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AKI has partner organizations in Uganda, Tanzania, Namibia, Malawi, Ghana, South Sudan, Bosnia, Armenia, Jamaica, and Honduras.

We send 100% of all donations to our partner organizations.

It's rare to donate to a cause knowing that because you gave, something was accomplished-- **something that would not have happened if you hadn't donated.** As we say on our AKI website, we get used to writing a check for \$100, \$50, \$25, and then we never hear back about what our donation actually achieved, we only get another fundraising request. With AKI that's not the case.

For example, we alerted our donors that Uganda SPCA needed money to cover Hope 2's surgery, and sure enough, an AKI supporter came through for her. **If not for that donor, the USPCA would not have been able to afford her surgery.** In this newsletter, you'll read more about Hope 2's good fortune.

A donation to AKI makes a great holiday gift for a friend or family member who cares about animals. We'll send a holiday card showing the dog(s) or cat(s) you've helped. Maybe you'll choose one of the animals below, Chuck the cat, Squiffy the dog, or any of the dogs, cats, and donkeys that our partner organizations rescue and care for.

Read about our partner organizations here: <http://www.animal-kind.org/index.html>
Donate here (you can also designate an organization and/or a specific animal for your donation): <http://www.animal-kind.org/supportus.html>
Check out what others have done to support AKI--and make a New Year's resolution to become one of our AKI supporters who are highlighted here: <http://www.animal-kind.org/supporters.html>

CHUCK'S CLOSE CALL

A Lilongwe (Malawi) SPCA volunteer found an unconscious cat on the side of the road and brought him to the LSPCA. It was obvious that he had been laying there for several hours in the 35 (centigrade) degree heat, and he was close to death! When the LSPCA's resident vet, Dr Widdowson, examined him she was concerned that he may be showing signs of rabies in addition to severe head trauma and advanced dehydration. Even though he had a very poor prognosis, they decided to give him 24 hours to see if he would improve. After pain meds, IV fluids, medication to reduce the pressure on his brain and



anti-inflammatory medication, he slowly became more responsive and aware of his surroundings. It was clear that this ginger & white cat (later named Chuck) was unable to see at this stage and it was unclear whether that was reversible.

Everyone decided to give Chuck another 24 hours to see if he improved further. With each 24 hours, he improved a little bit more; first he lifted his head, then he sat up, then he regained his appetite, he slowly was able to rise to his feet and wobble a few paces.

Despite significant damage to the retinas in the back of both eyes Chuck seemed to be able to pick out images in front of him and slowly was able to see well enough to get excited if someone walked up to his cage.

Chuck's care is costly, and the LSPCA is looking for supporters who will sponsor him--he still needs to be neutered, and he still needs medication and good food to regain strength and health. You can designate LSPCA/Chuck for your donation on the AKI link above.

Squiffy!

Squiffy was reported as a stray to the Lilongwe SPCA, and the LSPCA Veterinary Team set out to capture him--some tasty sausages did the trick! He was skin and bones and had a few cuts, presumably from where stones had been thrown at him. Even though Squiffy hadn't been treated kindly, he was so good-natured right from the beginning. The LSPCA vet vaccinated and de-wormed Squiffy, and kept him at the clinic for monitoring. As he recovered from his ordeal he was moved



over to the LSPCA's quarantine facilities (constructed with AKI funds!) He has since left quarantine, been neutered, and is awaiting a good home. The LSPCA vet says, **"He is still lovely in nature and we are all hoping he will find the loving home he deserves."**

The LSPCA would like to find a sponsor to cover the cost of Squiffy's care.

Photo above: Squiffy, settled in at the LSPCA. Photo below: Squiffy when he first arrived at the the LSPCA shelter, skin and bones, but still so good-natured.

Thanks to the LSPCA shelter staff, Squiffy is quickly recovering, gaining weight, and is becoming a happy, playful dog.





loveanimals.org

AKI has a project on the crowdfunding site, loveanimals: **Veterinary Outreach Clinics in Tanzania**. You can help AKI bring vet care to dogs and cats who otherwise would never have the chance to see a vet. These clinics are often the only time children see people being kind to animals--these clinics can leave a lasting impression.

Our AKI partner organization, Tanzania Animal Welfare Society holds Veterinary Outreach Clinics, when funds are available, in poor communities. Dr. Thomas explains the veterinary outreach clinics: *They involve mobilization with loudspeakers and posters. We go to different communities but our focus are the poor village areas of Dar es Salaam where most of the people are not able to pay the costs for the vet care of their animals and actually these people can not afford to meet their basic home needs as well.*

Read more about TAWESO veterinary outreach clinics and see pictures, at the link below, where you can also donate--and JOIN US in helping to bring vet care to over 300 needy animals:

<http://www.loveanimals.org/tanzania-vet-outreach.html>

AKI Dollars at Work for Animals!

A little boy brought Hope 2 to the Uganda SPCA when she was only about 3 months old. This brave boy had stopped some children from throwing stones at her. At some point previously she had been hit by a car and her rear legs were paralyzed. Her pelvis and some of her vertebrae were also broken. She needed an amputation to help her walk on her three good legs. Her other rear leg had been rehabilitated and had gained strength, so with surgery, she



is expected to be able to walk again. **Hope is a playful puppy who loves to be mobile, and she showed such determination, the USPCA knew she'd be a great candidate for the surgery.**

AN AKI DONOR COVERED THE COST OF HOPE 2'S SURGERY!

Now at about 6 months old, she went through amputation surgery. Jackie, Hope 2's foster mom, reported: **Hope is making a remarkable recovery after the operation. Her remaining back leg seems weaker and less flexible since the op but I am hoping that she will still be able to walk on it and the front legs soon. Please tell them that I appreciate their generosity so**

much.



Thank you very much for donating to AKI and helping to make sure animals in poor countries are not forgotten during the holidays! Every donation helps--our partner organizations do so much with very little!

Karen Menczer, Executive Director
&

the AKI Board

We wish a happy and healthy holiday season to you and your family, the 2- and 4-leggeds.

A Special Thank You

A personal thank you to all those who sent messages about my dog Eubie, and who donated in his memory:

<http://www.animal-kind.org/memories.html>

Karen

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