



Improving the Lives of Working Donkeys in Tanzania

One of Animal Aid Abroad's key partnerships is with the Tanzania Humane Charity, otherwise known as TAHUCHA. Thanks to funding from AAA's generous donors, TAHUCHA have been working with communities in northwest Tanzania for six years to **improve the lives, welfare and treatment of working animals.**



The AAA-TAHUCHA projects are primarily focused on assisting working donkeys in the district of Bukombe. Donkeys here are generally owned by people living in poverty and help them to generate an income. However, despite their important role supporting people's livelihoods, **donkeys are also the most abused animals in this region of Tanzania.**



Donkeys often carry weights well beyond their capacity and are harnessed to carts via wooden ox yokes that are inappropriate and inhumane.

These yokes rub relentlessly on their necks, causing

painful, raw wounds, yet are still widely used in this region of Tanzania.

Sadly, beating donkeys is common practice too. Donkeys in Bukombe suffer greatly from overwork and exhaustion all year round.



The shocking abuse of donkeys in Bukombe was the initial reason we set up the AAA-TAHUCHA joint partnership. Together with TAHUCHA, **AAA are now greatly improving the lives of these working donkeys** through veterinary care and training, educating owners and children on animal welfare, as well as enhancing cart and harness design. Each week, the TAHUCHA team undertake four-to-six mobile veterinary clinics and rescue around ten-to-twenty donkeys in need.



In 2018, AAA and TAHUCHA also created a jointly owned sanctuary and clinic in Bukombe. These are **funded solely by AAA** and provide a critical place where badly injured donkeys can be cared for and rehabilitated. Currently, there are 32 donkeys under intensive treatment at the AAA-TAHUCHA sanctuary. The sanctuary also houses 128 permanent residents, including mothers and foals who were rescued from a donkey slaughterhouse.



AAA are currently financing the development and expansion of this unique sanctuary for working donkeys in Tanzania. We recently

purchased an additional 14 acres of land, bringing the AAA-TAHUCHA sanctuary to a grand total of 64 acres. Along with this extra land, AAA have also funded five water troughs, two wells and five water tanks to ensure continuous fresh water for the rescued donkeys, along with seeds so we can grow all of our own feed for the residents.



<<First Name>>, all of this would not be possible without YOUR support. Will you consider making a small donation today so we can continue to improve the lives of abused working donkeys in Tanzania? We cannot thank you enough for your ongoing support. 🙏

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It's Showtime!

The 2022 Perth Royal Show is only two weeks away. Thank you so much to

everyone who has already responded and is keen to help out at the AAA stall. However, **we still need volunteers for the following shifts:**

*** Sunday, 25th September from 5:00 - 7:45pm (Day 2) ***

*** Thursday, 29th September from 5:00 - 7:45pm (Day 6) ***

In addition, we are seeking volunteers who are willing to wear our donkey mascot suit (Eeyaw). You'll be working in great conditions - only a 3 hour shift with 15 minute breaks every half hour - and will have the satisfaction of knowing you are helping working animals all over the world. As a bonus, our volunteers receive a free pass into the Show! The details are:

WHERE: Claremont Showgrounds.

WHEN: Sunday, 25th September - Saturday, 1st October.

LOCATION: Stall 149 in the Robinson Pavilion.

Please get in touch with Alicia if you would like to volunteer with us at the Show: **alicia@animalaidabroad.org**



Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is just over one week away and everyone is welcome to attend, either in person or via Zoom!

WHEN: Sunday, 18th September, 2022.

TIME: 10.30am - 12.30pm.

**WHERE: Mopoke Room, South Perth Library.
Corner of South Terrace & Sandstone Street, South Perth, Western
Australia.**

Tea/coffee and refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, 14th September to:

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