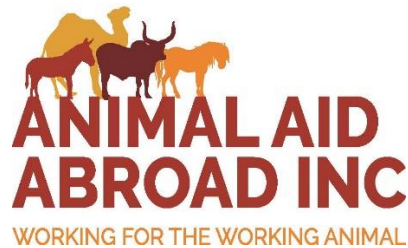


Annual Report

2017

By Janet Thomas

Founder and Chairperson of AAA



21 Partner Programs

13 Countries

**Assisting working and rescued Equines, Camels, Elephants, Bullocks,
Monkeys and Dogs**

Up to 200 MILLION HORSES, DONKEYS, MULES, CAMELS and BULLOCKS do the jobs of tractors, trucks, and taxis every day in the world's poorest countries.

Many impoverished people and families rely on these animals for survival.

Animal Aid Abroad partners with local animal welfare groups in many developing countries to provide free veterinary care to sick and injured working animals, as well as working with communities to improve animal welfare through education and training.

BUT the sheer number of working animals globally means that there are still millions of animals that currently have NO form of vet treatment available to them.

Afghanistan- Nowzad – Sponsorship program. Total Donkeys Sponsored: 4 \$ 2800. Amount in 2018 to be increased to help with operational costs of running the Donkey and Horse Sanctuary. Nowzad has started rescuing horses in 2017 Had problems in 2017 getting reports sent on a regular monthly basis but assured that in 2018 that a monthly report will be sent and on time. July 2017- Rehabilitating Donkey Shelter Development:

Animal Aid Abroad has come on board with Nowzad Animal Charity and donated towards the construction of Afghanistan's first ever Donkey Sanctuary! The Nowzad Donkey Sanctuary will be a haven to donkeys who have been overworked, neglected, or abused. This sanctuary is a much-needed facility in Kabul where the capital and its surrounding areas are heavily reliant on the use of working animals.

The sanctuary is currently home to six rescue donkeys and will provide a purpose-built rescue to carry out Nowzad's Donkey Care Education Programs. The sanctuary will also be used as a facility where locals can bring their donkeys for them to receive medical attention and overall general care.



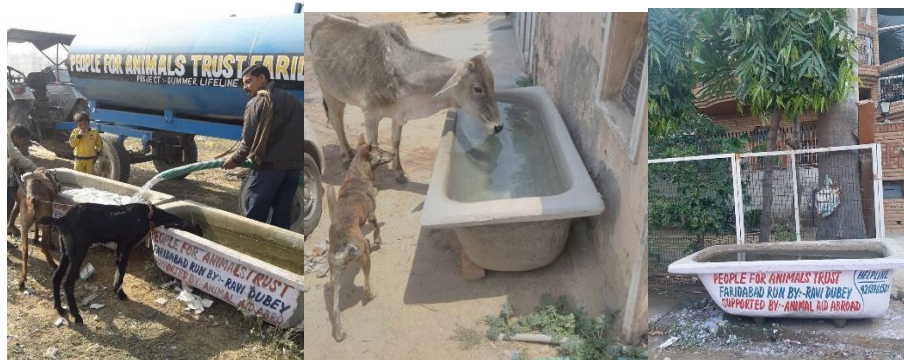
India- Friendicoes – Sponsorship Program, Gifts that Give Program \$433[Harness padding and Medical treatments], Mobile Medical Clinics and Para-vet Program. Total Equines Sponsored: 10 \$ 26,684. AAA representatives and tour group visited the Gurgaon Sanctuary in October 2017 and were very impressed with how the animals were looked after and the measures taken to ensure the health and well being of all animals at this location. We asked if we can further assist with anything at the Sanctuary and was told more shelter for winter and summer for the older horses was required. We agreed to fund another shelter for the horses. We also tagged along with the mobile equine clinic and again very impressed by the team of vets led by Dr Abhinav and his para-vet team who have daily clinic rounds in and around Delhi helping working equines including other animals too. Special mention to Gopal their farrier who does amazing work looking after the animals at the Sanctuary and is a very proficient farrier. We met with one of the para-vets we support at Agra where we were shown his motor bike [purchased by AAA] and spoke to him about his work. He covers the Agra area for equines needing assistance. We plan to continue supporting the 5 para-vets in 2018 that service outlying areas of Delhi. With funding support from AUSTRALIAN ETHICAL we will be supporting a new program with partner group- Friendicoes in Delhi, India. It involves employing 3 extra para-vets with motor bikes to help working animals in outlying areas of Delhi to provide follow up treatment and respond to emergencies that the main mobile unit cannot reach in time. The number of cases, and number of working animals are increasing so we have come on-board to help Friendicoes meet this demand.

The 4-member Mobile Equine team is stretched to their maximum possible limit taking care of the 1500 animals already under their care in various stands of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan. The cases they attend to are a challenge in themselves without considering the prevailing superstitions, lack of awareness and education, poverty level of the owners and the terrible living conditions the animals are subjected to. Hence the need for sensitization, awareness and education has been felt for a very long time. The new field paravets, along with extending medical assistance to the mobile equine team, emergency treatment to animals in pain will also help educate the owners how to take better care of their animals as well as try and sensitize them to the animal's needs.

The new members of the team – Salman, Shakir and Nawab have been appointed in Bharatpur (Rajasthan), Agra (Uttar Pradesh) and Mathura/Vrindavan (Uttar Pradesh) respectively where they continue to look after the animals in the absence of the Vet and do follow up treatment under the Vet's guidance. On an average the paravets attend to 150-200 cases every month apart from organizing awareness camps and educating the local working equine owners. But most importantly these paravets hail from their respective area of operation making the local people more amenable to listening to them.



India- People for Animals Trust [PFA]- \$4100 Water Program for street and working animals in Faridabad. In 2017 we paid for extra troughs and water to be supplied year-round to street and working animals that do not have access to clean water. AAA representatives and tour group met Ravi Dubey in Delhi in October 2017 and discussed the water program and future requirements of his group. He requested assistance to purchase a rescue vehicle. At the time we did not have funds to assist with this capital expense but said we would consider it in the future. At the end of 2017, he had come up with funds to pay for most of the vehicle, so AAA will pay the remaining balance. Vehicle will be able to rescue large animals including horses, donkeys, and bullocks.

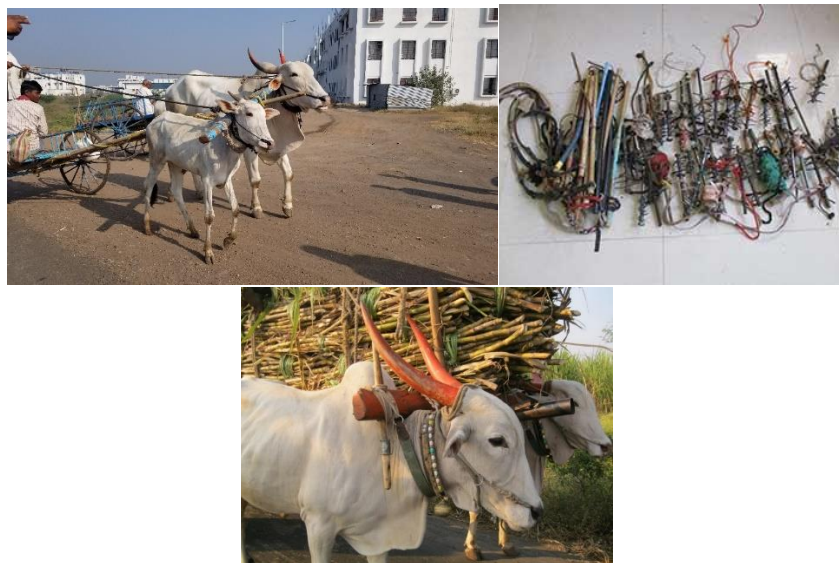


India – Hope and Animal \$1400 [Dog Sponsorships]. This program ended in latter part of 2017 due to Hope and Animal moving to Varanasi after their Sanctuary was taken over by Mao insurgents. It was not viable to sponsor only one dog that was rescued from the Ranchi Sanctuary. The others were adopted by staff members or left behind in Ranchi.

India – Help in Suffering- Camel Rescue Program- Sponsorship Program, Gifts that Give Program \$250 [Camel Reflectors and plastic nose pegs], Mobile Camel Clinics, Large Animal Rescue Vehicle [donated]. Total Camels Sponsored: 3 [\$600 x 3 = \$1800 p/a + mobile clinics \$1500 x 4 = \$6,000] \$9220. India Update: Camel Rescue Centre busy helping all animals in need, not only camels. AAA continued to support mobile clinics and treatment and hospitalisation of sick and injured camels. AAA representatives and tour group visited the Camel Rescue Centre in Bassi and Help in Suffering Jaipur Sanctuary in October 2017 and were very impressed by work and facilities at both facilities. Donated dental tools from Equine Edge Victoria, Australia] were presented to CRC during our visit. We met with head vet Dr Abhinav and Dr Amit and given a guided tour of their facilities including the camel sheds where rescued [sponsored] camels were housed. While there we agreed to take on 3 extra camels into our sponsorship program and given naming rights. Camels sponsored- Martin, Tess and Talitha. We also attended the Pushkar Camel Festival in Pushkar to see the vets and para-vets in operation – it was an amazing well-run operation over 1 week. We attended on Day 2 of their clinic and viewed the many camels from the fair that were brought to the clinic ranging from nose peg injuries, wounds, colic, broken jaws, parasites, mange, and many other conditions.



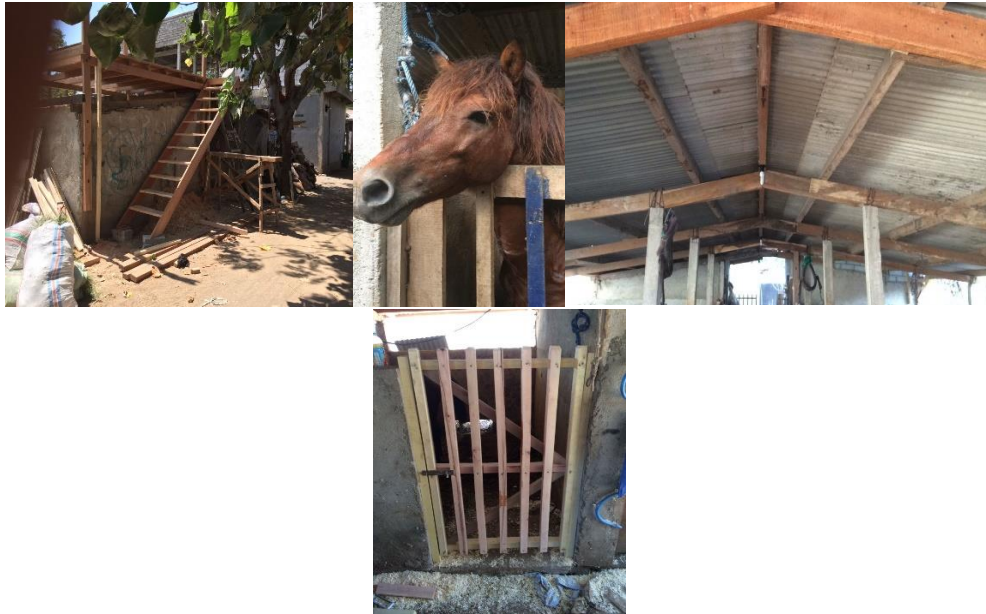
India- Animal Rahat – Sponsorship Program – rescued/retired working bullocks. Total bullocks sponsored: 3 [$\$600 \times 3 = \1800 p/a $\$1575$. Animal Rahat is an excellent group and reports always sent on time. We lost a couple of bullocks in 2017 but picked up Sonya. Due to having so many sponsor animals and not enough sponsors we only took on one bullock. We hope to promote our sponsorship program more in 2018 but at this stage not in a position to take on anymore animals.



Israel- Pegasus – Sponsorship Program and assistance with feed and rescue costs. Total equines sponsored: 5 [$\$600 \times 5 = \3000 + feed and rescue costs $\$1500/\$2000 \times 4 = \$8000$. Zvika who runs Pegasus, continues to do an amazing job rescuing and giving sanctuary to many animals in need especially equines. In 2017 we reported on several rescues of both horses and donkeys. Our support will continue with Pegasus in 2018.



Indonesia- Gili Eco Trust - Gili Island Rubbish horses- Feed and equipment. [\$1000 x 4 = \$4000 p/a] Harnesses [9 x \$220 = \$1980 + Medical supplies \$127.96] Gifts that Give: \$440 [Harnesses] \$8280. In 2017 we funded the renovation and clean up of the rubbish horse's stables and yards. The renovation included fixing broken gate doors, building a loft to store food so it does not go mouldy and stays drier, fixing fences cleaning up muddy yards and having better drainage installed which will involve emptying the septic tanks and expanding them in size. A shower was also installed for the horses. Bricks for the reno were made from glass and sand - bottles collected from the island dump. We also starting funding a farrier program to start on the island. Chris Beggs from Orange Grove Farriers in Perth volunteered his time and expertise to train local Indonesians to make and fit shoes to working carriage horses on the island. The Farrier program came about because it was identified that the horse's feet was causing the most problem for the horses. Chris and his apprentice, Samuel from Kelvin Grove Equine in Perth and Kyal Grant from Grant Forge and Farriery from Australia trained a few locals how to make and fit shoes on the Gili Island horses. This not only provides local employment but provides a long term economical solution to fix a major welfare problem for the horses that work on the island. Thanks to Ellie Hubble [AAA supporter and donor], Sarah Best from Trawangan Dive who has been instrumental on the ground organising things at the Gili end and Chris Beggs and his team from Australia who are providing the training for this program.



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Indonesia – Animal Friends Jogja [AFJ] – Monkey Rehab of street performing monkey's AAA is currently supporting AFJ's Macaque rehabilitation program. We cannot thank AAA enough for their dedication to end the suffering of monkeys exploited in dancing monkey performance in Yogyakarta. [Program finished. /...Funds cover food, training, and enrichment program in readiness for release. Gifts that Give: \$70 [Vet Nurse Salary] \$6000. In August the program support switched over to assisting the city carriage horses. The andong [carriage horses] horses in Yogyakarta are often too young to too old to work, often undernourished and seemingly too weak to pull the weights imposed on them. Some are pregnant, even giving birth on the street while pulling the cart. In the last two years, there have been incidents where horses have both died and given birth while pulling carts in the streets of Yogyakarta. There are no shelters to shield them from the intense heat of the sun, or the driving monsoonal rains and storms of the wet season. There is no public water source in the city for the horses. Besides market vendors carrying their wares to and from traditional

markets, tourists also use this form of transportation as it is one of the most popular cultural modes of transport in Yogyakarta. Unfortunately, most andong drivers (kusir) do not adhere to passenger number limits, with carts often carrying more than the maximum recommended weight for their horses. The photos show horses waiting in the rental area near the market in the hot sun on the main road of Jogja (Malioboro street). On this day, it was 36 degrees and the horses were foaming at the mouth from the heat. Our priority now is to get more rest areas for the horses and build shade structures as they have no protection from the heat or rain.

Another priority are shoes as many horses are slipping and falling on the busy roads and getting injured also much needed equine training for vets and how to handle the horses. In 2017, we paid for Chris and Kyal to continue onto Java to assist with a weeklong clinic



Kurdistan- Kurdistan Organisation of Animal Rights and Protection [KOARP] - Fund medical clinics to assist equines and other farm animals includes shepherd dogs. [\$1500 x 1 = \$1500] Started funding this program in Nov 2016. \$ 7907. Dr Sulaiman conducts outreach clinics in the Duhok province for villagers and nomads who run sheep, goats, and cattle. Donkeys and horses are used to carry food, basic equipment and if necessary lambs and kids who are orphaned and Shepherd dogs are used to help guard and manage the herds. AAA provides funds for all these animals to be treated if injured or sick. We will continue to assist Dr Sulaiman in 2018. Dr Sulaiman was kept busy assisting mainly refugee shepherds and their animals in an area between Duhok and Musol in the Iraq - Kurdistan region. These refugees and their animals [donkeys, sheep, goats, cattle, and dogs] have fled from ISIS militia and the war.

Dr Sulaiman treats animals that are sick or have injuries and all donkeys receive de-worming for internal and external parasites.

This work is all very new to these people because up to now they have had no help with their animals.

Dr Sulaiman said the donkey in his culture has no rights at all and people will not look after or pay for treatment for this animal. Sadly, this is the case in many developing countries and the reason our work is so important.

AAA will continue to assist Dr Sulaiman and other groups who are trying hard to improve the welfare and treatment of these special animals. Animal Aid Abroad are Dr Sulaiman's sole supporter and without our help these animals would not get any assistance. Thanks to Dr Sulaiman for his passion and care of these animals who we are very happy to support.



Malawi- Lilongwe Society for the Protection and Care of Animals [LSPCA] Our assistance/partnership with LSPCA started in April 2017. Total sent in 2017- \$ 3000. New Project for AAA in Malawi. AAA has joined forces with Lilongwe Society for the Protection and Care of Animals [LSPCA] to help working donkeys.

In March 2017, Animal Aid Abroad started a new program in partnership with Lilongwe Society for the Protection and Care of Animals [LSPCA] to help working donkeys in Malawi.

Donkey Clinics and Welfare

Donkeys were introduced to Malawi some 40 years ago and in retrospect LSPCA realised now that the specific needs and sentience of donkeys was not addressed and shared with the farmers (who received donkeys as part of a rural transport scheme) when the first animals arrived in Malawi. Donkeys have largely lived 'under the radar' for all these years. With only 32 qualified veterinarians in the country, very few para-vets in the field and a constant lack of veterinary medication, veterinary care for donkeys has never been delivered in our country. Rural vet care delivery through the government para-vets has a ratio of 1 para-vet to 15 000 farming households in Malawi. Most veterinary resources are spent on meat producing animals and care for a donkey usually accrues a higher cost than for example a chicken or a goat. In a country where most people can hardly afford medical care for themselves, veterinary care for a donkey is not seen as a priority. Through LSPCA's programme of caring for the wellbeing of donkeys, they would like to help donkey owners and the public change their attitude and behaviour towards donkeys. They are well underway to achieving this as the profile of a donkey has been raised as they are seeing from the numbers of donkeys being presented for vet care at their clinics.

As a service to donkeys and to have a platform to deliver animal welfare messaging to a large community LSPCA provide veterinary care at donkey clinics at 6 sites in their project areas. Now they find that donkeys need primary healthcare for deworming, tick infestations etc. Their major concern at present are open wounds that working donkeys suffer due to incorrect harnessing and excessive beating when owners are communicating with the donkeys in harness. LSPCA are now constructing donkey carts and correct harnessing material with 12 lead farmer donkey owners in 6 areas as donkeys are historically hitched up to ox carts, which contribute to the stress, over working and wounds to the donkeys.

Farm Clinics and Vet training

The LSPCA also partners with the Weltpetterschutzgesellschaft (WTG) in Germany on their Vets United Training Programme where they deliver early clinical induction and practical skills platform through community clinics to students of the BVM programme and the para-vets studying for their Diploma in Animal Health. To do this, the LSPCA runs biweekly farm clinics at several sites around Lilongwe. Now that donkey owners have found that their donkeys are recognised and valued, LSPCA foresee a further increase in the number of donkeys being presented at farm clinics during this year.

Animal Aid Abroad will be assisting LSPCA to assist donkeys not funded by their other partners.

They have estimated that a further 3200 donkeys could be presented at the WTG farm clinic sites for various treatments. Furthermore, the LSPCA vet team very often support donkey emergency care – traffic accidents, major injuries, and euthanasia in the event of no treatment being afforded to a donkey. These incidents, although isolated yet reoccurring, are currently funded by the LSPCA Vet Clinic's operational income.

LSPCA vet team who conduct the farm clinics do not want to single out donkeys and turn them away when presented for treatment. This is where Animal Aid Abroad's help will make sure no donkey will be turned away and cater for the expected 3200 donkeys expected to attend the LSPCA's clinics this year.



Nepal- Animal Nepal – Sponsorship Program and Gifts that Give Program \$615 \$12, 925. In June AAA and our good people in Sydney - Paul Sillato, Mel, and Yo from Surya [Ethical Clothing] make great things happen for our rescued working animals in Nepal. his month at the Animal Nepal Donkey Sanctuary, the equines seem to be enjoying the monsoons, as the fields are lush and green and there's ample grass for them to nibble on.

There are a few cases of sickness and old age, but the donkey carers and vets are keeping a close eye on them and tending to their needs.

Noby, the old horse suffered from a hoof abscess which was troubling him. Dr. Sajana, of course investigated it promptly and the hoof is slowly healing, and they have a much happier Noby.

Naina and Manuka, two ageing equines are having a bit of trouble; Naina had a bite wound which is being regularly dressed and is showing gradual signs of healing.

Poor Manuka, has become very weak and it is getting very hard for her to get up. They hope for her speedy recovery, so she can spend her days in peace and comfort.

Their sanctuary dog, Lucky keeps everyone amused and Jeevan, the goat loves the attention and keeping a watchful eye over his donkey friends. Recently, he had a case of nasal discharge, but he is being treated by the AN vet.

Lucky has been at the shelter for two years and was a local dog that needed a home and Jeevan is bit of a miracle. He was about to be sacrificed and at the last moment, the family changed their mind and spared his life. They contacted AN and was adopted immediately. His name Jeevan, means life!!

Animal Aid Abroad thanks all our sponsors - your help has provided a safe and peaceful haven for these special donkeys who worked many years in the brick kilns around Kathmandu. They deserve their retirement!



Cambodia – Cambodia Pony Welfare Organisation [CPWO] \$6888 donated in 2017. In March 2017, AAA took on a new partner/project - Helping the working ponies in Cambodia

Ponies play a vital role in the livelihoods of rural communities in Cambodia. Rural families depend on these animals to carry merchandise to sell or serve as a means to transport bricks or stones at mines.

Cambodian Pony Welfare Organisation [CPWO] is the only organization in the country that provides skills training, prevention workshops and treatment for ponies.

Their aims are simple:

- to empower communities in responsible animal ownership by providing better health care and veterinarian service to working ponies
- provide training to Cambodian veterinarians to have correct skills and knowledge
- provide education to the ponies' owners for proper care and management of their animals.

Clinics are conducted in rotation every quarter supporting 40 rural communities across 14 regions of Cambodia.

These clinics consist of medical treatment of ponies including emergency cases, participatory exercises with the communities (HBC: Human Behaviour Changes Exercises), theoretical and practical workshops (three per year), mid and long-term skills training (such as farriers and saddlers with workshops of two weeks for 5 years consecutively) and providing basic educational materials.

Their latest outreach clinic included setting up a data record and assessment sheet for each pony, de-worming and general physical exam of each pony, treatment for colic, wounds, lameness and teeth problems, saddlery, fitting and adjustment of harnesses, bridles, bits, farrier, proper trimming and shoeing, training local village vets, training local farriers, educating pony owners by doing the exercises of Human Behaviour Change (HBC) and other activities in order to improve pony welfare and owners livelihood in Cambodia.

Animal Aid Abroad will fund 50% of the costs for veterinary medical supplies that will be used to service working ponies in 40 rural communities across 14 regions of Cambodia in 2017. More updates on this program will be reported over coming months.



Romania- Save the Dogs and Other Animals – Our partnership with Save covered Sponsorship Program and Outreach Clinics. Total horses sponsored: 5. Outreach clinic program started Oct 2016 Finished Dec 2017 \$ 7100 donated in 2017 Partner group - Save the Dogs and other Animals [STDAOA] Roxana and Raul conducted outreach work in neighbouring gypsy villages. Worming, doing general health checks on the horses as well as advising owners on how to care for their animals. These clinics are a weekly event and very welcomed by villagers and their horses. AAA helps fund these vital clinics where horses are used extensively to transport people and goods.



Sri Lanka – Bridging Lanka – Mannar Donkey Program- Donkey welfare program. In 2017 \$ 10,200 donated toward the construction of the Donkey Clinic and rescue vehicle. The construction of Donkey Clinic progressed very slowly during 2017, it was one hold up after another due mostly to bureaucratic red tape. Very slowly the building came together. During 2017, our Branch Coordinator from Melbourne, Dawn Perry visited the Mannar Donkey Sanctuary. Also, during 2017, Dr Lisa from Austria volunteered for one week at the Sanctuary.



Somaliland - Somaliland Animal Welfare Society [SAWS] - Outreach Medical Clinics for donkeys. \$4,000 donated to outreach clinics in 2017. There was an account problem during 2017 so missed two payment cycles.

The SAWS donkey mobile clinic, supported solely by Animal Aid Abroad, treats hundreds of working donkeys. Working donkeys were treated for equine lung worm which is a major parasite of donkeys living in urban areas. Many donkeys are infected early in life from feeding on garbage because they don't have access to proper feed and nutrition.

Other treatments include- trimming of hooves, treating body wounds especially on backs due to inadequate harness materials and vitamin injections for weak donkeys. Dr Ali and his small team play a very important role helping many hundreds of working donkeys who really do it tough in this region of Africa.



Tanzania - Tanzania Animal Welfare Society [TAWSO] - Outreach Medical Clinics for donkeys. \$8,000 donated to TAWSO in 2017. Tanzania Animal Welfare Society (TAWESO) conducts Donkey

Welfare Veterinary Outreach work coupled with humane education to regional areas of Tanzania. The donkeys are heavily worked to transport goods and water. The donkeys work every day, walking up and down the mountains carrying goods such as water, charcoal, crops (grains, vegetables, sugar canes), firewood and building materials. They are always overloaded. Most injuries are on the back, legs, tail, and hooves as they travel over rocky areas. The use of ropes to protect the loads from falling while the donkeys go uphill or downhill only adds to the donkeys' misery as they cut into them.

Focus on

- Veterinary Care –wound dressing, vaccination against rabies, and treatment of disease conditions e.g. eye, tick borne diseases, rectal prolapses, dental problems, de-worming and general clinical examinations and welfare assessments.
- Humane Education on basic donkey needs as per Animal Welfare Act of 2008 and use of harness while working the animals
- Group formation of donkey owners and voting for the group leaders
- Training of the respective extension officers on site



Tanzania - Meru Animal Welfare Organisation [MAWO] Johnson Liyomo - Outreach Medical Clinics for donkeys, Water Carts [$\$2000 \times 4 = \8000 + Carts - $2 \times \$200 = \400] \$8000

On Nov 30th we posted a story on partner group, Meru Animal Welfare Organisation [MAWO] challenge to stop the use of big heavy carts and change to smaller carts. The smaller carts require only one donkey pulling and are harnessed so they pull from the chest and not the neck of the donkey.

The good news is the carts have arrived and will be trialled in 2 villages. Johnson and his team treated 213 donkeys through March. 23 were treated for wounds caused from poor harnessing, restraining and crude branding instruments, 5 for eye care, 4 for hoof trimming all 213 donkeys were dewormed and given ectoparasite control.

Owners were educated on several welfare issues especially the need to house their donkeys in shelters during the night as it

is done with cows and goats. This is to avoid stealing, killing, and skinning of the donkeys during the night. Night shifts to check on they donkeys were emphasized to be done by the youth in the community.



Tanzania Animal Welfare Charity [TAWC] \$6550 donated in 2017 for cart program and medical clinics for donkeys.

TAWC's aim is to educate students to gain practical experience so they graduate with the latest skills and in the future take a lead role in improving donkey welfare.

Richard and his group have also started building a clinic facility for donkeys needing close medical attention or hospitalization for serious cases.

AAA sponsors mobile clinics to improve the welfare and health of working donkeys at the brick kilns in Bukombe western Tanzania.

The TAWC team not only treat wounds but offer guidance on weight limits and correct harnessing. Neck wounds are a very common problem because of poor construction of carts and extreme loads. Many donkeys also suffer from wounds caused by beating which is a culture that TAWC is trying to change. Animal Aid Abroad will continue to support Tanzania Animal Welfare Charity help these donkeys and improve methods of transport and treatment of these animals. An incentive to villagers using the yolk cart system to pay for their children to attend school was offered and taken up in 2017.



Tanzania - Tanzania Animal Protection Organisation [TAPO] – Outreach Medical Clinics for donkeys and training of para-vets. [\$1500 x 1 = \$1500]

Tanzania Update: Two villages down, 2 to go - approximately 1000 donkeys get much needed treatment and help!

Animal Aid Abroad have funded a 4-month program with partner group- Tanzania Animal Protection Organisation [TAPO] to conduct medical clinics and education to 4 villages across the Kahama District of Tanzania.

Pictures below show some of the activities and donkeys treated in July and August in the villages of Isaka and Segese.

The donkey mobile clinics will promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of all donkeys found at 4 villages in Kahama District, Shinyanga Region Western Tanzania. The 4-month program will treat donkey's wounds, diseases and enhance donkey owners & handlers to understand donkeys health problems and to change behaviour to treat their donkeys more humanely.

We are expecting to improve the welfare of more than 2000 donkeys at 4 villages by

- Decrease the number of donkeys with minor and severe wounds
- Improve the body condition of donkeys
- Decrease numbers with severe malnutrition
- Decrease number with worms problems
- Decrease number of donkeys with lameness
- Decrease number of donkeys suffering from dehydration and burns.
- Decrease number of donkeys with other signs of injury or disease
- Decrease number of abandoned donkeys

We will keep you posted on mobile clinics conducted in the remaining 2 villages. After this 4-month program we will assess when the next follow up clinics will take place.

Thanks to our donors and supporters who have helped bring aid to these hard-working animals.

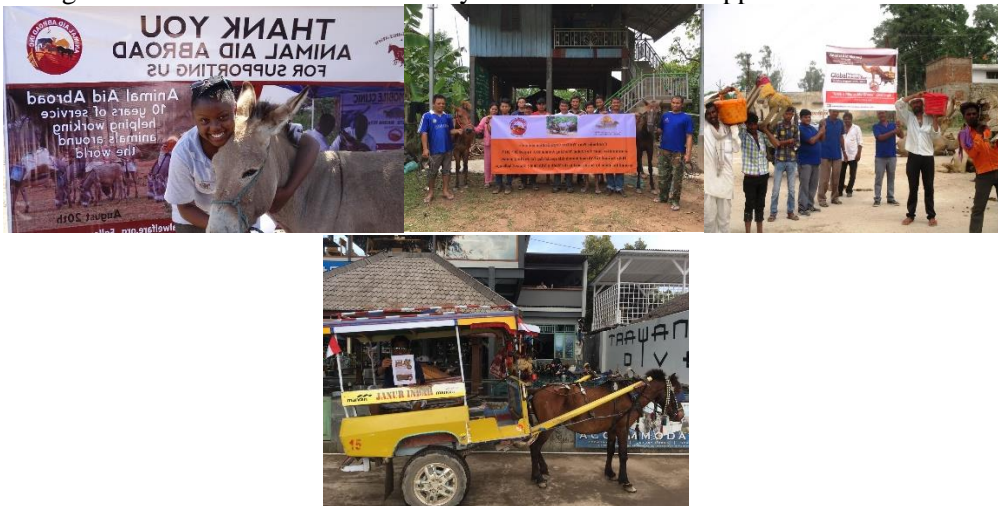


Thailand - Wildlife Friends for Thailand [WFFT] - Sponsorship Program for elephants. Animal Aid Abroad supports WFFT through Sponsorship Program where we have 13 rescued elephants. Program stopped in Dec 2017 so AAA can focus on partner groups and projects that are struggling for assistance and awareness. Those sponsors still active will see out their sponsorship until renewal when they will be offered a transfer to another animal in the program.



Main 2017 Achievements

- Continue to fund Par-Vet program in India with Friendicoes. It involves funding 5 Par-Vets salaries to service outlying areas of New Delhi to work in collaboration with mobile outreach clinics.
- Bridging Lanka Rescue Vehicle [August] \$5700 for donkeys – AAA contributed towards this vehicle with hydraulic lift
- Launch Global Working Animal Day/Walk a Mile in my Shoes Campaign July 1st-September 9th, 2017 \$ 50, 251.97. Global Working Animal Day is being launched alongside our "Walk A Mile In My Shoes Challenge" to celebrate 10 years of effort and dedication Animal Aid Abroad has given to working animals all over the world. Very Successful for our first year and with most of our partner groups supporting the day as well. To become an annual event for us with the 2018 walk falling on Sunday 19TH August. Plans are to really promote walkers/runners/riders etc. to do a personal fundraising campaign through Give Now who have the facility now to do this for supporters.





- Farrier Program begun on the Gili Islands \$19,500 [\$20,200] donation from Ellie Hubble.
- Shade Shelter \$3300 and blankets [40 blankets] \$1300 Dec 17
- Monthly Giving Program – 30 monthly donors and \$ 20, 538.00 raised in 2017. Animal Aid Abroad Workers Union launched in March 2017
- Trip in October 2017 raised \$11,000 was a very successful trip with 12 participants from Perth and Adelaide. Another trip planned for 2019 to go to Sri Lanka, India and Nepal to visit partner groups.



- Medical Supplies for overseas partners \$4736.83, Microscope donated and taken to Nepal [AAA NSW Branch- Paul Sillato]

Events 2017

Festival stalls/events-

Perth - Garage Sale \$547.80,

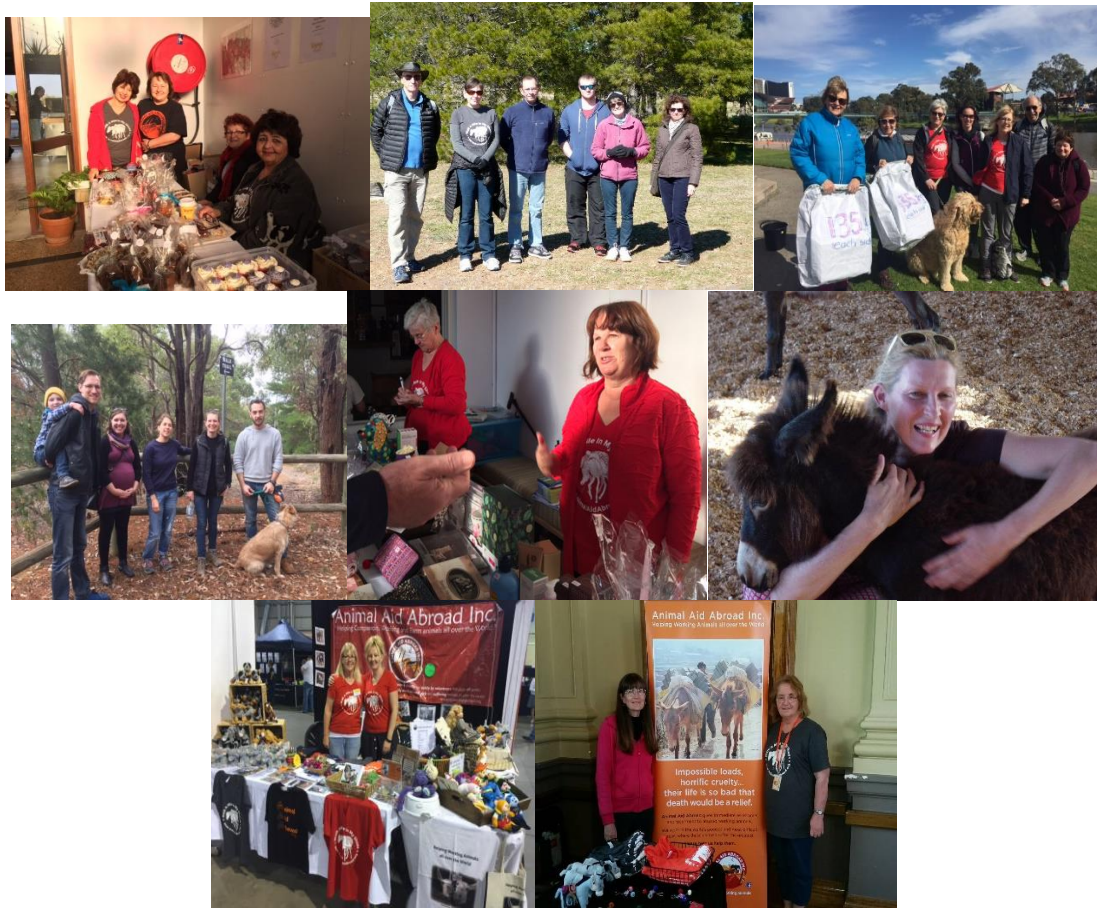
Movie [Perth] – \$3271.80 Mother's Day Market \$3462.96, Christmas Market \$3167

Madam Queenie [Perth] \$6748, Walk A Mile Shoes \$50,252, CFF \$730.65

Adelaide- Pet Expo \$573.45, Vegan Festival - \$475, Walk a Mile \$140

Sydney -Book and Cake Stalls \$623.50, Cruelty Free Festival \$861, Walk a Mile \$200 Million Paws Walk \$ 315.95

Canberra- Market stalls \$1445.80, Living Green Festival \$1,095, Walk a Mile \$
Melbourne- World Vegan Day \$ 847
 Net Profit from Functions and Events: **\$11,939.99**



Special Days Celebrated/Acknowledged in 2017
 World Animal Day- Oct 4th and Children's Art Competition
 World Vet Day- April 29th
 World Donkey Day – May 8th
 Horses Birthday- August 1st
 Global Working Animal Day- August 21st and Walk a Mile in My Shoes

Other Income

Chocolates Paul Sillato [NSW] **\$1350** Special thanks to Paul who sells loads of chocolates at his work throughout the year.

Gifts that Give: **\$271**

Good2Give [Work place giving Program] **\$5731**

Moneyboxes [Mainly Perth with 1 box in Canberra] **\$1198.65**

Give Now: **\$29.89**

My Cause **\$46.42**

My Giving Circle: **\$350.49**

Shopnate: **\$31.98**

Bequests: **\$12,000**

Merchandise sales from Stalls and On-line Shop: **\$8279.80**

Memberships income: **\$2265**

Monthly Giving Total for 2017: **\$ 20, 311 [30 Monthly Givers]**

Admin/Governance

Honorariums 2017- Dianne Lawrence – Treasury \$2500 p/a, Wendy Jacobs – Memberships and Sponsorships \$1000 p/a, Bliss Hodgkinson Website updating \$300 p/a [Hourly rate] [Note: Wendy Jacobs took over this role in January 2017] Kaylene Idda- Marketing/Campaigns \$1500 p/a [Hourly Rate], Claire Sykes \$ 800 [GWAD Campaign] Brenda Curran \$ 190 [Special Projects and Philanthropy], Sandra Holdaway [Admin Assistant] \$200
Total Honorariums \$ 6490

Admin and Operational Costs of in 2017: \$ 14,471.55.

With change in Association Rules update of our Constitution has started. Must be completed by 1 July 2019 We received our Registered Charity Tick of Approval from the ACNC at the start of 2017. We will display this on our website.



Campaigning

Worldwide Update: Under the Skin - The emerging trade in donkey skins and its implications for donkey welfare and livelihoods [Report and pictures produced by the Donkey Sanctuary UK]

Can you imagine what it must be like to wake up one morning and find that every car in your town or village has been stripped of its engine and wheels? No vehicles – no means of transport for you or anyone in your community. All those journeys we take for granted – the school run, getting to work every day, the food shop – suddenly becoming arduous or impossible tasks.

Recently, in a rural community in Tanzania, this is exactly what happened – only the precious vehicles weren't cars, but donkeys. The villagers woke up to find all 24 of their hardworking animals had been stolen, killed and stripped of their skins overnight. A devastating blow for the community and a horrific way for these hard-working donkeys to die.

Thank you's

I would like to acknowledge and thank the 2017 AAA Committee for their time, work and passion for our cause and support of our projects and events- **Janette Huston, Barbara Hacker, Dianne Lawrence, Kirsten Jackson and Colleen McKenney.**

I would like to give special thanks to our Branch Coordinators- **Marie Crilley** [Sydney], **Lee Dean** [Canberra], **Dawn Perry** [Melbourne], **Bridget Finch** [Adelaide] and **Shane Sims** in Qld who promotes AAA through her group Coast to Coast Animal Friends.

Thank you also to the core admin team- **Dianne Lawrence** [Treasurer], **Wendy Jacobs** [Membership, Sponsorship and Website Coordinator], **Agatha Bong** who has taken over Wendy's role

in December 2017 and **Brenda Curran** [Philanthropy and Special Projects Coordinator], Tamara Pillay who looks after Volunteers overseas partners and behind the scene. You really do make AAA tick!

Also special thanks to **Gemma Heggie** [Digital Spice-<http://www.digitalspice.com.au/>] who oversees our website and formats our e-newsletter, **Renee Stevens** [**Renee Stevens Graphics-** <http://renee.st@bigpond.net.au/>] who very kindly does all our fabulous looking flyers, **Jaime Klein** our IT guru, **Janette Huston** who looks after our moneybox register and takes our AAA Minutes and **Elaine Goode** and **Elsie Daxon** for their amazing sewing skills and adorning 100's of our soft toys. An amazing effort!

Thank you to all our fabulous volunteers in each state

Adelaide: **Bev Rayner, Alanna Knight, Ros Turner, Helen Manos, Mel Fuller, Anthony Finch, Rachel Finch, Pesa Lenga, Marit Seils, Renate Homburg and Corinne Karbhari**

Melbourne- **Lyn Board, Dianne Idda, Stanley Stork**

Canberra- **Graeme and Jan Darby, Gaby Defries, Russ Dean**

Gold Coast – **Shane's C2C team**

Perth- **Elaine Goode, Elsie Daxon, Denise Schokman, Myrna Klein, Jenny Grant, Jana Wood, Sue Mirco, Millie Iannolo.**

Sydney- **Paul Sillato, Beth Roffe, Heather Robertson, Kelly Wallace, Natasha Silva.**

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Chris Beggs from Orange Grove Farriers, Equine Edge in Bendigo Victoria for donating a full dental set for HIS CRC in India

In Summary 2017 [Fast Facts]

AAA paid Members: **323**

Monthly Givers: **30**

Animal Sponsors:

Facebook: **54 K**

E-newsletter Subscribers: **4323** [E-newsletter contact list needs cleaning which in 2018 will bring the list back to be between 1000- 2000 subscribers]

Sponsorships received: **\$32, 800**

AAA Branches: 5 in Australia

Partner Groups: **20**

Countries in Operation: **13**

Total sent to Partner group projects in 2017 **\$156,466.06**

Total raised in 2017: **\$194,419.34**

Total Donations in 2017: **108,152.19**

Total sent overseas to our partner groups since 2007 to Dec 2017: **\$ 650,000**

Donations since Aug 2007- Dec 31st, 2017: **\$413,584.83**

