



*Kindness to Animals has no Boundaries*

## May 2017

The AKI board votes on disbursement amounts to our partner organizations 3x a year. It's always a busy time just before the vote and just after. It's also an exciting time because I compile all the information we received from our partners over the previous 4 months and sum it up for the board vote. And after the vote, I get to tell our partners how much money we'll be sending them--always a happy time!

Usually, I'm awed by how much is accomplished over the previous months by each one of our partners (see below....) and too often, I'm overwhelmed by how much more needs to be done (below.....)!

## Our AKI Partners accomplish so much with AKI donor funds

Available on the AKI website, the AKI Blog describes what our partners do with AKI donor funds and also has posts from other animal welfare organizations and volunteers around the globe:

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

May's AKI Blog posts are:

- Have a Heart-Mobile (Namibia) Update (picture right)
- Katutura Feeding & Vet Care Project Update from Namibia
- Hopeful for Barbados Cats and Dogs
- Case Study: Abused donkey rescued by SAWS (Social & Animal Welfare Service-Somaliland)



**If you're an AKI donor, thinking about becoming one (we hope you are!), interested in a particular country or animal rescue/protection organization or international animal welfare in general, the AKI Blog is a great place to turn for information. If you'd like to write a guest post, get in touch!**

## Uganda SPCA: We're dreaming big!

About 10 days ago, the Uganda SPCA put out a call on Facebook and locally around Kampala and Entebbe asking people to adopt or foster a cat or dog from The Haven shelter. The Haven was full! (The Haven's main cattery--showing the many cats--is in the picture to the right.)

The number of animals stood at:  
ADULT DOGS.....108  
PUPPIES.....40



ADULT CATS.....53  
KITTENS.....12  
TOTAL .....213 animals in USPCA's care on 19 May.

Several people answered the USPCA's call for help. But while AKI covers almost half of Uganda SPCA's operating costs--and we're so grateful to our donors who make that possible--**we know we need to do more. And that's just what our AKI-USPCA**

**GlobalGiving project aims to do:**

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/transform-ugandas-only-animal-shelter-the-haven/>

**Through the GlobalGiving fundraiser, we're raising money so Uganda SPCA can purchase land for a larger (and USPCA-owned) shelter, with greatly expanded Humane Education and volunteer capacities and more space to relieve the over-crowding.**

### The USPCA is a lifesaver

Over the previous week, I received 2 messages from Uganda SPCA supporters that put in perspective how critical the USPCA is for animals in Uganda.

Delores wrote: *When I visited Uganda earlier this year, my friends and I found a litter of puppies down the road from where we were staying. We watched them all day, and never saw mom. I was leaving the following day and was frantic.....Rescuers from the USPCA arrived and were so caring and loving and professional. I would have been lost without them. We had no place else to turn. Bless the USPCA.*



Mary wrote: *Having lived in Uganda for 6 years and recently returned to the UK, I was delighted to read about my friends at the USPCA [in "Animalwatch," the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals' magazine] with whom I worked whilst I was there. They helped me on so many occasions and Alex Ochieng never turned away any animal I took or told him about.*

Check out the faces on the kids in the picture above (Humane Education class at the USPCA Haven), probably their 1st experience holding and petting a dog! That's what the USPCA is about--a lifesaver for the animals, a life changing experience for kids (and some adults too!).

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

Please consider supporting the USPCA, the only animal shelter in Uganda. If you prefer to donate to USPCA directly at the AKI website, for land purchase or to help cover daily operating costs, click the link above.

### Save the Animals-Armenia: A call for help

Nune Mehrabyan, Save the Animals-Armenia Founder and Director, came to AKI with her call for help. She had to bring 2 dogs from the SAA shelter into her home (picture right) because they have injured legs and need surgery.

**In Armenia, there's no vet who can do this surgery, but Nune knows a doctor who is able and willing.**



Nune said: *Karen, the doktor that have to operating the dog is my friend, and he doesn't want money for work but need 2 implantation for leg.*

Each implant will cost US\$250. (See the x-ray at the bottom of the newsletter.) **We're hoping that our AKI donors who have a soft spot for Nune and Armenia's dogs, especially SAA's older dogs at the shelter, will help fund the cost of the 2 implants at a total of \$500.**

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

(designate SAA surgery at the above link-thank you!)

## **Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society's Humane Education Program & Anti-Dog & Cat Eating Campaign**

A few years ago, before LAWCS became an AKI partner organization, they had to turn down Kolahun district's request for the LAWCS Humane Education Program. At the time, LAWCS didn't have the funds, the supplies, or the transport to reach Kolahun. **Now, with AKI support (motorbikes, staff salaries, HE supplies), LAWCS has been working in 32 schools in Kolahun for > 1 year.**



Recently, children in 10 Kindness Clubs in Kolahun paraded against cruelty to animals and anti-dog and cat eating-picture above (go to the end of the newsletter to see 1 of the posters used in the parade). Even the parents are supportive--they're learning from their children to value cats and dogs as friends and family -not food!

During May and June, LAWCS will work with Kindness Clubs to lead kindness programs in their schools and communities. Schools will close at the end of June and some in July. From July to September, LAWCS will focus on community education and community clinics.

**When next school year comes around, we hope to continue supporting LAWCS's work in Kolahun. Please go to the link below to contribute to LAWCS's groundbreaking work--as the 1 and only animal welfare organization in Liberia and the only group that campaigns against and provides alternatives to cat and dog meat eating:**

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

## Thank you!

We are so grateful to each and every one of you for your support!

You can donate to help animals in any of the countries where we work: Uganda, Tanzania (including our newest partner organization, Mbwa wa Africa), South Sudan, Namibia, Liberia, Ghana, Armenia, Jamaica, Honduras, and Barbados (new as of 2017).

AKI always sends 100% of your donations to our partner organizations.

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### X-ray of 1 of the SA-Armenia dog's legs



### Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society's poster against dog eating

