Here’s why I donate to AKI and I hope you will too:

- AKI supports effective, dedicated animal rescue and protection organizations that rely on AKI donors to get their work done (without AKI donors, so many needs would be unmet).
- AKI’s partner organizations can decide how to use donor funds so that their priority needs don’t fall through the cracks (for example, salaries, rent, and other operational costs are so difficult to raise money for, but are critical for an organization to survive).
- AKI supports organizations in very poor/resource-poor countries, where there are very few people who can afford to donate (but local people often contribute by volunteering and advocating).
- In the countries where AKI works, there are often no other international funding organizations (most large animal foundations don’t support local organizations in Africa or Latin America/Caribbean regions).
- AKI partners do so much with so little (funding goes a long way in AKI countries).
- AKI provides donors with specific information about how their donations were used by partner organizations and what additional funds are needed for (See AKI Blog posts below for more).

The AKI Blog-September

Three of our September AKI Blog posts are about **what your donations to AKI have done to help animals in Uganda and Namibia** (Katutura):

- Katutura Feeding and Pet Care Project: October 2017 Update
- Uganda SPCA Uses Your Donations for their Top Priorities (how the USPCA used AKI funds, April through July)
- How Uganda SPCA Used Disbursement 3 of 2016 (during January-May 2017)

Click here to read September's and previous months' AKI Blog posts: [https://www.animal-kind.org/aki-blog](https://www.animal-kind.org/aki-blog)

[Photo above: On October 20, this free-roaming kitty got stuck in razor wire, and the property owners called the Uganda SPCA. Alex Ochieng and his team arrived...]
and extricated the cat; the only damage was to her tail. She’s at the USPCA Haven animal shelter now, where the USPCA vet will determine if her tail is salvageable. Rescues like this and the follow up vet care, are just some of the priorities that donations to AKI are used for—by the USPCA and other AKI partners.]

One of our September AKI Blog posts describes **what’s possible when there’s a strong animal welfare organization, like our AKI partner, Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society:**


[Because of donations to AKI, LAWCS has been able to continue and expand their Humane Ed Program and Animal Care Clinics, building communities of animal advocates throughout Lofa County, Liberia.]

Another September AKI Blog post is about **how one AKI supporter made a difference in Namibia:**

- A Summer of Travel & Service in Namibia

And one post has us imagining, **what a difference we could make IF we received more donations:**

- TAWESO Expands to Southern Tanzania to Help Donkeys!

[Tanzania Animal Welfare Society was invited to southern Tanzania to help donkeys; they held two clinics there, but found that so much more was needed. **Imagine......if we could raise enough money so that TAWESO could sustain their care of donkeys in southern Tanzania!**]

**Imagine: If TAWESO had enough funding to expand to southern Tanzania......**

TAWESO found that in southern Tanzania, single shaft, heavy carts with yokes (pictured right) are used. These exacerbate overuse and overload injuries (you can see the sores on the donkeys' necks). **This old-fashioned, inhumane method needs to be replaced with newer, double shaft, lighter carts that allow donkeys to pull loads with their very strong chests and avoid these injuries.** But changing over to these more humane carts will be expensive. TAWESO also needs to hold donkey clinics in southern Tanzania to treat suffering donkeys (about
$1000-$1500/clinic to treat 400-600 donkeys) and raise awareness of improved donkey care among owners. Imagine...with your support to AKI for TAWESO, this transition can become reality! Imagine...a donation in a friend or family member's name during this holiday season that keeps giving throughout the year (and whose impact is documented on the AKI Blog).

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

If only Tinkerbell could grant our wish!

Due to the hurricanes and flooding, earthquakes, and fires, and the huge and successful fundraising efforts in response to these, donations to AKI are significantly lower this year compared to the last 2 years.

What does this mean for our AKI partner organizations? For TAWESO, it means they’d be unable to expand their donkey work to the south. For Kingston Community Animal Welfare, it means fewer street cats and dogs get fed; more families give up their pets because they’re unable to care for them; street cats and dogs who are lined up to be sterilized have to wait...and wait (and we know what that means).

We know if Tinkerbell could, she would make our wish for more donations come true! Kingston Community Animal Welfare's Deborah found Tinkerbell on September 27, scrouning for food on the street in Kingston, Jamaica (photo above), scooped her up, fed, de-wormed, and bathed her.

Tinkerbell

When Deborah put Tinkerbell in her car, she was so hungry, she tried to eat a banana skin.

At the 1st chance she had, Deborah pulled her car over and fed Tinkerbell out of a bowl a few times the size of the little puppy.

Just 12 days after Deborah scooped Tinkerbell off the street, she’s doing well at foster Allison's home.

When it comes down to it, it’s for all the Tinkerbells in this world that I donate to AKI and that I hope you will too:
The holidays are coming.....

We know there's so much competition out there for your attention and your donations, but we hope you'll remember us during this upcoming holiday season. With each donation, we come a step closer to meeting our partner organizations' priority needs.

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.