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Uganda Society for the Protection & Care of Animals

These are the Uganda SPCA Haven staff, who care for the >200 cats and dogs at



The Haven, the only companion animal shelter in Uganda (pictured from left: Jackie, Moses, Alex, Fred, Irene, Lydia, & Dominic; not pictured: Mary & Vincent). These are also the people who head out --every day--to rescue cats and dogs from the streets of Kampala, Entebbe, and in between. They spend their days with the dogs and cats, giving them food, love, medicating them, bathing them, coaxing shy ones from their hiding places, giving scared ones love and confidence.

I admit-I have a soft spot for the USPCA, having been with it from the beginning in 1997. **I've seen it grow from only having a part-time vet who traveled by boda boda (motorbike-taxi) in response to emergency calls to a beautiful (but far too small) shelter, so well known throughout Kampala and Entebbe, so relied on for rescuing, holding community spay/neuter clinics, and community and in-school humane education.**

I can't imagine Uganda without the Uganda Society for the Protection & Care of Animals.

As one of 10 AKI Partner Organizations, we commit to the USPCA to provide funding every year (this is different than our -and other-grant programs, where there is no such commitment or continuity). This commitment is so important -- our Partner Organizations know they will have at least the minimum they need to keep going for another year.

But not only that, our Partner Organizations can use AKI funds for their priority needs; AKI funds are not tied to a specific project. The USPCA uses your donations for rent of The Haven, staff salaries, shelter and vet supplies, cat and dog food, to pay the

electricity bill at The Haven--in other words, because of our AKI donors, we don't have to imagine a Uganda without the USPCA.

But with the increase in the number of animals at The Haven (I looked back to 2010, there were about 80 animals at The Haven then v. the 230 now), donations have not kept up. We are grateful if you can help--we love monthly donations, but everything helps to ensure that the USPCA (and our other Partner Organizations) can continue their work for animals in some of the most resource-poor parts of the world.

[See the USPCA page on the AKI website, https://www.animal-kind.org/uganda, where you can read about the AKI-USPCA Partnership, and securely donate to the USPCA.](https://www.animal-kind.org/uganda)

Appreciation Award for all AKI Supporters

During my recent visit to Uganda, I spent every Saturday and Sunday of 3 weekends at The Haven. Each day, I witnessed rescues, the amazing care and attention of the staff and volunteers, and I had the pleasure of being around almost 200 dogs and about 30 cats.

I wouldn't want to imagine a single one of them having to live on the streets of Kampala--Kampala's streets are no place for dogs (cats do a little better). Each dog and cat has their story, often a harrowing one.

I am so grateful that because of our AKI donors we can provide such needed funding to the USPCA. AKI Supporters, this award from the Uganda SPCA is for you.



[The AKI Blog \(April\)](#)

Through the AKI Blog, we keep our supporters updated about how their donations are used. We have 3 new AKI Blog posts for April:

- **[Have A Heart-Namibia & AKI in 2019](#)** by HAH's Geesche Neuberg (about the AKI Emergency Fund in Namibia and AKI-supported booster vaccinations and anti-parasite treatments for HAH-Namibia's returning clients)
- **[The Liberia AWCS & AKI Partnership \(January-April 2019\)](#)** by LAWCS's Morris Darbo (about LAWCS's AKI-supported programs: basic animal care clinics-photo above, in-school humane ed program, and the new LAWCS community engagement program)



- [OIPA-Cameroon is pleading for donations to help a poor family keep the rescued puppy they love](#) by OIPA-Cameroon's Che Gilbert (about a 75 year old woman and her granddaughter, who rescued a puppy, are willing to do all in their power to keep the puppy happy and healthy, but need a little financial help. **OIPA-Cameroon, an AKI 2018 grant recipient, is hoping to raise US\$350 to cover 2 years of care, including the puppy's neuter surgery, dog food, and shots. Donations can be made through the AKI website (please designate OIPA-Cameroon, thank you!)** As always, we will keep you posted about how the new member of this loving family is doing).

[READ THE AKI BLOG](#)

AKI's 2019 Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organization Grant Program

In next month's AKI newsletter, we'll announce the details of our 2nd annual grant program for Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organizations.

We've learned several lessons from our 1st grant program in 2018--which we'll use to design our 2019 program. We want 2019 to be as impactful as 2018 has been. For example.....

In just one of their 6 mobile donkey clinics funded by the 2018 AKI grant, Social & Animal Welfare Service-Somaliland's March mobile clinic treated 162 donkeys, 31 cows and their 21 calves, and 10 camels like the one in the picture to the right. The camel was treated for mastitis; the SAWS vet provided pen strep, albendazole, and gave the owners a vial for 3 more days of injections.



Last year, we intended to fund 3 grants and because of generous donors, we ended up funding 8!! We hope you'll come through for us again in 2019. As always, we are grateful for your support--there are so few funding sources for animal welfare organizations in Africa!

[READ ABOUT OUR 2018 GRANT PROGRAM](#)

And watch that page for details of our 2019 Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organization Grant Program.

We are grateful...

to you for what your donations have allowed us to do for animals in some of the poorest parts of the world-but also, where there are amazing animal welfare advocates helping animals, who are doing so much with so little. (Please click the picture to the right to [Donate to AKI](#)).

I'd like to donate to AKI



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).)

This Mother's Day and every day when you shop at Amazon, please remember to shop at <https://smile.amazon.com/> and thank you for designating AKI to receive a % from Amazon at no cost to you.

Gratefully,

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