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AKI News: October 2011

Helping animals....without borders. Because animal welfare has no boundaries.

We support 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 are very sorry about the broken link to the *new & improved* AKI homepage in the September AKI newsletter. Please forgive us and click here to see our beautiful new "AKI home" (I promise it will work this time!):

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

Dear AKI Friends,

By June, I already had 5 "free" calendars for 2012 from various non-profits. Funny that about 2 weeks after you receive your free gift, you get a letter from the non-profit organization asking if you received it, and would you consider sending a donation. At AKI, we won't send you "free" gifts, and we won't spend your donations on anything except the animals!

Of course there are many ways to help animals; below you can read about some innovative ways people are helping AKI and our partner organizations, and we hope these will trigger even more ideas.

Read Patti's blog about AKI (Please pass this on, "like" it, and why not write your own blog or article about AKI!):

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

Also at the above link, you can vote for AKI to be one of the three non-profits sponsored by One Million for Good (Voting ends October 31, so please vote for AKI today!) Thank you Courtney from One Million for Good for being an AKI supporter!

Other AKI supporters have provided hands-on assistance: Read the story below by Zina about her experience volunteering at the Uganda SPCA's Haven; and also, read about a group of vets who volunteered with our partner organization in Tanzania, TAWESO.

We're hoping to make it a happy holiday for animals around the world, so please consider donating to AKI and our partner organizations:

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

[Also at the above link you can show your support for AKI by signing up for GoodSearch and GoodShop, and designate AKI to receive a % from your holiday (and year-round!) purchases.]

And as always, we sincerely appreciate it if you forward this newsletter on to friends, family, and colleagues who also care about animals--that is one other great way to show support for AKI:

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This morning, I received a message from Dr. Richard with the Lilongwe SPCA that once again reminded me how much our partner organizations rely on us so they can continue to help animals:

Thanks so much for the funds. We are struggling at the moment with our finances. The check will greatly support our work. Thanks ever so much for believing in LSPCA.

Read about the LSPCA here, and I think you'll also decide to become an AKI supporter:

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

Zina's Ugandan Adventure

In 2010, I planned a trip to Kampala to volunteer for a month and knew I wanted to work with animals and children. It was important for me to work with groups that were locally focused and who truly needed hands-on assistance. With my previous experience working with street dogs and cats in Senegal, I knew Uganda SPCA was the perfect opportunity. I then went back in August 2011, and volunteered again at the USPCA's Haven. Compared to the US, the challenges that the Uganda SPCA faces are intensified due to the tremendous numbers of animals who need assistance, the small number of staff who have little or no training with animals prior to employment at the shelter, the facility condition and location, and access to trained volunteers. Any animal rescue organization faces some of the same issues as the USPCA when it comes to the large numbers of animals who are on the street or in inappropriate, abusive homes. There are the constant issues of not enough adoptions to offset the number of animals coming in, lack of public education on proper pet ownership, lack of funding. I believe to "recruit" continuous support for the USPCA is the best assistance that can be provided. This support must come largely from outside Uganda since in the country, there are so few people who can afford to donate to charities. Support could include financial donations on a monthly basis (greatly needed!) or on a project basis, spreading the word about the difficulties the USPCA is up against in comparison to US organizations, trying to establish partnerships with US companies who may have business connections in Uganda. If you can get individuals to travel to the Haven as part of a volunteer vacation, they will have no choice but to become committed. These are the best partners the USPCA can have, those who have experienced it



personally. Specifically, I am trying to raise money to help the USPCA purchase land to create a larger sanctuary.

AKI: Along with Zina and the USPCA, we envision a small-scale Best Friends-type facility (*a la* Kanab, Utah)—it would be the 1st in Africa, a place where animals and people could find sanctuary, learn from each other, and find their best friends. The Haven is the only animal shelter in Uganda, and can comfortably house only about 80 dogs and 30 cats (one of the current residents is pictured above in a photo that Zina sent us). Those interested can donate to this effort through AKI: designate the USPCA sanctuary fund.

TAWESO hosts American volunteers



Photo: Lining up for the Vet Outreach Clinic

TAWESO's Dr. Thomas sent us photos and the following report: It was a great pleasure and for the first time to host 11 American volunteers at TAWESO. We planned their



The latest from the spay/neuter campaign in Namibia's rural areas is:

15 dogs and 1 cat were sterilised over 3 days. This included:
9 female and 6 male dogs

1 male cat

Euthanasia: one dog was euthanased on the basis of illness.

Rabies vaccinations are also given.

With AKI support we can get those #s much higher! Designate Namibia SPCA's rural s/n campaign when donating to AKI.

Karen Menczer, Director

&

the AKI Board

