



Hope for Working Animals in Afghanistan

Following a worrying and uncertain time in Afghanistan, AAA have received some **good news that we wanted to share with you**. Communication with our partner group, Nowzad, ceased completely after the Taliban takeover in August, 2021. However, Nowzad's founder, Pen, finally returned to Kabul a few months ago and reported he was '**overwhelmed to see the sanctuary no different to when he left.**'



Although the majority of Nowzad's staff, along with the dogs and cats, were evacuated following the tumultuous Taliban takeover, **five brave staff remained to care for the donkeys**, along with a horse (Azad), cow (David) and goat (JaJa). Pen had assumed the worst: that the Taliban would raid the sanctuary and steal the animals.



However, **the animals left behind, including the equines sponsored by AAA - Khushi, Azad, Lola and Rosie - are thankfully still at the sanctuary, happy and healthy.**

When Khushi heard Pen call her name, she charged excitedly across the paddock to greet him!



AAA will continue to sponsor these rescued equines and are also planning to support Nowzad's mobile veterinary clinic, once their working animal program can resume safely.

We are relieved that all the staff and animals at Nowzad's sanctuary are safe and are hopeful that, thanks to our generous donors, we can once again **support this amazing, brave team to run their special sanctuary and improve working animal welfare on the streets of Kabul.**

[Read Nowzad's Full Report](#)

Alleviating the Suffering of Working Equines in

India

Thanks to our wonderful donors, AAA fund an ongoing program for working equines in India, which is run by partner group, Help in Suffering (HIS). From July to September, your donations enabled HIS to **assist 58 working equines in need of care and treatment**. The veterinary team treated equines with colic, weakness, lameness, lacerated wounds, maggot-infested wounds, a hoof abscess and hoof tumour, fractures, tick infestation and an eye infection.

The HIS team also held a monthly camp at their Camel Rescue Centre, where **19 equines were dewormed and given supplements to improve their health**. HIS are also currently caring for nine equines at their sanctuary.

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Become An Animal Rescuer from Just \$5 Per Month

Supporting peaceful sanctuaries like Nowzad's and providing funding for Help in Suffering's Equine Program is **only possible because of our incredibly caring, generous donors.**

<<First Name>>, if you have ever donated to AAA in the past, we cannot thank you enough for your vital support. **Every dollar donated directly contributes to rescue operations, critical treatment and care for working animals who have suffered greatly and urgently require help.**



If you are in a position to do so, we would like to ask that you consider becoming one of our monthly donors. Regular donations allow us to plan ahead and develop AAA's global projects, including **veterinary treatment, humane harnessing, education programs, providing feed for starving animals, funding rescues and supporting sanctuaries for abused or abandoned animals**, like donkeys in Afghanistan.

Here's what your monthly pledge can achieve:

- 💛 \$5 a month will purchase equipment like plastic nose pegs or nose protectors to help prevent injury to working animals.
- 💛 \$20 a month will provide medical treatment for sick or injured animals.
- 💛 \$50 a month will feed a starving, malnourished animal.
- 💛 \$90 a month will allow volunteers to rescue abused or abandoned animals.



Will you consider joining the AAA Working Animal Rescue Fund today? **From as little as \$5 a month, you can make a world of difference for working animals in desperate need.**

[Make Your Monthly Pledge](#)

AGM Update + A Very Special Tribute

Animal Aid Abroad's AGM was held on Sunday, 18th September in South Perth, Western Australia. It was attended by a number of members, both in person and via Zoom.

The 2021 Annual Financial Report was presented by outgoing treasurer,

Dianne Lawrence, then the CEO Report was presented by AAA founder, Janet Thomas. These reports can be viewed by clicking on the following links:

[2021 Annual Financial Report](#)

[2021 CEO Report](#)

Our AGM included the election of the 2022 committee:

- Janet Thomas (Chairperson)
- Jenny Grant (Vice Chairperson)
- Dr Kirsten Jackson
- Colleen McKenney
- Sylvia Bettis-Heijne
- Janette Huston

These people are all returning committee members, with the only change being the retirement of Dianne Lawrence as our treasurer. In Dianne's place, Yvette Price was nominated and accepted as the new treasurer and secretary for the AAA Committee.

We would like to extend an **extra special thank you and pay tribute to DIANNE LAWRENCE**. Dianne has been an integral part of the AAA administration team since its inception in 2007. Throughout her 14 years with Animal Aid Abroad, Dianne devoted many evenings and weekends to managing AAA's finances and keeping on top of them every step of the way. **Her dedication, professionalism and attention to detail has always been second to none and she has done an absolutely amazing job!**



In honour of Dianne's long-standing service to AAA, we included a small presentation for her at our recent AGM. She has also had a new donkey stable named after her at our AAA-TAHUCHA Donkey Sanctuary in Tanzania! Thankfully, we are not losing Dianne completely, as she is still planning to use her skills to help us out as and when necessary. We are grateful that Dianne will remain an important member of the AAA team.

We now **warmly welcome Yvette Price** from Brigadoon in WA, who took over Dianne's role at the start of this year. You can learn more about Yvette and our other committee members by clicking [here](#).

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