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Dear Friends of AKI,

Stories like Nana's are a regular reminder of why I started Animal-Kind International. Every day, people in "less developed" countries, who care about animals, are saving lives of dogs, cats, horses, and other domestic animals, and they are educating children and adults about being kind to animals. They are doing this with so few resources--often only a few volunteers, always short of funds, and in places where there may only be one animal shelter in a country as large as a typical medium-sized US state. I wanted to share their stories with people in wealthier countries who I knew would be willing to help if only they knew about this heroic work, and if they could be sure their donations went directly to saving animals' lives. I didn't just want to tell the sad stories, the hopeless feelings; so Nana's story really struck a chord with me and the rest of the AKI Board, and I think it will with you too.



As Nana's new family in Uganda told us, "she is living the good life now: sleeping, eating, chasing birds, gnawing on bones, visiting with people and loving her daily walks." But Nana's story didn't start out happy. Suzanna first saw Nana in 2008, early one morning on a hill near her house. When Suzanna returned home that evening, the dog was still there. When she went to check on the dog, Suzanna saw her leg was swollen and covered in flies. The distress is evident in Suzanna's description of that evening: "She looked in so much pain so with the help of my mum we got a crate and went to the spot on the hill where we saw her. We had to force her in. It was all very sad she was crying and emotions were just all over the place. When we got her, we noticed that all the skin on her leg was off. It looked like someone skinned her leg!

At the USPCA's animal shelter, The Haven, the USPCA vet tried to save Nana's leg but "it was too far gone," Suzanna reported. During her recovery, Suzanna tells us, "she was wonderful, even with the pain she was in! She was loving and wagged her tail to all." It was at The Haven, that in June 2009, Theresa, a Canadian living in Gulu (northern Uganda), saw Nana. Theresa says, "Nana quickly won our hearts. We picked her because when we walked into the USPCA she came running up to my husband and me, and proceeded to begin licking us and following us around- so I guess you could say she picked us."

Nana now lives in Gulu and is loved by all who know her. Theresa told us about their evening walks, when all the kids join in, running after them yelling 'Nana, nana, nana' and they hop along beside her on one leg!

At first Theresa thought they would foster her for a year, but Nana quickly became part of Theresa's family, and they decided she would be coming home to Canada with them when they leave Uganda. Theresa told us, "even people

who didn't like dogs before make an exception for Nana. She is a fuzzy little inspiration to all; how any being can show so much love after going through what she has, I don't know, but she does. Thank you USPCA for the work of your organization. Nana has gone on to enrich the lives of many because of your efforts. The Haven does incredible work and deserves all the support they can get."

For Suzanna, Nana's savior, this was the best news she could get--Nana had not only found a loving home, but was going to live with her wonderful new family in Canada. Theresa sent a message to all of us: Nana's ticket is already booked.

Animal-Kind International not only sends 100% of donations to our partner organizations, we also track how your donations are used, and we report that information back to you. Below are some recent messages we've received from our partners about how important your donations are to them. You can read more about these projects and the people who keep them going, and you can donate to AKI partner organizations at www.animal-kind.org. Thank you very much to all who have donated!

From Estelle with the Luderitz SPCA via Erika, who distributes AKI donations among Namibia's rural SPCAs:

Hi Erika,

Thanks for your mail. We've had very very bad news this morning - from Caltex. They have, for a couple of years already - been our yearly main sponsor but I have received a letter from their head office in Windhoek this morning stating that all donations have been frozen and that we will get absolutely nothing from them this year! It is going to make our (SPCA) life here in Luderitz much much more difficult than it already is! I feel like crying and very helpless but unfortunately that will not help our situation very much...Thanks very much for your regular mails - it seems like the only little bit of good news or goodwill being shown to us! Sorry, I'm very disappointed today, please excuse me. Regards, Estelle

Note: Because of AKI support, Erika has been able to send money to Luderitz, Tsumeb, Walvis Bay, Keetmanshoop, Rundu, and Otjiwarongo SPCAs for medication and food, to cover vet fees, to buy blankets for the cold Namibia winter, and to pay transport costs.

From Deborah with Jamaica, Community Animal Welfare:

YEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEESSSSS Thank you Karen, and Steve! Food, just food is what is stressing me out now. This morning I took enough for 20 dogs and ran out by the time I got halfway to work. And I haven't fed my downtown ones yet, so I'll go begging in the canteen shortly to see what I can get. My Saturdays are once again overflowing with starving dogs! It's 'delivery' season again as the street dogs have dropped their pups anywhere and everywhere. It's hard to keep up with the spay/neuter of these street dogs—all we can do is keep trying. And also, very cool! Panacur and heartworm- excellent!!!! Have so many dogs and pups waiting for deworming, bad hook and round worm infestation, thank you for those too!

Note: For those of you who are unfamiliar with Kingston, Jamaica, street dogs are commonly found all over the city; they are sometimes tolerated, often mistreated.

From Nune with Save the Animals-Armenia:

Thank you, one more time! I spend first of all for food and salary. I don't want to cry, but very hard to find money for food and workers. I also need sutures, it's very expensive here, good sutures are cost 2\$ for each one.

From Miriam with the Ghana Horse Care Project:

Just a quick note to thank you for the bute paste (which we can't get here in Ghana) along with the other supplies you brought. It provided much-needed temporary relief to a horse with a dislocated long pastern (Shakar) and I know it can help at least three others. I've managed to narrow the 35 horses that need care down to four - my old buddy Shakar and three beautiful Malian horses who are on death's door, but with the right care, I know we can help these horses. I have assigned a dedicated helper to care for them and I have a veterinary technician administering painkillers and keeping them comfortable. Thanks to AKI and your supporters—without you, we couldn't continue to help these horses.

From Suze with Bosnia Animal Foundation:

I wanted to let u know details of our trip to Bosnia in April:

17 and 18 April sterilization campaign in Orasje (close to Brcko)

19 until 22 Zenica education and sterilization

23 and 24 back in Orasje, treating dogs for fleas, parasites, doing admin, having meetings and absorb dog cuddles

Thanks for your support—it will be a great help during our April campaign.

From Pilar (Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras, who AKI connected with VIDA, a Costa Rica-based

organization that sends teams of vets --doctors, and dentists, as well--to areas in Central America that lack these services): *The VIDA experience was excellent. 15 dogs and cats were sterilized, 1 female cat, 1 male cat, 2 male dogs, and 11 female dogs. It was fantastic, a very positive and uplifting experience. The three vet students were great. I cannot say enough. The 9 hours each day flew by. We were so interested in what we were doing that we only had lunch after about 4 hours of work and only for a half hour. I am already looking forward to the next group.*

Elsik with ProPaws-Armenia asked us for suggestions for conference speakers and for help in advertising an animal welfare conference for the Causasus region:

ProPaws, with co-organizers Acopian Canter for the Environment (ACE), Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife & Cultural Assets in the Republic of Armenia (FPWC) and with support of Organization for Security & co-operation in Europe (OSCE) has organized a conference for the sake of animal welfare in the Caucasus region. The intention is to establish cooperation with Armenia's neighboring countries for solving the stray animal problem together. Much work has already been done in terms of budgeting and contacts. Now we are looking to find credible speakersfor the conference. Ideas for speakers are welcome (contact karen@animal-kind.org). Tentative dates are 8 and 9 July 2010.

GLOBALGIVING OPEN CHALLENGE

Animal-Kind International has been accepted into the GlobalGiving open challenge.

Our Global Giving Project is: Educate 1000 poor children about humane pet care

Please click on this link

<http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/humane-education-4-poor-children/>

and read about the humane education project in Bosnia, Honduras, and Uganda, which your donations on the GlobalGiving website will support. We need to mobilize our supporters to raise \$4,000 from at least 50 unique donors between March 25 - April 26, 2010 in order to remain on GlobalGiving. Please help us win this GlobalGiving challenge by donating to our project today. Thank you!



THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR FACILITATING THE TRANSPORT/TRANSFER OF MONEY AND SUPPLIES FROM AKI TO OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:

Armenia: Alex, Rick, and Robert; Honduras: Bill and Andrew; Jamaica: Rick, Bill, and Hugh; Uganda: Susan; and Namibia: Julie

ALSO, A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

Nova for donating vet supplies; Veterinary Cancer Center in Santa Fe for vet supplies; Dori for vet supplies; Joyce for hosting the AKI benefit at her gallery, APART Contemporary Gallery in Asbury Park, New Jersey, USA; and Shelley and Roberta for organizing the AKI talk by Karen at the Academy for Technology and the Classics, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA.

Very Sincerely,

The Animal-Kind International Board and

Karen Menczer, Director

