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WELCOME

to the latest issue of SPANA News.



I want to start by saying a huge thank you to each and every one of our amazing supporters. Right now, life for working animals is exceptionally difficult due to the growing impacts of climate change and global economic inequality.

But, thanks to your kindness, these vulnerable animals can receive the vital care they need. Your winter edition of SPANA News is filled with the latest updates on how your support is reaching these desperate animals in their hour of need.

On page six, our **special appeal** highlights the plight of working animals suffering from lameness. Sadly, lameness is a huge problem that our veterinary teams see every day. Lameness can be absolutely agonising for working animals, leaving them at risk from permanent injury, and often too weak to eat or stand.

You can read the story of Dondi the horse who, thanks to your generosity, received treatment from our vets in Mauritania for a severe muscle strain that left him unable to walk. With your help, we can continue to provide crucial care and support for working animals so that they do not have to suffer from the agony of lameness.

Meanwhile, on page 12, join me in celebrating a historic Africa-wide ban on the horrific donkey skin trade. Hundreds of thousands of donkeys have been slaughtered because of this appalling trade, which has devastated communities. A moratorium was recently agreed by the African Union, which represents a momentous win for donkeys, and for everyone who fought so hard to protect them. It's thanks to you, and supporters like you, that leaders have taken this historic step towards ending the donkey skin trade.

Elsewhere in this issue, on page 14, you can read about how our team in Ethiopia is saving working animals from the deadly disease, epizootic lymphangitis (EZL). Our unique programme combines community training with veterinary care to help owners recognise the symptoms and take action to ensure their animals are protected and receive the treatment they need. This is just one example of the lifesaving work made possible thanks to your support.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of SPANA News and sharing it with those who are dearest to you.

Linda Edwards
Chief Executive, SPANA



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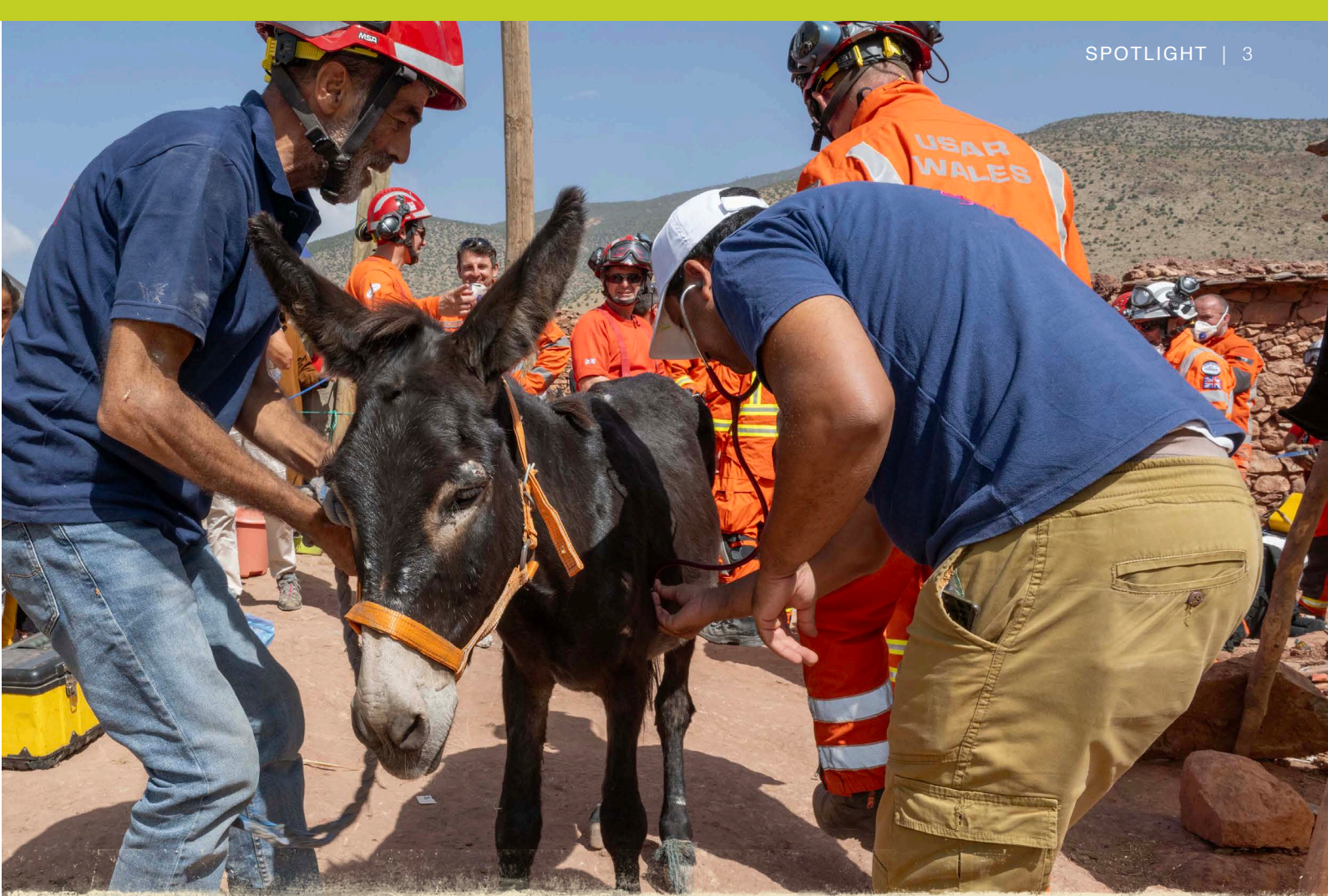
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REBUILDING LIVES AFTER MOROCCO'S DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE

In September 2023, a powerful earthquake hit Morocco, devastating communities and sadly killing and injuring thousands. One year on, SPANA reflects on how we have helped rebuild the lives of those affected by the disaster.

The epicentre of the 6.8-magnitude earthquake was in the High Atlas Mountains – a remote area south of Marrakech where working animals are relied on to transport essential goods to isolated communities. Many small villages were completely destroyed by the earthquake.

Within days of the earthquake, SPANA launched the most ambitious emergency response project in the charity's history. SPANA's veterinary teams provided lifesaving treatment and care to thousands of animals who had been injured and displaced by the earthquake.

Our work continues long after the immediate aftermath. Over a three-day period earlier this year, our mobile clinic visited four affected communities and treated 590 working equids. Between September 2023 and December 2023, our veterinary teams provided 3,628 treatments to sick and injured working animals in eight communities. During the same four-month period, our emergency feed programme also distributed 62,500kg of feed to 1,798 working donkeys and mules.

Professor Hassan Alyakine, SPANA's Country Director in Morocco, said: *'Thank you to everyone who responded to our emergency appeal. Your support has helped ensure that working animals and their communities are able to survive and rebuild from the devastating earthquake.'*

SPANANA IN THE NEWS



SPANANA launches new project in South Africa

SPANANA has launched an ambitious new project to improve the welfare of working donkeys in South Africa.

The project, called VillageHealth, is part of SPANA's pursuit of its five-year strategy for 2023 to 2027. The strategy outlines our ambition to extend our support for working animal welfare in areas of greatest global need.

VillageHealth is based in South Africa's Limpopo province, in the north of the country. In this rural area, donkeys are used for transporting people, water, firewood and building materials, and for farming tasks. Specific donkey health challenges include harness-related wounds, musculoskeletal injuries and poor nutrition. There is just one state veterinary clinic, with limited resources, which serves a large area.

Working across nine villages, VillageHealth has established a network of Donkey Care Workers, who have been trained to assist owners with basic animal care. Crucially, the project is also empowering communities to

start local enterprises based on donkey welfare, such as making harnessing equipment with appropriate designs and materials, or selling reflective tags to help reduce road accidents. To date, VillageHealth has reached 1,750 donkeys and 650 households.

Linda Edwards, SPANA's Chief Executive, said: *'Our global needs framework is a key part of SPANA's strategic decision-making – informing our work in order to ensure we reach the areas and working animals in greatest need. VillageHealth is just the first of many new SPANA projects which will deliver transformative change for working animal welfare. I am looking forward to keeping our supporters updated with our progress in South Africa.'*

Dr Isabel Mayer, from VillageHealth, said:

'We are delighted to be working with SPANA to help donkeys in South Africa. Donkeys are so important to the communities in Limpopo province. By training Donkey Care Workers and supporting local enterprises, we will be able to make a positive impact on the lives of working donkeys.'



Helping horses in drought-stricken Tunisia

SPANA has distributed emergency feed to working horses in Tunisia, as the country struggles through a four-year drought.

The working animals who received emergency feed earlier this year included 79 carriage horses in Tozeur, a popular tourist city in the south-west of the country. These horses help their owners earn a basic living by transporting visitors around the city. However, the ongoing drought has made working life extremely difficult for the carriage horses and their owners.

As part of our charity's five-year strategy, SPANA has committed to helping working animals affected by the growing impact of climate change. Extreme weather and food and water shortages are all increasingly affecting working animals and their communities.

Linda Edwards, SPANA's Chief Executive, said: *'Climate change is having a catastrophic impact on the lives of working animals. SPANA teams have travelled the length and breadth of Tunisia distributing feed and water to working animals. Thanks to your help, SPANA will do everything it can to ensure working animals can access the food and water they need.'*

Children's books inspire animal care

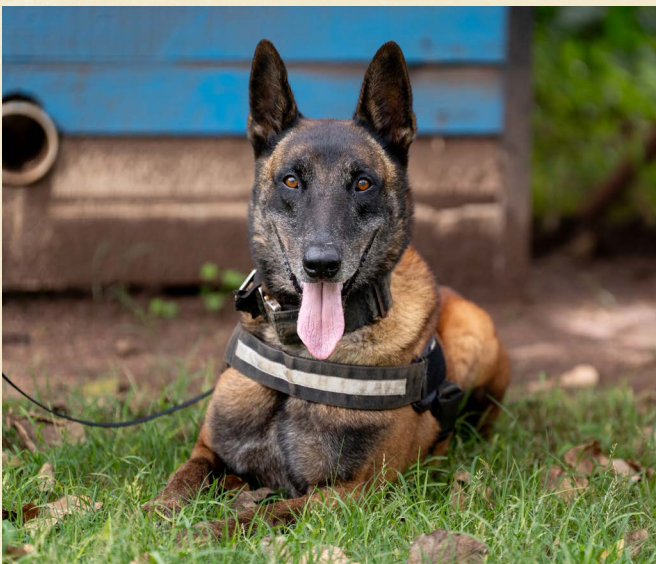
More than 6,000 animal welfare-themed storybooks for children have been distributed by SPANA across five countries, to inspire care and compassion for animals.

The stories in each book have been written to encourage children to form a bond with the characters while learning about the needs of animals. They were illustrated by local artists and written by SPANA's education teams in Botswana, Ethiopia, Mali, Tunisia and Zimbabwe. Accompanying educational resources have also been provided.

To produce the books, SPANA received a generous grant from the QATO Foundation, which supports the promotion and safeguarding of animal welfare.

The final book was distributed in Botswana earlier this year. Titled 'Where Are You, Mama?', it tells the story of a cat called Velvet Paw who is raising her kittens.

Christelle Chenard, SPANA's Education Programmes Adviser, said: *'We are so pleased that children are enjoying our SPANA books. Storytelling is a powerful way of educating children and changing behaviour.'*



Supporting working dogs in Malawi

In Malawi, dogs provide security for local homes and businesses, and detect illegal trade.

Sadly, these working dogs often face extremely poor welfare standards – many suffer from malnutrition, dehydration and bedsores, and are at risk of deadly rabies. They are often confined to small, dark kennels for prolonged periods then work up to 12 hours a day. Earlier this year, SPANA launched an online appeal to help provide vital care to these animals. Thank you to everyone who donated – your support is making a real difference.

SAVE WORKING ANIMALS FROM AGONISING LAMENESS

In many of the countries where SPANA works, lameness is a huge issue that causes suffering for thousands of working animals every year. The ongoing impact of growing global poverty has put unprecedented pressure on many animal owners leading to more animals being overworked and in danger of becoming lame. With your help, we can treat and prevent debilitating lameness in working animals today.



Dondi's painful limp was a visible sign that the carthorse was suffering from debilitating lameness.

Dondi's story

Your support will ensure a better life for working animals like Dondi. Every day, Dondi the horse pulls a taxi cart around the dusty and uneven streets of Mauritania's capital city, Nouakchott.

Dondi's owner, Alioun, relies entirely on his 17-year-old horse to earn a basic living to support his family. Taxi horses like Dondi provide a lifeline to their local communities; without their services many would struggle to travel to the market, work, school and hospital.

Recently, Alioun became concerned when his beloved animal developed a limp. The horse was unable to bear any weight on his right front leg. Every step was agony. Alioun was devastated to see Dondi in such intense discomfort. It was clear that his horse had become lame. Thankfully, Alioun knew the one place he could bring his horse for help: the local SPANA centre.

At our Nouakchott centre, SPANA's veterinary team gave Dondi a full check-up and carefully examined his leg. First, they checked for signs of fracture or injury and made sure that his hoof was in good condition, free from any injury or foreign material. After a full examination, Dondi was diagnosed with a muscle strain, which was causing his lameness.

As the economic crisis in the country worsened, Alioun had been left little choice but to increase Dondi's working hours and load to make ends meet. As a result, Dondi had been overworked, and to make things worse, Alioun was struggling to provide the nutritious feed that his hardworking horse so desperately needed.

If left untreated, injuries like Dondi's can become so severe that animals are left permanently lame and unable to work. They are often too weak to stand and graze – and, in the worst cases, their condition can be fatal.



'I am truly grateful for the exceptional care provided by SPANA. Dondi's condition has improved remarkably, showing the incredible impact the team have on the lives of working animals.' – Alioun

Our vets administered an anti-inflammatory to reduce the swelling on the affected leg and relieve Dondi's pain. Dondi's overloaded cart had also been causing his harness to dig into his skin, causing painful wounds to develop. The team gently cleaned Dondi's wounds with disinfectant before applying a special ointment to help them heal.

Following the initial treatment, Dondi was kept in the centre for two weeks so that his care could be continued. During his stay, he was given some much-needed rest, nutritious feed and access to clean water. When the horse's condition began to improve, his hooves were trimmed by a skilled farrier so that his feet could better distribute the weight of the cart.

As Dondi was discharged to his grateful owner, the team explained to Alioun the importance of good nutrition, regular hoof trimming and improving the working conditions for his horse to prevent future injury. The team showed Alioun



Working animals suffering from lameness can only get better if they are allowed to recover. Dondi was hospitalised for two weeks, during which time he was supported through the healing process with follow-up treatments, medication and nutritious feed.

how to correctly fit and maintain his harness to avoid it causing wounds again. They also gave Alioun a plan for reintroducing Dondi's work gradually and safely. Lastly, the team invited Alioun to our community training classes, where basic hoof care techniques are taught to owners.

The importance of expert treatment and community training cannot be overstated. A working animal's legs are constantly busy and highly vulnerable to injury. Horses, donkeys and mules have very delicate and complex hoof structures, which require specialist care. Yet skilled hoof care is often hard to access and unaffordable for owners in the countries where we work. Through our centres and mobile clinics, SPANA seeks to make expert farriery and veterinary treatment available to as many working animals as possible. Without our presence in these areas, animals like Dondi would be left to face lameness alone.

By making a donation today, you can help prevent the agony of lameness for years to come. Thousands of animals require treatment for lameness each year; but we also need your support to prevent this agonising problem by promoting good farriery among vulnerable communities that rely on working animals.

Sadly, lameness is one of the most common issues that working animals face. The good news is that there is a solution to this widespread problem. Whether they are providing treatment, expert farriery, owner training or holistic care at our stables, SPANA vets, technicians and farriers are committed to treating and preventing lameness in as

many working animals as possible. With your help, we can ease their suffering.

Could you make a donation today, so that more working animals can be saved from the misery of lameness? Thank you.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please, if you can, donate today and help save working animals like Dondi from agonising lameness:

\$28

could feed a starving, overworked animal at one of our centres for 10 days, helping them to rebuild their strength and recover from crippling lameness.

\$85

could help treat two working animals like Dondi who are suffering from lameness, by paying for essential medication and treatments including bandaging and anti-inflammatories.

\$285

could pay towards a farrier's tool kit, farrier training, and hoof care lessons for animal owners, preventing the misery of lameness.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO MAKE A DONATION TODAY. THANK YOU.

Or visit our appeal page:
www.spana.org/lameness

SPANA has been improving the welfare of working animals in Zimbabwe since 2004

SPANA OPERATIONS

Our veterinary team in Zimbabwe provides vital treatment to working donkeys throughout the country, travelling thousands of miles every year in four mobile clinics to reach small towns, villages and rural communities. Common problems treated by the team include harness wounds, hoof problems, eye conditions and parasites.

We also provide community and one-to-one training for working animal owners in how to look after their animals in the best possible way. In addition, SPANA trains veterinary professionals across Zimbabwe. We operate a clinical skills centre, improving the technical and practical skills of hundreds of veterinary students at university each year.

PROFILE

ZIMBABWE

Our animal welfare education programme is helping children throughout Zimbabwe to develop their knowledge of animals and their basic needs. Through an agreement with the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education, we run and support PAWS (Promoting Animal Welfare in Schools) clubs in primary schools across the country.



ZIMBABWE AT A GLANCE

Population: 16 million
Area: 390,757 km²
Location: Southern Africa
Capital city: Harare
Estimated number of working animals: 566,934



PERSONAL PROFILE Q&A

Dr Keith Dutlow, SPANA Zimbabwe Country Director

What roles are working animals used for in Zimbabwe?

Working animals are used for ploughing fields for small-scale subsistence agriculture, pulling carts as a taxi service, and transporting materials ranging from goods and merchandise to water, firewood and food for individual families.

What is the main welfare issue faced by working animals in Zimbabwe?

The main issue is overwork. This is not because of negligence or cruelty, but simply because families need their animals for vital work on a daily basis. We are educating owners that their animal's life will be better, and they will work better, if they are adequately rested, fed and watered and that good, appropriate equipment is used.

Why is SPANA's work so important in Zimbabwe?

There is no other animal welfare organisation in Zimbabwe that is focusing primarily on donkeys and providing free veterinary treatment, training veterinary students and technicians, training owners in aspects of animal welfare and productivity, and teaching schoolchildren animal welfare.

What plans does SPANA have in Zimbabwe for 2024?

We plan to start developing our work in Tsholotsho district during 2024 by increasing our veterinary, community training and education activities in the area. The area has one of the densest donkey populations in the country, so there is a clear need for SPANA's help.

Is there anything you would like to say to SPANA supporters?

Thank you for your unwavering enthusiasm and support! We continue to face new challenges, like climate change, in some of the lowest income communities in the world. If those people lost their donkeys, they would have to do the work that donkeys do – and other activities like going to school would be lost. I am incredibly proud of what we do. SPANA's work is not flashy or glamorous, but it is extremely important and makes a huge difference to the lives of donkeys and their owners.

CASE FILE

Ruselva the donkey's thorny problem

Chivanga said:
'When my donkey was lame, I didn't know what to do. I am so grateful that the vets at SPANA found out what was wrong and that she will be better soon.'

Ruselva the donkey is very important to her owner, Chivanga. Together, they work a small patch of land next to Chivanga's home in the Chivi district, in south-east Zimbabwe. This work enables Chivanga to feed his family and to sell any excess crop to earn a basic income.

One morning, Chivanga was preparing Ruselva for their day's work when he noticed that she was limping heavily and would not put any weight on her right front leg. Chivanga was extremely worried and asked his neighbour for help. Luckily, his neighbour told him that SPANA's mobile clinic was visiting their district later that day.

At the mobile clinic, SPANA's veterinary team examined Ruselva and carefully checked her leg and hoof. They discovered that Ruselva had stepped on a sharp thorn, which had become stuck in her hoof. The vets removed the thorn, then cleaned the wound thoroughly to prevent infection. To complete the donkey's treatment, they gave Ruselva an anti-inflammatory injection to relieve her pain and dressed her wound to ensure that it would remain clean during the healing process.

Chivanga was shown how to clean and dress Ruselva's wound until it had healed. He was also advised to rest his donkey until she had recovered.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our recent mobile clinics appeal.



SPANANA AROUND THE WORLD

Introducing just a few of the tens of thousands of animals we've helped recently, thanks to your kind support.

TUNISIA



VICTOR THE MULE'S PARASITES PROBLEM

Victor the mule transports water around the city of Aïn Draham, in north-west Tunisia. Tunisia is currently experiencing a prolonged drought, so Victor's role is especially important right now.

Recently, Victor's owner, Mouijri, had become concerned for his seven-year-old mule. He noticed that Victor had lost his appetite and seemed lacklustre and lethargic. When Victor's health did not improve, Mouijri decided to take him to SPANA's mobile clinic in Aïn Draham for a check-up.

At the mobile clinic, Victor was given a full examination by SPANA vets. They noticed he was weak and

underweight. After performing some tests, they diagnosed Victor as suffering from internal parasites. Some parasites can live in the gut and, if left untreated, can take vital nutrition and energy from working animals. This can lead to further complications and, in some cases, serious illness. The vets administered anti-parasite medication to treat Victor's problem and provided vitamins to boost his general health.

The vets told Mouijri to keep a close eye on Victor over the next few days and to make sure he had plenty of fresh water and a good supply of nutritious feed.

Mouijri said: *'Thank you, SPANA. I was concerned for my mule. I'm glad that your vets were able to help him.'*

MALI

Safiné the donkey helps his 77-year-old owner, Ali, in the fields near their home in Sikoro, southern Mali. Without Safiné's hard work, Ali would be unable to grow the food he needs to feed his wife and family.

Ali brought Safiné to SPANA's mobile clinic when it made one of its regular visits to Sikoro. He was concerned that Safiné was starting to lose weight. SPANA's veterinary team examined Safiné and found that his teeth had grown in an uneven way. This had caused some sharp points to develop, which were causing damage to his tongue and cheeks. Overgrown teeth can cause immense discomfort for working animals, and the animals can start to lose weight because it is too painful for them to chew their food.

The vets set to work rasping Safiné's teeth so that they were even, with all the sharp points smoothed down. When they had finished, the vets advised Ali to rest Safiné and give him good, nutritious food to gradually get him back to his normal weight.



SAFINÉ THE DONKEY'S OVERGROWN TEETH

Ali said: *'Thank you, SPANA. You visit our village regularly, which helps us keep our donkeys healthy.'*

MOROCCO

Mardiya the mule does a variety of jobs for her owner, Outaty, in western Morocco. Every day, they work side by side transporting water, moving goods to and from their local market and carrying out agricultural tasks. This work gives Outaty a small income so that he can support his wife and three children.

One day, Outaty was preparing to load their cart when it slipped from his hands. The edge of the cart hit Mardiya, cutting her front legs. Outaty calmed his frightened mule, then borrowed a van to take her to SPANA's veterinary centre in Chemaia, 30km away, for emergency treatment.

When they arrived at the centre, SPANA's veterinary team carefully washed and treated Mardiya's wounds. Thankfully, their examination revealed that there was no serious damage to Mardiya's legs. Her wounds were scrapes and cuts that did not require stitching. The vets administered anti-inflammatories to ease her pain, then dressed her wounds to keep them clean.

Outaty was advised by the vets that Mardiya would need to rest for at least two weeks to ensure that her wounds had healed fully.



MARDIYA THE MULE'S PAINFUL ACCIDENT

Outaty said: *'I am grateful to SPANA. Without SPANA, I wouldn't be able to afford to keep Mardiya.'*



Linda Edwards, SPANA's Chief Executive, celebrates an end to the horrific trade in donkey skins.

PROTECTING WORKING ANIMALS FROM THE DEADLY DONKEY SKIN TRADE

In what can often seem like a world full of bad news, it's wonderful to be able to share with our supporters a truly positive announcement. Working alongside our partners, SPANA has been instrumental in bringing about a historic Africa-wide ban in the donkey skin trade, saving the lives of thousands of donkeys.

The donkey skin trade is nothing short of horrific – and is something that SPANA has been actively lobbying to end for many years. The trade had been increasing dramatically in the past decade, due to rapidly growing demand for a product called ejiao, which is produced from the collagen extracted from donkey skins and is primarily used in beauty products and traditional remedies. Because of this often unregulated trade, large numbers of donkeys were sold or stolen, then inhumanely transported to abattoirs where they were kept in appalling conditions, starved and eventually killed.



In the countries where we operate, donkeys carry out essential tasks. Without their crucial work, many people would be unable to earn a livelihood and support themselves and their families. That's why the donkey skin trade started to have such a devastating effect on communities across Africa. Africa's donkey population decreased significantly, causing the price of a donkey to inflate by three to four times in some countries, and making donkey ownership unaffordable for many people. Donkey thefts also became rampant. Urgent action was desperately needed to stop the trade and protect working donkeys.

Following tireless campaigning by SPANA and our partner organisations in ICWE (the International Coalition for Working Equids), we were thrilled when, in November 2023, the African Union endorsed a report calling for an Africa-wide moratorium on the trade. The report, called 'Donkeys in Africa Now and In The Future', was produced by AU-IBAR (the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources) with support from ICWE. Not only did the report recognise the contribution working donkeys make to the livelihoods of communities across Africa, it also highlighted the alarming decline in donkeys due to the donkey skin trade and called for an urgent suspension. As a result, on 18 February, members of the African Union Assembly in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, agreed to adopt an indefinite, Africa-wide moratorium.

This is a historic development and an enormous achievement for working animal welfare. The moratorium will save the lives of donkeys across Africa and will also help safeguard the future of the communities they support through their daily work.

SPANAs focus now will be on ensuring the moratorium is legislated and successfully enforced by governments across Africa. We are also aware that when restrictions on a trade are enforced, illegal operations can continue. That's why we will continue to work closely with communities and decision makers to ensure that the moratorium remains in place.

In our five-year strategy, launched last year, SPANA committed to being the voice of working animals around the world. Our strategy also said that we would ensure the critical interdependency between working animals, people and their environment is recognised – not exploited. By achieving this moratorium, we are ensuring the safety and security of generations of working animals and safeguarding the communities that they support. It is a huge win for donkeys, their communities and everyone who has worked so hard to bring an end to this heinous trade.

I hope this news has brought you as much joy as it has to everyone at SPANA. It was only possible due to your continued help and support. Thank you so much for protecting Africa's donkeys.



Seyum Firew, a Community Training Officer in Ethiopia, on how a unique SPANA programme is tackling the debilitating disease EZL.

FIGHTING DEADLY DISEASE THROUGH COMMUNITY TRAINING



Epizootic lymphangitis (EZL) is one of the major welfare problems facing working animals in Bishoftu, central Ethiopia. The disease affects the skin and lymphatic system, causing skin nodules to develop that can result in open ulcers. If EZL is caught early enough, the infection can be treated successfully. But without treatment, the highly contagious disease can cause excruciating pain, debilitation, and even death.

Thanks to our supporters, SPANA runs a unique programme dedicated to the prevention, treatment and control of EZL. Our bespoke training programme combines treatment and training to prevent suffering and save lives.

Early detection of EZL is vital for the effective treatment of the disease. That's why our bespoke training helps owners to recognise the signs early, know that treatment is available, and know where to go for help. Our community training uses banners, live demonstrations and lively discussion.

Crucially, owners are also encouraged and empowered to take part in treatment. Our veterinary staff train owners in how to continue treating their working animal

at home. They also advise them how often they need to bring their animals to our centres for follow-up treatment, check-ups and additional medication.

We have found that collaboration between community trainers, owners and veterinary activities plays a great role in the effective treatment of EZL – not just in Bishoftu, but also in Gondar and the surrounding areas reached by our mobile clinics.

One working animal helped by our bespoke training was Shole. His owner, Mandefro, brought Shole to our veterinary centre in Bishoftu as soon as he recognised symptoms of the disease. Mandefro said: *'During bespoke training, I learnt a lot about EZL. I followed the advice of SPANA's community trainers and vets strictly. I washed Shole's wounds carefully and applied iodine regularly. I visited the clinic every two weeks for follow-up treatment. After six weeks of continuous treatment from SPANA and at home, my horse had fully recovered. I now understand how to prevent this killer disease, and I will advise my friends, too.'*

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our recent infectious diseases appeal. Your kindness is making a real difference to working horses like Shole.

A LEGACY OF LOVE FOR ALL WORKING ANIMALS

SPANA is a unique charity because we care for all species of working animals. Whether it's providing emergency feed to horses in Tunisia (page five) or treating an injured mule in Morocco (page 11), we do everything we can to make sure that no working animal is forgotten.

When it comes to writing your Will, we know you won't want to forget anyone either. So, once you've provided for your loved ones, would you consider a gift for working animals?

More than half of SPANA's work is funded by gifts in Wills. This means that many of SPANA's achievements you've read in this newsletter – the stories of the working animals we've treated, the owners we've trained and the children we've educated about animal welfare – were all made possible thanks to the kindness of people who left a bequest to SPANA.



If you've never written a Will before, you may wonder where to start – and that is why we have created a free bequest pack. Our bequests pack has the key information you'll need, including what to consider when writing your Will and answers to frequently asked questions.

If you do decide to leave a bequest to SPANA, we would love the opportunity to say a special thank you, so please do let us know. This also helps us to communicate with you effectively and keep you updated about what your kind gift could achieve in the future.



If you would like to find out more about how to leave a bequest in your Will to help working animals, please visit www.spana.org/legacy or email giftsinwills@spana.org. If you have recently included SPANA in your Will or you intend to do so when the time is right, please do let us know. We would love the chance to say thank you for your kindness and compassion towards working animals.

Become a Stable Sponsor and help working animals like Dondi

Today, working animals are suffering due to the growing impact of climate change and global economic inequality. The demand for SPANA's crucial work is greater than ever, which is why we urgently need more Stable Sponsors.



Our stables are a lifeline for horses like Dondi, whose touching story you can read in our appeal on page six. Due to the rising cost of living, Dondi and his owner had been forced to work longer hours, and were struggling to make ends meet. When they arrived at our Nouakchott centre in Mauritania, Dondi was weak, lame and malnourished.

Not only did Dondi receive expert treatment to soothe his pain, but he was also given some much-needed rest in our comfortable stables, where he received follow-up care, nutritious feed and clean water to aid his recovery. His owner was also given training and support to improve Dondi's welfare in the long term.

When you sponsor our stables from \$15 a month, you'll be providing vital care to animals like Dondi, giving them the best – often the only – chance of a life free from pain and suffering.

Receive a personalised Stable Sponsor welcome folder and certificate, plus exclusive updates from our stables so you can see how your sponsorship is helping working animals around the world.



Could you support SPANA in this special way?

To help working animals as a Stable Sponsor, please click [here](http://www.spana.org/stablesponsor) or visit our website at www.spana.org/stablesponsor.

