

Animal-Kind International Annual Report-2018

1. Financial Support to AKI Partner Organizations

AKI provides financial support to our Partner Organizations based on the amount of donations received, including those designated for specific Partners and on the quality of the Partner's reporting to us. We use the Partner Organization concept, which means that our Partner animal welfare organizations are assured of funding for the upcoming year, as long as they fulfill our requirements. This way, they can budget, plan ahead, and become a stronger, more effective voice for animals (v. only react to issues and situations, and at the mercy of grant funding for specific projects).

We require that our Partners use AKI funds only for activities that are directly related to improving the lives of animals. Other than that, we don't restrict the use of our funds. This is critical because most grant making organizations place restrictions on use of funds, so while animal rescue/protection organizations may have money to implement projects, they don't have the funds for basic operating costs (e.g., staff salaries, fuel for rescue vehicles, improvements to shelter infrastructure).

Below we provide summary information about how our Partner Organizations used AKI funds during 2018.

AFRICA

Uganda Society for the Protection and Care of Animals: AKI donor support to the USPCA



covers about 50% of the operating costs of the USPCA Haven animal shelter, which houses more than 200 cats and dogs and rescues, on average, more than one animal/day. AKI funds covered: 6 months of rent of The Haven for April, May, September, October, November, and December; Haven Shelter Manager's 2018 salary and bonus; transport for 6 ½ months for rescues of cats and dogs

and for pre- and post-adoption home visits; electricity at The Haven for 6 months; medicines for 3 months (rabies, parvo, and DHPPIIL vaccines, dewormers, vaccines, flea/tick control, etc.): 6 months of food for Haven puppies and kittens; about 3 months of food for adult animals at The Haven; 5 months of firewood to cook dog food; 5 months of cat litter; and air time for the USPCA phone for 2 months. We continue to raise funds to purchase land to create a larger Haven. Land purchase funds are held in a separate AKI account until enough is raised and suitable land is identified. (Photos: Jackie and Alex, USPCA Haven staff)



Tanzania Mbwa wa Africa: Mbwa wa Africa used AKI funds to cover the costs of running their animal shelter, which, on average, houses 34 dogs and 2 cats. AKI donors cover about 33% of

the shelter's costs. Mbwa wa Africa mainly used AKI funds to pay salaries of shelter staff (11 months of salaries for the 5 staff, Philbert, Amoni, Mama Sande, Maiko, pictured feeding MWA dogs, and William); to purchase cat and dog food (January through April and August through December); to pay for medicine, vet supplies, and surgeries, as well as transport from the shelter to the vet and return; for minor repair and construction, such as purchase of a flow control switch for the water pump for the rehab pool; and for general shelter supplies, such as washing powder, cooking gas, diesel fuel, diapers, and other supplies that are needed to run an animal shelter. From Jens, "Once again a huge thank you from all of us, 4, 3 and 2 legged creatures here at Mbwa Wa Africa. You know, without AKI our work would not be possible."

Tanzania Animal Welfare Society: With AKI funds, TAWESO conducted intensive donkey



welfare outreach clinics in June in rural villages in Mpwapwa district in Central Tanzania. TAWESO's volunteer veterinary team treated 384 donkeys in four villages in the district. Treatments included deworming, dressing wounds, treating injuries and diseases (e.g. tick borne, eye problems, lameness, skin problems). The TAWESO team also talked with donkey owners and children about how to take care of their working donkeys. They delivered simple training and guidance on the responsibilities of animal ownership. AKI funds were used to give each volunteer a US\$50 stipend for one week of work; for

veterinary medicines and supplies (antibiotics, wound spray, ivermectin, bandages, and much more); air time for mobile phones to organize donkey clinics, transport from Dar es Salaam and back and between the villages; and refreshments for each day in the field. Dr. Thomas Kahema (TAWESO Founder & Director) wrote, "The support came timely as the donkeys are now heavily working daily to collect crops from the field as it is currently an active harvesting time in the area and many donkeys are severely affected by both deep and superficial wounds and other associated diseases conditions. The stakeholders were very happy to see their donkeys getting treatments and we hope the programme has helped them to learn and care of their donkeys. Thank you Animal-Kind International for helping these suffering donkeys in the central part of Tanzania."

Namibia: Erika, a long-time animal welfare volunteer in Namibia, oversees AKI support in the



country. She provides AKI funds to rural SPCAs, Have A Heart, Katutura Pet Care Project, & for spay/neuter in Aranos, a small farming community where there is no vet care. In 2018, AKI funds in Namibia were used for:

- Rural SPCAs- to purchase cat and dog food (Oshana, Tsumeb, Otjiwarongo, Walvis Bay, and Luderitz SPCAs); vet care (Oshana, Tsumeb, Rundu, Otjiwarongo, Walvis Bay, and Luderitz SPCAs); to purchase dip (external parasite preventative), leashes, blankets, and

bowls (Oshana, Tsumeb, Otjiwarongo, Walvis Bay, Rundu, and Luderitz SPCAs); and vet care for injured dogs in Rundu.

- Have A Heart-used AKI funds for booster vaccinations and parasite treatment for dogs and cats that return to the HAH mobile clinic after they are spayed or neutered (about 500 cats and dogs); for emergency care of cats and dogs; and for spay/neuter of cats (and some dogs). These are areas where HAH has funding shortfalls. Examples of HAH-provided, AKI-funded emergency care are: dog Sussie with burns over most of her body after her family's home was burned; dog Jose hit by a car; dog Lady, attacked by a dog; Meisie with tick fever; dog hit by a car and with distemper; dog Sweetie, broken bones; Nica with a broken leg; and Mayor, urethra repair.
- Katutura Pet Care Project-vet care and purchase of cat and dog food for the volunteer team's monthly visits to Katutura, where they hand out food, dip dogs, flea powder cats, deworm, and provide basic check-ups. When funds are available, they get dogs spayed. The team had 3 dogs from Katutura spayed during 2018.
- Aranos-Spay of 9 dogs

Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society: AKI support to LAWCS is for general



operating costs, such as salaries, rent of the LAWCS, and fuel, oil, and maintenance of LAWCS motorbikes. LAWCS also uses AKI funds for their Humane Education Program and their Community Animal Care Clinics. In 2018, LAWCS used AKI funds for: 9 months of staff salaries for Alex, Mustapha, Aaron, and Abraham; LAWCS office rent for 6 months from July through December; gas and maintenance of 2 LAWCS motorbikes from April through November; to train 25 teachers (refresher and 1st time training) about the LAWCS Humane Education Program (including transport

of teachers to the training venue and return, meals, and the LAWCS Humane Ed booklet); and medications to use at Community Animal Care Clinics, including vitamins, de-wormers, flea and tick repellent, and hand sanitizers. LAWCS also purchased 1000 doses of rabies vaccine with AKI funds to use for the LAWCS World Rabies Day vaccination clinic (photo above). Morris Darbo (Founder & Director of LAWCS): “We are overjoyed by your financial support toward our animal protection work in Liberia in 2018. From all of us at the Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society, especially the animals and children- thank you very much for your substantial financial support. Together with you, we continue to create a caring and socially responsible environment where animals and people can live together in harmony.”

Ghana Society for the Protection & Care of Animals:

AKI donors cover almost 100% of GSPCA's Humane Education Program. In 2018, GSPCA used AKI funds to take Humane Education Program students on 6 field trips to Lemla Vet Clinic (also a



boarding kennel, groomer, and pet supply shop); Veterinary Headquarters, Accra; La Veterinary Hospital; and the Accra Polo Club. AKI funds cover bus hire, snacks for the students and teachers, small stipends for the Humane Ed teachers, and photos and frames to each school to memorialize each field trip. Almost 200 students from 4 schools participated in the 6 field trips. Eleven teachers and GSPCA's David and Aluizah accompanied them. In addition to the field trips, GSPCA uses AKI funds for transport for GSPCA's

Humane Ed volunteers to the schools where their Humane Education Program is taught and photocopying and binding of Humane Ed booklets. After the field trip to the Accra Polo Club (photo left), several students exclaimed that they had never had an experience like this.

Latin America/Caribbean

Kingston (Jamaica) Community Animal Welfare: AKI donors cover about 90% of the costs of



KCAW's program to care for Kingston's street cats and dogs and pets that belong to poor families. KCAW used AKI funds for cat and dog food; to spay 7 cats, spay 18 dogs, and neuter 2 dogs; vet supplies and medicines for mange, deworming, maggot spray, wound powder; vet care for puppies with parvo, puppy that was hit by a car, dog with huge ear hematoma, surgical intervention to save a dog's leg (successfully), female dog with maggot infested breast, severely dehydrated cat that needed to be on a drip overnight, and several dogs with bad maggot wounds that required vet care (one was euthanized); payments during 2018 to young boys who help Deborah on short notice with difficult

rescues, such as from gullies, under houses, etc.; and replacing a section of the roofing of the KCAW kennel that developed leaks, damaging panels of wood. (Photo above: Deborah rescuing a kitten from a drain)

Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras: AKI donors cover about 90% of HHHH's operating



costs. HHHH used AKI funds for cat and dog food for about 9 months for the +/-25 dogs and 3-5 cats at the sanctuary; for helpers to clean the sanctuary's yards; for the supplies and for two workers to place concrete in the backyard; for medicines and vet supplies, such as de-wormers, flea/tick preventatives, and

antibiotics; and for vet care, including blood tests, vaccinations, spay/neuters, and amputation of a kitty's leg. HHHH receives some donations locally of cat and dog food, volunteers sometimes help to clean the sanctuary yards and walk dogs, and Pilar (HHHH Founder & Director) is charged highly discounted prices for vet care because she often takes in cats and dogs that her vet treats, but that need round-the-clock care that he is unable to give and that Pilar is so good at providing. This helps keep the operating costs of the sanctuary very low (Photo: Pilar and a young volunteer bathe an HHHH puppy)

Caucasus Region



Save the Animals-Armenia: SA-Armenia uses AKI funds to feed the dogs at the SA-A shelter. About 160 dogs live at the shelter, most of them large size, old dogs (and mixed breeds, the kind of dogs that most Armenians aren't interested in adopting, so they spend their lives at the shelter). Besides dry dog food, rice, oatmeal, and meat, SA-Armenia also purchases special kidney diet for dogs with kidney disease. AKI funds are also used to pay worker salaries (for 4 months), and for vet care and medicines, which is significant given the advanced age of many of the shelter dogs, and in 2018 included: several

blood tests, vet care for tooth problems, for arthritis, for skin problems, and dogs with cancer. Elen, a Save the Animals-Armenia volunteer, said, "AKI, your help is priceless." (Photo: Nune (left) with one of the older dogs at the shelter, Hatiko, and a shelter volunteer)

2. Africa-Based Animal Welfare Grants Program

The AKI Board decided that it was time to reach and help more organizations than our 11 Partner Organizations, so in 2018, we held our first grant program. We designed the program specifically for Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organizations, which we felt have significantly fewer options for funding than in other regions. We advertised the grant program in the AKI newsletter, on the AKI website, and on Facebook. We received 18 grant applications. We originally planned to award three grants of \$500 each, but with the extra designated donations we received, we funded 8 grants. We awarded grants to: OIPA-Cameroon, Save Animals-Democratic Republic of Congo, Social and Animal Rescue Services-Somaliland, Animal Rescue League-Senegal, Funda Nenja (South Africa)-the Malcolm Alexander Memorial Grant, Mdzananda Animal Clinic (South Africa), Touch of Life Animal Shelter-Egypt, and Mozambique Animal Protection Society. Information about each grant and progress reports from grant recipients is here: <https://www.animal-kind.org/grant-program>

3. Supplies to AKI Partner Organizations & other Animal Welfare Organizations

Besides financial support, AKI sends supplies to our partner organizations, as well as to other needy animal welfare organizations. In 2018, AKI donated the following supplies:

Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society: Humane Education supplies and sterile gloves

Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras: Humane Education material and 216 sutures

Namibia Have A Heart: Humane Education material and 251 sutures

Armenia (various organizations): 200 sutures and sterile gloves

Kosovo (various organizations): Humane Education material and 203 sutures

Mozambique Animal Protection Society: about 200 sutures and various vet supplies

4. Other Animal-Kind International Activities and Support-2018

At an end-of-year AKI Board meeting, we decided to drop Hope Sanctuary-Barbados as a Partner Organization. The board decided not to add a Partner Organization in 2018. We agreed to hold the Africa-Based Animal Welfare Grant Program again in 2019.

Coordination and Technical Support to AKI Partner and Other Animal Welfare Organizations

AKI provides technical support (advice about their programs, assistance in writing proposals, ideas for fundraising, etc.) to our Partner Organizations, as well as to non-partners. During 2018, we provided the following technical support and coordinated the following activities:

- GSPCA website: Our website designer funded and designed a website for AKI Partner Ghana Society for the Protection & Care of Animals. AKI is assisting GSPCA in keeping the website up to date.
- South Sudan spay/neuter: We had formed an email group last year consisting of people who had gotten in touch with AKI about the situation for dogs in South Sudan. We continued to meet virtually via email and the South Sudan-based members met in person. Together, we developed a proposal for the first spay/neuter campaign in the country, which would also include rabies vaccinations and humane education. As currently proposed, Kenya SPCA would take the lead and the campaign would be used as a learning opportunity for South Sudan's vets, vet techs, assistants, and community organizers. During 2019, we will be sourcing funding for the campaign.
- Social and Animal Welfare Service-Somaliland: AKI provided technical support by reviewing, editing, and contributing to various SAWS reports and proposals for donkey welfare, and edited SAWS' new website. SAWS is an AKI grant recipient.

- Save Animals-Democratic Republic of Congo: AKI assisted SA-DRC by editing and advising on their crowdfunding project aimed at raising money for the organization's Dog Walk and Dog Showcase (a competition in agility, obedience, etc.). SA-DRC is an AKI grant recipient.
- We assisted various animal welfare organizations in Africa to start and we continue to help manage their Facebook pages.
- We connected our Partner Mbwa wa Africa to Red Flyer, who sourced and adapted two wheel chairs/carts for two MwA dogs, Gordon and Luigi. Ruth from Massachusetts, USA delivered the carts to Arusha, Tanzania.
- In support of AKI Board Member Dipesh's project to build a dhow from flipflops found on the beach in Mombasa, Kenya, and sail it along the coast of Africa to South Africa, AKI, with Dipesh, created a crowdfunder for the FlipFlopi Project. Specifically, the crowdfunding project aimed to raise funds to include an educational component about the hazards of plastics to animals that graze on the beach and that scrounge from trash piles (donkeys, goats, sheep, horses, dogs).
- We connected an Armenian-American living in California, who is active in animal welfare in Armenia, with Dr. Paul Maza with FARVets to discuss a spay/neuter campaign for street dogs in Armenia.
- We continued to keep our two GlobalGiving projects (Have A Heart-Mobile in Namibia and support to purchase land for a new USPCA sanctuary) active by writing the required Progress Reports every 3 months for each project.

Visits to Partner and Other Organizations

We made the following site visits in 2018, as part of work trips, not AKI funded:

- Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society: AKI Director Karen met with LAWCS staff in Voinjama, Liberia. LAWCS is an AKI Partner Organization.
- Mozambique Animal Protection Society: AKI Director Karen visited MAPS shelter and met with MAPS Director. MAPS is an AKI grant recipient.
- Kosovo, various groups: AKI Director Karen met with a group that transfers dogs to rescue groups, foster homes, and permanent homes in the US, Canada, and Europe, and visited a dog shelter in Pristina, where she met with the Founder/Director.

Communications with AKI Supporters

AKI is committed to transparency and accountability and we show this commitment by keeping our donors updated about our Partner Organizations' activities and how they use AKI funds. In support of this, during 2018, we:

- Prepared pie charts showing how our Partner Organizations used AKI funds from 2016 through. These pie charts are simple snapshots that quickly and easily inform our donors about how their donations are used.
- We kept donors informed on the details of our Partner's use of AKI funds through the AKI Blog. We wrote 1 to 6 AKI Blog posts/month about our Partners and Grantees and about other animal welfare organizations (non-partners) working in difficult environments, in resource-poor countries.
- Throughout 2018, we sent out a monthly e-newsletter to AKI supporters with highlights about the work of our Partner Organizations.
- We improved our website, making it more user friendly and easier to donate (we're now using Donorbox, which offers several donation options).
- We updated our Guidestar profile for 2018 and obtained platinum level again (the highest).
- For the AKI Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organization Grant Program, we organized a group of AKI donors, who signaled their interest in being part of a group to help develop and oversee our new grant program. About 25 people participated.
- We regularly posted on Facebook and Instagram throughout the year.

Raising Visibility

Even with social media, it remains difficult for animal welfare organizations in resource-poor countries to gain visibility and the confidence of donors. AKI tries to get information out about the work our Partner Organizations do, their challenges, and needs. In addition to the above (Communications with AKI Supporters), during 2018, we raised visibility of animal welfare work in our target regions through:

- An AKI presentation for Plants for Peace at Monmouth University in New Jersey
- Interviews for several online blogs and magazines, including a new online magazine, Animal Culture
- Articles on Drifter's Guide to the Planet: In 2018, we wrote 2 articles, 1 about volunteering with Mozambique Animal Protection Society and 1 about how to help homeless animals while traveling.

Communications with non-AKI Partners

During 2018, many animal welfare organizations contacted AKI for financial and technical support and many individuals contacted us for help with cruelty situations or other issues involving animals in countries where they live or visited.

We received requests for financial and/or technical support from the following countries (this list is not all-inclusive and in some cases, we received requests from multiple organizations in the same country):

Uganda, Rwanda, Venezuela, Kenya, Nepal, Zambia, Guatemala, South Africa, The Gambia, Peru, Guinea, Bosnia, Russia, Turkey, Armenia, Sierra Leone, Iran, St Lucia, Indonesia, Paraguay, Nigeria, Brazil, Mauritius, Haiti, Qatar, Serbia, Honduras, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Greece, Iran, Albania, Sri Lanka, Ecuador, West Bank, Thailand, China, India, Iraq, Pakistan, Tanzania, Cameroon, Ukraine, Georgia, Spain, Romania, Italy, England, France, Mozambique, Jamaica, and Montenegro.

We received many reports about animal cruelty and requests for advice and assistance in dealing with the situation. A few examples of the 100 or so reports we received in 2019 are:

- A tourist from Brazil reported a resort in Honduras where people swim with jaguars.
- A resident in Ghana reported a monkey being sold on the street in a small cage.
- A resident in Ghana reported that the director of a monkey sanctuary in Cape Coast, Ghana, had died and left the sanctuary in the hands of a Ghanaian employee, who was trying to care for the monkeys, but received no funding.
- A tourist at a resort in Talamar, Honduras asked that a dog, who begged for food at the resort, be rescued.
- A visitor to Cameroon, asked for help for a dog she had been feeding during her stay in Cameroon.
- A tourist from Dubai reported that a dog near the ski resort where she was staying was chained, skinny, old and cold. We connected her to our contacts in Armenia, who sent a driver to help her negotiate with the dog owner. We hoped the owner would agree to send the dog to the Save the Animals-Armenia shelter. At the last minute, the owner changed her mind.
- An American in Armenia, who had been living short-term in Dilijan, where he was caring for a family of cats, contacted AKI because his landlady gave him an ultimatum: get rid of the cats or she will have them killed. With our assistance, Daniel created a crowdfunder, which raised US\$300 to transport the cats to Yerevan, where they were vaccinated, fixed, and kenneled, until they found a home. Daniel kept the mother and one kitten and returned with them to Russia; the other two kittens were re-homed.