Ghana SPCA; Christine, recently moved from France to Kingston, Jamaica, was feeding a cat, who she wanted to get spayed-connected her to KCAW and KCAW had the cat spayed; white tigers at a "zoo" on Little French Key, Honduras, we had received cruelty reports about this situation in the past and sadly it's still an issue (and a dangerous one)-connected the writer to our local contacts in Honduras, who are monitoring the situation; Arlene in Ghana about a horse at a beach in Ghana with bad injuries-connected her to The Six Freedoms, Ulla is monitoring the situation; James about monkeys chained and in cages at Crocodile Island-advised him about who to contact; and so many more.

2022 has been another challenging year with COVID still affecting our lives, the war in Ukraine, and what is now having the greatest impact on the animal welfare organizations that we support, very high inflation. As is so often the case, those who are least resilient—and certainly Africa-based animal welfare organizations fall into that category—experience the brunt of these problems.

Because high inflation and uncertainty are also affecting our supporters it's uncomfortable to keep asking for donations. But we've had no choice, and you, our donors, came through for us again in 2022. **Every year that we've been in existence, since 2007, our donations have increased, and 2022 was no exception. I believe that's because we provide you with the information that donors should expect and should have easy access to. Plus of course, like us, you love and want to help animals!**

We continue to provide 100% of donations to our Partners and in support of our Grant Program. The more we raise, the more organizations we're able to help and at greater levels of support. And most importantly, the more animals that will be helped. Your donations to AKI are making the world a better place for animals!

Thank you so much—from the bottom of our hearts!

