

Kindness to Animals has no Boundaries

March 2019

A Day Without Animal Cruelty....

It may be far in the future, but each and every day, we are working towards it. I think about that when I need a boost-I think about how every bit of support to AKI Partner Organizations is moving us one step closer to that day.



For example: Pilar (Helping

Hands for Hounds of Honduras) gave a presentation about animal welfare to 28 students at Del Campo International School in Tegucigalpa (photo above). Pilar brought 2 puppies from the HHHH Sanctuary (I hope you can see the students holding the 2 black puppies). **The class donated one 66 lb. bag of puppy food and several smaller bags of 3 and 5 lbs.**

Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras is moving us closer to a day without animal cruelty by introducing the concept of animal care and kindness and by inviting students and other community members to join their efforts.

HHHH: Working towards a day without animal cruelty-see the HHHH page on the AKI website

On a personal note, when I 1st went to Honduras in the early '90s, I was struck and saddened by the total lack of compassion for animals that I saw at all strata of society, from poor to rich, from educated to uneducated (more striking than in other countries I've been in). Now, decades later, I still remember being in a village where dogs were so hungry that they dropped their fear and approached us for food. Suffice it to say that their pleading eyes did not melt the hearts of my Honduran colleagues. I don't doubt that many of these students' parents lacked compassion for animals and the students grew up with that model. But now, Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras is changing the way people think about and treat animals.

Ghana SPCA is working towards a day without animal cruelty

Kwabenya Atomic School students in Ghana SPCA's Humane Ed Program were treated to a a field trip to the veterinary clinic of the Ghana Atomic Energy Commission. You may know that AKI is a big proponent of GSPCA's field trips (your



donations fund 100% of the cost of the trips and we encourage GSPCA to take each Humane Ed class on at least one field trip/session).

This was the 1st field trip that included a police officer, Chief Inspector Michael Broni, who explained pet owners' responsibilities to their pets (moving towards a day without animal cruelty....I remember when Ghana's police officers didn't consider animal issues as crimes and would consider it beneath them to discuss the topic...some things are changing for the better!).

Dr. Maxwel gave an overview of what veterinarians do; he pledged to make special arrangements so that for their next visit, the students could see animals undergoing veterinary treatments; and he encouraged students to consider choosing veterinary sciences as a career.

GSPCA's AKI-supported field trips are priceless!-see the GSPCA page on the AKI website

The AKI Blog (March)

Read about how AKI Partner Organizations have used your donations:

- AKI Support to Save the Animals-Armenia (winter 2018)
- Ghana SPCA Expands their Humane Ed Program & Aluizah Gets a Puppy!
- Uganda SPCA Relies on AKI Donors (photo right: these kids are over the moon with joy about their new kitty family member from the USPCA Haven!)
- How Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras uses Your Donations to AKI



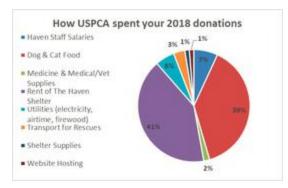
READ THE AKI BLOG TO FIND OUT HOW YOUR DONATIONS TO AKI USED

A Day Without Animal Cruelty: here's how your donations are bringing that day 1 step closer

Now, you can see-at a glance-how each AKI Partner Organization used your donations in 2018 (right, Uganda SPCA pie chart). Just go to the AKI website and then to each of our Partner's pages and you'll see pie charts from 2016-2018-how your donations were spent-at a glance.

<u>Check out our March brief</u> for a few more updates about what our Partner Organizations are doing. You'll find info and pictures from:

 Have A Heart-Namibia (how AKI funds helped during March);



- Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society (great pictures of your donations at work during March); &
- Tanzania Animal Welfare Society (their plans for AKI donor supported donkey clinics.

Please Donate

AKI donors support our 10 Partner Organizations in:
Uganda, Tanzania (2 partners), South Sudan, Namibia,
Liberia, Ghana, Armenia, Jamaica, and Honduras; and AKI's
Grant Program for Africa-Based Animal Welfare
Organizations (2018 grant recipients are located in:
Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt,
Mozambique, Senegal, Somaliland, and South Africa (2).)
Stayed tuned for our 2019 Africa-Based Animal Welfare
Grant Program. We'll be announcing the opening of the
grant competition in May.

With Gratitude, Karen Menczer & the AKI Board karen@animal-kind.org

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