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AKI: Kindness to Animals has no Boundaries **January 2015**

Thank you so much to our AKI supporters for making 2014 such a great year--for allowing AKI to fund so many important projects for animals around the world.

I'm working on our 2014 Annual Report, which will soon be on the AKI website; once online, you'll easily be able to see what AKI--and your donor funds--have accomplished last year.

For those of you who aren't familiar with how we work:

- We send disbursements to our partner organizations 3 times a year.
- Of course, the amounts we send depend on how much we raise from individual donations (We send 100% of your donations to our partner organizations.)
- Our partner organizations can use AKI funds for whatever their priority needs are--in that way, we're different than other funding organizations. We believe that our partner organizations know best, so we don't dictate what they should spend funds on. We discuss, offer advice and recommendations. We believe that's the only way to build strong in-country, locally run organizations.
- Our partner organizations report back to us on how they used AKI funds.
- In part, based on their reporting (quality of reporting, timeliness, transparency), the AKI Board votes on the amount of the next disbursement.

Of course, you can designate an AKI partner organization (or you can let us decide where to send the funds). We believe that once you know the people behind the organizations, you'll want to make sure they have funds to keep doing what they're doing! Get to know our AKI Heroes.....

After 4 decades, what keeps Deborah (Kingston Community Animal Welfare) going?

Deborah: An undying love and compassion for every animal that walks this earth and an unquenching urgency to protect them from abuse; the benefit of knowing indescribable joy when looking into the eyes of a rescued animal and seeing the gratitude they feel but can't



verbally express; this is my way of making the world a better place-I have the ability to change a life in a very positive way, being aware that it's not only people's lives that matter. Animals matter too; and my tears. Because I don't cry easily, but having a little pup die in my arms will make me weep. **This one [puppy pictured] was a survivor though!**



Probably most of us are nodding our heads in agreement with Deborah, but in Kingston, Deborah is a rarity. That's why we feel so strongly about supporting KCAW's work.

Would you like to make sure Deborah/KCAW can continue to rescue , s/n, and feed street dogs and cats? You can designate KCAW for your donation here, where you can read about KCAW's many rescues--make sure to check the photo gallery!

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

AKI supports KCAW by providing funds for dog and cat food, for vet care, including s/n, and for supplies (de-wormer, shampoo, wound spray, etc).

How did Pilar (Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras) get involved in rescue work?

Pilar: It hurt me to see animals suffering and no one helping. What keeps me going is the satisfaction of seeing most of the animals get better and the gratefulness and joy they demonstrate once they are better.

The story and pictures of Nico are just one example of Pilar's miraculous rescue work. You can read much more at this link-make sure to check the photo gallery, where you can also designate HHHH. **Your donation will make sure that Pilar has the funds to care for the dogs and cats at her sanctuary, and others she rescues from the streets of Tegucigalpa):**

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



Nicholas (Nico), was rescued by Pilar/HHHH early on Christmas day (hence the name Nicholas). He had been hit by a car in Tegucigalpa, and wasn't able to walk (picture above on pink blanket). He wouldn't eat and he had a huge raw area on his side where he was hit and cried if

you tried to move him. But just a couple weeks later, after vet care and after-care at the HHHH sanctuary, he's eating and walking, although Pilar says that he prefers being a couch potato (photo above, right).

How is it that this little doxie ended up on the street in the first place? We can't be sure, but in Honduras, it's still common to toss dogs and cats out when they're no longer wanted. That's why we feel it's so important to support Pilar/HHHH's work. Besides providing rescue and care, HHHH has given presentations to thousands of students about kindness to and care of animals.

AKI support to HHHH allows Pilar to s/n dogs and cats, provide vet care, including emergency care, purchase dog and cat food and supplies, and to maintain sanctuary infrastructure.

Why is Alex Ochieng (Uganda SPCA shelter manager) such a dedicated animal rescuer?

Alex: I love animals since my childhood. I was born next to animals, dogs, cats, cows, goats, and I was in a Wildlife Club in school and loved wildlife. I tell people, "Saving life is the nicest thing to do."

Read the rest of AKI's interview with Alex here (at the link under the video, middle of the page):

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

AKI's crowd funding project on the Love Animals' site is 82% funded. We only have a few more days to raise the full amount to repair the kennels at Uganda's only animal shelter, The Haven (pictured below).

We've received 29 donations so far--please join the crowd! Even if you can only donate \$5, you'll be helping us to reach our goal! Thank you from AKI, the USPCA, and Haven dogs!

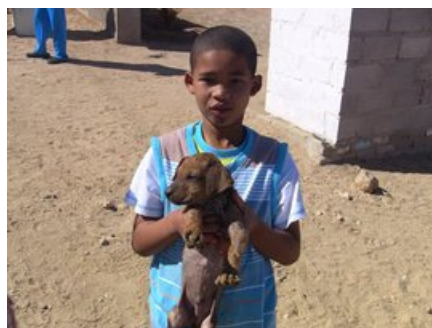
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Geesche (AKI partner organization, Have A Heart-Namibia) is hoping for a donation before January ends so the HAH

project can remain on the GlobalGiving crowd funding site.

Geesche has great plans for the dog house & spay/neuter project that AKI has been raising funds for (\$950 from 15 donors so far). She and her team are now deciding which dogs will get a dog house. They're also getting the children ready to paint the houses (with help of course).



A local artist (he paints big, funny pictures all over Luderitz) has agreed to paint one house!

The project will unfold over the next two months, Geesche said. "My plan is that the dogs that are chosen to get a house will be neutered/spayed during the March Spay Day and when we bring them back home we will also deliver the house."

Join the fun, and help Geesche/HAH provide dog houses and s/n in Luderitz:

<http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/provide-safe-haven-for-120-dogs/>

AKI's PICTURE OF THE MONTH

Poor people have too many other concerns to worry about dogs and cats.

How many times have you heard that?

Here's our response in a picture from Lilongwe SPCA--we think this picture is worth 1000 words!



Last week, Lilongwe SPCA held a Community Spay/Neuter Clinic in Chigwirizano in Lilongwe (photo right). They sterilized 13 dogs and because of the high demand, they returned again this past week for 2 days.

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

AKI supports the LSPCA's shelter, community s/n, vet care, and other LSPCA priority needs! Please designate them for your donation at the above link-where you can also read about their work in Malawi, and the difference that AKI donors have made (go to the photo gallery).

In Memory Of

Although it's always sad to hear about a beloved pet who's died, when I recently looked at our ***In Memory Of*** page, I realized it has become a beautiful tribute to those we've lost. Consider making a donation in memory of a pet (or person), and we'll post it here--send a picture too:

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

AKI in the News

If you aren't one of the 8.5 million people in the US who receive the "Costco Connection," you can still read the article about AKI in the January 2015 edition (Member Connection section), "The Truth About Cats and Dogs."

In the Bosque Beast (December 2014), Barbara Castleman wrote an article about AKI, "Doing a World of Good, A World Away."

Both of these are available for your reading pleasure, a click away:

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

100% of your donations go directly to our partners in animal welfare. AKI works with organizations in Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Namibia, Malawi, Ghana, Bosnia, Armenia, Jamaica, Honduras, and Suriname.

Please remember to use Amazon Smile when you shop online, and designate AKI for a % of your purchase (at no cost to you).

<http://smile.amazon.com/>

Thank you for being a part of Animal-Kind International's efforts to help animals around the world, in the poorest countries! As 2015 begins, we hope you'll renew your support--there are so many ways to help. Feel free to get in touch any time to discuss AKI activities, our partner organizations, fundraising ideas.....

Karen Menczer & the AKI Board

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