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It takes more than words to describe the caring, compassion, and dedication of AKI's newest partner organization, Mbwa wa Africa, in Arusha, Tanzania. Founders, Sandra and Jens, started Mbwa wa Africa in 2013, and have built it into a place of love and healing in a country where, for the most part, dogs and cats are not held in high esteem, where legal protection for animals is only on paper.

I think these pictures show better than words the love that Sandra and Jens, their staff and volunteers have for the cats and dogs of Mbwa wa Africa.

Sandra has a way with cats and dogs

Maybe it's because she's a nurse-Sandra brings her skills and knowledge and sense of healing to her work with the emotionally and physically damaged animals that come into the the MWA shelter.

After just a short time at MWA, the dogs become confident and joyous and many who arrived traumatized are now very trusting of humans. Thanks are largely due to Sandra for that.

This AKI Blog post is about some of the MWA cats and dogs that have been healed with the help of Sandra, Jens, and the volunteers, and about my visit to the Mbwa wa Africa shelter at the end of April:

<https://www.animal-kind.org/single-post/2017/04/29/Mbwa-wa-Africa>

(The lucky dog in the above picture will be going to a home in Germany very soon! I think Sandra is explaining to him that he'll have to learn to love the cold, rain, and snow.)



Sandra and Minou

Kitty Minou (photo right with Sandra) arrived at the MWA shelter with only one leg that functioned. One leg was recently amputated. And now, 2 of her legs are functioning. She will be going to a home in England!

When I was at the MWA shelter, I watched Sandra and Jens work with one of the dogs whose legs were paralyzed. They were doing physical therapy with him--the dog loved it. **By far, it's not the 1st time that MWA has used PT on cats and dogs at the shelter, and through this intensive care, entirely or partially healed the animal.**

Jens works behind the scenes

But obviously he loves his time with the cats and dogs of Mbwa wa Africa.

Jens is the technology half of Mbwa wa Africa, and he keeps track of the finances and the number of animals helped. **Already this year, MWA has sterilized 634 dogs!** For more information about MWA's achievements, go to the AKI website:

<https://www.animal-kind.org/tanzania-mbwa>

Also at this link, you can designate Mbwa wa Africa for your donation (check below for my offer to new monthly



donors). Sandra and Jens have their hands full with about 30 dogs and puppies and a pen full of kitties--most who need significant rehabilitation when they arrive. But they also have to constantly worry about where their funding will come from. It's so difficult to raise money for animal rescue in Arusha, Tanzania; they have to look outside their community, outside their country for funding.

I know that we're all asked for money from so many organizations. But when you find an organization that is all about love and care for animals AND that produces amazing results...you know you've found an organization deserving of support. That's Mbwa wa Africa.

Ghana SPCA goes on field trips

If you believe that humane education is the way to change attitudes and behaviors toward animals and create a caring society, you will love what Ghana SPCA is doing thanks to AKI donors. Between late 2016 and March 2017, GSPCA has been able to take Humane Education students on 4 field trips. This AKI Blog post has pictures and information about these life changing trips:

<https://www.animal-kind.org/single-post/2017/04/28/Ghana-SPCA-Goes-on-Field-Trips>

A donation to AKI designated for Ghana SPCA will help ensure that GSPCA can continue this very important method of teaching and learning about animals. **AKI is the only organization supporting GSPCA's Humane Ed program!** (Picture above: Students from 2 schools visit the La Small Animal Veterinary Clinic in Accra, Ghana.)



Thank you to Sam Maw for a great interview with Alex Ochieng, Uganda SPCA Haven shelter manager, which you can read at the link below, and where you can also catch up on previous AKI Blog posts. Through the AKI Blog, we do our best to keep you updated about how our AKI partner organizations spend your donations and about their challenges and needs. In the most recent post, Alex tells Samantha about the challenges he faces and the rewards of his job as shelter manager:

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

AKI's 2016 Report is now on the AKI website

Read about what your donations have accomplished in 2016:

<https://www.animal-kind.org/aki-reports>

(Photo right: Maiko, Mbwa wa Africa animal handler, loves the cats and dogs at the shelter.)



Designate Mbwa wa Africa for your monthly donation & I'll send you a beautiful Mbwa wa Africa bracelet!

Donate and designate at this link, and send me the address where I should send your [almost] one-of-a-kind bracelet:

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

Also, you'll receive regular updates from me and Mbwa wa Africa about what your donations are achieving.



Thank you!

We are so grateful to each and every one of you for your support!

You can donate to help animals in any of the countries where we work: Uganda, Tanzania (including our newest partner organization, Mbwa wa Africa), South Sudan, Namibia, Liberia, Ghana, Armenia, Jamaica, Honduras, and Barbados (new as of 2017).

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

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Thank you for your donations, without your help, none of this would be possible.

**A volunteer loving the Mbwa wa Africa
dogs**

