



Dear AKI Supporters
(Sept 2019)

Thank you for your support which has made all of this possible.....

My Visit With Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society

It took about 12 hours to drive the 240 miles from Monrovia to Voinjama. We got stuck in 1 mud hole for over an hour, and then got stuck behind a truck that got stuck in a mud hole, but finally, we arrived in Voinjama, where LAWCS is headquartered. This was my 6th visit in 6 years (thanks to a project that I work on, my trips are not funded by AKI).



LAWCS has been an AKI Partner Organization since January 2016. Over the years, I've watched LAWCS grow: their staff has increased, their coverage in Lofa County has expanded, their programs have grown. In large part, this is due to the partnership that you, our donors, have made possible.

What this means for animals is especially striking. As I mention in my [AKI Blog post](#) about my visit with LAWCS (see below), **when you travel around Lofa Country, to communities where LAWCS works, you see a huge difference in the way animals are treated compared to other parts of Liberia.** The picture above is just one example of 100s of dogs and cats I saw in LAWCS communities that are treated kindly, well-cared for, and considered part of the family.

As with all of our Partner Organizations, LAWCS relies on us/our donors to continue the funding that is so critical to the sustainability of their programs. **Especially in Africa, where there are still so few donors and the opportunities for grants are so limited, knowing that you are there to provide support makes all the difference for our Partners and the animals they serve. Thank you for making the AKI-LAWCS partnership possible with your kind donations.**

[READ ABOUT THE AKI-LAWCS PARTNERSHIP](#)

[AKI's 2019 Grant Projects Have Begun!](#)

As I mentioned in the August newsletter, we've awarded 8 grants to Africa-based animal welfare organizations. (We had originally planned to award 4 grants, but we were overwhelmed by the interest in our grant program and the outpouring of support that allowed us to award 8 grants).



Our grantees have already started their AKI-funded projects:

- **Giving is Living (South Africa)** has started to build fences around yards to unchain dogs.
- **Nyendwa Mobile Clinic in Zambia** held their 1st clinic in one of the very poor and under-served villages that they're targeting. They treated several sick dogs and they have already returned to check on their patients (above picture: The 2 puppies held by the the children were very weak and couldn't walk. They were dehydrated and malnourished-with a slightly better diet and regular supply of clean water, and with the help of Nyendwa Mobile Clinic, they should recover).
- **Bam Animal Clinics (Uganda)** held their 1st AKI-funded training for donkey owners on making sisal saddles to protect donkeys from sores that result from carrying their heavy loads without protection. During the training, a total of 300 sacks were made. Bam made sure to include women donkey owners among the participants-many women in the east of Uganda rely on donkeys for their livelihoods.
- **Sibanye Trust** held their 1st vet clinic in Lupane in a very poor and under-served community. They vaccinated 51 dogs against rabies, treated 86 donkeys for trypanosomiasis, and treated both for wounds. Their focus area is a community that has been severely affected by drought.

Besides funding these grants, **we provide support to our grant recipients to strengthen them:** We provide fund raising advice, technical and administrative support, recommendations for training and networking, and we help them with other needs **to ensure that they will be working in the animal protection & rescue field for a long time to come.**

[READ ABOUT AKI'S 2019 GRANT RECIPIENTS](#)

In AKI's October newsletter, we'll have even more updates from our grantees.

Read the AKI Blog (Sept)

This month's AKI Blog features the following articles:

- [AKI donations supporting emergency care, spay/neuter, & more in Namibia:](#)
In Namibia, we support AKI Partner Organization, Have A Heart (as well as other initiatives and SPCAs in rural areas). *Photo right: a client at one of HAH's mobile clinics-spayed, vaccinated, dewormed, thanks to AKI donors.*
- [How Your Support to AKI is Helping Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society:](#) LAWCS's Humane Education Program & Community Engagement/Basic Animal Care Clinics are funded by AKI donors.



AND

- On the Drifters Guide to the Planet website, read our article about volunteering with [AKI Partner Kingston Community Animal Welfare](#) in Jamaica: [Sun, Sea, Sand, & Saving Animals](#)

AKI is a 2019 Great Non Profit

Every year since AKI started, we've earned a spot on the Great Non Profit Top Rated List. And 2019 is no exception. Thank you so much to our supporters for the many 5-star reviews we've received. There's still time to give us a 5-star review:

[Write a 5-star review for AKI \(& read our reviews\) here](#)



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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 (2019 grant recipients are located in: Zimbabwe, Zambia, Uganda, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Mozambique, South Africa.)

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We are so grateful for your support,
Karen Menczer & the AKI Board

We rely on you to help us get the word out about AKI and our support for animal welfare organizations in resource-poor countries. Would you consider [forwarding this message to a friend?](#)

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