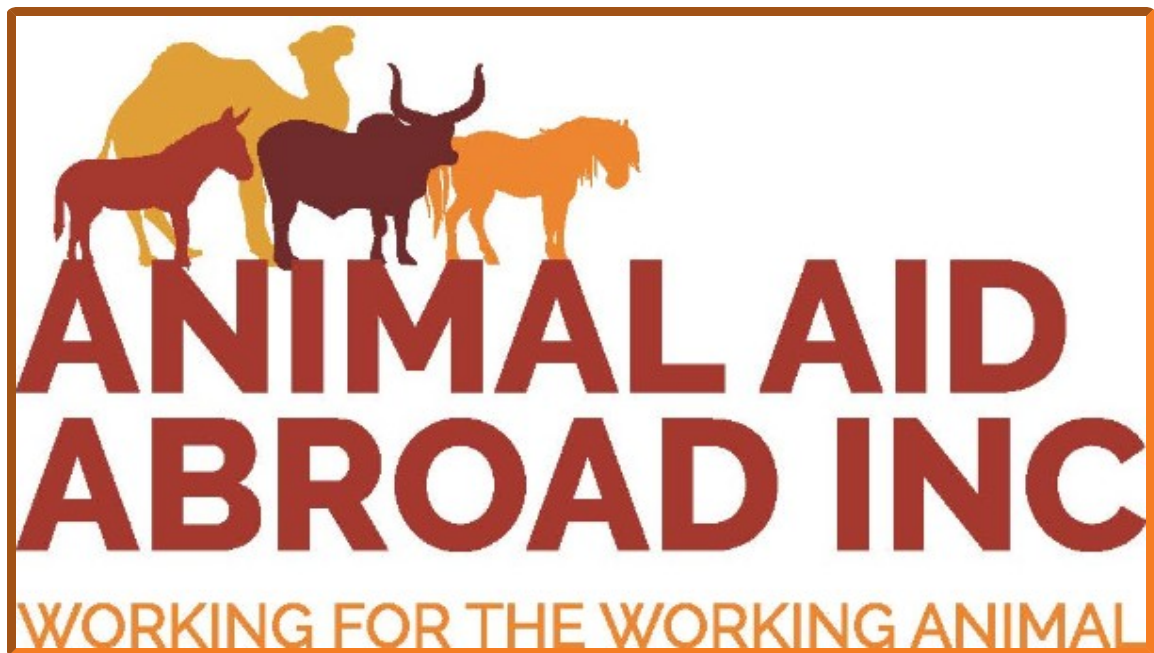


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Janet and Jack Arrive Home... but Their Mission is Not Over Yet!

Not many people in the world can claim to have walked across Australia but, then again, Animal Aid Abroad's founder, Janet Thomas, is no ordinary woman! Accompanied by her trusty rescue dog, Jack, she has achieved something quite extraordinary by **WALKING ACROSS AUSTRALIA FOR WORKING ANIMALS AROUND THE WORLD**. On the 4th of October - World Animal Day – Janet and Jack finally crossed the finish line of their immense trek, to be greeted by supporters, loved ones and much fanfare, at City Beach Foreshore in Perth.



To recap their incredible journey...

- Janet and Jack set out from Melbourne's Federation Square on Sunday, 29th March, 2020
- Their mission was to highlight the **heartbreaking plight of millions of working animals** and **raise \$250,000 to fund AAA's eighteen international partner projects**

- The gargantuan **4142.23-kilometre journey** was undertaken entirely on foot and paw, in just over 6 months
- The resilient duo faced all manner of challenges, including six weeks in isolation due to COVID-19, road trains, blisters, exhaustion, weather extremes and an unfortunate accident with a ute
- The serenity of the outback, breathtaking natural landscapes and encountering other travellers were high points along the way
- Janet's amazing partner, Martin, acted as a one-man support crew for the entire trip
- The inspiring pair featured in various magazines, newspapers, radio stations and television channels, including Woman's Day, The Standard, The Post, Curtin FM, ABC, GWN7 and Nine News, amongst others

Click for Janet & Jack's Walk Photo Album

See the Routes & Distances They Covered

Thanks to the incredible generosity of everyone who has donated to the Walk Across Australia, a wonderful **\$160,245.60 has already been raised**. Although the Walk Campaign is coming to an end, there is ***still time to donate*** if you haven't already! The campaign will remain open until **Monday, 2nd November up to midnight**, so if you would like to make a difference for some of the world's most abused and overworked animals, **please** **visit:** www.gofundme.com/f/walking-for-working-animals or make a **direct deposit into the AAA account: BSB: 066103; Account No. 1023 2438.**

Every dollar will be directed towards AAA's critical projects on the ground, assisting sick, injured, abused or neglected working animals in desperate need. All donations, both small and large, will be gratefully received and are tax-deductible in Australia.

If you decide to become a monthly AAA donor, you will also **go in the draw to WIN a one-on-one lunch with the fabulous Janet and Jack, where you will learn everything about their Walk Across Australia!** See below for further details about our competition.

There will also be a **special event during March 2021 in Perth, Western**

Australia, to commemorate Janet and Jack's trip-of-a-lifetime. Please stay tuned to learn more... the date and venue will be revealed in our next newsletter!





Sponsors Give Rescued Animals a Second Chance

An important aspect of our work at AAA is to **arrange sponsorship for working animals who have been rescued from dire circumstances** and require ongoing care and support. Many of our partner groups run peaceful sanctuaries, providing forever homes for donkeys, horses, mules, camels, bullocks or other animals who have been severely mistreated, overworked, neglected or abandoned. Every rescued animal has his or her own unique story and, this month, we are featuring Chaim (meaning 'life' in Hebrew).

*When the team from our partner group in Israel, Pegasus Society, first came across Chaim, they didn't have much cause for hope. They found him **lying on the ground, completely unable to move**. His neck was twisted but his lips were moving, as if he was trying to say, 'help me'. Chaim had been tied to a tree by some cruel boys and, **in his desperate struggle to break free, the rope became tangled and caused grave damage to his neck and dislocated his***

eye. This seven-month-old foal was eventually found by some neighbours, who kindly called Pegasus. Although the outlook appeared to be very grim when Pegasus arrived, Chaim was showing signs of life and even tried to get up. In amazement, **the team propped him up and he was able to stand – a true miracle!** Chaim was gently taken to Pegasus Sanctuary and, after undergoing extensive treatments from a chiropractor, masseuse and acupuncturist, he was finally able to straighten his neck after six months. Unfortunately, he lost his left eye but he has adapted to looking out at the world from his right eye. Four years later, **Chaim is a healthy, happy donkey and is very much part of the family at the sanctuary!**

We are **deeply grateful to all our sponsors, who play such a vital role in turning around the lives of abused animals** like Chaim. Our sponsors ensure these rescued animals remain safe and comfortable following their harsh lives, receiving all the food, shelter, blankets, grooming, veterinary treatment and TLC they deserve. **If you would like to sponsor Chaim or another special animal, please click the button below.**

Sponsor a Rescued Animal



WIN a One-on-One Lunch with Janet & Jack!

AAA are running a competition whereby anyone who signs up to become a monthly donor in November will automatically go in the draw to **WIN not only a one-on-one lunch with Janet and Jack, but also a copy of their book capturing this amazing journey in large colour photography, plus a complimentary AAA tee-shirt of their choice.** The lucky winner will have the

opportunity to discover all the ins and outs of the challenging 4142-kilometre trek across three states. The winner will meet Janet and Jack face-to-face (if living in Perth) or via Zoom (if living outside of Perth).

Becoming a monthly donor **makes an enormous difference for the working animals of the world**. It allows us to plan projects that relieve animal suffering and educate local animal owners. It is possible to **make a monthly pledge from as little as \$5**, so please consider joining our AAA Working Animals Union today.

Remember, by subscribing you will also **go in the running to speak personally to Janet and Jack!** The winner of our competition will be announced on Friday, 27th November, both by email and in our upcoming newsletter. Good luck!



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