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Kindness to animals has no boundaries

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Dear AKI Supporters,

With strong, local animal welfare organizations, the future will be brighter for animals; but unless we invest in strengthening these local organizations, we'll continue to go from one emergency to the next, never making sustained improvements.

And that is why AKI raises funds for our partner organizations, spreads the word about the work they do, their challenges, their needs, and that's why we do all we can to ensure they have the resources they need to get their jobs done.

But we don't only provide support for our partner organizations--several organizations are waiting "in the wings"--ready to be AKI partners; we just don't have the funds we need to add them to our network.

That's where our donors come in--the more money we raise, the more we can send to our partners, but also, the more money we raise, the more partners we can bring into the fold--making sure that no matter where an animal was born, there will be a powerful voice to speak up for her.

Imagine...playing a part in strengthening the fabric of animal welfare in poor countries; making sure that in all countries, animals have a voice. **Your donation makes all the difference:**

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

THANK YOU!

Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society is a great example of an organization worthy of our support...

yet we just don't have the funds to make them an AKI partner organization.

In recognition of all that LAWCS does for animals, AKI has been working with them for about 2 years, helping them



write proposals, sending humane ed supplies, and spreading the word about the work they do (see the latest AKI blog post for more pictures and information on LAWCS -you can also sign up to receive future posts: <http://animal-kind.org/blog/>).



I just visited Liberia and spent time with LAWCS (for the 2nd time in just over a year), and witnessed firsthand their impact in the community. We spent time discussing their programs, their goals, and constraints (Photo above was taken in the LAWCS office, and shows 3 of the 4 LAWCS volunteers, Haja, Morris, and Korpo, and the humane ed material from AKI donors that I carried to Liberia.)

We also visited 2 schools, where I had a chance to observe Morris and Korpo giving humane ed lessons.

Emanuel (photo below) is one of 20 humane ed teachers working in Liberia's schools as part of the LAWCS Humane Ed Program.

Humane ed is LAWCS's priority program: To become a humane ed instructor, LAWCS provides the teachers with one week of training and then continues to mentor the teachers. At each school with a humane ed program, the teacher moves from classroom to classroom in the school--covering all ages and classes. Using this method, LAWCS HE program reaches 10,000 students in 20 schools.



The teachers also work with select school children to provide more intensive instruction--and more fun! At each school, the HE instructor will form 2 Kindness Clubs with up to 25 students each. The clubs meet twice a week and work on projects that promote kindness to animals.

The clubs also have Animal Interaction days, when they go into a community, to a family with pets and work to improve the lives of the family's dogs and cats: they might clean the sleeping area, discuss with the family about providing clean water and healthy food, talk about exercising and playing with dogs and cats.

You can watch videos of my interview with LAWCS volunteers as they talk about their love for animals and their dedication to LAWCS--and you will see why we'd love to add them as an AKI partner organization; you can also watch Morris and Korpo teach humane ed at 2 schools in Voinjama, Liberia:

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

Have A Heart-Luderitz A pink dog house for a lucky dog!

AKI has been sponsoring Have A Heart-Namibia spayathons in Luderitz's **Area 7, one of the**



poorest communities in Luderitz, and now the HAH Dog House-S/N Project is focusing there.

Your donations to our AKI project on the crowdfunding site, GlobalGiving, has now paid for the construction of 16 dog houses (the pink one is the very 1st completed, painted, and donated) and the same number of



spay/neuters. **Please help us remain on the GlobalGiving site-once we reach \$5000 from 40 donors (10 more to go!), we become a permanent GG partner with all the benefits that entails (e.g., matching funds, corporate giving programs):**

<http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/provide-safe-haven-for-120-dogs/>

THANK YOU!

AKI supports Have A Heart's efforts to get a dog house to every needy dog in Luderitz and to sterilize each recipient of a dog house.

Just this past weekend, HAH-Luderitz went to Valombola Day Care in Area 7 with 20 paint brushes, 5 cans of paint, and 2 dog houses (photo right). The children were so keen to paint, they ended up with about 20 layers of paint per dog house in mainly blue and green--the kids really enjoyed the painting and luckily the paint was easy to wash off!



In addition to donating through GlobalGiving, you can designate and donate to this project directly on the AKI website:

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

Besides sterilizing and improving the lives of dogs in this poor community, the project aims to show families that their dogs have value beyond their guard dog services.

Zorrito: finally living the good life!

For those of you following Zorrito's progress, he's out of danger, and has claimed the couch at the Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras sanctuary.

You may recall that Pilar's fellow rescuer, Guillermo, and his son had been feeding Zorro for a few months, while he lived on the streets, but he just wasn't gaining weight and seemed to be



getting worse. So Guillermo and Pilar decided it was time to bring Zorro to the sanctuary for better care.



He's now been with HHHH for about a month, and thanks to AKI donors, has gotten the vet care and healthy food he needs to recover his energy and to fight off his heavy parasite load and severe anemia; he's no longer malnourished. Donations to AKI will cover Zorro's neuter surgery now that he's healthy. **In the picture above, he still looks a bit surprised about the good luck he's had!**

Zorrito: before his rescue by Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras (photo below)

Pilar and her team of rescuers/caregivers help the most difficult cases; they are always there to scoop dogs and cats off the streets of Tegucigalpa and nurse them back to health; and to take them from bad situations into the safety of the HHHH sanctuary.



While some are just not adoptable due to illnesses or other difficulties, dogs and cats can remain at the HHHH sanctuary until they find homes. It's expensive to provide such good care for such difficult cases, and we appreciate that AKI donors are so willing to step up and help.

Because of your investment in AKI, Pilar has been able to train and encourage so many young Hondurans to join her in her mission of rescue. Thank you for continuing to support these efforts:

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

Here's some other news from AKI:

- Funds from the LoveAnimals' crowdfunding project are now with the Uganda SPCA awaiting final plans for kennel repair. Our LoveAnimals' project was fully funded--and even raised a little more than we were aiming for!
- We sent Ghana SPCA their 1st disbursement of 2015, for which they will organize a field trip for humane ed course graduates, the 2nd one (which we hope will become an annual event) thanks to AKI donors.
- Based on the recommendation from Stray Dogs Bosnia, AKI's 1st disbursement of 2015 to SDB will be used to construct a drainage system for the rear of the Orasje shelter in Bosnia.
- Our South Sudan humane ed volunteers are having a difficult time due to the ongoing conflicts there, but when they can, they conduct humane ed lessons, usually for small community groups, ranging from children to adults in their 90s. The HE volunteers tell us the community members are always very grateful and they always pledge to be kind to animals.

AKI works with organizations in Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Namibia, Malawi, Ghana, Bosnia, Armenia, Jamaica, Honduras, and Suriname & sends 100% of your donations to our partner organizations!

Thank you so much for your investment in AKI, and for making our world a kinder place for animals,

Karen Menczer, Founder & Director
&
the AKI Board of Directors

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