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Dear Friend of Animal-Kind International,

Did you know that AKI is the only funding organization that targets Africa-based animal welfare organizations?

Most animal welfare funding comes from United States-based donors and foundations and supports U.S.-based organizations. Some foundations/funding organizations expand their sphere of interest to Canada. Only a handful of funding organizations and foundations provide grants worldwide. **AKI is the only organization that targets our financial support to Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organizations!** (We provide technical and administrative support as well.)

I have so much hope for improvements in animal welfare in Africa, having already seen such positive change during >20 years that I've worked in the region. **But I can't tell you that I'm not worried about where our next donation will come from. I am.** During these uncertain times, when there's no end of good causes to contribute to, I'm asking you to remember Animal-Kind International and the impressive, enthusiastic animal welfare advocates that we support.

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AKI's 1st Grant Program for Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organizations

To strengthen and expand our support for animal welfare organizations in Africa, **we started an Africa-Based Animal Welfare Grant Program this year. For the 1st time, through this grant program, AKI is expanding our support beyond our Partner Organizations.**

We received a total of 18 grant applications, about twice the # I expected we'd receive. We had intended to support 3 grants of US\$500 each. We then received donations designated for the grant program, which brought the number of grants we could fund to 8, including one specifically for donkeys.



For complete information about AKI's Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organization Grant Program, please click:

[AKI Africa-Based AWO Grant Program](https://www.animal-kind.org/grant-program)
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And the grant winners are.....

- Social & Animal Welfare Services-Somaliland (6 vet clinics for working donkeys and horses)
- OIPA-Cameroon (awareness raising campaign in conjunction with rabies/vet clinics)
- Save Animals-Democratic Republic of Congo (support for campaign to "Stop the Consumption of Dogs & Cats in the DRC," with a Dog Walk through Kinshasa (photo above), press conferences, and rabies clinic)
- Funda Nenja-KwaZulu Natal, South Africa (purchase of dog shelters for township dogs who participate in Dog School-The Malcolm Alexander Memorial Grant has been awarded to Funda Nenja for a project that will benefit children and dogs)
- Mdzananda Animal Clinic-Khayelitsha Township, South Africa (cat and dog food for the In-Patient Care and Shelter Programs)
- Animal Rescue League-Senegal (rabies campaign and advocacy to ensure authorities keep their commitment not to use poison for population control)
- Touch of Life Animal Shelter-Egypt (vaccinations for cats and kittens, a water pump for the shelter's rehab pool, and 6 water bowls/pools for drinking and cooling off from the heat of Cairo)
- Mozambique Animal Protection Society (design and reproduction (1000 copies) of Mozambique-specific primary school and secondary school Humane Ed booklets)

We know this is a much-needed source of funds for Africa-based organizations, and we certainly intend to continue it again next year(incorporating the lessons we've learned).

Thank you so much to our donors who made it possible to fund so many of the 2018 applications! The more donations we receive for AKI's Africa-Based Animal Welfare Grant Program, the more proposals we can fund in 2019. (Go to the link above or send me a message-contact info is below, if you're interested in hearing more.)

New on the AKI Website

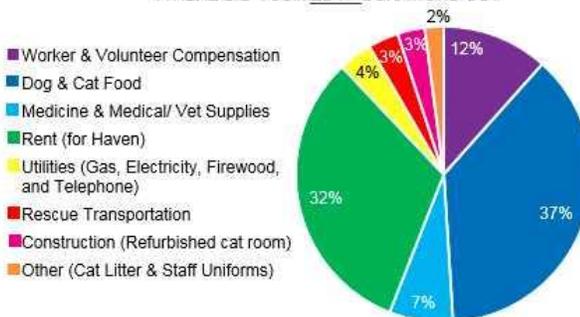
This month, 2 guest authors wrote for the AKI Blog:

- *Dogs were at best tolerated, at worst despised: How an American teacher in Tanzania changed hearts and minds*-by Maureen Dumser
- *Digipuss - A Love Story*by Cindi Scholefield

[READ THE AKI BLOG HERE, https://www.animal-kind.org/aki-blog](https://www.animal-kind.org/aki-blog)

I love both of these articles, in part because both authors are really good writers, and also because they tell great stories of what caring people can accomplish.

UGANDA SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION AND CARE OF ANIMALS (USPCA)
WHERE DID YOUR 2017 DONATIONS GO?



If you appreciate pie charts, like the one above that shows how Uganda SPCA used your donations, you'll love our new Partner Organization pages! As of today, we have completely updated Partner pages for:

- Uganda SPCA
- Mbwa wa Africa
- Kingston Community Animal Welfare
- Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras
- Tanzania Animal Welfare Society

We've also expanded our donation methods--still 100% secure, fast, and easy, but with more options, something to satisfy everyone, I hope!

[Rediscover the AKI website, https://www.animal-kind.org/](https://www.animal-kind.org/)

First Ever Spay/Neuter Campaign in South Sudan

We're working on a couple of "special" projects, among them, the first ever s/n campaign in South Sudan, a country that has no animal welfare organization. (Over the years, AKI has sent Humane Ed material to a succession of volunteer Humane Educators, Americans, who work for humanitarian organizations in South Sudan and have spent their free time as HE volunteers.)



Over the last 3-4 years, I've noticed a marked uptick in the # of emails I've received about animal cruelty in South Sudan. So I gathered all the email addresses and sent a group message to find out who may be interested in working to address the animal cruelty situation in South Sudan. Out of the 20 or so recipients of my email message, 7 of us emerged as the core group (3 of them are in the picture above, Alex, Jane, and Sam, in Juba).

To make a long story of broad and intensive collaboration short, we now have a proposal for the 1st ever spay/neuter clinic in South Sudan (free roaming and owned cats and dogs will be included). **But this isn't just any s/n clinic. While several South Sudanese have been trained as vets, only 1 or 2 have s/n skills, and none are skilled in humane capture or high volume s/n.** Kenya SPCA has agreed to send a vet, a vet tech, and a humane educator/community mobilizer to Juba, South Sudan for 12 days, including 2 days of preliminary training of South Sudanese participants, and 10 days of spaying, neutering, rabies vaccinations, and community awareness raising.

A widely accepted estimate is that 5,000 dogs roam the streets of Juba, South Sudan. While this clinic will only "scratch the surface" of the overpopulation problem, **it will provide a sustainable foundation for future s/n work, and most importantly, we can't leave this problem to fester any longer, we need to begin to address animal cruelty in South Sudan now!**

The next step for our group will be fundraising. We'll be using crowdfunding, Facebook, and other social media; we'll appeal to friends and to businesses; we'll submit proposals. We 7 are a determined group!

More about the situation in South Sudan and our plans to address it:
<https://www.animal-kind.org/south-sudan>

Fundraising to purchase land for Uganda SPCA Haven expansion

We're still raising money for the USPCA Haven, the only animal shelter in Uganda, to purchase a large plot of land so they can expand. It's been a couple of years, and although still far from our goal, we are nowhere near giving up!

Not only will a larger plot allow the USPCA to accept more cats and dogs-in-need, just as importantly, **it will allow more groups to visit The Haven (as shown in the picture, right) in a much more comfortable setting; it will allow for more spacious living quarters for Haven cats and dogs; potential adopters will have improved meeting areas to get to know USPCA animals; and people from all over Africa will come to The Haven, which we envision as a learning center for the continent's animal advocates.** The Uganda SPCA page on the AKI website has a wealth of information about the USPCA and the AKI-USPCA partnership:



<https://www.animal-kind.org/uganda>

I think it's such a crucial time right now, with so many young and enthusiastic animal advocates in Africa, to give them the encouragement they need to stick to the animal protection cause (and yes, while we always offer encouraging words, they do need money to carry on!). A little goes a long way, and we are so grateful for any donation you can spare.

With gratitude for your support,

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