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AKI News: April 2012

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AKI supports animal welfare organizations in Honduras, Jamaica, Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Namibia, Malawi, Ghana, Armenia, and Bosnia with 100% of your donation sent to our partner organizations.

Dear AKI Friends,

April started out with great news for AKI. We are featured in the American Foreign Service Association News section of the Foreign Service Journal. You can read the article here:

[Foreign Service Journal - April 2012](#): scroll to the 2nd half of the page.

The FSJ has a circulation of 16,000 with 32,000 readers!

You can help us spread the word about AKI even farther by forwarding this newsletter to friends and family--with your help we can make a difference for animals in poor countries.

Another great way to help AKI is by downloading the GoodSearch toolbar and designating AKI as your recipient charity:

<http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/mode>

Of course you can also donate to AKI and if you'd like, you can designate an AKI partner organization to receive your donation:

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

Below you can read about how some of our partner organizations have put your support to use to help the neediest of the needy.

Deborah with Kingston Community Animal Welfare has been busy in 2012, and AKI is happy to be able to assist her. The stories below are just some of the many dogs that AKI donations have helped KCAW feed, provide vet care for, and spay/neuter.

From Deborah: This puppy is Angel. She got that name because she should not be alive today. We thought she was going to be another little puppy angel in heaven. But she fought with all she had...and here she is today! This is what your donations go towards!



Also from Deborah: This is BOB (below). I found him by the side of the road falling down from sheer weakness. He was starving so badly he could hardly stand so when he tried to 'run away' from me I said, " come here boy you know you're not going anywhere." Near to death as Bob was, he still tried to bite me, but in slow motion! A total stranger riding his bicycle past us, stopped and helped me catch him and put him in the van. He is doing better but he still is afraid of being touched. He's grateful to AKI for his hearty meals!



This picture from Deborah wins our cute puppy prize for 2012! Deborah tells us: I picked them up from an abandoned house near where I live. Can't catch the mummy dog, this is her second batch! Going to have to outsmart her, but it's not easy outsmarting street dogs, they employ every bit of smarts to survive man's cruelty. But I won't give up. I have 3 months till they breed again.

AKI donors can help Deborah and KCAW to care for Kingston's street dogs.

TAWESO has used funds sent by AKI to help the donkeys of Tanzania.

During the first two months of 2012, thanks to AKI support, the TAWESO team was able to travel



from Dar es Salaam to Mpwapwa and back to Dar to assist TAWESO's local donkey welfare programme staff. AKI funds were also used to purchase ivermectin (against bot and worms). Dr. Thomas told us of the priorities for the donkey programme:



The very useful items are
Ivermectin paste (de-wormer)@
US\$ 20.00, Fly repellent @ US\$

10.00, Saddle pack harness @US\$ 50.00 and Anti-tetanus@US\$ 5.00. We need many units because of the large population of donkeys we help. Mpwapwa district has about 100,000 donkeys at present so the support will be of much help to many suffering donkeys in this central part of Tanzania.

AKI \$\$ built a cat condo for Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras!

From 2011 AKI holiday donations for HHHH, Pilar was able to build this kitty condo, currently housing 7 rescue cats. AKI holiday funds were also used to purchase dog and cat food, cat litter, and medications, and to spay/neuter four animals living at Pilar's sanctuary (who are now available for adoption).



Besides assisting our partner organizations--as we always do--to meet their needs, during 2012, with your help, AKI also plans to:

- Support Bosnia Animal Foundation's capture, vaccinate, neuter, and release project in Bihac (Bosnia). BAF just received final permissions for the Bihac project and they are planning to fix around 500 animals during April. Shooting will no longer be the answer for population control.
- Repair the drainage problems at the Save the Animals' shelter in Yerevan, Armenia so the dogs can be kept dry and comfortable and so that visitors to the shelter can have a more pleasant experience!
- Contribute to the construction of the Lilongwe SPCA's quarantine and puppy kennels, cattery, and dip tank.
- Continue to support Uganda SPCA's community spay/neuter initiatives. During the most recent campaign, AKI funds covered the cost of ten spay/neuters---these were all community dogs, each of whom--if not s/n'd--could have produced over 100 puppies in a lifetime. [Below, the USPCA vet, Dr. Alex, works with his assistant to spay a community dog.]



- Help the Ghana SPCA get back on its feet--Ghana needs an SPCA! The GSPCA is the only animal welfare organization in Ghana.
- Continue to help Namibia's rural SPCAs--AKI is the only external source of assistance for these small, struggling organizations, who cover so much territory, with so few resources, and care for many animals. Walvis Bay and Luderitz (Namibia) SPCAs are two examples of the dedication it takes to keep a small, isolated organization (as compared to most of our animal welfare organizations in the US) functioning (message below from Edith with Walvis Bay SPCA, and below that, from Elize with Luderitz):

Edith: OUR PITBULL FIGHTING CASE WHICH WE REPORTED 2 YEARS AGO EVENTUALLY CAME TO AN END, WE WERE IN AND OUT OF COURT AND ABOUT 5 MONTHS AGO THE WHOLE CASE WAS KICKED OUT OF COURT AND THE OWNER CAME WITH A COURT ORDER TO THE SPCA WHICH SAID WE MUST GIVE HIS ANIMALS BACK, WE REFUSED AND WITH THE HELP OF THE POLICE REOPENED THE CASE AND STARTED ALL OVER AGAIN. WELL LAST WEEK MONDAY WAS OUR FINAL DATE IN COURT. UNFORTUNATELY THE OWNER OF THE ANIMALS WAS NOT FOUND GUILTY BECAUSE WE COULD NOT PROOF WITHOUT REASONABLE DOUBT THAT HE WAS ON THE SCENE WHEN HIS DOGS WERE USED FOR FIGHTING. BUT WE WON ANYWAY. THE JUDGE DECIDED WITH ALL THE PICTURES, REPORTS, CDS, AND WITNESSES WE HAD HE CANNOT GET HIS ANIMALS BACK. TWO OF THE SMALLER PITBULLS (MALE AND FEMALE) GOT A WONDERFUL HOME. HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND. WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED.

Elize: SPCA Luderitz got about 10 dogs in last month and 6 cats of which 4 were baby kittens which had to be raised with a bottle. The Vet was here yesterday and sterilised 18 animals. The Vet comes from Keetmanshoop. I will try to get him in next month again as we struggle here in Luderitz to get a Vet here.

These small rural organizations in Namibia have no one else to rely on for support! Please help AKI build them into sustainable entities so they can continue to help animals in need.

Thank you all very much for your continued support, and we are grateful for your help during 2012!

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&
the AKI Board

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