

## Dear AKI Supporters

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#### Announcing our 2019 Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organization Grant Recipients

It was really difficult to choose among the 24 eligible proposals, but thanks to the hard work and persistence of our evaluation committee, we have 8 new grant recipients for AKI's 2nd annual grant program.

The grant program gives us a chance to work with and fund more worthy animal welfare organizations in Africa, beyond our 10 Partner Organizations (who, as long as they hold up their end of the partnership, we will support financially, technically, and administratively every year).

When I last wrote, we had expected to fund 6 proposals (and when we 1st announced the 2nd annual grant program, we had only expected to fund 4!). We're SO grateful to our donors who came through for 2 more grantees for a total of 8!

#### And the 2019 grant winners are.....

**Giving is Living (South Africa):** Giving is Living will build 10 fenced yards so that 10 families in townships around Cape Town can unchain their dogs. G is L works with families prior to building the fence and they have measures in place to monitor the situation after the fence is built. (Other organizations they work with s/n, vaccinate, etc.) The picture shows one of the dogs being unchained after G is L volunteers enclosed a yard.



**Sibanye Animal Welfare & Conservancy Trust (Zimbabwe):** Sibanye will hold mobile clinics to treat donkeys, cats, and dogs in Lupane district, the 1st effort in this district to promote the well-being of these animals (v. animals used for food). Before each clinic, Sibanye will visit schools, where they'll talk to the students about animal care and welfare-they expect to reach up to 650 students over a 3-month period.

**Bam Animal Clinics (Uganda):** Bam will train donkey owners to make sisal sack saddles to protect working donkeys from injuries. Trainees will be donkey owners who have >5 donkeys and rent them out, community leaders, and donkey owners who work at market places. The training courses will include a donkey welfare education component and Bam will also host a radio show on donkey welfare.

**Egyptian Society of Animal Friends (The Ahmed El-Sherbiny Memorial Grant):** ESAF will trap-neuter-vaccinate-release 75 dogs living in the Sheikh Zayed compound, a huge area where ESAF has been diligently working to get all dogs neutered. They plan to use this site as an example of how TNVR can control overpopulation humanely and long-term. Other

Cairo neighborhoods are watching this effort closely and have expressed interest in being next in line.

**Animal Welfare Ilha (Mozambique)**, grant awarded in honor of Elisabethe Mae Reinaker, a young Mozambican animal advocate and future vet: AWI will capture, neuter, vaccinate, and release 45 cats and dogs on this small island, where they have been working since 2013 to keep the dog population and rabies incidence under control.

**Nyendwa Mobile Veterinary Clinic (Zambia):** With the AKI grant, Nyendwa will work in the very poor and remote Muswishi villages in Chisamba district, where once every month for 6 months, they will hold a mobile clinic, providing vet care for 500 cats and dogs, the 1st such service in this area. Dogs and cats can go for days without food; there are many stray cats and dogs in the area; and this year's drought has made a bad situation worse. Vaccinations and de-worming will not only protect Chisamba's cats, dogs, and people, they will also protect the local wildlife. Nyendwa will educate farming communities and students about basic animal care and they are prepared to rescue animals that need extra attention.

Two of our grant recipients from 2018 have been awarded another grant this year! They are:

**Save Animals (Democratic Republic of Congo):** SA-DRC will implement a range of activities, all focused on promoting pet ownership and discouraging the eating of cats and dogs. SA-DRC's efforts have been designed to create a "wow effect," especially to get the attention of younger people in the DRC (mainly Kinshasa).

**Organization for International Animal Protection-Cameroon:** OIPA-Cameroon will return to the Chomba community, where, with the 2018 grant, they held a vet clinic last year. At the time, they didn't have the funds to treat all the cats and dogs that were brought to the clinic-they had prepared for 50 animals and 162 were brought to the clinic! This year, with the AKI grant, they'll finish the job they started.

There's more information and pictures (and much more to come) on the AKI 2019 grant page.

#### Next month we feature....Liberia

As soon as I return home from Liberia next week, we'll be getting the money out to our 2019 grantees. We're so excited to get these great projects going and to hear how our grantees are benefiting animals-all because of our donors!

And watch AKI's September newsletter for news about my visit with AKI Partner Organization, Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society (picture, right with Tina's donation of stuffed toy animals for use in LAWCS's Humane Ed Program).



# Just because an applicant isn't a grant winner....

doesn't mean we forget about them. We try to help as many Africa-based animal welfare organizations as we can. Although our money only stretches so far, our technical and admin support takes us a bit farther.

While we were unable to fund Animal Welfare Society (AWES)-Cameroon's proposal for working animals in northern Cameroon, we were impressed with the work they're doing to help donkeys, horses, and mules, especially those used by cotton farmers for plowing and transport (photo right). Dr. Achiri Martin, AWES founder, director, and veterinarian wrote about their work for the AKI Blog:



#### Read about AWES-Cameroon's

#### work here.

We're honored to be featured in the August 2019 Donkeys for Africa newsletter,

Read it here,

http://www.donkeysforafrica.org/dfa august19 flipfile/mobile/index.html

(Thank you, Annemarie van Zijl!)

#### **Donate to Animal-Kind International**

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It's only because of your generosity that we're able to support so many organizations-and that our supported organizations are able to help so many animals.

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## Gratefully,

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