



## *Kindness to Animals has no Boundaries*

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The start of a new year always seems like a good time to start on a new path, to make changes in our lives. That's the case for AKI too. Every December, the AKI Board decides if we're going to add or drop a partner organization. **For 2017, we've made some big changes: Mbwa wa Africa in Arusha, Tanzania and Hope Sanctuary in Barbados are now AKI partner organizations!**

When we add a partner organization, it's always one we personally know, is already doing great work, but because it works in a resource-poor country, needs AKI support to grow, become stronger, and increase effectiveness; and it's one that agrees to the AKI requirements of accountability, transparency, and open communication.

Stray Dogs Bosnia and Foundation Henk Abrahams (Suriname) will no longer be AKI partner organizations. When we decide to drop an organization as a partner, our decision in no way reflects the effectiveness and positive impacts that that organization has. It only means that we are going down different paths, often for a range of reasons.

**Our new partner organizations' pages are live on the AKI website: There's lots of info about what they do and you can now designate them for your donations (That would be a great welcome to our new partner organizations!). Please read on.....**

### **Mbwa wa Africa, Tanzania**

It would be easier to tell you what MWA doesn't do! But it's more fun to tell you what they do. Briefly:

- MWA holds rabies vaccination clinics, where in 2016, they vaccinated about 10,000 dogs (<50 cats). In Tanzania, rabies kills about 1,500 people/year, most of them children. It also results in the suffering of so many animals, who are mercilessly killed or die painful deaths.
- MWA spays/neuters dogs and cats during clinics they hold in poor communities (This kitten's mama, Indira, was spayed during a clinic and the family-Indira and her 5 kittens-was moved to the MWA shelter because the restaurant where they were living just didn't seem safe enough for a young family.)
- MWA sponsors humane education classes and provides humane ed instruction to teachers and awareness training for the police.
- MWA rescues, shelters, rehabilitates, and re-homes dogs and cats (and sometimes guinea pigs).



**Please welcome MWA and check out the MWA page--it is inspiring:**

<http://www.animal-kind.org/tanzania-mbwa>

## Hope Sanctuary, Barbados

Why Barbados?

- Hope Sanctuary has one of the most beautiful dog and cat shelters (photo right is a section of the large cattery), not only beautiful on the outside, but inside too--it's a beautiful healing place for the many emotionally damaged animals.
- Cruelty to animals in Barbados is rampant (chaining dogs in downpours and hot sun without shelter, food, or water; chaining cats; dog fighting; and overall neglect).
- It's so difficult to raise money to support this beautiful sanctuary because Barbados is just so expensive, yet, perhaps surprisingly, the poverty rate is very high.



**We hope to be able to help Hope Sanctuary raise money so that the long-term survival of the sanctuary isn't threatened** and so that those who work at The Hope can spend their energies on the dogs and cats in need.

**Please check out The Hope's new page on the AKI website, and join us in welcoming Hope Sanctuary-Barbados to the AKI family:**

<http://www.animal-kind.org/barbados>

## Uganda Society for the Protection & Care of Animals: A path to a new sanctuary in Uganda

**We've started a fundraiser on GlobalGiving and we're in it for as long as it takes to raise enough money!**

We're helping the Uganda SPCA transform from a small shelter at a rented location to a large sanctuary, owned by the USPCA, where dogs and cats have space to run and play, volunteers can more easily interact with shelter animals, that serves as a place for learning about animals, and that may even provide accommodation for visiting volunteers. (In the photo above, you can see how crowded it gets at The Haven.)



**More about the fundraiser at this link:**

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

While this effort doesn't supplant the need to raise money for USPCA's daily operations (which is what AKI donations are normally and will continue to be used for--please see the

AKI Blog post below), we hope you'll consider joining us in this very important fundraising initiative. **For birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, and gifts in honor of a person special to you, please consider donating to this fundraiser; we'll acknowledge your kind gift with a personalized letter.**

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### What's New at AKI?

The AKI Blog has new posts about:

- **Kingston Community Animal Welfare:** 2 new posts that will make you feel like you're traveling the streets of Kingston with Deborah/KCAW and feeding dogs and cats in need (photo right)
- **Uganda SPCA:** discusses some of the things that AKI donors have supported and some heartwarming rescues from the past few months
- **Ghana SPCA:** read about 2 field trips for humane ed students for which AKI donors provided the funding. For those of you particularly interested in Ghana, west Africa, or humane ed, I know you'll enjoy Aluizah Amasaba's videos of the 2 field trips: <https://www.youtube.com/user/AnimalsInternational>
- **Save the Animals-Armenia:** read about our ALMOST successful LoveAnimals' fundraiser, how SAA is using the money raised, and how this winter has affected SAA



**The AKI Blog has the most recent information about AKI partner organizations, how they've used AKI donor funds, their challenges, successes:**

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

AKI was featured in an article in the January 2017 newsletter edition of *Your Dog* (Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University). You can read it at this link:

<http://www.animal-kind.org/aki-in-the-news>

(Thank you L. Lindner!)

**We are so grateful for your support!**

**You can donate to help animals in any of the countries where we work: Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Namibia, Liberia, Ghana, Armenia, Jamaica, Honduras, and Barbados.**

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

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