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Helping Animals without Borders....because animal cruelty....and kindness....have no boundaries.

Dear Friends of AKI,

As most of you know, we are not shy about asking friends and colleagues to carry money and supplies when they travel to a country where we have a partner organization (or about giving our thanks to them). Srdjan, a vet who is from Bosnia, but now lives in Canada, helped us out on his September trip to Bosnia by carrying a donation for our partner organization, the Bosnia Animal Foundation. It started out with this note to AKI from Suze with BAF:

Lately there was a horrific abuse in Zenica [Bosnia], the town we do our sterilization campaigns with SAPA, the great NGO that is run by Jelena. They have been dealing with a lot of cruelty cases the past month, but 2 weeks ago 2 of the former project dogs [street dogs that BAF has sterilized] came in with huge wounds. One of them had a cut off tail, and we had to amputate and treat it with antibiotics and painkillers. The other one they tried to cut his throat, but they started with his shoulder.....So a huge wound there. Both dogs need medications and stay with foster families right now to recover from these atrocities. We have taken steps to find the people who done this...But all the med care is expensive and comes on top of all the aftercare from the sterilization campaign we have just done.

Although this was a pleasure trip for Srdjan, he gladly agreed to carry the AKI donation, which in part was earmarked for treatment of these two dogs. Srdjan took the opportunity to check out a shelter that BAF supports, and sent this message to AKI:

Jelena and I met on Friday and visited Faletici shelter [shelter in Sarajevo] run by Goga. My quick impressions - I am very impressed with Jelena and Goga, both of them are tireless and positive. I can only envy their attitude in such a difficult environment. Faletici shelter [houses around 200 dogs] is much better than I expected, the dogs are all in very good shape, clean and well fed, runs obviously well maintained. I spoke with Gordana [Goga] about her immediate needs. She mentioned anti-parasitics and some microchips and vaccines. I promised I would do my best to make it happen. **[AKI hopes to get donations of these to send to BAF]** All the best to everybody and we will talk when I come back to Canada.

AKI then received this note from Jelena, *Just a quick hello from my side. Srdjan and I met on Friday, and talked about the situation in Bosnia regarding animals and stray dog issue. Thank you so much for all the help, support and understanding for the situation we live and work in, trying to raise awareness of the population and fight violence and threats on a daily basis.*

However, soon after, we heard again from Jelena about Lulu, who was sterilized by BAF in April

2010. A beautiful white big bulldog, a stray:



*Lulu (photo from April, after her spay surgery) was brought this morning (13 October 2010) to a private clinic in Sarajevo, where blood, urine test and ultrasound were done. Total anemia and uremia--basically kidney failure, right kidney total failure, left still working but....her gums are white to yellow, skin turning yellow. Doctor said anything could have caused this, infection, virus, chronic inflammation She is not in pain and we will still continue to fight for her. I cried my eyes out, I am so sad, can not articulate my thoughts. She is on infusions 2x a day, Reglan, Ranital, B Complex and ERITROPOETIN BETA to improve the blood. and her eyes are still full of life and most of the time when she is receiving infusion she is watching at us, keeping her head up. We will bring her to the vet station on Friday to stay with us during sterilizations. I do not know what to do, I am sad sad sad. **AKI agreed--of course--to use our funds to not only cover the 2 earlier cruelty cases, but also to help pay for Lulu's treatment. Thank you very much to Srdjan for carrying the AKI donation--so we can avoid bank fees, and for giving moral support from AKI and our supporters to Jelena, Elvia, and the other Bosnian animal welfare volunteers!** http://www.hondenopvang.com/html/Journaal/nieuws/nieuws_EN.html*

Read about the great work of BAF, an AKI partner organization at the link above; we will update Lulu's condition on the AKI website.

From Namibia, we received this thank you from the Walvis Bay SPCA:

WE HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY HERE IN WALVIS BAY. I WANTED TO ANSWER YOU A LONG TIME AGO. FIRSTLY THANKS FOR THE LAST DONATION AND THE NS690 NOW, IT IS LIKE MANNA FROM HEAVEN AND GREATLY APPRICIATED. AT THE MOMENT I AM BUSY TRYING TO GET 300 PEOPLE TO DONATE NS50 ON A PERMANENT MONTHLY BASIS ,WHICH WOULD COVER OUR NORMAL RUNNING COSTS WHICH IS WAGES,WATER AND LIGHTS, FOOD AND VET. JA, I AM SURE YOU HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM, SO FOR THE SAKE OF THE ANIMALS WE LL JUST CARRY ON. OTHERWISE WE ARE STILL HANGING IN HERE, WE HAVE ANIMAL CRUELTY, NECLECT, DOG FIGHTING (where we had to call the police in) AND WITCHDOCTORS USING DOGS FOR MEDICINE. WELL ALL IN A DAY S WORK OF THE SPCA. HAVE A WONDERFULL DAY AND ALL YOUR HELP IS APPRICIATED.

REGARDS EDITH

We are still waiting to hear From Luderitz (Namibia) SPCA--photo below, if they will be able to remain open or if because of a shortage of funds, they will have to close. We'll keep you posted via the AKI website.

Please help AKI help these Namibian SPCAs, who every day, fight to help the animals.

Even though they are so short on resources, they are helping and protecting so many animals, educating the public, sterilizing, and providing other vet care, while also operating shelters. For those of us in the US, imagine.....Namibia is about 319,000 sq miles and has 2 million



people; New Mexico is about 122,000 sq miles and also has about 2 million human population. Namibia has about 10 SPCAs-rescue organizations that focus on cats and dogs; New Mexico has about 20x that number. Serving a relatively impoverished population, the rural Namibia SPCAs have so few possibilities to raise funds. AKI has sent monetary donations to Namibia's rural SPCAs that have helped to cover vet costs, including spay-neuter, and that have bought blankets, food dishes, and other supplies for the shelters. We have also sent sutures, which have helped to defray surgery costs. Your contribution to AKI/earmarked for rural Namibia SPCAs makes a world of difference to animals and their caretakers "a world away."

Ben Swan, *The Scoop* columnist for the *Santa Fe New Mexican*, wrote another great article about AKI, which you can read at the link below. It's great publicity for all the AKI partner organizations, and has drawn interest from around the country. Thank you, Ben!!!!

www.santafenewmexican.com/Scoop/Global-good-deeds

Ovsanna, an animal welfare activist in Armenia, who helps Nune and the Save the Animals' shelter (an AKI partner organization), is sending regular updates to us about the situation for dogs and cats in Armenia and the work Save the Animals is doing to address the challenges. You can find Ovsanna's updates from our homepage (righthand column): <http://www.animal-kind.org/index.html>;

or you can go directly to the Armenia-Save the Animals' page: <http://www.animal-kind.org/armeniasavetheanimals.html>

See our new and improved Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras page: <http://www.animal->

kind.org/honduras.html

Thank you very much to High Desert Dog magazine for including an article about AKI's Global Giving challenge:

<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/e1f4bfae#/e1f4bfae/24>

We at Animal-Kind International do the due diligence on our partner organizations so that you can be sure your donations are helping the animals. Please feel free to get in touch with us at karen@animal-kind.org if you have any questions about AKI or our partner organizations or about ways that you can help! Our Board Member, Elizabeth suggests this easy way to support AKI:

You may have noticed the GoodSearch link on the bottom of AKI's webpage. Here is what you can do by clicking on this link: 1) Add GoodSearch to your toolbar, 2) Designate Animal-Kind International as your charity, 3) Try searching with GoodSearch instead of Google and every search earns AKI at least a penny. This works because companies have paid GoodSearch to advertise on their page. Spread the word and have all your friends do good while searching! Also, you can use the GoodShop icon on your GoodSearch toolbar to benefit AKI while shopping! http://www.hondenopvang.com/html/Journaal/nieuws/nieuws_EN.html

We hope you're all getting ready for our 2011 challenge, for which the top three donors will receive Sarah Powdermaker's book, *Awesome African Wildlife*. See www.animal-kind.org for more information on the challenge.

Thank you for all you do to help the animals and the animal welfare advocates in poor countries who are doing the best for the animals. And thank you for spreading the word about AKI and for forwarding this newsletter on to friends and family.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Karen Menczer, Director

& the AKI Board

Our Partner Organizations: Ghana & Uganda Society for the Protection & Care of Animals; Botswana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; Namibia's rural SPCAs; Southern Sudan humane education volunteers; Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras; Jamaica Community Animal Welfare; Save the Animals-Armenia & ProPaws Charity-Armenia; Bosnia Animal Foundation

