



## Janet and Jack Continue Walking for Working Animals in Warrnambool

When Animal Aid Abroad's founder, Janet Thomas, began an immense 3248-kilometre trek to Walk Across Australia with the intention of raising funds and awareness for working animals, she never expected to be caught up in the grip of a global pandemic. Janet and her faithful rescue dog, Jack, set out on foot from Melbourne's Federation Square in March and managed to cover an incredible distance walking down Morning Peninsula to Sorrento, then onto Port Campbell via the coastal route, before coming to a halt due to coronavirus travel restrictions. Recognising the seriousness of the situation, Janet made the decision to alter her original plans and remain in Warrnambool until the crisis settles.

Janet and Jack have now been in beautiful Warrnambool for three weeks and are making the most of the opportunity to explore this special region of Victoria, whilst still clocking up as many kilometres as possible. During their first week in Warrnambool, Janet and Jack were able to make up the 61 kilometres they could not walk between Port Campbell and Warrnambool by exercising around the town and surrounding areas. Following social distancing requirements and walking in self-isolation at all times, Janet and Jack remain focused on banking kilometres and fundraising for working animals, despite the challenging

circumstances. Their dedication is certainly paying off as, so far, they have managed to travel an astonishing 527.17 kilometres on foot and have raised an amazing \$48,434.81!

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## New Wound Treatment Brings Sweet Success

Animal Aid Abroad's partner group TAHUCHA in Bukombe, Tanzania, have recently begun a novel trial, swapping antibiotics to treat wounds on working donkeys for honey! Administering honey they have farmed themselves, the veterinary team have treated twenty patients thus far. Sadly, seeing donkeys with anywhere between three to twelve wounds on their bodies is not unusual in this region. Honey has amazing healing properties and TAHUCHA are using a high quality, locally-produced product, so it is sustainable as well.

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## Donkeys Play Essential Role in Fight Against Covid-19

During these challenging and unprecedented times, some of our partner groups have drawn attention to the fact that donkeys are currently playing a critical role in stopping the spread of coronavirus. In rural communities within developing countries, donkeys have become even more important than usual as they haul water over long distances. Daily access to clean water has allowed these communities of people to wash their hands frequently and prioritise hygiene, thus preventing transmission of the virus.

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## Rescued Working Animals Find Peace at Friendicoes' Sanctuary

One of Animal Aid Abroad's partner groups in India, Friendicoes, rescued no less than seven working animals during March, including a pony and donkey tied together and abandoned on a highway, three weak and emaciated equines and two exhausted bullocks. Happily, all seven rescued animals have now been warmly welcomed into the Friendicoes family and are receiving the special care and attention they deserve. They will remain safe and comfortable in Friendicoes' sanctuary for the remainder of their lives. To read their stories, click the button below.

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**Help in Suffering  
Successfully Heal  
Horrific Eye Injuries**

Help in Suffering's (HIS) Equine Clinic is another of Animal Aid Abroad's partner projects in India. Hard-working horses, ponies and donkeys are often forgotten and neglected in India but HIS ensure that essential veterinary care is provided for them. From January to March, they treated ten equines for issues ranging from digestive problems to traumatic wounds. Two cases involving eye injuries stood out for the HIS team as success stories. One mare was brought in with a severe eye tumour and required a total eye enucleation. She is now under observation and recovering at the HIS shelter. The team also rescued a poor donkey who had been abandoned by a roadside and was then cruelly hit by an object, leaving one of his eyes completely damaged and full of maggots. The HIS vets were able to use their incredible skills to save the internal eye and, thankfully, this donkey is now safe with Help in Suffering.

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## New Book Supports AAA's Projects for Working Animals

Have you obtained your copy of our beautiful new book, “Nuru’s Moment of Courage” yet? This story for all ages, written by Franklin Hynes and illustrated by Liz Oldmeadow, features Animal Aid Abroad’s founder, Janet Thomas, and describes how she turned unbearable suffering into hope for working animals. All profits from book sales go directly towards AAA’s essential partner projects helping working animals in need. “Nuru’s Moment of Courage” is now available from:

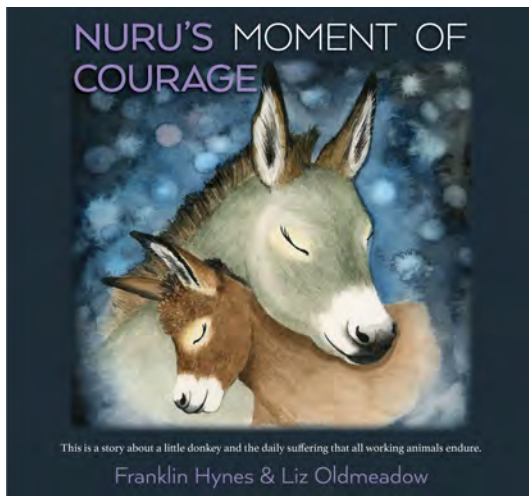
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