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AKI News: September 2011

*Helping animals....without borders. Because animal welfare has no boundaries.**We support animal welfare organizations in Honduras, Jamaica, Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Namibia, Malawi, Ghana, Armenia, and Bosnia.*

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Dear AKI Friends,

Please take a moment and check out our newly designed homepage:

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

It's now easier to see which organizations we support, what they do, and why we've made them our partner organizations. Most important, it's now easy for you to find out what our partner organizations need most, and for you to decide which organizations you would like to support--(or you can still let AKI decide based on our partner organizations' needs and programs).

Input from AKI supporters helped us in this re-design, and we thank you. Please take a moment, get to know AKI again, and tell us what you think of the new homepage.

Thank you so much to Deb Newman and Maine Bytes for the design and for all Deb does to keep our website so bright and lively.

[Maine Bytes Computer Repair & Web Design: Find Us on The Web:

<http://www.mainebytes.net>

Please read below about ways to make a difference in the lives of dogs and cats the world over. Join the AKI global community--with your help we can make their lives better.

Become one of the AKI Supporters featured on the "Our Supporters" page:

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

Besides keeping updated on AKI news on our website, another way of connecting to AKI and helping our partner organizations is through the GoodSearch toolbar. The GoodSearch search engine is working so much better now, it's a great way to help support AKI just by performing web searches. All you have to do is add the GoodSearch Toolbar to your

internet browser, select Animal-Kind International as your charity and every time you search the web one penny will go to AKI. Even better, if you purchase an item from a business that donates to GoodShop, designate AKI, and we will receive a % of the purchase. I switched to Expedia to book airline tickets just because Expedia donates a % to AKI every time I make a purchase. Go to

www.goodsearch.com

and you'll see how easy it is to get started. Alternatively, you can get to the GoodSearch site through the AKI website:

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

Another way you can find out about AKI, our partner organizations, and help spread the word about the great work they do is by joining our [soon to start up] blogging community--watch the AKI homepage, for news about the AKI blog which will have stories about animal welfare issues and challenges from around the world with a focus on our partner organizations and the countries in which they work.

What difference does your support make for AKI's partner organizations?

With your support, dogs like Sadie, are fed and provided with vet care. Sadie was found in Lilongwe, Malawi living in a drainage ditch under a small bridge, where she had just had pups. Sadie's rescuer called the LSPCA and then took some food over for Sadie to get her to stick around until the LSPCA came by with their vehicle. Sadie and the pups stayed with an LSPCA fosterer until she was adopted by dog lovers in Lilongwe who reported to AKI, "She really has become a full fledged member of the household, a far cry from the shy and scared creature who first entered our lives. She now 'controls' guard duty, and ensures that everyone who enters our yard is first approved by her." Support to AKI provides food and vet care for dogs and cats rescued by the LSPCA. (Read about the Lilongwe SPCA here, <http://www.animal-kind.org/malawigroup.html>)



Your support makes a difference in the lives of animals in Bosnia, Tanzania, Uganda, and Jamaica.

We have sent financial support and supplies, including sutures, to our partner organization in Bosnia, Bosnia Animal Foundation. Because of AKI support, BAF can spay, neuter, vaccinate, provide vet care, and feed many dogs and cats, and provide humane education. Read their newsletter here, and you'll know why BAF is one of our partner organizations: http://www.hondenopvang.com/html/Journaal/nieuws/nieuws_EN.html

AKI support to Tanzania Animal Welfare Society helped TAWESO host overseas vets who worked on their Community Animal Welfare Programme, Donkey Programme, and Humane Ed Programme. Read here and you'll see why AKI supports TAWESO's work:

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

AKI support has repaired the kennels at the USPCA Haven, supports the salary of an animal

caregiver, and helps purchase food and vet supplies for +20 cats and the +100 dogs like this sweetie posing for the camera.



Because of AKI support, Deborah can feed and care for Kingston's street dogs and cats. Deborah reported that she is feeding over 60 dogs and cats a day! But lately, Deborah told AKI, she is dealing with a new problem, "maggots...on so many dogs....walking around flashing their ears trying to shake them off. I have 3 stops to make at different locations to treat and powder the wounds. Without the treatment, the people will kill these dogs because they find their wounds disgusting. I give them another alternative. The powder is excellent—it's called Asuntol, and I would love to have a steady supply if you can get some for me. I leave several packets with the people after I clean and dress the wounds. They don't mind dressing it once the maggots (they call them 'worms') are gone." (Read more about Deborah's work in Kingston's poorest communities <http://www.animal-kind.org/jamaicaadvocate.html>)

Support to AKI also helps spay and neuter dogs and cats in rural areas of Namibia and helps care for horses in Ghana.

Here's Dr. Bernard Chiomwe (with Edith from Walvis Bay SPCA) spaying a dog. The Namibia rural spay/neuter campaign is well on its way, and AKI has donated funds and s/n supplies so they can continue this work in Keetmanshoop, Luderitz, and Karasburg (read about AKI's support for Namibia's rural SPCAs here <http://www.animal-kind.org/nambiaadvocate.html>)



Support to AKI helps Miriam care for Ghana's abandoned and abused horses: Miriam told AKI that she "recently tried to rescue a very neglected, one-eyed horse who'd been badly beaten by her owner (hence the one eye) but the owner refused to give her up, in spite of me offering money for her. What we have managed to do is convince the owner that her care should be transferred to my stable hand (incidentally she is at the same yard as my two previous rescues) so at least she now has good care and we're keeping a close eye on her (and the owner). With AKI support, I will continue to rescue horses that need a home and, where possible, help owners who need advice about taking better care of their animals. Thanks for helping us with supplies that are so difficult—if not impossible—to get here. (Read about the Ghana Horse Care Project here, <http://www.animal-kind.org/ghanahorsesadvocate.html>)

In the last year, AKI has received more requests than ever before from animal welfare organizations who would like to join the AKI network. We hope that in the future we can add more organizations. No matter what, our pledge to our donors is that we





will continue to ensure that all our AKI partner organizations meet strict due diligence requirements prior to becoming a partner organization, and that to remain a partner organization, they must continue to be accountable to AKI for funds we provide, and must implement transparent accounting procedures. While we don't want to spread our financial support to our partners too thinly, we feel it's important to grow so that together we can be a force for change. And with your help, we can grow--please spread the word about AKI--that 100% of your donations go directly to our partner organizations; that we support the neediest of the needy--yet we take no shortcuts with your donations--we ensure that funds we send are used only for animal welfare purposes; and that through AKI you can connect directly to the people on the ground helping animals all over the world so that you can find out exactly the difference your support is making in the lives of animals.

From Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras (Suyapa and Pecos pictured above, whose food and veterinary care have been provided by AKI donors) and from AKI, we thank you for your support.

(Read about HHHH here, <http://www.animal-kind.org/honduras.html>)

Humanely Yours,

Karen Menczer, Director
& the AKI Board

