

## Welcome to our June newsletter AAA members, friends and supporters

I am very happy to give you the full details of our **FIRST ANIMAL AID ABROAD TRIP** to visit our partner groups in Nepal and India in January 2015.

We have 10 spots available for this amazing trip and first in will secure a ticket. [Please click here](#) to get the full details and costs.

Also in this issue I would like to introduce you to Brent Albuino, a horse rider competing in one of the longest and toughest events in the world - the MONGOL DERBY.

Brent has chosen Animal Aid Abroad as his charity of choice and his target is to raise \$5000 for our working animal projects. Please support Brent and us by [clicking on this link](#) and donating to his amazing challenge. All donations are tax deductible.

In this June issue we have quite a few NEW RESCUES that need sponsors. We hope you can make a big difference to these animals lives by becoming their sponsor. Full details on all these beautiful animals are in this newsletter.



We are very happy to be supporting Animal Nepal with their NAMING a DONKEY AUCTION. Animal Nepal have taken in nine new rescues that all need names and funds so they can be cared for. So get clicking and [make a bid](#).

Please don't forget to book your table or seat for our HIGH TEA IN OCTOBER at the ROYAL PERTH YACHT CLUB. [Please click here](#) to book your table or email me to reserve a table or seat. This event is shaping up to be our best yet.

In our next issue I will bring you news on my visit to Israel to see our partner group - Pegasus. I am looking forward to meeting Zvika and seeing first hand his work to help many equines in this challenging area of the world. (Please note ALL AAA trips are self funded and in no way is any AAA funds used to support travel abroad to any of our partner groups).



Finally, our STAR VOLUNTEERS for June are ERICA WILSON and BRIDGET FINCH from Sth Australia. Erica and Bridget have been working hard to raise funds for all our projects and recently had a very successful stall at the Pet and Animal Expo in Adelaide. Many thanks Erica, Bridget and all your team in Adelaide.

Till next time and thanks to all those who support our working animals.

Janet Thomas  
Founder and Chair of Animal Aid Abroad  
Founded in 2007

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**You will be amazed by the wonderful work achieved and feel honored to encounter this hands-on experience.**

The trip also includes some exciting day tours to explore and take in some spectacular sites of Kathmandu, Delhi and Jaipur and experience some of the wonders of these culturally rich and diverse countries.

You will also have a little bit time to yourself to enjoy the surrounds, hotel facilities and even do a bit of shopping.

**[CLICK HERE FOR FULL ITINERARY AND TRIP DETAILS](#)**

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## Brent's Mongol Derby 2014



### WA Horse rider tackles the Mongol Derby 2014 in Mongolia and raises money for AAA

WA horse rider Brent Albino has chosen Animal Aid Abroad as his charity of choice for riding the Mongol Derby in Mongolia. Please support Brent and the many thousands of working animals that live and work in the poorest and most challenging regions of the world.

*"In August this year I am competing in the Mongol Derby which is the longest, toughest horse race in the world. The 1000km course recreates Genghis Khan legendary empire-busting postal system, with riders changing horse every 40km, and living with herders or camping under the stars.*

*As a rider of the Mongol Derby we are asked to raise a minimum of £1000 for a charity of our choice and I have decided to fundraise for Animal Aid Abroad as I think they are a fantastic charity making a difference to the lives of 'working animals' in underdeveloped countries."*

**Thanks very much for your support Brent - we wish you the very best in this very challenging event!**

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**HIGH TEA 2014**

**Sunday 19 October**  
12.25 pm to 4.45 pm  
Royal Perth Yacht Club  
River Perie Banyou Room  
Australia II Drive, Crawley

**High Tea**  
*On the Swan -*  
**For working animals**

**Tickets \$55**  
(individuals can join a table)  
Tables of 10 are \$500 (\$50 pp)



**Wear or bring something red. Prize for the most novel creation or clothing!**

[Click here for full details and to purchase your tickets online!](#)

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**YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
TO WORKING EQUINES IN NEPAL**



**Join the  
Auction to  
Name A  
Donkey!**

**Ever thought of naming a donkey, perhaps in the name of a loved one? This is your chance to do so!**

**How does it work?**

Have a look at the equines presented on the Animal Nepal web page by [clicking here](#). Pick the animal you want to name, and go to 'Leave A Comment'. In your comment offer a donation and the proposed name.

The highest bidder gets the right to finalise the name of the newly rescued mule, horse or

donkey. He or she receives a certificate and a photo of the equine wearing a collar with its name.

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## New Project for Animal Aid Abroad!

### Donkey Management and Welfare Strategy– Mannar Island, Sri Lanka



The history of the donkey in Mannar spans centuries. These local beasts of burden, scientifically identified as *Equus Africanus Asinus*, are considered the descendants of those introduced from Somalia by Arabian merchants many centuries and possibly millennia ago.

Donkeys had multiple benefits – as pack animals particularly for the dhobi, paddy farmer and saltern fraternities and further back as carriers of the rocks that built Mannar's Portuguese fort.

They were also the ancients' answer to discouraging the coconut beetle, the nemesis of the coconut plantations, as their high-pitched bray were thought to drive away the beetle. Whatever the real reason, donkeys serve no such useful purpose today, hence their feral and neglected state.

The Donkey Management & Welfare Strategy is the culmination of expert and local input over a period of three years. The strategy outlines five program objectives and a number of projects which aims to bring back Mannar's donkeys to health and prominence.

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## Partner Updates

India Updates

**Friendicoes New Delhi**

**The Mobile Equine Ambulance**



The Mobile Equine Ambulance runs six days a week and covers the three states- of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. Consisting of a team of four including the Friendicoes equine vet, two paravets and a driver who also assists in holding the equines and administering fluids when the need arises.

Work with the team has been going very well although summer is the most challenging season, with temperatures crossing 45 degrees in rural areas. Cases of heat stress go up at every stand. Dr. Akhilesh has already treated over 46 such cases of severe heat stress. The afflicted animals have to be administered copious quantities of fluids and be kept in the shade and rested. Owners are given electrol, vitamins and minerals to mix with the drinking water of the equines in order to prevent dehydration and loss of essential salts. The season so far has seen no mortalities due to this.

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## Egypt Updates

### Equine and Camel Clinics and Feeding Update

The ESAF/AAA feeding and treatment program has proceeded very well. Several new areas have been visited, with animals fed and treated for various conditions.

**A total of 8311 animals were fed and treated.**



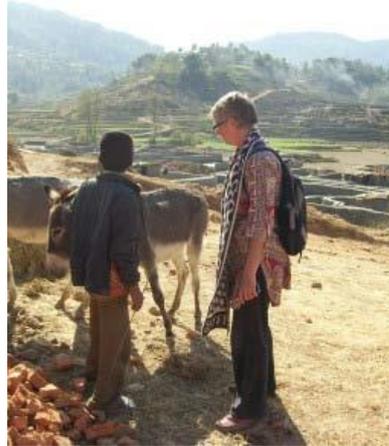
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## Nepal Updates

### Donkeys, mules, & ponies struggle to survive Kathmandu brickyards

LALITPUR PATAN, Nepal – Some of the donkeys, mules, and ponies who have survived hard use in the brickyards of the southern Kathmandu Valley may long outlive the local brick industry. Given good sanctuary care, some of these hard-used equines may live 30 years or more. Under 15 years ago most of the brickyards were terraced small farms, whose fertile alluvial clay had not yet been stripped. Hundreds of coal-fired kilns with towering chimneys did not yet belch out smoke that conceals the Himalayas. Fifteen years from now, the last of the brickyards may long since have yielded to urban sprawl. Once the clay is exhausted, little can

be done with the land except to pave roads and build on it. Land leveled for building is in demand. The Kathmandu metropolis exploded from 1.6 million people in 2001 to 2.5 million in 2011, and may double before leveling off.



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## Thailand Updates

### WFFT (Wildlife Friends Foundation Thailand)



As May is the hottest month in Thailand, Somboon is now joining her adopted son Khan Kluey for a joyful swim in the lake at least twice a day. He is now used to giving her a little helpful push to get her into the water when she is too hesitant to go in by herself.

Getting more and more confident, clever Khan Kluey comes up with new brilliant strategies to get more food every day by creating mischief throughout the day.

WFFT Mahouts and volunteers are tackling this restless behavior by creating new enrichments for Khan Kluey to stay intellectually and physically challenged and entertained.

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## Israel Updates

### The Pegasus Society



A PERSONAL REQUEST FOR HELP: This upcoming year is going to be one of the hardest yet, for several reasons:

The raise in hay prices last year. Due to little rain this year we fear the prices may rise again and so more donkeys and horses shall be abandoned.

WSPA supported us since our very first step in 2007 in a five-year-long program, and have supported us an extra year due to our difficult financial issues. However, the program is over and so the organization's considerable donation has dwindled in a way that impacted on our funding painfully.

We still keep rescuing other donkeys and horses. Most of them won't be rehomed and would spend the rest of their lives at the sanctuary, while with each rescue there is fuel and medical bills to pay.

You can help by making a donation [by clicking here.](#)

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## Afghanistan Updates

### Stop Press - New baby foal for Rosie in Kabul Afghanistan



Just to let you know that we have another addition to the Nowzad Donkey fold! We thought that Rosie might be pregnant when we rescued her and yesterday morning she proved us right!

She had a foal we have called Kushi (meaning happiness). Please see photos of the mother and the little one attached. She will stay at the Nowzad shelter and will have a good life with us – she is not destined to work on the streets of Kabul.

**Rosie and Kushi still need sponsors - can you help?**



**Star Volunteers**

## Erica Wilson & Bridget Finch



**We are pleased to announce Erica and Bridget as one of the SA Co-ordinators for AAA.**

In Adelaide we have a small group of volunteers and members dedicated to promoting awareness and outreach for Animal Aid Abroad in SA. The recent Stall at the Animal Expo held in April proved to be very successful. The event was held over the Anzac Day weekend and new memberships were acquired. Erica and Bridget also raised an incredible \$1237 for AAA and new merchandise was extremely popular.

[Click here to read the full article](#)

**Thank you for all your hard work and support!**

### **How can you help?**

**Your help is important to us as you are helping to improve the conditions and treatment of working animals around the world.**

**Here's some ways that you can make a difference today:**

- Attend our Annual fundraiser High Tea in Perth Sunday 19th October. Tickets only \$55 p/p.  
[Click here for full details and to buy your tickets online](#)
- Show your support and [become a Member](#)
- Check out our [merchandise shop](#) on our website, new stock has just arrived!
- [Sponsor one \(or a few\)](#) of our rescued working animals
- [Make a donation](#), and spread the word about the life changing work we do!

**All payments made to Animal Aid Abroad are fully tax deductible - and with it being the last month of the financial year now is the perfect time to get involved!**

See more at: <http://www.animalaidabroad.org/how-you-can-help>



Make sure you check in for all the latest updates on our website, and also [on Facebook](#). Give some thought to [sponsoring an animal on our website](#). Your commitment to them has the power to change an animals life!

Kind regards,

Animal Aid Abroad