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Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras

We more often showcase dog stories and pictures than cats, but for this AKI newsletter, we have several cat stories, like Fiera's (photo at right). Fiera is a feral kitty, who Pilar found as a tiny kitten. Funds from AKI covered Fiera's vaccinations and spay surgery. She now lives at the HHHH sanctuary in Tegucigalpa. AKI funds provide vet care and food for the dogs and cats-including Fiera--at the sanctuary. We posted some beautiful pictures of kitties that AKI's partner organization, HHHH, has recently rescued and provided care for--with support from AKI--at this link, where you can also designate HHHH to receive your AKI donation: <http://www.animal-kind.org/hondurasphotoalbum.html>

Tanzania Animal Welfare Society

AKI support to TAWESO in early 2013 helped provide veterinary care to 41 dogs and cats with various disease conditions and 5 spays plus 6 neuters. The cats below were sterilized and vaccinated at a TAWESO mobile clinic--thanks to AKI funds.



AKI support to TAWESO ensures that mobile clinics can continue to be held, and that the TAWESO Donkey Welfare Programme can continue to provide training in making and using humane halters. We've posted new pictures of TAWESO's mobile clinics made possible with AKI funds:

AKI supports existing animal welfare organizations in Honduras, Jamaica, Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Namibia, Malawi, Ghana, Armenia, and Bosnia with 100% of your donation sent to our partner organizations. We have no overhead.



Donate to AKI

You can choose to support one or more of our partner organizations or you can leave it up to AKI to decide how to distribute funds. No matter what you choose, a one-time donation, a monthly donation, designating a specific organization, or leaving it to us to decide, 100% of every donation goes directly to our partner organizations. <http://www.animal-kind.org/supportus.html>

AKI's GLOBALGIVING Project

Please consider supporting our project on the GG site. Each donation helps us reach our goal.

(Read about our GG project here:

<http://goto.gg/13723>)

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

Uganda Society for the Protection & Care of Animals

AKI's December 2012 disbursement to the USPCA covered kennel repairs, dog and cat food, Haven staff salaries, rabies and parvo vaccinations, mange, flea, and tick treatment, cooking gas, and funds so that USPCA staff can respond to reports of abuse.



AKI support to the USPCA helps ensure that Haven dogs and cats (like the ones above) are well-provided for, and that Haven staff can get out into the community for humane education, rescues, and hands-on care. The USPCA photo album has stories of some recent USPCA rescues and other activities:

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

Namibia's rural SPCAs

Our December 2012 disbursement for Namibia's rural SPCAs was split among Walvis Bay, Keetmanshoop, Rundu, Luderitz, and Tsumeb SPCAs. The funds provided food for the dogs and cats (like these 3 tortoiseshell kitties available for adoption at the Walvis Bay SPCA), and spay/neuter events are



planned for 2013 using the remainder of AKI funds from that disbursement. Spay/neuter plans--especially the number of different locations to hold campaigns and the number of surgeries that can be done--are 100% dependent on the money AKI, Erika (our rural SPCA liaison in Namibia), and the SPCAs can raise. To help Namibia's rural SPCAs--who work in areas where fundraising is so very difficult for dog and cat anti-cruelty and welfare programs, you can designate Namibia at this link

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

Save the Animals-Armenia

For Save the Animals-Armenia, AKI is hoping to get donations of vitamins to help Nune care for the older dogs at the shelter. AKI's funds provide food and vet care, but Nune told us recently that many of the dogs at the shelter are getting up in years, and need better nutrition than the food she gets in Armenia. If you can donate vitamins for the Save the Animals-Armenia



We need to raise \$5000 from 40 donors by the end of April to remain on the GG site and receive additional GG benefits. You can also read about and donate to our GG project directly from our homepage:

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

In Memory Of

AKI has added a new webpage and a new way you can support AKI while remembering the pets you've lost. Check out our new "In Memory Of" page. <http://www.animal-kind.org/memories.html>. Send us your pet's photo and story; and/or donate in memory of a friend's beloved pet.

AKI's Financial Transparency

There's been so many stories lately about how charities have mis-spent funds; we at AKI wanted to share with you our due diligence and financial transparency procedures. First, AKI's donors span the realm--some tell us to use funds as we at AKI see fit; some want to receive details of how their funds are spent, and others don't wish to receive that information; some want to be in direct contact with the AKI partner organization they support; some donors tell us exactly what they'd like their donations spent on. Because we know our partner organizations firsthand (AKI board members have worked with all of our partner organizations) and because we are in regular communication with our partner organizations, we are able to oblige a donor's wishes! AKI is 100% transparent about how our funds are used--just ask us, we'll tell.

Our due diligence process consists of:
1) AKI partner organizations submit expenditure tracking reports with details on how they spent AKI disbursements, including pictures and receipts; 2) AKI board member or "AKI

shelter's older dogs, please contact AKI. We've posted pictures and stories of some of the older dogs (like Gazan, in the photo above) in the SAA photo album at this link:

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

THANK YOU FROM OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS!

Bosnia Animal Foundation

From Suze with BAF, we received the following note. (We'll have news on how BAF's s/n and humane ed campaign went in the next newsletter.)

April 2013, one of the biggest projects ever for BAF! We are in the middle of preparations for the campaigns, which will take place in Sanski Most and Orasje. We were waiting for all permits to be fully in order before we even think of ordering medication. But after a lot of waiting and having an enormous amount of patience, we received the permits. So we are on! We will aim for a total of 450 dogs and cats, in only 5 days, so it is a hell of a job. We are cooperating with the municipalities, local NGO's, IFAW and Dogs Trust as it is a pilot project to show the other municipalities who are interested how to deal with their dog and cat over-population problem. We will also visit schools to teach children how to care for their own animals, and how to act around strays. We of course appreciate the support we receive from AKI. We decided to buy new surgery equipment with AKI funds, the old ones were pretty worn down. We desperately needed the new materials. So thanks for those and for the sutures AKI!

Lilongwe SPCA

Dr. Richard Ssuna sent this note of thanks to AKI:

Thanks for the constant disbursements that AKI is availing to the LSPCA [AKI funds provided supplies to build the dog kennels in the photo to the right.] This is a



great help as it is not often appreciated how much animal costs can quickly be expended. Your support is always a welcome supplement as it often releases some funds to engage the community into appreciating animal welfare issues. We have managed to acquire two police officers strictly to pursue animal welfare issues! The Inspector General of Police directed that two officers be designated to handle only animal welfare matters. A prosecutor and one CID have now been assigned for this matter. LSPCA will train and equip them with all the necessary information to do their jobs professionally and authoritatively. Because we have AKI to cover many of the basics the shelter needs (food, infrastructure, supplies), this released other funds that will greatly help in training the police officers and equipping them appropriately.

friend" visits our partner organizations (NEVER using AKI funds) and reports to the AKI board. In addition, at least weekly, AKI is in touch with all of our partner organizations about their activities, needs, concerns, achievements. With AKI you can be sure your funds are spent to help animals. And we are happy to provide you with details!

AKI is collecting: humane education material for our South Sudan humane educators and animal trinkets for children and adults for Ghana SPCA to hand out at GSPCA information tables. Contact karen@animal-kind.org if you would like to donate.

I admit, I was always a dog person. But from several friends, I learned to appreciate and love cats too. This newsletter is dedicated to my "cat friends," the people who helped me see the coolness of cats, especially Jamie & Rob, Laurie, Tracy, and Ron; and my newer cat friends who continue to encourage that appreciation: Alice, Irene, Liane, Suzette, Kathy.

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the AKI Board (Jean, Elizabeth, Emily, Ellen, and Ron)

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