



ANIMAL AID ABROAD INC.

WORKING FOR THE WORKING ANIMAL

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



What We've Achieved in 2023



Working animals provided with essential veterinary care **47,839**

Mobile veterinary clinics conducted **917**

Emergency call outs **684**

Animals rescued **318**

Major & minor surgeries performed in the field **388**

Veterinary assistants educated **151**

Equines attended to by a farrier **3,509**

Water troughs / buckets distributed **152**



Animals fed during emergency situations (eg. floods) **895**

Humane harnesses issued to working animals **808**

Lighter carts made or adapted for working equines **321**

Soft back padding, nasal protectors & blankets given to working equines **2,024**

Cart reflectors & plastic nose pegs distributed to working camels **696**

Humane education sessions held **486**

Schools visited for humane education **26**

Children & adults reached through humane education **17,393**

Rescued animals supported by the Working Animal Rescue Fund **52**



India- Friendicoes SECA

In 2023 Animal Aid Abroad helped the lives of thousands of equines and brought relief to many poor owners in Delhi and surrounding areas. In 2023, we continued to support the paravet program where the main mobile vet team are unable to visit regularly. There are 6 paravets- Zahee, Om, Sakeer, Salman, Nabab & Om.

Sponsored animals in 2023 include Kanha [bullock], Vayu, Ila, Mudra, Tapi, Koyna, Radha, Truffles, Meethi, Titli, Badshah, Passion, Krishna, Dopey & Bobby. The last four equines joined our sponsor program in March taking our total number of animals sponsored with Friendicoes to 15. Sadly Sundari [sometimes spelled Sunderi] passed away in February from a cobra snake bite.

In February we approved to fund 600 keens for working equines [\$1578]. These have already been distributed and update received. In February, we continued our support of the Camel Project sending \$5,000 to cover salary of a full-time caretaker, fuel, medicines, repairs and water for 6 months [January-June]. First quarterly report to be sent mid-April because Geeta is away in March. We agreed due to distance that the camel program will be reported to us quarterly.

In addition, in February we sent payment for the para-vet program [\$5300]. This covers the salary and fuel for AAA funded motorbikes for 5 para-vets.

Sadly, Meethi died in May and two new rescues - Brine & Brown joined our sponsor program in July 2023 bringing our total to 16 equines sponsored with Friendicoes SECA.

In July we were sent a report on a 2-week treatment camp at Kedarnath [pilgrim site where 100's of pilgrims' everyday use equines to travel up and down a mountain]. The situation and treatment of the animals here is very bad. Over 300 animals were treated for saddle sores and wounds, 115 for wounds on their flank & brisket, 22 with foot punctures, 450 for worm overload, 90 abscesses, 41 eye injuries, 31 skin problems, 80 respiratory infection and fever over 80, 11 with lameness and fractures, 42 colic & 12 ear tag wounds.

In June, \$2935.35 was approved by the AAA Committee to fund water troughs, tank, buckets and piping for working equines working at Turkman Gate and surrounds.

India- Friendicoes SECA

AAA funded the repairs to the mobile ambulance/clinic vehicle to make this trip to Kedarnath which is a very rugged, hilly area of India. Repairs to gear box, clutch, brake, 4 tyre replacement, suspension & service total cost \$2,939.44. Funds sent in July

In July a payment of \$15,100 was sent to cover 6 months [July to Dec] for the Para-Vet Program \$5300, Camel Program \$5000 and Sponsorship for 16 equines \$4,800.

In August, The Edge Equine from Ballarat in Victoria donated 3 different types of rasps and dental mirror to Friendicoes. This gear will travel with Greg [Colleen's friend] to India to be handed delivered to Friendicoes. Jenny has also organized some other medical gear for Friendicoes that will also travel with Greg. It includes some farrier tools [hoof rasps and hoof knife] & stomach tubes to go with the dental tools. Thanks very much to The Edge Equine, Kirsten, Jenny and Colleen for making this happen.

The September report included an update from another 2-week treatment camp at Kedarnath. The mobile equine team along with field paravets worked at Kedarnath for treatment of sick and injured animals. They conducted Workshops with Equine owners dealing with common problems and solutions for better care of the mules working here.

Main problems & treatment given for - Colic due to poor feed and water management, Backsores due to over loading, Lameness (Foot punctures), Digestive problems – Heavy Worm loads, Other wounds due to overcrowding of the tracks leading up and down, Eye injury, Abscess & Respiratory infection. September report included rescue of an old age, weak emaciated donkey rescued from Gurgaon.

In October, another mule treatment camp was conducted in Kedarnath. Also in October, 750 blankets were distributed to working equines to help with warmth and as a “Keen” / saddle pad to cover the back while hauling loads or people.

2023 Sponsorship Report : https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Bmpp-6WpMt2HulAvSTbHkq-GgSjRXIID/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=103975035239532261010&rtpof=true&sd=true

India – Friendicoes SECA



Zimbabwe- MATABELAND ANIMAL RESCUE EQUINE SANCTUARY [MARES]

On the 27 Feb \$20,450 was sent to cover vets, medicines, harnesses, scotch carts, bell straps and neck reflectors for 3 outreach areas in Zimbabwe- Mabale, Vic Falls and Jembwe.

Feed [bana stalks & moringa] , fencing, fuel, water troughs, donkey shelter, solar pump for Mabale only. A new sanctuary is being built there funded by AAA.

Claire's January, February, March and April report had no outreach clinics & harness program update.

MARES May reported a number of donkey rescues including running an education clinic for govt vets at the MARES Sanctuary. No outreach clinics or harness program conducted.

The June report, rescues of injured donkeys continued to take up a lot of Claires time.

During MARES visit to Dete [one of our project funded areas] they vaccinated 152 donkeys for rabies and tetanus and deworming. Other activities and clinics were included in her June report that was not funded by AAA.

In the July, rescues of donkeys attacked by both human and other animals continues to take up much of Claires time. She also reported that the main road from Bulawayo to Dete, Mabale and Jembwe had collapsed so her colleagues in these areas continue the education and outreach but no evidence received of their work. Claire also reported that due to the cold, progress on the moringa plantation has been halted.

In September we received the first report that included an update on the 3 AAA funded areas for the outreach and harness program.

Zimbabwe-MATABELELAND ANIMAL RESCUE EQUINE SANCTUARY [MARES]

Results for September across all 3 funded locations:

Total no. harnesses (new)	56
Padding replaced	32
Scotch Carts redone	29
Scotch Carts repaired	9
Extra Bell Strap	52
Extra Reflective neck bands	52
Vaccines Rabies, tetanus	329
Deworming incl. 36 foals	365
Farrier	110

Unfortunately, due to very limited reporting on our AAA funded areas, the balance for the rest for the year was not paid and the program with MARES ended.

India - Help in Suffering [HIS] - Camel Rescue Centre, Equine clinic Program and Sponsorship

Sponsored animals in 2023 include camels- Basanti, Blacky & Rani and 2 donkeys-Freda and Jenny.

Our support of the Camel Clinic at the Camel Rescue Centre and Equine clinic program continued in 2023. In January \$6,000 was sent to cover Jan-June for the camel [\$3000] and equine program [\$3000].

Camel Program reports were received every month with two case studies, statistical data on number and type of animals treated including monthly outreach clinic. The Equine Clinic program reported quarterly and all reports were received.

Equine cases commonly treated by Dr Pramod at the City Shelter were for colic, rectal prolapse, wounds, lacerated wounds, fractures, weakness, respiratory problems, tumors, abscesses, lameness and pregnancy.

Our funding also includes treatment [if required] of rescued Sanctuary equines. At CRC Bassi they have 7 donkeys (3 males + 4 females). Stallion = 1, Mule= 1 Total= 9 equines Deworming and general check-up of all the equines are done regularly and funded by AAA

In July, 7,664.67 was sent to cover July - December for the camel program [\$3000] and equine program [\$3000], Animal Sponsorships [5 animals] \$1500 & Gifts that Give \$164.67.

Annual Sponsor Report was received in October 2023. See below for report.

See here for **Annual Sponsor Report 2023**: <https://www.animalaidabroad.org/s/HIS-Camel-Sanctuary-2023-Sponsorship-Report-compressed.pdf>

India - Help in Suffering [HIS] - Camel Rescue Centre, Equine clinic Program and Sponsorship



Nepal- Animal Nepal – Donkey Sponsorship Program

We received an updated Annual Report for 2022 on 16/1/23 for sponsored animals. Since Aug 2022 we lost Lava, Chandani, Fudge, Noby & Kush [4 donkeys & 1 mule]. Current animals sponsored as at January 2023- Bruna, Honey, Jackie, Kumu and Sanu [cows], Markhu, Moksh, Pappu, Paulie, Samir, Sangeet, Shakti, Star, Stella, Tara [14 animals]. All animals doing well and monthly reports up-to-date. We've sent sponsorship funds to cover period- January 1st to June 30. [Next payment will be 1st July to cover July-Dec]

In April & May, we added 7 more working animals to our sponsorship program. Kaali [dairy cow] & 6 equines left abandoned after the end of the brick kiln season.

Current animals sponsored as at May 2023- Bruna, Honey, Jackie, Kumu and Sanu [cows], Markhu, Moksh, Pappu, Paulie, Samir, Sangeet, Shakti, Star, Stella, Tara, Kaali [dairy cow], Haluman, Randeep, Soni, Moni, Apache & Raamri [21 animals]. All animals doing well except for new rescue, Randeep but they are monitoring him closely and giving treatment for his fractured leg.

Monthly reports up-to-date. We've sent sponsorship funds to cover period- January 1st to June 30. [Next payment will be 1st July to cover July-Dec]. Also, in May to note, a new Travis was built [crush] to help contain the animals when vaccinating or treating them and all donkeys given stockings to wear during the summer season when their legs get attacked by flies that bite.

Nepal- Animal Nepal – Donkey Sponsorship Program

On the 19th June we received news that Randeep [recently rescued in May from a brick kiln] had tested positive for glanders. After advice from both Dr Kirsten Jackson and UK DS vets, Randeep was sadly euthanized. It was decided that the remaining 5 equines to stay in quarantine for a further 3- 6 months [Glanders is a highly contagious and deadly disease]. Frequent blood testing on all 5 equines will be taken over coming weeks. Animal Nepal asked if we would fund a caretaker's salary for 6 months to look after these animals. The AAA committee agreed and funds sent. The amount: AUD \$1355.

On the 27th July, test results were all negative for glanders on the 5 equines. In July, it was also discovered that one of the new rescues in quarantine, Apache, was pregnant.

Animal Nepal have been trialing the use of stockings on the donkeys' legs at the main donkey Sanctuary to prevent fly bites. This is proving very successful.

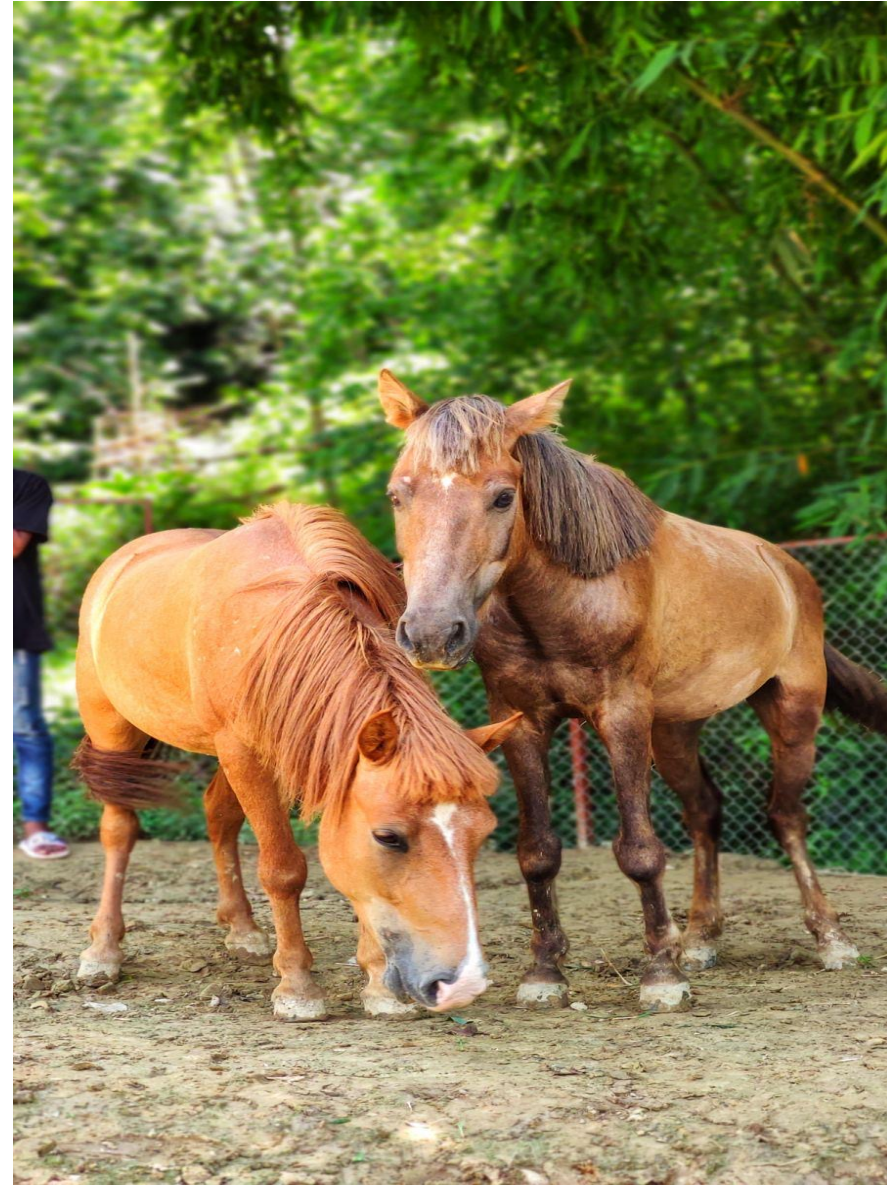
On the 29th August, Apache gave birth to a male foal. No problems with the delivery but the foal is very weak. He couldn't stand and did not want to drink from his mother or from a bottle. Sadly, he did not improve and died 7 days later. The vets think he was too weak because Apache worked for most of her pregnancy and wouldn't have had any nutritious feed either. On the 4th September, after another blood test showed all 5 equines negative for glanders, they were moved to the main donkey Sanctuary in Dukuchhap but will remain separated from the main group for the time being. All 5 animals including the main herd are doing well.

Nepal- Animal Nepal – Donkey Sponsorship Program

In September, 5 new residents are settling in well to the sanctuary but they continue to keep them separate from the other animals so that they can all get used to each other gradually and we don't want to rush the introductions in case they don't get along. The young bull Saanu (Pravin) had an unfortunate accident and injured his leg after sustaining a fall. AN Vets are taking good care of Pravin and his wound is recovering well and the good news is that there won't be any long-term impact on his leg. They also built bamboo fencing around the horse/mule enclosure as the old one needed to be replaced. It will now provide good security for all the animals. In October, AN discovered that their rescued cow Kaali suffers from seizures and she had two such episodes this month. This is deeply concerning for us as she is susceptible to injuries while she's experiencing the seizure, especially in the night-time when she is inside her shed. With this in mind, they have added extra hay in her bedding area so that it acts as a cushion even if she does fall. Kali is also being given medication to treat her symptoms and to minimize the occurrence of seizures. Aside from this, she is in good health and still has a healthy appetite and is not displaying any other worrying symptoms. In October the annual sponsorship report was received.

This year, they welcomed 6 new residents into their sanctuary – Moni, Soni (Mother and daughter) and Raamri – 3 donkeys, Apache a mini horse, Haluman a hinny and Kaali the cow. After spending a few months in quarantine, they were moved into the sanctuary in September and have settled in well. All in all, 2023 has been a very happy and healthy year for the sanctuary animals.

Nepal- Animal Nepal – Donkey Sponsorship Program



South Africa – Blind Love

In January we agreed to sponsor 3 equines [donkeys] called Jet, Qwagga and Queen. \$900 was sent in January to cover their upkeep and care for Jan-June 23. We also agreed to fund a program to assist the working cart horses of Thaba’Nchu which is situated in Free State Province. Our funding will cover a weekly mobile clinic [4 per month], 1 welfare training workshop per month, meds for wound care and parasite control and harness repair materials. The program funding is for 12 months. 45,000 ZAR was sent to cover the first 6 months of the program. This week a further \$4000 was sent to Blind Love to cover the castration of 10 donkeys and run a clinic and harness program for working donkeys in Grahamstown. Philippa will join forces with the local veterinary clinic to carry out this program.

During the month of April our team from Agripreneur Farmers Institute held 5 outreach clinics in Thaba’Nchu with the cart horses and their owners. Outreach dates were: 1 April 15 April 22 April 26 April (veterinary outreach with CCS vets) 28 April This month we saw 51 horses. Numbers dropped slightly from last month because of all the public holidays during April (Easter and Freedom Day in South Africa), also the weather was not great on some of these days, which resulted in less owners attending.

Together with the Grahamstown veterinary clinic), Philippa Du Toit started going out into the donkey owning community at least once a month with Malibongwe, meet the owners and develop a good working relationship with them.

Running along similar lines as our cart horse outreaches, they will record all owners contact details, all donkeys will be given a body condition score and checked, then treated for internal and external parasites, and any minor wounds treated. Harnesses will also be replaced / repaired as soon as we can happy that the prototype works well.

South Africa – Blind Love

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As well as sponsoring 3 equines we are funding a weekly mobile clinic [4 per month], 1 welfare training workshop per month, meds for wound care and parasite control and harness repair materials for horses working in Thabu’Ncha, the castration of 10 donkeys and run a clinic and harness program for working donkeys in Grahamstown. Philippa will join forces with the local veterinary clinic to carry out this program.

In August we received an update on the pound donkeys we funded to be rescued. All animals going well that included 11 adults and 2 foals. The stallions were gelded soon after they were rescued but too late for some Jenny’s that gave birth to 4 more foals although two died [very premature]. To date all are still with Blind Love and none have been rehomed as Philippa did not want to only rehome individuals...pairs or they stay which they have.

Castration of donkeys still not done except for one. As its taking so long to be done, asked Phillipa to get a refund from the vet clinic who were going to do it. Philippa is going to use a new vet.

All Monthly reports received for outreach clinics in Thabu’Ncha and Grahamstown for Jan – December. Reports are always very detailed and excellent photographic evidence.

To view their **Annual Sponsorship Report 2023**: <https://www.animalaidabroad.org/s/Blind-Love-Sanctuary-2023-Sponsorship-Report-compressed.pdf>

South Africa – Blind Love



Tanzania – Tanzania Humane Charity [TAHUCHA]

From January to March there was a lot of email correspondence and a few whatsapp phone calls trying to finalise a new MOA and budget proposal for 2023 with TAHUCHA. Yvette worked very hard on these two documents and finally we had something to present to the committee for consideration and hopefully approval. I would like to thank Yvette for the time and work she has put into these documents. It was a colossal job and she communicated with both myself and Richard over many weeks to get these done.

In March, finally the MOU between AAA and TAHUCHA is now completed and signed off.

In addition to the monthly clinic report that includes a tabular report, photos and a detailed case study TAHUCHA now has to provide each month:

Medicines log

Travel log [Clinic vehicle] Sanctuary Report

To date reports have been sent on time except for receipts and invoices. Richard was unwell during May that caused a hold up with this but going forwards this receipting and invoicing needs to be looked after by someone else if Richard is going to be away.

One-off capital items, services and medicines bought and covered by AAA include rabies vaccine to vaccinate 3000 donkeys, tyres for the clinic vehicle, tank for the pasture program, bicycles for staff to use between the clinic, sanctuary, accommodation and town and vehicle insurance [3rd party]. Photos and receipts have been received for all these items.

Tanzania – Tanzania Humane Charity [TAHUCHA]

Payments will be continued to be made monthly to TAHUCHA.

Reports received in May showing the pasture program well under way with photos showing the bana/elephant grass growing well. Up to May, we have Bukombe donkey sanctuary had total of 183 donkeys in May 2023, while 128 donkeys are permanent rehabilitated and 55 were hospitalized temporary for treatment and care.

TAHUCHA continue to take on training vet technicians and vets in the month of April & May. We are very happy with this investment of their time by the TAHUCHA staff. AAA do not fund any of the expenses for this training. Things settled down for TAHUCHA during the months of June to August and they could focus on their normal operational duties of mobile clinics, Sanctuary upkeep & Pasture program management. Payments were made in June, July and August – total funding support for these 3 months \$ 9,437.90.

In June, TAHUCHA received two cartons full of donated medical gear organized by Jenny and freighted free of charge from Perth to Tanzania.

In August, The Edge Equine from Ballarat in Victoria donated and freighted directly to TAHUCHA a handfloat, slimline dental kit, speculum and dental mirror. Thanks once again to Jenny and Kirsten for making this happen. All clinic reports were sent on time for the months of September, October and November by Dr Buluba. His reports also include a medical and travel log. Richard still needs reminding to send receipts and his reports on time. A strong warning was given that unless he can get his receipts and other reports sent without continual reminders, he will lose his honorarium. He has guaranteed it will not happen again.

Tanzania – Tanzania Humane Charity [TAHUCHA]

In September we received a request to assist donkeys suffering from starvation and hyena attack on a farm called Mabuki Livestock multiplication Unit in Misungwi District of Mwanza region.

Tanzania has been affected by drought in several areas in varying degrees, the most affected area is Mabuki.

This farm is unable to provide water, feed, protection to vulnerable and weak donkeys and veterinary assistance and why TAHUCHA was asked to help.

Their main goal was to save the lives and improve the conditions of donkeys there and transport 20 weak donkeys already identified from Mabuki Farm to Bukombe. The budget submitted was to cover feed and water during the transportation phase to the sanctuary at Bukombe. Once at the Sanctuary to continue providing extra feed and treating them.

We have been asked to cover a fee for each donkey, pay for a movement permit and transportation cost of 596km round trip - a distance from Mabuki to Bukombe- go and return. We agreed on the sum of \$2,733 to rescue 16 donkeys. At the end of October, we were informed that the rescue mission had to be cancelled due to a new manager appointed to the farm and the donkeys they felt too weak to transport. Of the \$2733, \$300 was used to feed the donkeys leaving the remaining amount to be used towards their next month payment.

In October, Dr Buluba requested support for a rabies vaccine program. **TETANUS VACCINATION IN EQUINE PROPOSAL.** This was approved and funds sent early December.

Tanzania – Tanzania Humane Charity [TAHUCHA]

2023 Pasture program funded by AAA. Report from TAHUCHA

In 2023 we started a program of improving the quality of pasture for donkeys. Our priority was to grow Rhodes grass (*Chloris gayana*) but the availability of seeds in the country and outside was difficult.

We opted to grow an elephant grass which its seeds were sourced locally with zero cost and planted first as a nursery for future expansion.

This project of establishing quarter of an acre of nursery of elephant grass started in May and June 2023 under irrigation with water tanks and piping.

We have managed to get seeds from the nursery for large scale expansion and in the past two months in October 2023 we have expanded the field of three acres we expect to have ten acres of elephant grass and desmodium pasture.

Desmodium is a plant protein pasture that should be mixed with elephant grass and provided to donkeys with balanced nutrients

Pasture and Water Tank The initial proposal provided by TAHUCHA has been inserted below, amended to remove Rhodes grass from the proposal: Donkey food security has been an area of priority and a duty of challenging and we need to have as much quality pasture and seeds for feeding sanctuary donkeys and if there is extra feed, we shall extend our feeding to community donkeys. Both rain water drilled water will be used to water pasture nurseries and production pasture farms for sustainable pasture and seed production. With all enough arable land, plus water for irrigation, land cleared and water piping and stand of water tanks built

Tanzania – Tanzania Humane Charity [TAHUCHA]



Zambia – Zambezi Working Donkey Project [ZWDP]

Our support of the Zambia Working Donkey Project run by Hesther Levy is in its 3rd year. We sent \$6,000 in January to cover January to June. A 2nd payment of \$6,000 was sent in July for the remaining 6 months. Throughout 2023, ZWDP sent a monthly written report, statistical data and a number of photographic evidence of each months activities. The work of the ZWDP has been excellent and impressive to see the lengths they go to help and in many cases rescue abused, sick or abandoned donkeys.

An example of one of their monthly reports is included here:

During September our team treated 136 donkeys through mobile clinics, in addition to our 14 permanent residents at Maramba Farm. 135 donkeys were dipped, 107 dewormed and 10 donkeys were treated for wounds. 11 new sets of harnesses were given out. On the 21st of September, the team ventured out into a new area for a full mobile clinic. The area is called Mosokotwane and is approximately an hour from Livingstone. Our supervisor Emmanuel has previously engaged with donkey owners from this area when they come into town but this was our first time visiting them. The attendance throughout the day was really good and we managed to fit all 8 pairs of harnesses we brought on that day. We still need to go back and give out a couple of more harnesses. It was great to see the willingness of this community to change their ox yoke for humane harnesses. When the clinic was done, one of the community members had requested us to come and visit a family a little bit further to check on their donkey. We took a 20-minute drive and found a female donkey with young foal (approx. 3 to 4 weeks old). The female donkey had a horrible wound on its right upper leg/bum. month!

Zambia – Zambezi Working Donkey Project [ZWDP]

The story isn't 100% clear but what we know is that the donkey used to have a big lump and someone decided to cut it out because it wasn't going away and they didn't know who to ask for advice as there is no vet available there. Unfortunately, this action had led to a big infected wound. We collected the donkey and her foal the next day, with consent and encouragement from the owners. They wanted to see her getting healthy as soon as possible. Unfortunately, after a few days, her health went downwards quickly, the wound must have caused such a big infection that there wasn't much for us to do. After a few days of intense care, Butter (her name) unfortunately died. The little foal (named Belinda) is now in our permanent care, we are hand rearing her and keeping a close eye on her health. Update on the police case: we are still waiting for the court case, as a lot of things in Zambia take time, so do police cases unfortunately... We are still in close contact with the police and the court case is supposed to happen mid-October so we are hoping to give an update on this next
Photos and statistical report from this month can be found here:

September

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15rE_8lylvYmcRJW_HbJBYPEGJ9-h24a1?usp=drive_link

Every month of the year has this standard of reporting detail and photographic evidence.

Zambia – Zambezi Working Donkey Project [ZWDP]



Indonesia - Gili island Horse Shoes Farrier Project

In March we covered the airfare for Dr Misha to travel to Gili Island to treat an outbreak of colitis-like illness spreading through the horses. A number of horses are seriously sick and some have died. As at the 27 March, 25 horses have been treated for dehydration, pale mucous, watery faeces & weak condition. Treatment includes vitamin injection, h2 blocker, oral antibiotics, activated carbons and iv fluids. More updates to follow by email/social media/newsletter. Offered further support in the way of meds if needed.

In June we received an update from Sarah Best who is running the Horse Shoe Project on Gili Island. Kyal Grant from Grant Forge and Farriery, and Dr Jen Lugton from Balanced Veterinary Services attended. Despite some push back from the local horse cart Koperasi, they managed to relocate the project to Stud Rescue with a view to training locals on better hoof trimming techniques and shoe application.

Over the course of the 6 days, several locals came to the clinic, many on a daily basis to receive further training and practice. During those days, at least 12 locals were taught the basics of trimming and shaping hooves. Unfortunately, the order of shoes and farrier tools did not arrive until after the clinic, but they have arrived safely now. Through word of mouth with the local horse cart drivers, they are now aware that they are able to purchase these imported shoes and nails on the island. Some of the drivers who received training are even putting their skills to use and providing a service to other horse carts.

We have provided them with better farrier tools to be able to work more efficiently, and hope that as a result, more horse cart drivers will want the higher quality shoes.

Indonesia - Gili island Horse Shoes Farrier Project

In November, Chris Beggs returned to Gili Trawangan in order to provide more farrier training to the dedicated team at Stud Horse Riding and Rescue. They trained tirelessly for 6 days in better trimming techniques and applying shoes. Following this training, Dr Charlie returned to the island working with the team from the University of Undikma to provide a mini clinic for the working ponies.

It was during this clinic that they were able to sit with the head of the Koperasi and discuss how they could work together, and how best to move forward to be able to provide greater care for the working horses on the island, as well as better education. They have made it clear that it is their wish to improve their knowledge and be more independent.

They have shown great willing in wanting to learn farrier skills as well as basic first aid and other husbandry skills. They have had to play the long game, but finally it seems that their patience has paid off.

While the Horse shoe/ Farrier project had a slower start than they had hoped, due to the fact that they were met with resistance, Sarah and her team have shown our willingness to help to provide education and tools, which the locals have now accepted on their own terms.

I have attached a link to some photos. We look forward to watching this project grow throughout 2024.

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/7trop3u71ac8jeg228r9m/h?rlkey=x28x4z9ujp06ux9zkps7gvfx2&dl=0>

Indonesia - Gili island Horse Shoes Farrier Project



Afghanistan – NOWZAD

In January, heard from Pen Farthing [Founder & CEO] to give us an update that the Taliban were happy for NOWZAD to operate in Kabul and in fact visited the Sanctuary and praised them for what they were doing. Pen keen to continue our support of the resident sanctuary animals and mentioned they were hoping to continue their outreach work. Heard from Pen again on the 24/1 to say he was sending a list of animals for sponsorship and their program to help the working brick kiln donkeys and horses.

In July 2023 we resumed our sponsorship program with Nowzad. Nina Ley, Nowzad's Grants manager requested we sponsor 6 donkeys and 2 horses, permanent residents at their Kabul Sanctuary. The 8 animals are:

April, Azad, Dehmazang, Maqbola, Pat, Shadow, Jack & Shaheen.

We will receive bi-annual updates on all 6 equines. Late July, \$2400 was sent to Nowzad to help cover the animals care and upkeep for 6 months.

Annual Sponsor Report 2023 was received in October. No other updates.

To view this report: <https://www.animalaidabroad.org/s/Nowzad-Sanctuary-2023-Sponsorship-Report-compressed.pdf>



Tanzania - MAWO

In November 2022, we approved funding for a 4-month donkey emergence program covering mobile clinics, harnessing, yokes and water troughs for working donkeys in Ngarenanyuki village Supported by MAWO with extra assistance from a German lady called Maria who attends and assist at all clinics with MAWO staff. In December 2022, TZS 4.843.800 [approx. \$3066] was sent for this pilot program. The program concluded in April and at this point there has been no correspondence to request further funding/running of this program. To date monthly reports have been received and by all accounts the villagers are starting to support and trust the vet team and listen to their advice and use the harnessing and donuts.

At the start of May we received a request to support the same program [assisting the donkeys working in Ngarenanyuki] for another 3 months. From the monthly reports received in April and then a follow up discussion at the end of the program there was insufficient evidence and confidence that we fund a further 3 months. It was, I felt one of those programs that was just going through the motions and not creating any real changes. A lot of questions and emails went back and forth to see if we can rectify what was going on but the answers were not good enough to go again. Given the results of the 3-month program run in the first quarter of this year was not very successful, we did not fund the program for another 3 months.

Tanzania - MAWO



Liberia – Liberia Animal Welfare and Conservation Society

In January we recommenced support of the Working Animal Medical Clinic and Education Program in neighbouring Guinea with LAWCS. We share the funding of this program with SPANA.

SPANA covering the education component and we are covering the medical component. We sent funds to cover vet drugs, veterinary equipment, fuel for the vets and payment of 2 vets salaries totalling US \$3250 for Jan-June. 1st report received for February. Monthly reports have been received but not on time. In addition, emails to follow up certain things are not answered in a timely manner. This month I have a conference call with SPANA and one of the things I will be raising for discussion is if they can get one of their people to visit this group at some stage this year. We share the funding of this program with SPANA. SPANA covering the education component and we are covering the medical component.

This program could be in doubt for further funding 2024.

All case studies sent relate to behavioural changes between human and animal. No medical case studies received. Most photos show children and donkeys and very few on medical treatment.

In December, we decided not to fund LAWCS in 2024 for 2 main reasons- SPANA is not sharing funding of this program in 2024, Request for a 3rd party reference and first hand observation of their work was not able to be given.

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EVENTS/CAMPAIGNS

Elsie's Quilt – A very successful fundraiser. We raised \$1050 [profit] from the auctioning of Elsie's animal memorial quilt done in conjunction with ANZAC day and our April newsletter. Many thanks to Elsie Daxon for her generosity and excellent quilt making skills. She produced a magnificent item.

World Donkey Day - 6 May [Perth] Cancelled due to wet weather. Next year we build in an alternative date if the weather is not suitable for people and donkeys.

Million Paws Walk [Sydney] stall 28 May Marie Crilley Great result \$ 709 raised from merchandise sales, donations and some tree donations. Thanks to Paul Silatto for his help to run this and supply merchandise for this event [socks] and chocolates.

Trees & Troughs for Animals - Campaign for 2023 successfully raised \$20,347.13. Number of trees planted, 2937 on the 2nd July at the Horley Road Wetlands in Beckenham, WA. Thank you to Cat Williams who hosted the day and augured all the holes in preparation for the day.

Dental Learning Session – Dr Kirsten Jackson conducted an on-line learning session on the 20 June for a number of partner group vets and para-vets.

Kirsten covered dental anatomy and common pathology and treatment. The session was very well received and we thank Kirsten for her time and sharing her expertise.

Quiz – 18 Nov A very successful night coordinated by Charlotte Fehr was conducted on Sat Nov 18. A total of \$21,787.49 [net] raised. A huge thank you to Charlotte [Coordinator] , Jenny, Kirsten, Colleen, Yvette, Elaine, Elsie and a number of core AAA volunteers that helped raise this amount giving their help or donation of items.

Thank you's- we can't do it without you!



I would like to acknowledge and thank the 2023 AAA Committee for their time, work and passion for our cause and support of our projects and events- **Janette Huston, Dianne Lawrence, Kirsten Jackson, Jenny Grant, Colleen McKenney, Yvette Price & Sylvia Heijne.**

Although it was a very quiet year for our branches with little to no activity I would still like to give special thanks to our Branch Coordinators- **Marie Crilley & Paul Silatto** [Sydney], **Lee Dean** [Canberra]

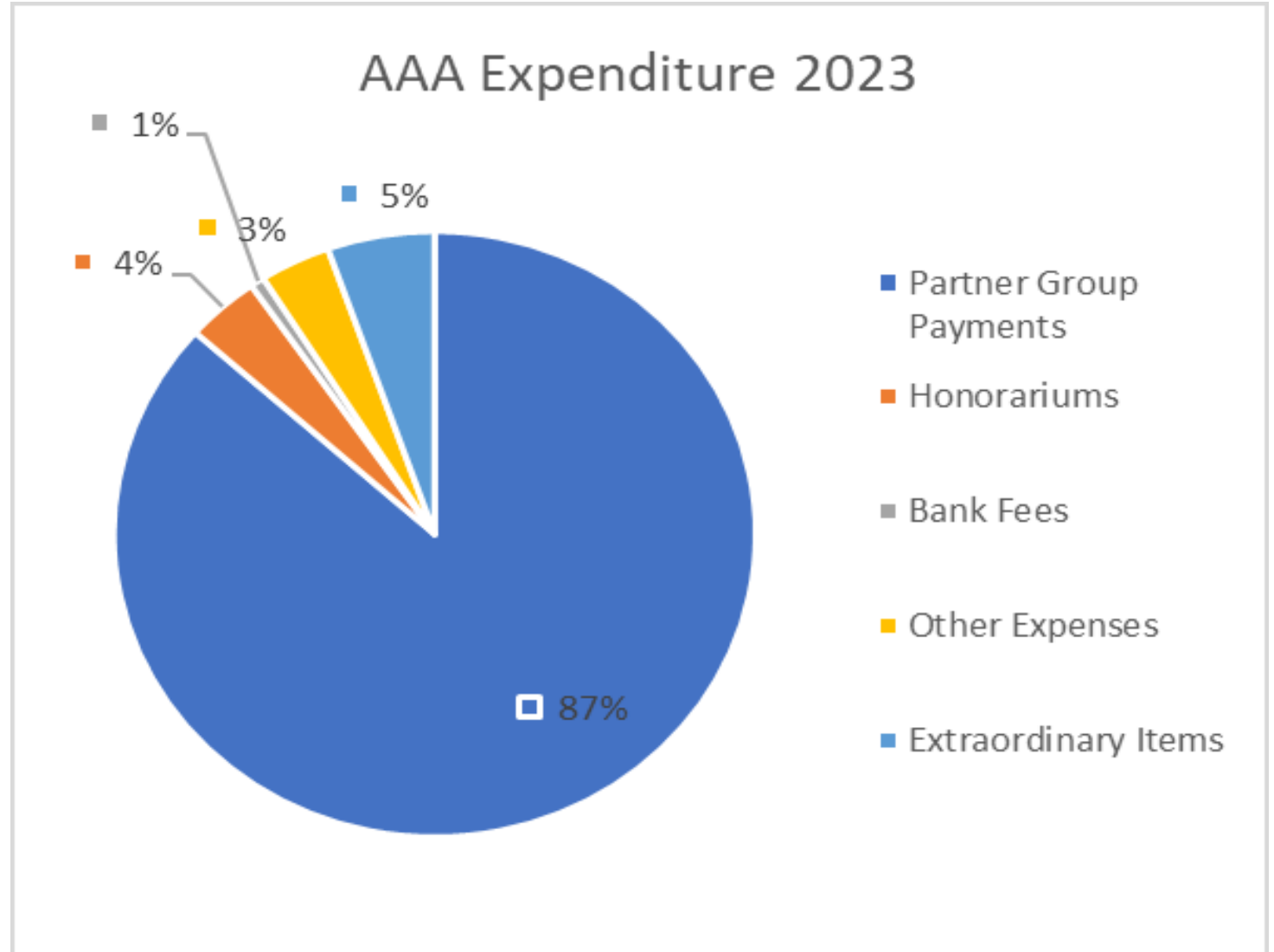
Thank you also to the core admin team- **Yvette Price** [Treasurer] **Dianne Lawrence** [**Bookkeeper/ Treasurer Assistant**], **Graeme McElligott** [Gift certificates and Sponsor Reports], our Social Media team- **Candice McLennan**

and **Renate Homburg, Elaine Goode** [newsletters] Also special thanks to **Jaime Klein** our IT guru & **Charlotte Fehr** who did an amazing job coordinating our 2023 Quiz.



January – December 2023

2023 Annual Expenditure



NB: Other Expense includes Audit fees, IT (eg Xero, mailchimp, adobe, Squarespace annual fee), printing of newsletters, postage and stationery