

## Helping Equines in India

A very big success story for Friendicoes that Animal Aid Abroad proudly supports. The equine team got a call that a donkey had been writhing in pain for the last four days on a street in South Delhi- and no person had come to its rescue. By the time our team reached the very distressed donkey, Friendicoes equine vet Dr. Rathore realized that the female was in acute labour and that the baby foal she was carrying had turned. Once the female donkey was in the vehicle she could not be moved either and the chances of survival for mother and foal were close to nil but after a four hours of gruelling surgery before which it took another hour to completely sanitize the vehicle, a healthy foal was born. We are happy to say that both mother and foal are doing very well at their Delhi shelter.

Mum and baby donkey resting in a bed of multiple gaddas at Friendicoes. The little one is a darling!



## Equine Feed Rescue Cairo, Egypt

"These harrowing pictures show the sad plight of dozens of Egyptian horses that have starved to death. The animals rely on food from tourists to survive but visitors to Egypt have dwindled since protests started a few weeks ago. Skeletal corpses are now scattered around dusty land in Nazlet Al-Saman, about 25 kilometres from Cairo where protests continued today." <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1354928>

The good news is, AAA will continue to provide funds to the Egyptian Society of Mercy to Animals (ESMA) to help feed equines. In a recent clinic 1100 horses were fed and 200 horses and donkeys were medically treated. These clinics will be on-going whilst the tourism industry is in dire straits.



Starved: A horse still tied to a tree after it collapsed dead on the dusty floor in Nazlet Al-Saman near Cairo which has suffered without tourism

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## Helping Dogs in Tonga

"I have been using all the products sent. I am so happy. This photo is of one of the dogs who got fed, watered, wormed and flea treated. Thanks to the donations from all the wonderful AAA members and supporters. Will post more soon."

Thank you, thank you, thank you. xx

Lisa J Molloy  
Cafe Tropicana  
Vava'u  
Kingdom of Tonga



# Can You Help?

## Chocolates

Are you or someone else you know, able to take a box or boxes of chocolates to a workplace to be sold? If so please contact Myrna or Kelly. (see contacts on page 3)

## Money Boxes

Are you or someone else you know, able to take a money box to a commercial property? If so please contact Jess. (see contacts on page 3)

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## Helping Animals in Nepal



### Teaching the Carers to Care

Come Saturday morning, Animal Nepal's education coordinator Bipin Rai and three volunteer friends, Anita, Shanti and Tara, travel to a brick factory, where a large group of donkey handlers eagerly waits for them. Carrying badminton sets, notebooks, colouring pencils and snacks, they greet the children and the working donkeys in their care. Asking the children to hold hands and stand in a circle, they then start a detailed programme, including icebreakers, question and answer games, teaching of the



alphabet and artwork.

Somewhere in between the alphabet and the badminton games there is a session on how to look after a working donkey. "Why is it important not to beat a donkey?" asks Bipin. A 9-year old boy is invited to stand up and give the answer. "Because it hurts and makes them loose their motivation to work hard," says the boy. He is greeted with a big round of applause.

In Nepal's brick factories, working donkeys are as much abused as their young, illiterate handlers. These children

are often bonded labourers, who parents have taken a loan from a *tekdar* or broker, who arranges manpower for the brick industry. The boys come from the far West of Nepal or India and are brought all the way to Kathmandu to look after the donkeys which haul bricks to and from the kiln. Aged 6-18, donkey handlers play an important role in the welfare of working equines. Having been robbed of their childhood, they tend to beat the donkeys mercilessly.

In a novel pilot project, Animal Nepal offers the boys a much needed break by offering games, literacy, artwork and snacks. The handlers

respond with much enthusiasm and generally stop the beatings. They are motivated to improve the watering and feeding of the donkey, and are taught basic treatment skills. The workshops are essential to the success of the outreach programme, which is supported by Animal Aid



Abroad.

Using discarded plastic bottles and pebbles, the handlers even invented a simple instrument to make the donkeys move, by sound!



## Upcoming Events - We Need Your Help

### Healthy Lifestyle Expo

#### 55 Plus

Hilton Community Centre  
18 April 2012  
10:00 am-2:00pm  
34 Paget Street, Hilton

### Adelaide Animal Expo

20-22 April 2012  
Site no 258 next to Dr Harry  
Come and see us if you would like to help us or want to know more about what we do.

### Don't Be Cruel—Be Kind to Animals

28 April 2012  
7:00pm  
Heroes Hill Revesby Heights  
Ex-Servicemen's Club  
1 Donovan St Revesby Heights  
Entry is free

### Cruelty Free Festival

Sydney TBC

### Melbourne Vegan Festival

28 October  
Abbotsford Convent TBC

### Raffle

3 August-3 Nov 2012  
Dianella Plaza  
Morley Galleria  
Carine Glades  
Ellenbrook Shopping Centre  
Dog Swamp Shopping Centre

**Volunteers are needed to man the raffle stall on Saturdays only.** Please contact Janet or Myrna.

### AAA High Tea

5 August 2012  
1:00-4:30pm  
Pagoda Bar and Restaurant, Como

**Please organise a table or donate for the silent and live auction.**

## Helping Working Camels in Egypt

Sabry is a regular visitor to the clinic, he first came with a really bad saddle sore. With time the saddle sore started to heal and he no longer needed to come every day, so he was gone for a couple of weeks. Then after two weeks, he showed up again with another saddle sore because his owner listened to some of his friends and replaced the cushion we recommended with some folk treatment. Sabry's owner is now committed to following the vet's advice and is coming every day and the new injury is starting to heal.



Mido was one of the first cases for the Egyptian Society of Animal Friends (ESAF) camel clinic; his first owner came to us desperate with a really deep wound in Mido's left front hoof caused by a sharp glass from the road. Mido was his first owner's only camel, who couldn't afford being out of business till his camel was fully cured. Mido was a cheap deal for his new owner who is a really kind person who committed to take Mido to the ESAF clinic every day for his daily shots and dressing, depending on his other camel to support the family. Mido's owner started to work him a week ago as the wound in his hoof is now quite superficial and stepping on his left hoof is not painful to him anymore, but Mido is still following up with the vets till his hoof is totally healed.

AAA proudly supports ESAF in their camel program.



## Star Volunteer



### Ellie Flewin

Ellie is nine years old and lives in Kurnell with her family, dog Charlie, fish and mice. Ellie is passionate about all animals and has been such a fantastic help when we have our fundraising cake and book stalls in Cronulla. She is great with people and a very good seller and organiser, never wanting to leave the stall when the day is over. Thank you Ellie for all your hard work. We really appreciate it.

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