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In this AKI newsletter, read about Uganda SPCA, Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras, Kingston Community Animal Welfare, and ways you can help any or all AKI partner organizations (You can read about all of our partner organizations at the AKI website link above.)

## Uganda SPCA: A love of animals keeps the Haven ticking

Many of you know Alex Ochieng, the USPCA shelter manager, either from reading about him on the AKI website or from visiting him at the Haven (Most of you probably don't know his son, in the photo to the right, getting some puppy love at the USPCA Haven.) We interviewed Alex to learn more about his work, his love of animals, and what makes him "tick."



AKI: How did you get involved in animal welfare/rescue?

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. Then I joined a wildlife sanctuary after completing my education. I joined the Haven through my uncle, who introduced me to the animals shelter (USPCA), which extended my feel to animal welfare/rescue. I tell people, "Saving life is the nicest thing to do."

AKI: What is the best way to change attitudes in Uganda about

dogs and cats?

Alex: Charity beings at home, if children grow up with animals as their family member as my little boy now, they will love them (animals) i.e, a child becomes more responsible when an adult around him knows when the animal is sick, when the adult shows caring. [This is just what USPCA encourages--families to adopt, care for, and make the pet part of the family! To read more of AKI's interview with Alex, click:

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

and then click the link to Alex's interview.]

## Uganda SPCA: Support their essential work

### May at the USPCA

Alex told AKI that "We are always full with animals. Great thing now is that we have a lot of volunteers who can walk dogs and play with the dogs and cats every day. Currently at the shelter we have 74 adult dogs, 10 puppies, 20 cats and 5 kittens. And now we separate friendly cats and those not friendly, so we hold the friendly ones in the garage where they can play on the floor freely all the time, not in the cages [see photo] and not friendly we hold in the cathouse near the entrance. Adoptions in May were 5 dogs and 2 kittens • Rescued were 7 dogs, 7 puppies and 3 kittens." To support the USPCA's essential work, designate them for your AKI donation:



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

## Get Involved

### Follow AKI's Blog

In AKI's first blog, Nickson (photo left) tells us how dogs are treated in his home country of South Sudan--you may be pleasantly surprised by some of his stories; you may even get some laughs! Follow our blog and please spread the word, AKI is blogging:

<http://animalkindinternational.blogspot.com>



### Use Goodsearch, Goodshop, Goodoffers, etc.

Elizabeth told us about her experience using Goodsearch and Goodshop, and encourages everyone to try these and other new tools to raise funds for AKI: "Donating to Animal-Kind International just got even easier! You can sign up on Goodsearch to take surveys and have money automatically donated to AKI. If

everyone reading this newsletter does this just once think of how the dollars will add up! I did two surveys and raised \$1.31. You can also watch videos, fill out forms or sign up for free trials to raise money. Goodsearch now has Goodoffers too! Browse their offers to see if there is something you are going to buy anyway. If you do this using Goodoffers a donation is made to the charity you designate. For example, if you spend \$25.00 at Harry and David, Harry and David will donate \$4.00 to AKI. Whenever you are planning on buying something online keep Goodoffers in mind!" Just go to <http://www.goodsearch.com/> and start shopping, offering, searching, and filling out surveys.

### Start a School Club

AKI has suggestions and models for school clubs and activities that will benefit AKI's partner organizations. We would love to share them with you and get your school club started! Email me at [karen@animal-kind.org](mailto:karen@animal-kind.org), and let's talk!

## Kingston Community Animal Welfare

KCAW's Deborah told AKI: "I didn't rescue these pups [getting a bath in the photo to the right], they rescued themselves. The mummy dog had them in bushes a bit down the road from my house. She used to go through my garbage cans for food so I started feeding her. Then one Friday



morning my mum called me to say that she just walked through the gate with 4 little ones in tow! I guess she finally decided that this house was safe for her pups. I had her spayed and she was adopted by a really nice family. Then I found more nice homes for her pups—all were gone within 2 weeks. Another happy ending!" You can read more about KCAW and designate them for your donation so rescues like this in Kingston, Jamaica can continue:

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

## Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras

In animal rescue work, you can have some of the happiest of times and some of the lowest, saddest moments. This picture of clean up day at HHHH looks like a day we'd all have liked to participate in. But most days in Tegucigalpa, Pilar is confronted with brutality that most of us



can't imagine. Although sometimes the stories are difficult to read, we can be comforted that because of HHHH and the funds AKI provides, many dogs and cats are rescued and cared for. In



Pilar's words: "Brisa just died at my feet. She was a rescue from November when someone tossed two old dogs out on a busy street. Both were emaciated. When a car hit Brisa, I brought her home. Very sweet senior but the leg got worse and she did not put on weight. The male (Negrito) she was with was poisoned the night I rescued her. He was so sweet and trusting. She was a little more cautious and would run away which is how she got hit. A football club was having a tournament and did not want starving dogs around so poisoned Negrito. Brisa was very sweet, but she had ehrlichiosis. She stopped eating about 5 days ago. I was keeping her alive on IV fluid." Please read about and donate to HHHH here: <http://www.animal-kind.org/honduras.html>

Thank you so much to all who help AKI help our partner organizations take care of dogs and cats where help for animals is needed most.

Karen Menczer, Director  
&  
the AKI Board of Directors

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