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Dear AKI Friends,

We are very pleased to introduce you to the two newest members of the AKI family; we now have partner organizations in ten countries. The **Tanzania Animal Welfare Society** (TAWESO, read about them, and see pictures of their work here: www.animal-kind.org/tanzania.html) has 3 main programs: Dog and Cat Population Control/Veterinary Care, Donkey Welfare, and Humane Education. TAWESO's all volunteer staff is headquartered in Dar es Salaam, and it has representatives in 3 of the country's 6 zones. AKI shares Dr. Thomas Kahema's sentiments: "We hope the page will attract many people and they will be touched to support our efforts of helping animals in need in Tanzania."

The **Lilongwe Society for the Protection and Care of Animals** (LSPCA, soon to be on the AKI site) is the only registered animal welfare organization in Malawi. As you can see from the photo, their services are very much in demand. LSPCA sent this description of their community clinic days: "Once a week on a Tuesday Vet Richard and his team go off to the villages around Lilongwe to hold spay and vaccination days. Word goes out to the Chiefs the week before and then on clinic day, the villagers bring their dogs and cats to be spayed, vaccinated, or to receive whatever veterinary care they need. The people from these villages have neither the access nor the money to take their animals for treatment, so these clinics are the only way of helping their animals. We also hold education days in the surrounding schools to teach them about good animal welfare."



AKI will keep you updated on our two new partner organizations, and we hope you will join us in welcoming them and supporting their programs. Please read below stories from our other partner organizations--many more are on www.animal-kind.org, where you can designate your donation for an AKI partner of your choice, or let AKI choose where to send your contribution. Thank you very much for forwarding this AKI newsletter to your friends and family who care about animals!

GHANA SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION & CARE OF ANIMALS

We not only start 2011 with two new partner organizations, but also with a revitalized **Ghana Society for the Protection & Care of Animals**. This photo shows David Nyoagbe, GSPCA president, donating 4 copies of *The Unlikely Burden* (a WSPA publication) to a school library. (Pictured are David in glasses with school administrators, Joseph Mavufatsi-Winston, Catherine Apreku, and Jacqueline Dodzi-behind Winston). With support from AKI, Ghana SPCA intends to once again have a strong humane education program for school children to help ensure Ghana's youth learn about kindness to animals and become adults who care about animals.



UGANDA SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION & CARE OF ANIMALS

Because an AKI supporter designated his donation to **Uganda SPCA** for community spay/neuter, USPCA had the dogs at this orphanage in Entebbe (home



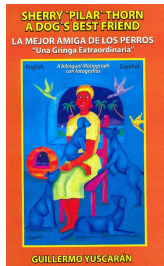
to 40 children, from babies to young adults) sterilized. The photo shows 2 of the males who were castrated; 2 other males and 4 females were also sterilized, and USPCA still has funds left over from AKI's generous donor to s/n additional pets of low/no income families. **AKI donors can really make a difference for dogs and cats in poor countries, where there are so few people who are able to donate, and even when there are willing and able volunteers--as there are in all AKI partner organizations--funds severely limit what they can achieve.**

During my January 2011 trip to Uganda, I was able to see another way in which AKI donors have had a direct impact on the lives of animals in poor countries. The USPCA Haven's kennels needed repairs, and AKI donations that I brought with me were put to use right away to get the kennels back into good condition. Also, as many of you know, an AKI donor's monthly contribution supports the salary of one of the Haven's caretakers, Mary (in the photo, wearing a pink dress) -because of Mary, each dog and cat gets personal care each and every day.



HELPING HANDS FOR HOUNDS OF HONDURAS

Our partner organization, **Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras**, got some exciting news to start 2011 with. Author Guillermo Yuscaran is so impressed with Pilar's work, he wrote this book about her: *Pilar Thorn, A Dog's Best Friend*. Donations to AKI will help Pilar to continue to help dogs and cats of Honduras, like Pecos, about whom Pilar sent us this news:



"I rescued Pecos on Dec 11 with help from Pat Stone of Voice for Pets [thank you Pat for helping Pilar!]. He had been hit by a car and was left to die by the side of a freeway. I was called by someone who saw the hit and run, and Pat and I searched through the brush, in the dark, with cars and trucks whizzing by, and finally found Pecos. Pecos is now able to walk and he's putting on weight. He is young, playful and talks with a whiney voice. He has freckles and looks like he has some Dalmatian in him. Pecos are freckles in Spanish so his name is Pecos Bill."

Those of you who read about Pilar in Ben Swan's article in the Santa Fe New Mexican (you can find it here <http://www.santafenewmexican.com/Scoop/Animal-advocate>), know that Pilar truly is the best friend of Honduras's dogs and cats.

Save the Animals-Armenia

Save the Animals-Armenia told AKI a very heartwarming rescue story that we want to share (and you can read more like this one at <http://www.animal-kind.org/armeniasavetheanimals.html>): A male pitbull named Ray and his owner Armine were out walking in Yerevan one day, and they came across a closed box in the street next to the garbage. "Ray didn't want to go away from that box. Armine was trying to take him away, because she thought he wants to smell the garbage. Suddenly she realized that was not garbage that kept Ray, but in the box were 6 very little puppies, half dead. And Ray didn't go away until Armine took that box with them. She took puppies home and the most amazing thing was that Ray was taking care of them like a mother. He was even crying, when Armine was trying to keep them in the box. During 10 days Save the Animals-Armenia found loving homes for all of them (except one, who died unfortunately)." **Your donations to AKI help Save the Animals to continue their work. SA-Armenia has the only animal shelter in Armenia, and operates through a network of volunteers who help rescue cats and dogs like these poor puppies.**



NAMIBIA RURAL SPCAs

Through Erika in Namibia, who distributes AKI donations to needy **rural SPCAs in Namibia**, we received this news from Walvis Bay SPCA about the pit bulls AKI previously reported on (<http://www.animal-kind.org/nambiaadvocate.html>): "WE HAD A LOT OF RAIN THE LAST 3 DAYS, NOT GOOD FOR WALVIS BAY. THE SPCA ALSO FLOODED ,OUR ELECTRICITY WENT OUT AND THE ALARM BROKE. WE HAD TO PUT A GUARD IN FRONT OF THE SPCA ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY BECAUSE THEY COULD ONLY GET THE ALARM ON

TODAY , EVERYTHING WAS TOO WET. THE GUARD IS THERE TO PROTECT OUR PITBULLS. THE OWNER WAS ARRESTED, LANDED IN COURT, HAD TO PAY 500 00 BAIL IN DECEMBER. HE HAD TO REAPPEAR IN COURT ON THE 19TH JANUARY AND PLEADED NOT GUILTY. NOW WE ARE WAITING FOR THE NEXT COURT DATE BUT WE ARE IN THE MEANTIME BUSY WITH A LETTER FOR THE STATE PROSECUTOR TO SURRENDER THE ANIMALS TO US WHICH THE POLICE IS GOING TO TAKE TO HER."

These rural SPCAs scattered throughout Namibia have very few options for fundraising--often the SPCA boards use their own money to support the functions of the SPCA. With AKI support, the rural SPCAs have been able to provide additional care for Namibia's dogs and cats--like these pitbulls rescued from dog fighters.

Kingston Community Animal Welfare

From Deborah in Jamaica, with **Kingston Community Animal Welfare**, AKI received this note about how she spent the most recent disbursement of AKI funds:"I found some dogs in a yard I stumbled upon in central Kingston. Just a horrible horrible situation. There are 22 dogs plus 5 pups, they were starving and in need of care. An old lady lives there, she is 92! And says she cooks for them everyday



- 1 pot of food for 22 dogs. I've been looking after them for the last month and a half now. They look much better. Bathed one with terrible mange. Gave me hell and took me an hour! Totally wild. She looks good now. Mange gone. I go 3 times a week--**thanks to AKI, I have been able to help this old lady care for them."**

Bosnia Animal Foundation

Our partner organization, **Bosnia Animal Foundation**, is already busy with preparations for their April 2011 trip to Bosnia. During that trip, among the activities BAF is planning is to "sterilize as many dogs as possible in the area around Orasje. We hope to get more control over the number of stray dogs in the neighborhood of the Orasje shelter. Hoping the number of puppies dumped at the fence of the shelter will decrease. An extensive PR campaign will start as soon as possible to invite owners of dogs and cats and animal lovers to bring us stray dogs and cats, so that they can be sterilized. Sterilizations are of course for free. Besides the sterilizations another job has to be done: We start to implement a system that will help drain the grounds of the shelter, because the dogs are regularly up to their armpit in the mud. There is already a plan, in great detail discussed with the experts. We are glad there are a lot of volunteers to do the construction job. Other jobs that need to be done: installing water facilities at the other side of the shelter, extension of the electricity, maintenance of the animal shelters and demolishing of the not used kennels are on the program. Let's see which jobs can be done!" **With the support of AKI donors—we hope BAF can get all these jobs done! Already since BAF started, they have sterilized 1300-1500 dogs!!**

Thank you to all AKI Friends!

Once again, AKI thanks all of our supporters, and we hope you will help us make 2011 as successful as 2010 was. Please join us in supporting AKI partner organizations so they can improve the lives of animals, and can continue to be models for others--our partner organizations can only do this with your help. Please check our website, where you can keep updated on AKI and our partner

organizations, where you can track just what your donations are achieving, and where you can find a variety of ways to provide support:

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

We leave the last word to our newest organization, **TAWESO**:

"Our pet Jerry has something to ask you: Will you vote for him in the Spay Day Online Pet Photo Contest - and help save other suffering dogs and cats in Tanzania which are neglected and end up as stray animals?. See our Jerry's picture and message below. <http://photocontest.humanesociety.org/contest.html?page=viewInd&id=92740&contestId=3>

Helping animals is really important to Tanzania Animal Welfare Society, and your donation will not only help Jerry in the contest, but will save pets' lives by reducing pet overpopulation in Tanzania through our Dog and Cat Population Control Programme."

Thank you to all of our AKI friends,

Karen Menczer, Director
and the AKI Board

AKI: supporting our partner organizations in Ghana, Malawi, Namibia, Tanzania, South Sudan, Uganda, Honduras, Jamaica, Armenia, and Bosnia.

