



Road Trauma for Working Animals

One of the most harrowing issues faced by working animals around the world is their involvement in traffic accidents. Many donkeys, horses, mules, ponies and camels are forced to work on very busy roads, where collisions with cars, motorbikes, trucks or tractors can injure them horrifically. Some working animals are also wounded after falling on roads due to overloaded carts or owners who push them into oncoming traffic. Aside from the initial pain and distress caused, owners frequently take their animals back to work too soon, before they have properly recovered from their injuries and memory of their trauma. This results in even further suffering and pain, for the animals are afraid to be injured again. Sadly, the response from owners is to whip them even harder.

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Generous Donations to Assist Working Animals in India

Recently, Animal Aid Abroad and a few very kind supporters sent some much-needed equipment and medications to our partner group, Friendicoes, in India. Diana Hayes of Hampl Pet Formulas in Perth organised the donation of natural therapeutic remedies and generously paid for the postage of all items to India. Animal Aid Abroad donated rasps for use in farrier work, along with medical items such as sutures, needles and bandages. Meanwhile, The Edge Equine in Ballarat, Victoria, generously donated expensive equine dental equipment. Finally, an ophthalmoscope was sourced by AAA volunteer and committee member, Jenny Grant and kindly donated by Jacqui, Paul and Lisa from Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. We cannot thank these wonderful donors enough for this vital equipment and medicines, which Friendicoes will use to help some of the world's most vulnerable animals.

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New Project to Assist Abused Donkeys in Colombia

Animal Aid Abroad are planning to support two new projects in 2020. One of these will help to change the fates of mistreated donkeys in Cartagena, Colombia. The current lives of working donkeys in Cartagena are appallingly grim. Donkeys are given zero status or recognition, so overloading of carts and exhaustion is an everyday occurrence for them. No one provides care, assistance or medical aid for these unappreciated animals, so many donkeys end up dying alone in the streets. Thankfully, this new project is aiming to alleviate the suffering of working donkeys in Cartagena. A clinic will be run each week treating up to 40 donkeys at a time. Donkeys will be provided with free veterinary assistance and dental care. Additionally, owners will be educated on proper donkey care and welfare, with the intention of preventing further cruelty.

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New Tanzanian Project to Reach Donkeys in Need

Another new project Animal Aid Abroad has taken on this year is a mobile veterinary clinic and community educational program focusing on working donkeys in the Butiama District of Tanzania. This project is being run by the Lake Zone Animal Welfare Organisation (LAZAWO), which plans to implement the program over the coming year. Abuse towards donkeys is rife in Butiama. They receive no treatment when they are sick and are often left to die without any intervention. This new project is helping to alleviate the suffering of donkeys in this region via veterinary care and public education. Its dual purpose is to improve individual animal health and wellbeing as well as educate the community on animal welfare.

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Annual General Meeting

Agenda

- Annual Report by Janet Thomas (CEO and Founder)
- Annual Financial Report by Dianne Lawrence (Treasurer)
- Election of 2020 Committee
- Presentation of revised AAA constitution with new amendments, as required by the DMIRS and vote on new rulings.
- Launch of 'Nuru's Moment of Courage' written by Franklin Hynes, based on the work of Animal Aid Abroad

When: Saturday, February 29th

Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: South Perth Library - Mopoke Meeting Room

Address: Cnr Sandgate and South Tce, Sth Perth, WA, Australia

If you wish to attend, know who the nominees are for our 2020 Committee, view the updated Constitution rulings or place a proxy vote, please email:

info@animalaidabroad.org

All are very welcome and refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by February 25th if you wish to attend.

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