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AKI News-May 2020

Dear AKI Friends,

AKI's 2020 Grant Program

For the past 2 years in May, we've announced the opening of our 2020 Africa-Based Animal Welfare Grant Program. This, our 3rd annual grant program, kicks off amid so much uncertainty. The AKI Board considered a range of scenarios and in the end, decided to move forward with the grant program with one big difference from previous years. This year, we are asking applicants to describe how their proposal is covid-19 compliant and how they will adapt their project to changing covid-19 restrictions. **We know that the need for animal welfare grants in Africa is huge and in light of so much bad and sad news, we decided that AKI's Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organization Grant Program must go on!**

Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organizations that are interested in applying, please [click here](#).

we can support, the more animals that will be helped.

Interested donors, please [click here](#) to read more about the grant program. If you'd like to donate to the grant program, please [click here](#). And if you would like to discuss supporting a specific location or type of grant, please [get in touch](#).

The AKI Blog

May's AKI Blog posts are about our Partner Organizations and how they use the funds that you donate:

- [A Story of 2 Mbwa wa Africa-Tanzania Rescues](#)-2 dogs were nursed back to health, thanks to Mbwa wa Africa; thanks to AKI donors, vet treatment costs were covered.
- [AKI Support to Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society-helping before and during covid-19](#)-LAWCS staff and Humane Ed students adapt to covid-19 restrictions while still helping animals.
- [Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society-Cat Awareness Day](#)-A bonus, 2 LAWCS posts in 1 month! We wanted to give equal time to cats.
- [Kingston Community Animal Welfare-working through the covid-19 pandemic](#)-Although KCAW has to deal with significant restrictions on movement, Deborah has figured out ways to keep Kingston's street cats and dogs fed and well cared for.

Photo below: Mary Cole and her rescue cat, Kett. Mary is a member of an Animal Kindness Club, an after-school club sponsored by Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society. Students in Animal Kindness Clubs are role models in their communities, showing kindness and advocating for animals.

since. Of course Mary is a big fan of LAWCS Cat Awareness Day!



AKI's COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

Thank you to our donors-it's because of you, your kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity that we can provide emergency funds to:

Uganda Society for the Protection & Care of Animals: Worryingly, USPCA's biggest local donor, a hotel, suspended their donations. Due to travel and social distancing restrictions, the hotel business is suffering, and they just couldn't continue their support. Another local business, also feeling the pain of covid-19, suspended their daily donations of fish for The Haven's cats. AKI is sending covid-19 relief funds to help cover this unexpected funding shortfall as well as

the 300 cats and dogs currently residing at The Haven and so they can continue rescuing cats- and dogs-in-need.

Bam Animal Clinics-Uganda: Bam received AKI's covid-19 relief funds and bought a motorcycle (picture below with the Bam team) so they can now reach remote parts of Kween and Bukwo counties and bring help to donkey communities that were previously inaccessible. Bam received permission to travel for veterinary work and currently they are in eastern Uganda (with their new motorcycle) helping working donkeys.



Have A Heart-Namibia: HAH uses AKI funds for booster vaccinations and parasite treatment for HAH spay/neuter clients, for spay/neuter of cats, and for an HAH-AKI Emergency Fund to help caring pet owners pay for vet costs. Geesche (HAH-Namibia) told us that during the covid-19 crisis, the number of pet owners requesting help has increased significantly and the HAH-AKI Fund is depleted. We will replenish it.

Rex (pictured below) is the most recent beneficiary of the HAH-AKI Fund. Rex belongs to the Rickerts family (so his full name is **Rex Rickerts**). Rex had a

said that Rex's family is beyond thankful for the help Rex got. They were so worried about him and visited him every day at the clinic. Of course while he was there, Rex was neutered, vaccinated, and treated against parasites.



As funds are available and as needs arise, we'll send additional covid-19 relief funds to our Partners. We're grateful for your support, without it none of this would be possible.

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I've heard from too many donors that they haven't received the thank you/receipt email that I **always** send when someone donates (it comes from karen@animal-kind.org, so please watch for that email message!) **If you've donated to AKI and you haven't gotten a thank you email from me (not an automatically generated receipt), please let me know-I would feel horrible if you didn't receive our thanks.** You can always get in touch with me [here](#).

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how your donations have been used, we have new pie charts (How your 2020 donations were used through May) for: Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras, Ghana Society for the Protection & Care of Animals, Save Animals-Armenia, Uganda Society for the Protection & Care of Animals, Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society, and Have A Heart-Namibia (and from last month, Bam Animal Clinics-Uganda and Namibia rural SPCAs). You can find these on the [AKI website](#) under ***Our Partners***.

I'm continuing to update the covid-19 situation for each of our Partner Organizations. You can also find this information on the [AKI website](#) under ***Our Partners***.

I know this is a difficult and uncertain time for all of us. We wish you health, happiness, and contentment. We are grateful for your help in the past and we're grateful if you can continue to help. Stay safe and well.

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AKI donors support our 10 Partner Organizations in Uganda (2 partners), Tanzania, South Sudan, Namibia, Liberia, Ghana, Armenia, Jamaica, and Honduras; and AKI's Grant Program for Africa-Based Animal Welfare Organizations (2019 grant recipients are located in: Zimbabwe, Zambia, Uganda, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Mozambique,

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With Gratitude,
Karen Menczer, Founder & Director
&
the AKI Board

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