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Helping animals….without borders. Because animal welfare has no boundaries.

AKI supports existing animal welfare organizations in Honduras, Jamaica, Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Namibia, Malawi, Ghana, Armenia, and Bosnia with 100% of your donation sent to our partner organizations. We have no overhead.

With half of 2013 behind us, in this newsletter, we’ll tell you a bit about what your donations to AKI have accomplished for animals so far this year. And with half of 2013 ahead of us, we look to Honduras, Ghana, Uganda, and Armenia for some of the remaining needs of 2013.

Tanzania Animal Welfare Society
With your donations to AKI, in July, our partner organization, TAWESO, conducted workshops for donkey owners in Dodoma region of Tanzania to teach them how to make saddle pack harnesses, how to use these humane harnesses, and how to provide basic care of their donkeys. The photograph to the right shows workshop participants making the harnesses. During these sessions, TAWESO trained about 100 people, all of whom went home with humane harnesses for their donkeys. You can see more pictures of the workshops and donkeys with their humane harnesses at TAWESO’s page on the AKI website:

http://www.animal-kind.org/tanzaniaphotoalbum.html

Kingston Community Animal Welfare
With support from AKI, during the first half of 2013, KCAW fed about 500 street dogs and 100 street cats weekly. KCAW also spays/neuters and provides basic animal care (de-worming, mange treatment, treatment for mango flies, fleas, and ticks—also with AKI funds), and takes care of the animals that no one else will. If you’ve been to Kingston, you know that thousands of dogs live on the streets; it may appear they are basking in the Caribbean sun, but life for a Jamaican street dog is not a day at the beach. They often
suffer from several ailments, they are malnourished, and they have to put up with human cruelty. Street cats are thought of as vermin. KCAW is the only organization that goes into poor communities, and advocates and cares for street dogs and cats. The photograph above is a group of feral cats that KCAW’s Deborah feeds (They’ve been sterilized.) More photos of Kingston’s recipients of AKI support--the street dogs and cats--are here:

http://www.animal-kind.org/jamaicaphotoalbum.html

**Ghana SPCA’s Humane Ed Program**

David and Aluizah, volunteers with the GSPCA, are piloting a humane ed program in four schools in the Greater Accra Region: Trust Academy in the Adenta Municipality, Providence School in Kotobabi, Gospel Academy, and Action School, both at Madina in the La Nkwantanang Municipality. This new initiative is an eight-week pilot program that covers topics such as basic care for dogs, cats, and farm animals. The photo to the right shows GSPCA’s Aluizah conducting one of the classes (You can see more photos of GSPCA’s humane ed program here: http://www.animal-kind.org/gspcaphotoalbum.html.) Each school will have a mentor--a teacher--who will continue to conduct the classes, with training from David and Aluizah, and with HE materials provided by the GSPCA. Over the next 1 1/2 years, the GSPCA intends to have a humane ed program operating in at least 20 schools. AKI is raising funds to support the GSPCA’s HE efforts. This initiative has the potential to create real change for animals in Ghana.

**HHHH, USPCA, SAA**

We added some of Pilar’s recent rescue stories to the Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras page on the AKI website:

http://www.animal-kind.org/hondurasphotoalbum.html

HHHH cares for dogs and cats that have been left on the streets to suffer and die. Essentially, HHHH’s sanctuary is a hospice, where animals are cared for, brought back to health and re-homed, when possible, and if impossible, where they can live out their days in safety, without suffering, and being cared for and loved.

**AKI is raising funds to ensure that HHHH can continue to care for Tegucigalpa’s animals in need.**

The photo above is the roof at the Save the Animals’ shelter in Yerevan, Armenia. AKI hopes to raise funds so that SA-Armenia can repair this roof, which must be done before winter...
begins. The shelter cares for over 220 dogs; it is the only shelter in Yerevan, Armenia.

Uganda SPCA’s Alex Ochieng made some beautiful posters (go to: http://www.animal-kind.org/ugandaphotoalbum.html) that tell the stories of some of the dogs at the USPCA’s Haven. In the first half of 2013, AKI donations supported transport for USPCA rescues, fuel to cook dog and cat food, purchase of a range of medicines and vaccines for USPCA Haven animals, and dog and cat food. For the current residents at the Haven (make sure to check out those posters!) and for the dogs and cats who will call the Haven home during the second half of 2013, AKI will be raising funds to cover their needs.

AKI’s support to our partner organizations ensures that the neediest animals receive the care, protection, and love that all animals deserve. Thank you for helping us help them. You can donate to AKI at this link, and if you would like, you can designate an organization(s) to receive your donation: http://www.animal-kind.org/supportus.html

We have a new way for you to support AKI: eBay & the PayPal Giving Fund

http://givingworks.ebay.com/charity-auctions/charity/animal-kind-international/58632/

Do you have items you’d like to get rid of? Items you want to sell? Post them on eBay, and choose AKI as the recipient of a % of the sale. The PayPal Giving Fund sends AKI 100% of your donation!

Thank you for making the first half of 2013 a good start for the animals, let’s make the second half even better!

Karen, Director
& the AKI Board