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Kindness to animals has no boundaries

Dear Friends,

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The AKI website is chock full of information (and with our new website platform, it's looking better than ever: www.animal-kind.org).

But these days, with most of us bombarded with too much information, I think it's important to boil down what AKI does in a few bullets:

- **We raise money for our partner animal welfare organizations** in poor countries, where there are so few donors to animal causes, but where highly effective organizations exist.
- **We send supplies to our partner organizations** and to other organizations in poor countries, where supplies for animals (medicines and other vet supplies, shelter supplies, etc.) are so difficult to come by.
- **We provide advice to our partner organizations** on everything from shelter operations to staffing issues.
- **We provide moral support to our partner organizations** because in countries where our partners work, there are so few like-minded people (but happily the number of people who care about animals is growing).

Of course, there's a never-ending need for funding to keep our 11 partner organizations functioning. But our moral support is **free** and here are a few instances where moral support was worth just as much as financial!

In September, things looked bleak at the Save the Animals-Armenia shelter.....

There was something in Nune's voice that I hadn't heard before. It's never easy to raise money for the SAA shelter--feeding and caring for about 220 dogs every day is very costly--but this time, it sounded worse than usual. Nune told me, "I don't know really what to do. There are so a few people that can help me."

AKI was ready to send out our 2nd



disbursement of 2015, and luckily, I found someone traveling to Armenia within days, and I quickly sent the money to him. When Nune got the good news, she told me, "I can't find the words of thanks. You give me hope to be alive and do what I do for dogs. You can't imagine that I feel now when I am just alone with my problems."

As SAA founder, director, and shelter volunteer, Nune has a lot of responsibilities on her shoulders. Thank you AKI donors for easing that burden a bit. Nune needs at least \$1000/month to keep the shelter operating. To read more about SAA and to donate, please go to the AKI website:

<http://www.animal-kind.org/#!armenia--save-the-animals/vs7nh>

Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras: AKI offers a helping hand to Pilar

The two puppies in the photo below were dropped off at Pilar's house in August. They were starving, covered with ticks, full of worms. Pilar had previously offered the irresponsible owner a low cost spay, but instead of getting his female dog fixed, he let her have another litter and then dumped the puppies on Pilar.



Pilar got them cleaned up, fattened up, and found a loving home for them with a physics teacher who is the sister of one of Pilar's ex-students. They are now named Maya and Canela, and they have a big brother in the house, as well (photo right).

Pilar (Helping Hands for Hounds of Honduras) is grateful to AKI and our donors.....

Of course we've all seen that kind of irresponsible behavior, but in Honduras, Pilar sees it too often, and sometimes she needs a morale boost! I know we're successful because Pilar keeps making these miraculous rescues, turning around animals that are close to death. And because Pilar wrote:



"AKI does so much for the neediest of animals, and they provide encouragement and support for all the animal rescuers in places where almost none exists. Because of AKI, I have felt like I am not alone. They provide moral support and lots of encouragement and advice. **The financial support from AKI donors to help with the rescue and treatment of abandoned dogs and cats is dependable, ever-present, making a huge difference in the quality of the care I can give the animals by providing food, refuge, medicine and vet care, and in the quantity of animals I can care for.**"

Pilar needs ongoing support for the 25 dogs and 5 cats--most of them special

needs--at the HHHH sanctuary. See Pilar's before/after rescue pictures, read about her long history of animal advocacy, and designate HHHH for your AKI donation here:

<http://www.animal-kind.org/#!honduras--helping-hands-for-hounds-of-ho/elvm8>

A Morale Boosting Story from Kingston Community Animal Welfare!

This is a story to put a smile on anyone's face! Some of you may remember pictures from a few years ago showing Deborah's rescue of a dog from a gully (photo right). We still have the full story and pictures on the AKI website,

<http://www.animal-kind.org/#!jamaica--kingston-community-animal-welfa/basyx>

(go to the right hand column and look for: "See pictures from one of Deborah's more spectacular rescues")

KCAW's Deborah had the dog, who she calls Girl, spayed, and Deborah reports she's very happy, and of course she is several years older.



Deborah drives "by twice a week to feed her, the rest of the time she gets food from the people on the road, and one lady, Lorraine who owns a cook shop on that street likes her a lot and gives her food when I don't come. But lately she has been suffering from a tick infestation! Thousands and thousands covering her!! I got some of the people from the area, including Lorraine, and a nice Rastafarian man helped too! I also started her on antibiotics to stave off tick fever."

Deborah and a friend bathe Girl to get rid of the 1000s of ticks



Girl is as good as new!

It's wonderful to know that street dogs can live such good lives--with people like Deborah watching over them. To help Deborah and Kingston Community



Animal Welfare feed and care for the most vulnerable--Jamaica's street dogs and cats--please designate KCAW for your donation--be a part of these morale boosting before/after stories! KCAW is the only organization helping Kingston's street dogs and cats!



<http://www.animal-kind.org/#!jamaica--kingston-community-animal-welfa/basyx>

The holiday season is fast approaching. Besides donating directly, here are some ways to help AKI's partner organizations:

- Please remember to use AmazonSmile and designate Animal-Kind International to receive a % of your purchase (at no cost to you!): <http://smile.amazon.com/>
- You can also contribute to AKI's efforts through eBay by selling or buying items and donating a % to AKI.
- GoodShop has many great deals for customers and for your designated non-profit: <http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop>

Thank you so much for helping animals in some of the poorest countries.

Karen Menczer, Director

&

the AKI Board of Directors

AKI always sends 100% of your donations to our partner organizations.

AKI works with organizations in Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Namibia, Malawi, Ghana, Bosnia, Armenia, Jamaica, Honduras, and Suriname.

<http://www.animal-kind.org/#!donate/epq2c>

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