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## **Rosie from Niger via Tanzania now at home in Ireland**

In mid-2017, an American soldier in Niger contacted AKI to help him rescue Rosie, a dog who had become a mascot and friend to the US soldiers on the base. But base commanders didn't see Rosie that way, and they were planning to shoot her and other "stray" dogs who hung around the base for companionship and food. **To protect the dogs, the soldiers drove them off base, hoping they wouldn't return. Only Rosie returned, happily greeting her old friends.** And that's when the soldier contacted us, realizing more extreme measures were needed.



**It took about 6 months, many harrowing days, but eventually, in early January 2018, thanks to a US Embassy diplomat, our AKI Partner Mbwa wa Africa, a volunteer flight companion, and of course, our anonymous (at his request) soldier, Rosie flew off to Arusha Tanzania to live at the Mbwa wa Africa shelter.**

Rosie's story doesn't end there though. At Mbwa wa Africa, Rosie faced death THREE(!) more times, only averted due to their very good care.

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## **Sweet Nelson gets his forever home**

Back when Nelson 1st arrived at the Uganda SPCA Haven in May 2010, he was placed with Hope, who arrived at the shelter in 2009 after having been run over. Hope could no longer use her 2 rear legs. **Nelson only had use of 2 legs as well: a rear leg looked like it may have been a genetic defect, the front leg may have been from a machete.** Hope would soon attain worldwide fame! People from around the world came to The Haven to visit Hope. **Nelson remained Hope's companion and "husband" for about 9 years, until Hope died on December 5, 2018.**



And then on January 30, 2019, Nelson received a miracle, a family arrived at The Haven and chose Nelson. Nelson now has a family to love, who will love him back (picture: Nelson "going for a walk" at his new home in Kampala).

**[Watch a video of Haven Manager Alex Ochieng introducing us to Hope and Nelson.](#)**

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## **You've already made a difference for animals in 2019**

**Your donations have helped:**

**\*\*Have A Heart-Namibia vaccinate and give parasite treatment to > 100 cats and dogs,** including Hendrik Gawiseb's family (picture right, their dogs Beauty, Brownie, and Witfoet received their needed vaccinations and parasite treatment!).



**\*\*Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society form Community Groups that are addressing the root of the animal welfare/cruelty problem** in Liberia-ignorance, relying on old, outdated beliefs, and lack of information and awareness.

**\*\*Kingston Community Animal Welfare** help and when needed, rescue street dogs and cats, and as always, **AKI donors provide about 90% of KCAW's needs.**

**\*\*Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras** help out at a large shelter that doesn't have the knowledge, staff, or volunteers to assist difficult cases-but **Pilar has always been there for the most challenging animal situations!** Also, we're thrilled that HHHH's sanctuary is getting a lot of help and recognition from the American Embassy and US marines in Honduras as well as from local school kids who often volunteer there.

**\*\*Ghana SPCA enlist a new school in their Humane Ed Program, in upper east region of Ghana,** an area that is so overlooked in so many ways and so in need of Humane Ed!

**For more details about all of the above,**  
**[READ THESE MESSAGES FROM OUR PARTNERS](#)**

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## **The AKI Blog (February)**

**Read the latest from AKI grant recipients,**

- [SAWS-Somaliland Mobile Donkey Vet Clinic](#)
- [Touch of Life-Egypt](#)

**From our Partner Organization,**



- [Your donations at work at the Mbwa wa Africa shelter](#)

**And from Ilsa, a friend in Macedonia, who started and runs Pet House,**

- [Every Day Heroes](#) (Pet House in Macedonia's capital, Skopje, where Mateja, pictured right, is waiting for her forever home, she has only 1 eye, but who cares with all that cuteness?)

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## **AKI's 2018 Annual Report & Our IRS Report**

Thanks to your donations, we are helping animal welfare organizations in resource-poor (aka developing, poor, economically disadvantaged) countries with a focus on Africa.

### ***Why is your help so needed and important?***

In poor countries, there are so few donors to animal welfare. Even as the numbers of **animal welfare organizations and concerned individuals and advocates grow, the number of people able (and willing) to donate to animal welfare causes is not yet growing.** Reasons for this are poverty of course, and along with that, a culture of charity has yet to blossom.

**During this interim period, animal welfare/rescue organizations in poor countries have to look beyond donors in their countries to help build the animal welfare and protection movement.**

Alongside this, the grant/foundation sector for animal welfare in poor countries is so weak, almost non-existent. **Only a handful (or half a handful!) of organizations give grants to animal welfare organizations in Africa-and Animal-Kind International is one of them.**

### ***How can AKI help you, our supporters and those interested in supporting needy animal welfare organizations?***

Yes, the number of animal welfare organizations around the world is growing--and with this growth, some organizations just won't make it, some organizations don't really exist(!), but **some organizations rise to the top and are making a difference in their communities.**

**We can help you untangle the good from the not-so-good, the real from the fake.** We have contacts in all regions and in many countries; and **once an organization becomes an AKI Partner, we do the due diligence to ensure your donations are used effectively to protect, rescue, and advocate for animals.**

For more information about what we do, see our [Annual Report and Internal Revenue Service submission for 2018](#) now available on our website. I think it's really important for our supporters to feel comfortable with how we spend your donations, and besides our AKI Blog posts, our website, and these monthly newsletters, our Annual Report and IRS submission are the best ways to do that. **The U.S. Internal Revenue Service has strict requirements for non-profits, which we think is a good thing! Read current and past reports here:**

<https://www.animal-kind.org/aki-reports>

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## **Please Donate**

AKI donors support our 10 Partner Organizations in: Uganda, Tanzania (2 partners), South Sudan, Namibia, Liberia, Ghana, Armenia, Jamaica, and Honduras; and AKI's Grant Program for Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organizations (2018 grant recipients are located in: Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Mozambique, Senegal, Somaliland, and South Africa (2).)

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