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Morris Darbo (pictured below), founder and director of Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society, recently visited me in New Mexico after attending the HSUS Animal Care Expo in Las Vegas. The outpouring of interest and support for his work was amazing.

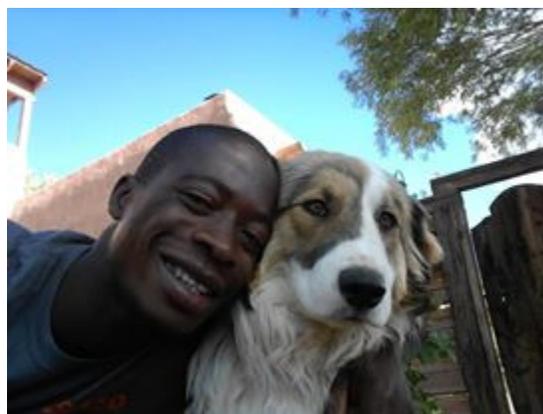
**Friendships**

While in New Mexico, Morris gave 2 presentations about LAWCS. Here are some of the comments I received:

*He's a gem, so inspiring! It was a wonderful gathering and I'm so happy I was able to be a part of it.*

*Morris gave a great presentation. It was humbling. I am glad we as a community could help his organization.*

*I really enjoyed the presentation. It's so good to hear someone is starting to change the way animals are treated in other countries. I'm sure his efforts will grow. He has a really good approach by teaching the kids. I can't express how happy I am to hear of his efforts and successes.*



In just a few days, Morris made lifelong memories and friendships, and people who have never been to Liberia gained a great understanding of what it's like to live there and try to help animals.

But you don't have to meet Morris in person to feel the connection. On the AKI website, you can hear my interview with Morris-and get to know him; you can watch LAWCS volunteers giving humane ed lessons to school children-and feel like you're in the classroom with them; and at the AKI Blog, you can keep up to date about LAWCS and how your donations to AKI are helping in Liberia:

<http://www.animal-kind.org/#!the-aki-blog/rcqjv>

**Virtual Friendships**

Virtual connections can be as strong as



in-person ones. One long time AKI supporter wrote:

*I'm sending something to help, not only for food but just as importantly, to show Nune she is not alone, not forgotten.*

This virtual friendship-linking New York to Yerevan-has gone such a long way in helping Save the Animals-Armenia (photo: Nune, founder and director of SAA with just a few of the 220 SAA shelter dogs, May 11, 2016).



We say on our website, GET TO KNOW OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS, AND YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHY WE FEEL SO STRONGLY THAT THEY DESERVE OUR SUPPORT. Get to know Nune-you can begin on AKI's website-and you'll see why SAA needs and deserves our support:

<http://www.animal-kind.org/#!armenia--save-the-animals/vs7nh>

## **We made a new friend.**

Thank you Debra Denker, friend of AKI, for this beautiful article in the online publication, Voices for Biodiversity. It's informative and a great read:

<http://voicesforbiodiversity.org/articles/animal-kindness-beyond-borders>

## **Friends in Namibia, Friends in Uganda**

Sure, meeting someone face-to-face means so much, as this note from an AKI supporter shows:

*I am glad the money goes to USPCA directly. I am thrilled to be able to help Alex and his team in this way as they did a lot for me. He even let me take my 5th grade class there for the day to promote proper animal care.*

(Get to know Uganda SPCA:

<http://www.animal-kind.org/#!uganda-society-for-the-protection-and-care/r1agv>)



**But virtual friendships can be just as close, as you can see from this email from an AKI supporter, who regularly designates Namibia's Have A Heart for her donations:**

*The pictures of the people and their animals are priceless. Geesche's message about her work really touched my heart. Thank you for sending that. I am so happy to play a little part in helping Geesche and Have A Heart. I know my donation is really making a difference.*

Get to know Geesche (pictured above), Have A Heart, and see the impact that AKI donors have had on her and HAH's work at this link, where Geesche wrote a note

of thanks to AKI:

<http://www.animal-kind.org/#!A-Note-of-Thanks-from-Namibia/k4fzm/572ea2b50cf26d4f7c202119>

**There's room for many more in our circle of friends! And the bigger our circle grows, the bigger impact we can have. Become a friend of AKI, please consider donating-every little bit helps so much.**

**<http://www.animal-kind.org/#!donatetoaki/epq2c>**

**Remember when you shop, use AmazonSmile and designate AKI; use GoodSearch when you search online; use Goodshop to find good deals; and think of AKI when you want to help animals in countries where your donations really do make a difference.**

Thank you so much for your friendship and your support,

Karen Menczer, Director  
& the AKI Board

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