



Even in these, the most difficult of times, Janet Thomas, founder of AAA, is fighting (well, walking!) for the unseen and unheard animals around the globe. She and trusty rescue dog Jack are, as you read this, walking from Melbourne to Perth to raise awareness for these animals!

Even border restrictions and the inability to mingle with locals to spread the word about AAA hasn't swayed Janet's resolution to bring the hardships of working animals to the attention of Australians, many of whom remain unaware of the daily struggles so many animals around the world are facing.

If you are reading this right now, please remember that, more than ever, we need you, our valued supporters, to help the vet clinics, sanctuaries and the incredible people on the ground who constantly rescue, treat and love the struggling working animals of Africa, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Due to COVID-19, our partner groups and the animals who desperately require their assistance are doing it tougher than ever. The global pandemic has led to dramatic reductions in donations and tourism, as well as restrictions on work, making it extremely

challenging currently for AAA partner organisations to provide essential treatment, food or sanctuary for abused working animals. They are also grappling with the need to care for a large number of animals who have been deserted as their owners flee from cities, fearing infection from COVID-19.

Look at our website again right now, check out our social media or just read this newsletter with renewed passion - however you do so, please give our 2020 Walking Campaign target a boost by donating now.

Only \$50 from each person reading this will enable over half of the rescue groups we support to continue their work for the rest of this year - saving and treating horses, donkeys and camels from gruelling lives without proper wound care, shelter or food. And just \$25 from every reader will mean that we can achieve the completion of a street-dog sterilisation and vaccination centre in northern Sri Lanka.

As you receive this newsletter, Janet and Jack have left Meningie in South Australia and are heading towards their next pit stop. So far, they have walked an astonishing 966km from their starting point in Melbourne and have approximately 150km to go until they arrive in Adelaide.

Please help Janet and Jack on the road and remember that, together, we can still make an enormous difference in 2020 for the working animals of this world.

Thank you, from Janet and the team at AAA.

WALKING ACROSS AUSTRALIA



Animal Aid Abroad's mission is to raise awareness and funds to improve the lives of **abused** and **overworked** equines, camels and bullocks around the world.

ANIMALS WE HELP



PROJECT LOCATIONS

Afghanistan

India

Indonesia

Israel

Kurdistan

Liberia

Nepal



Nicaragua

Sri Lanka

Somaliland

Tanzania

Uganda

Zambia

Zimbabwe

THE ISSUES

Lack of veterinary care

Cruel practices

Inadequate rest and overloading

Poor drinking water

Poor food and nutrition

Inhumane harnessing

Poor resources

Lack of welfare education

HOW WE FIX THESE ISSUES



TREAT

Pain, injury and disease treatment and prevention



RESCUE

Provide better working environments, food, water and shelter



EQUIP

Provide descent harnessing and farrier services



EDUCATE

Teach animal friendly practices

HOW YOU CAN HELP US HELP THEM



Find out more

animalaidabroad.org/walk-across-aus



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Make a donation

gofundme.com/walking-for-working-animals

Show your support for Janet and Jack's mammoth mission and help them reach their \$250,000 goal by donating to the walk across Australia.



Feeding India's Starving Equines During Lockdown

With India currently in widespread lockdown due to COVID-19, there have been some unfortunate and unforeseen consequences for both humans and animals. One side effect of lockdown has been that it is very difficult, if not impossible, for owners of working equines to access and gather enough food for their animals. It has been reported that groups of ponies and donkeys have been unable to leave the city of Delhi to graze and owners have only been able to cut a meagre amount of dry grass from public parks at night.

Due to this dire situation, Animal Aid Abroad have sent additional funds to one of our fantastic partner group in India, Friendicoes. The Friendicoes' team have now begun regularly feeding 120 equines who would have otherwise been facing starvation. Thanks to Friendicoes' compassionate response and the extra funding from AAA, these equines will now receive adequate feed during the lockdown crisis. This new feeding program will provide these working equines with the best possible chance of survival.



Ness's Story



Ness is just one of thousands of animals that Animal Aid Abroad has helped over the years. Once he was no longer useful as a working animal, a group of boys cruelly set him on fire. Ness was left abandoned and in agony with horrific burns over half of his body.



Fortunately for Ness, he was rescued by Zvika from our partner group in Israel, the Pegasus Society. Ness's wounds eventually healed following intensive, specialised burns treatment. With time, care and much love, his faith in human beings has been restored.

Supporting Janet and Jack's Walk Across Australia will feed starving equines in India, heal abused animals like Ness and help so many more working animals in great need.

Please, give generously today!

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