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September is **Animal Pain Awareness Month**, as promoted by the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management: <https://ivapm.org/animal-pain-awareness-month/>. Therefore, this month Animal Aid Abroad (AAA) is focussing on the **unbearable pain millions of working animals endure each and every day** around the globe. Please read Batsa's story below and imagine walking a mile in his shoes, to experience for a moment the suffering he withstands on a daily basis. Then, click the button below to read more animals' stories and discover the various ways in which **AAA is effectively addressing the issue of pain in working animals**.

*My name is Batsa and I am an elderly mule working in the brick kilns of Nepal. How can I describe my life? Only that my entire body is riddled with pain, yet the work I do is relentless. There is intense aching across my back, where the load of bricks constantly digs into my spine and skin, creating wounds that never heal. My knees and hips are now so worn out, some days it takes every ounce of effort to make my poor, arthritic joints move at all. I hate to tell you, but this is not even the worst of it. When I am sick with colic, my owner burns the skin on my stomach with a red-hot iron. I'm not sure why he thinks this will cure my stomach when all it does is make me groan with pain and tremble in fear for days. I don't understand what I did to deserve such a harsh life.*

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[Click to Read More Working Animals' Stories and Discover How AAA is Helping to Alleviate their Pain](#)

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## Janet and Jack's Determination to Reduce Working Animals' Pain

As many of you would know, Janet and her pawsome rescue dog, Jack, are currently **Walking Across Australia for Animals**. Their primary goal is to **highlight the suffering of working animals and fundraise in order to reduce the unthinkable pain they experience daily around the world**. So far, they have trekked an incredible 3300 kms from Melbourne to Western Australia! By the time you read this, Janet and Jack will be walking into Norseman and will have approximately 730 kms to go before reaching Perth. Due to the mammoth distances covered, Janet has worn through no less than four pairs of shoes, while incredible Jack is still on his first tread of paws! Janet's partner, Martin, has provided unwavering support during their walk and assists Janet and Jack to stick to the white line or dirt tracks as they head towards Perth.

Their mission is **to raise \$250,000, which will help to mitigate the pain experienced by working animals globally**. Although the amount is edging ever closer towards this fundraising goal, **we still really need YOUR help** to reach it! Janet and Jack's walk is entirely self-funded and is the sole fundraiser for AAA in

2020. This means **all donations will go directly towards funding our partner projects**, which are essential for addressing the suffering of so many working animals.

Janet and Jack's planned **date of arrival into Perth is Sunday, 4th of October at the main City Beach foreshore** in the late morning or early afternoon. To learn more and follow Janet and Jack's inspirational journey, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/animalaidabroadwalk>



**Click to See Further Photos and Videos from Janet and Jack's Walk Across Australia**

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This September, **please help us NOW to alleviate the terrible, unnecessary suffering of working animals** by making a tax-deductible donation in support of Janet and Jack's walk. Small or large, **every dollar you donate provides hope for these**

**forgotten animals** and offers them the possibility of a life worth living. Thank you.

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