



Kindness to Animals has no Boundaries

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Can dogs tell which day of the week it is? In Kingston, Jamaica they can!

If Deborah shows up, it must be Monday.

I spent 3 days in November with Deborah/Kingston Community Animal Welfare. We drove all over the city with a car full of dog and cat food and meds.

We took a different route every day, and every few minutes, we'd stop and dish out food for the dogs that were surrounding us, or leave some food behind for hiding kitties. **The dogs always seemed to know we were coming--they knew it was their day to get the yummy rice, meat, veggies, and canned food that Deborah mixes up for them.**



If we passed those same dogs on a different day, they knew it wasn't their feeding day--they calmly watched us pass them by. Kingston dogs know the days of the week! (I think cats expected us to serve them every day.)

Check out these videos I took while on our feeding rounds:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgD35WH2B3kHDamYKGjPEZQ>

I bet you've never seen anyone quite like Deborah!

Kingston Tour

Touring around Kingston with Deborah is like no tour you've ever been on! We went to parts of Kingston, where most tourists never go, and I met some of the nicest people--the people in Deborah's network of helpers (like the ones in the picture to the right, who take care of several dogs that live at the machinery rental yard). **Deborah's network spans the city. They are her eyes and ears in their neighborhoods. Any time a dog or cat is in need, they call Deborah.**



KCAW provides pet food, meds (de-worming, tick/flea control, eye and ear care, mange meds), spay/neuter, and vet care to:

- Poor families who just need a little help to keep their pets at home.
- Dogs and cats who live on the street, but are safe and watched over by people in the neighborhood.
- Pets that are left behind when owners or renters leave their houses. In Kingston, the dogs and cats usually stay with the house. But the new residents often aren't happy about that. So Deborah talks to them, convincing them to let the pets remain at home, and in exchange the dogs will protect the home from thieves, the cats from rodents, and Deborah will help with their care. **Often, slowly, the new residents get to like...sometimes even love the dogs and cats.** (And if they don't, Deborah will find them another home.)

How much does it cost to provide food and meds for the 100s of dogs and cats that KCAW helps? Not including vet care and spay/neuter, about US\$350 a week! For \$50 you can feed Monday's dogs and cats (or Tuesday's...or Friday's).

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

Why not make this a holiday gift donation? We'll send a picture of the dogs and cats that are being helped thanks to your support. And we'll send 100% of your donation to KCAW.

This is the season when everyone asks for a donation.

And of course, you want to make sure that your support is actually making a difference. In Uganda, it is--change is happening!

Uganda SPCA's Haven is full to the brim with abandoned, unwanted dogs and cats. So what's new?-you ask.



While more dogs and cats than ever before are entering The Haven, more and more Ugandans are adopting pets from shelters and considering them friends and family. Gonzo (above) is just 1 example. Adopted in 2014, Haven manager Alex did a home visit this week and found Gonzo and his owner were best of friends. **This isn't an isolated case; The Haven is seeing so many more Ugandans who are truly interested in pet adoption and being good animal parents.**

The Haven is the only animal shelter in a country of almost 40 million people. So of course, as the USPCA gets better known, more people contact them to rescue animals and more people drop cats and dogs off there.

One thing that hasn't yet changed: Donating to an organization that rescues animals. That is still so uncommon in Uganda (as it is in the other countries where we work), and that means we still need your support to make sure The Haven can care for the growing # of animals. USPCA relies on AKI donors for food, meds, rent, salaries, transport to rescue animals, and other USPCA priorities.

Please help us make this a happy holiday season for Uganda's shelter dogs and cats by including the USPCA in your end-of-year charitable giving:

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

How does change happen?

Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society can tell you: Teach the children about animal kindness and be role models in the community. Because of the generosity of AKI donors, LAWCS has been able to expand this model to additional communities (you can read the details on the AKI Blog, link below). Now school children in Kolahun district look forward to Monday, when school is back in session, and they can continue to learn about animals!



With your help, LAWCS can continue to expand their kindness message:

- You can provide Humane Education workbooks for 1 school for US\$15.
- A community animal care clinic (picture above) costs about US\$200. LAWCS's community clinics are the only professional animal care available for Liberia's pets! **What an amazing holiday gift that would be for Liberia's dogs and cats and for an animal-loving friend: sponsorship of 1 community animal care clinic! Click, donate, and send me a note, and we'll make it happen!**

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

AKI monthly donors: If you haven't already received an email from me with your end-of-the-year letter, PLEASE get in touch, and I will re-send it.

Giving Tuesday is November 29, and organizations will be clamoring even louder for your donation. We hope our plea doesn't get lost in all the noise. Your donations to help animals go so far in the poor countries where we work.

The AKI Blog keeps you updated on how your donations are making a

difference. Recent AKI Blog posts are on Liberia, Namibia, and Honduras. You can sign up to receive posts through the RSS feed on the AKI website, or you can go to this link to read all posts:

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

AKI's Save the Animals-Armenia crowdfunding project on LoveAnimals has raised 71% of the total needed to feed the SAA shelter dogs during the coldest 2 months of winter. There's 43 days left to donate and meet our goal:

<https://www.loveanimals.org/campaigns/help-armenias-dogs/5807d7477a58948d33f686d6>

We so appreciate your support. You can donate to help animals in any of the countries where we work: Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Namibia, Liberia, Ghana, Bosnia, Armenia, Jamaica, Honduras, and Suriname.

AKI always sends 100% of your donations to our partner organizations.

The AKI website has information on all the organizations we support:

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

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