

Animal-Kind International Annual Report-2021

In 2021, we continued focusing on our main programs, (1) support for our Partner Organizations, (2) the Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organization Grant Program, and (3) Friendly Audits.

- Our Partners are animal welfare organizations that we've worked closely with and know well; they receive regular, ongoing funding from us.
- Our grantees receive one-time funding based on a proposal they submit. If needed, we provide technical and administrative help over the course of their grant project to grow our grantees into organizations that can continue to attract funding.
- Our "Friendly Audits," for targeted Africa-based organizations help us strengthen organizations in non-financial ways.

Our 2021 focus remained on Africa-based animal welfare organizations, with a secondary focus area of Latin America/Caribbean, and the "outlier," the Caucasus (Partner Organization, Save Animals-Armenia).

1. Financial Support to AKI Partner Organizations

We provide financial support to our Partner Organizations based on the amount of total donations we receive; on the amount that donors designate for the specific Partner; need and capacity to use the funds; and on the quality (accountability, transparency, clear communication) of the Partner's reporting.

When the AKI Board held their annual meeting at the end of 2021, Board members agreed to add a new Partner Organization for 2022, Sauvons nos Animaux in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Board also agreed to drop Mbwa wa Africa (Tanzania) as a Partner Organization, mainly due to their significant support they obtain from elsewhere. The Board made no other changes to AKI Partner Organizations.

Below is summary information about how our Partner Organizations used AKI funds during 2021.

AFRICA

Uganda Society for the Protection and Care of Animals: After about five years, with a big push for donations to the AKI-USPCA Land Fund in 2021, we raised enough for USPCA to purchase a 2.08 acre plot between Kampala and Entebbe. With this purchase, our dream for a new Haven shelter was on its way to reality. We continue to raise funds for the move to the new plot, which will require construction of an office/reception, vet clinic, transport of pens from the current Haven to

the new plot, purchase of additional pens, including for quarantine, construction of a well and a connection to the city water system, sanitation facilities, and a humane education center.

The negative effects of COVID-19 continued from 2020 into 2021 with the USPCA again taking in more dogs and cats and having fewer adoptions than in previous years. Again donations of food were down since hotels and restaurants have yet to recover from the economic impact of COVID-



19. And therefore, costs of operating The Haven increased again, as they had in 2020. Again, AKI support for the USPCA Haven animal shelter covered approximately 33% of the shelter's operating costs.

In 2021, AKI funded the salaries of Alex Ochieng, Haven Shelter Manager (plus a Christmas bonus), Assistant Shelter Manager, Jackie, and other USPCA staff salaries; 12 months of rent of The Haven property; cat and dog food; and electricity and water at The Haven and firewood to cook cat and dog food. USPCA's kennel sponsorship program resulted in donations through AKI that covered about 1/3 of the kennels (food, vet care, general upkeep of the animals in the specified kennel).

Certainly without AKI donor funding, the USPCA would be unable to undertake their amazing and heart wrenching rescues. Again, as in 2020, so many dogs were abandoned by their owners, left behind at their plot when the owner moved back to the village or to another country. Some dogs, like Coco (photo above with Alex Ochieng) almost starved when their owners simply stopped feeding them-often claiming their inability to provide food was due to the economic situation caused by covid. Coco was rescued and recovered full health and weight at The Haven.

USPCA Haven staff again rescued several cats who had fallen into pit latrines and cats who got stuck in razor wire. Alex rescued the kitten in the photo to the right from a pit latrine. The kitty turned out to be a brilliant golden color.



Bam Animal Clinics-Uganda: Bam Animal Clinics used AKI funds for their donkey welfare program in eastern Uganda, the area of the country with the highest concentration of donkeys. This year, as part of our efforts to strengthen the organization as a whole, Bam also used AKI funds for their general operations (some salaries, electricity, internet, and security at their office/vet clinic in Iganga).

For their donkey program, AKI funding covered six community vet clinics and humane sisal saddle-making courses in Bukwo, Kween, and Kapchorwa Districts. AKI donors support all costs associated with the community donkey clinics, including transport to the sites; accommodation; procedures requiring veterinary surgeons who are needed to treat the more serious problems

(removal of a tumor from the forehead of a donkey, a donkey's stomach injury from being kicked by a cow, a prolapse-photo below); medications (to treat internal parasites, skin infections, and wounds, multivitamins, sprays against ticks and flies); and for World Rabies Day, rabies vaccines for dogs



(who often accompany donkey owners and their donkeys to the clinics).

AKI funding also covered all material needed for the sisal saddle making trainings (photo below). Over the course of the trainings, 300 people were given sisal sacks to make their own saddles (photo below).



Bam also uses AKI funds to provide stipends for their two animal husbandry/vet officers in Kween and Bukwo. The vet officers know every village and they speak the languages in the area, so they're responsible for organizing the clinics and trainings and they are the reason that participation is always beyond expectations. They also follow up on donkeys who were treated

and need extra attention and they work with donkey owners to ensure they're using the sisal saddles correctly.

Have A Heart-Namibia – HaH-Namibia supports spay/neuter, mainly in remote communities, where there are few if any other options. At the request of HaH, based on gaps in their funding, AKI supports their Lifetime Care Program (boosters and parasite prevention for all returning s/n clients-for life) and the AKI-HaH Emergency Fund to cover emergency care for pets whose owners are unable to afford the needed care. In 2021, with AKI support, 517 dogs and 53 cats were



provided with Lifetime Care boosters and parasite prevention. Emergency treatments were provided for 14 dogs and 12 cats.

Kitty Snowy was a beneficiary of the AKI-HaH Emergency Fund. Snowy didn't come home one day (of course, it's not a good idea to let the kitty out in the 1st place) and when found, he had a badly injured leg. Snowy's owner, Jo-Dee, a university student, didn't have the money to pay for the treatment that Snowy needed. But Jo-Dee really loves Snowy and agreed to have Snowy

neutered while at the vet's office. Snowy's leg was stitched up, he was neutered, vaccinated, and the AKI-HaH Emergency Fund covered 100% of his care.



A previous HaH s/n client, Bruno's vet care was also paid for by the AKI-HaH Emergency Fund. Dr. Baines had gone to Uis, a small town, 120 kilometers from any doctor (human or animal) for a spay day. Bruno's owner took advantage of having a vet in town and immediately took him to the mobile clinic to have his eye checked. Dr. Baines could see that this was an old injury, a ruptured eyeball – very, very painful. Geesche (administrator of the AKI-HaH Emergency Fund) said, "This is another prime example why we need AKI's emergency fund so much. For Dr Baines being able to help Bruno without question is all Bruno needed. Dr. Baines removed his eye [photo, left] and Bruno can now be painfree and happy again."

Katura Pet Care Project (Namibia): Due to continued COVID-19 lockdowns and an injury suffered by the main organizer, the Katutura team was unable to hold any activities in Katutura during 2021 and we provided no funding for the Katutura Pet Care Project. We hope to resume our support for them in 2022.

Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society: In 2021, with AKI funding, LAWCS held



community animal care clinics in 62 villages in Voinjama, Foya, Zorzor, and Quardu Gbondi Districts in Lofa County (photo left, a LAWCS clinic). At these clinics, LAWCS attended to over 1100 dogs and 84 cats. AKI support covers the medications, transport, animal welfare education for animal owners (reaching over 1500

people), and other costs associated with the clinics.



AKI funding also supported LAWCS Humane Ed Program in 11 schools in Kolahun District (Lofa County). We also help LAWCS cover their basic operating costs—essential for the organization, the only animal welfare organization working in Lofa County, to continue to grow. AKI funds covered 12 months of rent of the LAWCS office/clinic; salaries of three LAWCS staff for one year; fuel and maintenance costs from January through December for two LAWCS motorbikes; and one year of food for a rescued cat and dog who live at the LAWCS office. Morris Darbo, LAWCS Director, said, "The funding from AKI helped improve the health and welfare of many animals and instilled in thousands of children and their parents with kindness to animals." (As an example, photo left).

South Sudan: During 2021, our virtual animal welfare team, mostly comprised of people who work part-time in South Sudan, continued to organize the first spay/neuter campaign ever to be held in the capital, Juba. And as in 2020, COVID-19 continued to get in the way of progress. We've raised the funds, collected most of the supplies needed, agreed with Kenya SPCA that they will send one vet, one vet tech, and one community organizer/humane ed expert to provide training. In 2021, the team met with relevant ministries and submitted letters requesting permission to hold the campaign; additional venues were identified where s/n was needed, mainly at international aid agency camps. But COVID lockdowns resulted in continued postponements; now we're targeting 2022.

Ghana Society for the Protection & Care of Animals: Given the COVID situation in 2021, we were unable to support Ghana SPCA's Humane Ed Program in schools or their Humane Education field trips.

Mbwa wa Africa-Tanzania: Our funding covered one-year salary for one Mbwa wa Africa shelter staff person and cat and dog food for MwA shelter cats and dogs. As mentioned, our support for Mbwa wa Africa has ended as of December 31, 2021.

Latin America/Caribbean

Kingston (Jamaica) Community Animal Welfare: AKI donors cover about 90% of the costs of KCAW's program to care for Kingston's street cats and dogs and pets who belong to poor families. During 2021, KCAW used about 60% of the funds they received from AKI for dog and cat food to feed several hundred animals every week. KCAW used the remainder of AKI funds for medicines (de-worming, mange treatment, flea and tick preventative, wound care, etc.), spay/neuter (59 animals-40 cats and 19 dogs), and other vet care for street animals and pets belonging to poor families (maggot wound, eye trauma, puppy with swollen paw, fractured shoulder-see below, 6 puppies successfully treated for parvo).



The dog in the picture to the left is one of several who live at a car repair yard. Deborah/KCAW has been feeding and caring for this group of dogs for years. A customer driving out of the garage hit the dog. When Deborah next showed up to feed this group, she saw what pain the dog was in (no one at the car repair yard thought of contacting KCAW). Deborah rushed her to the vet. The diagnosis was a badly fractured shoulder. And the injury had begun to heal-but badly. The dog was in so much pain, and there was no guarantee she would walk again. At about 9 years old, she was considered an old dog for the kind of life she was leading—living at the car repair yard, with only Deborah taking care of her. It was a very tough decision, but Deborah and the vet opted for

euthanasia. Deborah wrote, "We shed many tears but because of AKI, she is free and out of pain."

Deborah wrote about a kitty she rescued in June from a flooded gully: "I've had to break COVID-19 curfew LOTS of times and risk being stopped by police, which is what happened when I was taking the cat I rescued from a flooded gully to the emergency vet at 10 pm. I didn't care about being stopped, he was dying, and I wasn't sure he was still breathing. When I showed the police the cat they let me pass. He needed an x-ray, ultrasounds, catheter. It was worth it, he recovered fully."



Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras: This year, HHHH celebrated their 25th anniversary! AKI donors cover about 90% of HHHH's operating costs of the Nereida Montes de Oca Refuge (the HHHH Sanctuary), primarily a sanctuary for old, sick, and essentially unadoptable dogs and



cats. In 2021, HHHH used AKI funds for about 10 months of cat and dog food for the +/-25 dogs and 3-5 cats usually at the sanctuary; to pay compensation for helpers (usually a couple of days a month to help Pilar with the heavy work); and for medicines, surgeries, and other vet care, such as blood tests, antibiotics, anti-parasites, and spay/neuter.

In June, Pixie's family brought her to the vet to be euthanized. She weighed only 3 lbs., was emaciated, her rear knees are deformed, so she has some trouble walking--one leg is

essentially useless (but she can squirm around a lot!). Other than that, Pixie was in fine health, and the vet refused to euthanize her. He convinced Pixie's owners to relinquish her to him, and he called Pilar, as he does when he has an animal who needs intensive care. Pixie is now a resident at the sanctuary (pictured above in a sweater knitted by HHHH volunteer Ana Marie).

In 2021, HHHH embarked on a project with a community on the northwest side of Tegucigalpa, where many stray dogs live. Working with community members, who will feed and watch over them when returned to the community, Pilar will have the dogs spayed, and they'll recover at the HHHH Sanctuary prior to being returned. (Photo right, Patrick collects Leica from HHHHH, where she recovered after being spayed.)





Caucasus Region

Save the Animals-Armenia: SA-Armenia used the majority of AKI funds to feed the +/- 28 dogs remaining at the SA-A shelter in Yerevan and to feed about 30 street cats and dogs and dogs who are used for guarding (in the industrial area, so at places like scrap yards), but are given little food and waterand certainly no attention except by Nune when she visits them. All the homeless dogs who Nune feeds are living safely outside the shelter's grounds and all have been spayed by the municipality (thanks to Nune's facilitation). At the SA-Armenia shelter, the remaining dogs are old and four of them need

special food for heart problems. At 18, the dog in the photo above is the oldest dog at the SA-A shelter; sadly he has cancer, but his remaining time will be filled with love.

2. Africa-Based Animal Welfare Grants Program

In 2021, we held our 4th annual Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organization Grant Program. The grant program is designed specifically for African organizations, where there are fewer options for funding than in other regions. We received 52 grant applications in 2021 (compared with 50 received in 2020 and 28 in 2019) and funded nine grants. We awarded grants to:

- Sauvons nos Animaux-eastern Democratic Republic of Congo: The grant covered the salary of a full time vet and part-time vet assistant at the SnA shelter (the only shelter in eastern DRC) and medicines and supplies for spay/neuter and to treat shelter animals for a variety of problems. The grant resulted in the spaying and neutering of all the shelter cats and dogs who hadn't previously been fixed. Due to COVID and decreased donations, SnA had fallen behind in s/n surgeries. This was SnA's 2nd AKI grant.
- Nairobi Feline Sanctuary-Kenya: NFS received an AKI grant for the 2nd year in a row. The 2021 grant paid for the construction of 65 kitty condo sleeping units and a small quarantine area to hold up to eight incoming cats prior to releasing them into the general sanctuary population. NFS is the only sanctuary in Kenya specifically for cats; most agree that cats are the most maligned animals and don't get the attention that dogs do.
- Tikobane Trust & Humane Africa Trust (Zimbabwe): Tikobane Trust was a 2020 grantee and for 2021, they partnered with HAT to implement a grant project that raised awareness about and promoted the "Five Freedoms," and did it in a fun and innovative way to capture the attention of people in local communities.
- Welfare for Animals Guild-Rwanda: The AKI grant paid for a laptop, smart phone, bicycle, and helmet for the WAG Shelter Manager so that he could organize a community animal welfare network of pet owners and animal lovers who will watch for and report problems in their neighborhoods and so that he can conduct more community visits.



• HorseSafety Ghana: The grant from AKI helped HorseSafety address the problem of abandoned horses (found all over Ghana, horses are pegged to a single spot in the sun and rain, or wandering dangerously along roadsides) and poor treatment (including ill-informed care by horse caretakers). During the grant period, HorseSafety rescued several horses (including Mr. K, left, rescued from the race track in Accra and brought to Eva's ranch-which HorseSafety gratefully uses until they can purchase their own ranch; he will recover, and he will never race again); coordinated with and

trained caretakers; and provided direct care at Kingdomstable to seven horses, who had been

in poor condition and needed more nutritious diets, including vitamins and minerals, and overall better care.

- Matabeleland Animal Rescue & Equine Sanctuary (Zimbabwe): With the AKI grant, MARES held trainings in four villages near Bulawayo, where they taught donkey owners to make and use humane padded harnesses to attach to donkey carts in a way that minimizes injuries (MARES found zero injuries when these harnesses were used). Twenty-five donkey owners had their carts totally remodeled and their donkeys' ill-fitting harnesses exchanged for MARES' humane padded harnesses. MARES also de-wormed and administered tick dip to a total of 94 donkeys.
- Mthatha Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: With the grant from AKI, Mthatha SPCA removed old fencing, divided up their grazing land, and re-fenced it so that it could safely hold large animals (cattle, donkeys, sometimes a horse, goats, and sheep) confiscated from neglect situations or found wandering on the roads. Mthatha SPCA covers a huge area and one of the most poverty-stricken areas in South Africa.
- Nyendwa Mobile Veterinary Clinic (Zambia): This is NYEMOVEC's 2nd AKI grant. The 2021 grant supported the mobile clinic's work in the remote villages of Chamuka Chiefdom in Chisamba district. This is a very poor district, where there are no other animal welfare organizations, and where climate change (mainly extreme flooding and droughts) have had significant impacts on the human and animal populations. The mobile clinic treated about 2000 cats and dogs, giving rabies vaccinations, anti-parasite treatment, wound treatment, and other care over a six-month period.
- Veterinarians for Animal Welfare Zimbabwe: The AKI grant resulted in 63 spayed and neutered cats and dogs, and rabies vaccinations for over 200 in rural areas with no other access to yet care.

Information about each grant and progress reports from grant recipients is here: https://www.animal-kind.org/grant-program-2021

3. Friendly Audits

We started the Friendly Audit process in 2020, in part due to COVID-19 and in part because it addresses a gap in administrative and technical support and capacity that many Africa-based animal welfare organizations have. Since so many people were homebound due to COVID-19 restrictions and looking for virtual volunteer opportunities, we developed the Friendly Audit process to link volunteers (mentors) with African animal welfare organizations.

In 2020, we paired eight volunteer mentors with eight organizations. Some of them continued on into 2021, but most returned to school or work, and we ended up with many more animal welfare organizations in need of a volunteer than we had volunteers. In 2021, we paired four mentors with four organizations, and six organizations are currently on the waiting list.

The mentors helped with website creation, website editing, social media posting, proposal writing, preparation of documents (brochures, forms, etc.), financial management, and whatever else the organization needs and the volunteer has the expertise, knowledge, and interest to work on. One of

our volunteers and her daughter even visited the organization she was mentoring, introducing another realm to the relationship.

4. Supplies to Animal Welfare Organizations

Besides financial support, AKI sends or carries supplies to our Partner Organizations and other



animal welfare organizations, depending on donations we receive, organizations' needs, and availability of a willing traveler. In 2021, we delivered a dental scaler to Uganda Society for the Protection & Care of Animals, donated by Project VETS in 2020, as well as sutures and other vet supplies for Uganda SPCA and Bam Animal Clinics-Uganda (photo: David, Founder & Director of Bam with the donated supplies, at the USPCA shelter in

Kampala).

Also thanks to Project VETS, we were able to fulfill a request (received via a vet friend in Ghana, Dr. Akunzule) of the Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana, for models and simulations of veterinary anatomy to be used in veterinary classes.

5. Other Animal-Kind International Activities and Support-2021

Pet Portraits by Joan: AKI supporter, Joan, began creating digital Pet Portraits (an example to the right) that donors could request when they donated at least \$12 to AKI. Started in May 2021, Joan's Portraits raised \$2117 for AKI!

Strengthening AWOs in Africa: In addition to Friendly Audits, we



provide support to previous grantees (as they may need and as we are available). Save Animals-Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo was a three-time Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organization Grantee (2018, 2019, 2020). In 2021, at their request, we helped them develop a proposal for *Kinshasa Zoo Enrichment and Improvement* to submit to zoo management to improve the extremely rundown conditions at the Kinshasa Zoo. We also hosted a GoFundMe fundraiser for the project, which resulted in SA-DRC providing nutritious food for the zoo animals,

hosting clean-up days at the zoo, and providing enrichment items, including a new, spacious, enclosure for monkeys (above).

Expertise: AKI Director, Karen Menczer, was one of four specialists contracted by the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources to conduct "A Study to Develop a Compelling Case to Raise Consciousness of Animal Welfare Among Stakeholders in Africa."

Site Visits: AKI Director, Karen, visited Uganda SPCA and Bam Animal Clinics-Uganda (March) and met with animal welfare advocates in Nigeria (December) during two work trips (not AKI-funded).

Communication with AKI Supporters

AKI is committed to transparency and accountability and we show this commitment by keeping our donors updated about our Partner Organizations' and grant recipients' activities and how they use AKI funds. In support of this, in 2021, we:

- Wrote/published 40 AKI Blog posts about the work of our Partners and grantees, and other animal welfare organizations working in difficult environments, in resource-poor countries.
- Sent out 11 monthly e-newsletters to AKI supporters with highlights about the work of our Partner Organizations and grantees.
- Organized a group of AKI supporters to participate in the proposal evaluation process for the 2021 AKI Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organization Grant Program. Six external reviewers participated (in addition to the AKI Board and sector experts).
- Kept supporters updated about our two GlobalGiving projects (Have A Heart-Namibia and support to purchase land for a new USPCA sanctuary) by writing the required GlobalGiving Progress Reports every three to four months for each project.
- Updated our Guidestar profile for 2021 and obtained platinum level again (the highest).
- Achieved Charity Navigator's Leadership & Adaptability and Culture & Community beacons.
- Obtaining Great Non-Profit 2021 status: GNP helps spread the word about the organizations on their site that receive GNP status.
- Kept the AKI website updated, creative, and fresh-thanks to AKI website designer/developer, Deb Newman.
- Prepared pie charts showing how our Partner Organizations used AKI funds during the year. These pie charts are snapshots that quickly and easily inform our donors about how their donations are used (they are posted on the AKI website on our Partners' pages).
- We regularly posted on Facebook and Instagram throughout the year.

Raising Visibility

Even with social media, it remains difficult for animal welfare organizations in resource-poor countries to gain visibility and the confidence of donors. AKI tries to get information out about the work our Partner Organizations and grantees do, their challenges, and needs. In addition to the above (Communications with AKI Supporters), during 2021, we raised visibility of animal welfare work in our target regions via:

- An article in The Shan Newspaper, Animal-Kind International: Working for the growth of animal welfare in Africa.
- An article in Bark magazine, Dog Rescue in Central Africa: Profile of founder of the Sauvons nos Animaux sanctuary.
- Articles in the online publication, Donkeys for Africa (published in South Africa).
- HorseSafety (Ulla Deventer, @thesixfreedoms) presented the work of HorseSafety, including their AKI-funded grant project at the Africa Animal Welfare Conference in Accra, Ghana.
- AKI hosted two sessions at two US Foreign Service Officer retirement seminars in 2021 during which volunteer opportunities for retirees were showcased.

Requests to AKI for Financial and other Support

During 2020, about 200 animal welfare organizations and individuals contacted AKI for financial and technical support, help with cruelty situations, or about other issues involving animals in countries where they live or visited.

We received requests for financial and/or technical support from the following countries (this list is not all-inclusive and in some cases, we received requests from multiple organizations in the same country):

Tanzania, Cyprus, Montenegro, Venezuela, Cambodia, Namibia, Serbia, Kazakhstan, Jamaica, Uganda, Nigeria, South Africa, Morocco, Zambia, Tunisia, Bosnia, Sierra Leone, India, Costa Rica, Lebanon, Malawi, Afghanistan, Ecuador, Pakistan, Dominican Republic, Tajikistan, Syria, Ethiopia, Georgia, Mali, Ghana, Bahamas, Sri Lanka, Russia, Rwanda, Kuwait, Nepal, Somaliland, Colombia, Kenya, Mexico, Iraq, Ukraine, Peru, Brazil, Botswana, Guatemala, and Madagascar.

We received numerous reports of abandonment, cruelty, and injuries. These usually come from people traveling in countries and looking for an animal welfare organization to help with a situation they ran into or from local people who aren't aware of animal welfare organizations in their area. The reports we received in 2021 were mainly about dogs kept on chains, dogs kept in small boxes, dogs abandoned in yards after their owners moved away, injured cats, dogs, and horses (and one report of an injured tortoise in Armenia), hungry bands of roaming dogs, feral cats in need of food and spay/neuter. We always try to assist to the best of our ability by connecting people with our local contacts.

Again 2021 was a difficult year for so many—after the difficulties of 2020, I think we all expected 2021 to be better. But as you can see in our Annual Report, the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to affect our Partners and grantees, in many respects worse than in 2020 and often in ways we didn't anticipate. We continued to feel uncertain and a bit uncomfortable about asking for donations given the ongoing suffering around the world. But even with our hesitation, you, our donors, came through for us. Every year that we've been in existence, since 2007, the amount of donations we've received has increased, and 2021 was no exception. I believe that that has happened

because we provide you with the information that donors should expect and should easily have access to.

We continue to provide 100% of donations to our Partners and to support our Grant Program. The more we raise, the more organizations we are able to help and at greater levels of support. And most importantly, the more animals that will be helped. Your donations to AKI are making the world a better place for animals!

Thank you so much-from the bottom of our hearts!

