



Sponsored Equines in Afghanistan Safe & Well

The horrifying events recently unfolding in Afghanistan have been deeply troubling for people and animals alike. At Animal Aid Abroad, we have made it a priority to remain in touch regularly with colleagues from our partner group, Nowzad, in Kabul.

We are pleased to inform our supporters and sponsors that all the donkeys and horses at Nowzad's sanctuary are currently safe and well. This includes the rescued equines sponsored by AAA supporters, including Rosie and Khushi, Azad, Shahzada, Jalala and Lola (pictured below).

Pen Farthing, Nowzad's founder, sent us this message the other day: ***"They are all safe together at this time. Being cared for by locals and a few staff who decided they wanted to remain in Afghanistan. However; I cannot confirm they will be safe moving forward. We have to wait to see whether or not the Taliban will accept our donkey project work and donkey shelter."*** AAA will be ready to assist if Nowzad are given permission to continue with their vital projects for working animals.



In the meantime, provisions have been made for the ongoing care of these sponsored equines and the Nowzad team, now back in the UK, are in close contact with the remaining staff members and locals looking after them. Since there are large numbers of working equines in this region, Nowzad hope the rescued animals should not attract any undue attention.

Once the situation stabilises, Pen will provide us with a more detailed update,

which we will post on our social pages.

Nowzad sent their heartfelt thanks to AAA and our wonderful supporters for the kind thoughts and concern shown towards Afghanistan's people and animals. We will continue to stay in contact with Nowzad and keep you updated on the wellbeing of these rescued equines.

Improving Donkey Welfare in Zimbabwe

Although Zimbabwe remains in level 4 lockdown, AAA partner group, MARES, managed to obtain authority to travel in August, allowing them to carry out several successful working donkey outreach clinics.

In total during August, MARES vaccinated and dewormed 522 donkeys, adapted 30 carts, issued 60 humane harnesses, handed out 120 bell straps to working donkeys and provided 150 reflective neck bands to protect donkeys from road accidents and hyena attacks.

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Centre for Street Animals Progressing

Over in Sri Lanka, **progress** is being made on the new **Animal Aid**

Abroad-funded Hendro Animal Rescue Centre (HARC), despite many hurdles faced during five months of lockdowns and curfews in 2021. It is a daily challenge working within restrictions and sourcing materials and contractors has been far more challenging than anticipated.

Nevertheless, 28 cages are now complete, featuring raised platforms the dogs can sleep on and galvanised netting for the top half of the cages, essential for ensuring air flow in the consistently warm weather of Mannar. The cement construction and terracotta roof tiles also allow for maximum coolness.

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It's Show Time!

Animal Aid Abroad will be at the Perth Royal Show from the **25th of September to 2nd of October**. We will be in the Robinson Pavilion at site number 44.

We will have several special promotions during the show, including:

- **All soft animal toys (donkeys, dogs, horses, camels and elephants) reduced to only \$5 (normally \$8 - \$10). This promotion is in recognition of World Animal Day, coming up on October 4th.**
- **A new AAA mascot called Wonkey (pictured). Visitors to our stall will be able to meet and have a photo with Wonkey on most days between 11:30am - 2pm.**
- **Raffle**
- **Lucky dip**
- **AAA show bag**
- **Animal rescue tally board**

We can't wait to see you there!





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