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March Newsletter

Introducing **Shine** a cart horse rescued by new AAA partner group, **BlindLove**

BlindLove, based in South Africa, provide a safe, loving forever home to horses in need; as well as improving the lives of all animals in the surrounding disadvantaged communities through education and access to essential veterinary services.

One such horse is Shine. Shine was one of the very first cart horses that BlindLove founder and director Philippa met in Thaba'nchu back in 2014.



Meeting Shine

"When I first laid eyes on him, I had to quietly turn away, and wipe away the tears... his condition was pretty appalling... and he just seemed so broken... bleeding old knees, scar tissue on his mouth and lips, terrible teeth and lots of scars and brand marks all over his body.

His owner is a builder, so this old boy had to work hard carrying heavy loads of bricks, sand and cement.

The owner however did become a willing and active participant in all our outreaches, collecting feed, getting his horses dewormed, bringing them to our farrier days.....but I could see Shine's days as a working horse were numbered, and I urged him to retire the old boy.

A new life for Shine

Eventually just days before Xmas in 2017 Shine retired and made his way home to us where he has lived out his days eating, sleeping, resting.... and getting FAT!!!

Seems he was quite the legend in Thaba'nchu and had in fact taught many young horses how to pull a cart over the years.



Now 5 years later, his previous owner (and all the other cart horse owners!) regularly ask me how Shine is doing, and want to see photos and videos of him! Not long ago I got to meet one of Shine's handsome offspring too!

Shine is an example of what these horses can become with just a little bit of extra care!! This is what we are striving to do with horse owners in Thaba'nchu. Provide them with access to basic services like primary healthcare, harness repair/ replace, feed, farrier and welfare education for owners. So they themselves can understand the importance of and provide better care for their horses."



Animal Aid Abroad have recently taken on BlindLove as an official partner group, and are supporting their work with cart horses, enabling the purchase of medications and webbing for new humane harnessing. [Click here](#) to read the full report of February activities.

News Snapshot

How YOUR donation & support is helping other working animals in need



Nepal

Animal Aid Abroad sponsor animals continue to thrive in February thanks to our sponsors. [Read more...](#)



India

600 blankets (keens) distributed in **India** to ease the pain & suffering of working horses, mules & donkeys [Read more...](#)



Tanzania

Trainee paravets join Tanzania Humane Charity. [Read more...](#)



South Africa

New partner group BlindLove making a difference for cart horses in South Africa. [Read more...](#)



Zambia

Donkey Jackson is recovering from traumatic back burns. [Read more...](#)



India

Young camel finding its feet in Jaipur, India. [Read more...](#)



Tanzania

Working towards better lives for working donkeys in Tanzania. [Read more...](#)



Liberia

Local women learning to love and care for their donkeys. [Read more...](#)



Zimbabwe

Many donkeys injured and abandoned during busy ploughing months in Zimbabwe. [Read more...](#)

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Get involved...

Upcoming AAA Events



3 June 2023

Book now for the AAA Quiz Night!

Saturday 3rd June 6.30 pm, South Perth.

Come for a fun evening of quiz questions, silent auction, raffle prizes, great door prize, various stalls etc.

We are excited to announce that **two trips to the Gili Islands** have been donated for our live auction!

For more details, email [Charlotte](#).

Book now!



World Donkey Day and Walk

The walk will be held in the Perth Hills, WA on Saturday 6th May.

All welcome.

To learn more, and register your attendance, [click here](#).



AGM

The AAA AGM will now be held in Perth (99 Loftus Street, Leederville) Saturday 23rd September, 10.45 am - 12.45 pm.

All members welcome.

To register, email [Janet](#)



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