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# STABLEMATE

Helping the working animals of the world, with your support



**Save him from  
a life of suffering**

Will you help transform  
the lives of working  
animals in need?

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# Dear Friends,

Welcome to Stablemate 2026. Let me begin by thanking you for your incredible kindness. Last year, your support made an extraordinary difference for working animals in urgent need. Because of you, animals facing desperate and challenging conditions found hope and much-needed care.

Your generosity is also driving real, lasting change. In Mauritania, working animals are now officially included in the national census for the first time since becoming self-governing in 1958 – a major step towards ensuring their protection and access to essential care. And in Ethiopia, our local partner has extended its reach to help working camels in the remote salt pans of Afar, providing vital treatment and support in one of the harshest environments on Earth.

One of our biggest achievements last year was the building of our new fixed centre in Tsholotsho, Zimbabwe. Thanks to your support, more than 30,000 working donkeys can now receive the treatment and care they need to keep going. Read more on page eight.

But while permanent centres bring lasting change, emergencies demand swift action. On the opposite page, learn how, when drought gripped Turkana, Kenya, your generosity meant we could provide emergency feed and water to starving donkeys and camels. Without you, many would not have survived.

Meanwhile, in Mauritania, your compassion saved Fyaz, a gentle donkey on the brink of blindness. Quick treatment from our team in Mauritania saved his sight, sparing him from a lifetime of darkness. See page six for more.

Your ongoing support also makes it possible to prevent harness wounds, saving working animals from agony and infection. Turn to page four to read how our team in Mali is treating harness wounds and stopping the deadly threat of tetanus in the capital's rubbish dumps.

Your compassion is also helping animals facing other serious conditions. On page 10, discover how respiratory illness is impacting working animals and what we're doing to help ease their suffering.

Everything SPANA achieves begins with you. Your generosity is not only bringing relief to those in need but also transforming lives. On behalf of every animal helped last year, thank you.

But our work cannot stop here. There are still so many working animals in urgent need of care and treatment. Please, if you can, give today and help save even more lives.

Thank you so much.



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# SAVING WORKING ANIMALS FROM DROUGHT IN TURKANA

In Kenya's far northwest lies Turkana, a vast, semi-arid land that borders South Sudan, Uganda and Ethiopia. It's one of the country's largest and most remote regions, where communities and their animals depend on one another to survive.

Last year, donkeys and camels across Turkana were pushed to the brink during the region's most devastating drought in 40 years. As rivers ran dry and grazing land turned to dust, working animals were left exhausted and dehydrated. With water sources gone and food impossible to find, countless working animals were left starving and weak. For the families who depend on them to transport goods and earn an income, the situation was critical.

Thanks to your kindness, working with our partner Utunzi Animal Welfare, we were able to act quickly. **1,750 bags of feed were delivered, reaching more than 3,000 working animals in most need.** The feed was packed with essential nutrients, giving working animals the strength to survive when there was nothing left to graze. This nourishment meant the difference between life and death for many working animals.

Your support also meant that boreholes could be repaired, bringing lifesaving water to parched animals and the families who depend on them. The immediate priority was to get water flowing again so urgent hydration could be provided to 21,920 animals and their communities. The next step was to work alongside water committees in local villages, providing communities with the knowledge and skills to manage and maintain the water points themselves, protecting animals and people in the long term.

*'During the drought, working animals were in real danger of death from dehydration or severe malnutrition*

*due to lack of water and food,'* said Tim Coggan, our Emergencies Manager. *'Our support kept working animals alive during the worst phase of this crisis, while also helping local communities build the skills to protect them in the future.'*

**This emergency project did more than save lives, it restored dignity to the working donkeys and camels of Turkana. But as droughts and climate challenges intensify across the region, many more working animals will need our help.**

That's why we need your support; to ensure we can be there when working animals are in crisis, providing urgent food, water and care – and to make sure no animal is forgotten.

**Every donation counts. If you can, please donate today to help keep working animals safe and strong in times of emergency.**

## HOW YOUR GIFT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

**\$30**

could feed a starving animal for 10 days.

**\$90**

could provide the lifesaving treatment an animal urgently needs.

**\$202**

could provide a community training session in repairing and maintaining boreholes.



# HELP PREVENT HARMFUL HARNESS WOUNDS AND DEADLY INFECTIONS



SPANNA delivers local workshops that help animal owners develop their harness-making skills.

At the edge of Bamako, the capital of Mali, donkeys pick their way across mountains of rubbish, pulling heavy carts piled high with waste. Among them is Amou, a six-year-old donkey, who helps his owner, Yaya, eke out a living by transporting refuse to the dumps. Amou's makeshift harness cuts into his flesh and fails to stop his cart from slamming into his back with each jolt. His poorly fitting neckband has rubbed his skin raw, leaving an open, painful wound.

Sadly, Amou's story is far from unique. Harness wounds remain one of the most common causes of pain and distress for working animals worldwide, and one of the most commonly treated conditions seen by our teams. In many places, professionally made equipment is almost impossible to find, so owners must make harnesses from old pieces of rope and plastic. Rough, ill-fitting straps cut into their skin, while constant rubbing creates sores that quickly become infected.

You may remember our summer appeal, when we shared the story of Tekki – another young donkey whose life was blighted by agonising harness wounds. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to provide urgent veterinary treatment to hundreds of working animals, like Tekki, and give advice to their owners about safer harness fitting and padding. On behalf of Tekki and so many other animals who have already been helped, thank you. Yet there is still more we can do, as Amou's story explains.

## Amou's story

As the little donkey pulls his cart each day, the wound on his neck becomes more aggravated and risks becoming infected. **Left untreated, harness wounds can turn deadly – especially in challenging environments like the rubbish dumps in Mali.** During the country's sweltering rainy season, the heat and humidity allow bacteria to thrive, turning even minor wounds into gateways for deadly infections such as tetanus. Once the disease is at an advanced stage, it is often too late to treat successfully. Affected animals face a slow and painful death, unable to eat or breathe.

Fortunately, Amou was given a lifeline by SPANA's mobile clinic, which regularly visits the rubbish dumps in Bamako to treat vulnerable working donkeys. Our team could see the distress Amou's harness was causing him. The wound on his neck was red and raw, and he



Not only were Amou's injuries treated, but his young owner was also shown how to fit his harness so they wouldn't happen again in the future.





Hardworking animals like Amou are at risk every day from deadly tetanus caused by harness wounds.

flinched at the touch. They gently cleaned and treated his injury, applied soothing ointment and gave him pain relief to ease his suffering.

With guidance from our team, his young owner, 18-year-old Yaya, made Amou's harness more comfortable. They helped him to fit the harness and add soft padding to the donkey's thin saddle using locally made materials. They also advised Yaya to add a breeching strap to his cart, so it would no longer slam into Amou's back and risk wounding him each time he came to a stop.

Now that Yaya has the knowledge and skills to look after his donkey, Amou is free from constant pain. He also has a much better chance of staying safe from future harness wounds and risks of infection. And through local workshops that help communities develop their harness-making skills, SPANA can help protect many more animals at risk in Bamako and beyond.

Across many of the places SPANA works, working animals endure the same painful torment. Ill-fitting harnesses dig into their flesh, creating open wounds that fester and leave them vulnerable to deadly infections like tetanus. Our teams treat thousands of animals with deep sores caused by poor harnessing – injuries that can lead to a lifetime of pain without treatment.

**But this suffering doesn't need to happen. With access to care and support, even serious injuries can heal. And by helping owners to safely fit and pad their animals' harnesses, these injuries can be prevented altogether.**

Harness wounds cause unbearable pain in working animals, but you can help stop them. With your support, SPANA can provide urgent treatment, safer harnessing equipment and develop the animal welfare knowledge of owners, sparing animals like Amou and Tekki from a lifetime of misery.

**Any help you can give will make a real difference. Thank you so much.**

## CLICK HERE TO DONATE NOW

**\$40**

could provide four working animals with tetanus vaccinations, protecting them from a deadly disease that thrives in dirty wounds.

**\$91**

could provide safer head collars for nine working animals, preventing painful injuries before they start.

**\$303**

could help SPANA run a harness-making workshop and provide equipment for working animal owners.

**Thank you so much for your continued support.**



# SAVE THEIR SIGHT



Eye conditions can cause debilitating pain and sight loss in working animals like Fyaz.

**Think of the last time you had something stuck in your eye. A speck of dust, a stray eyelash, or a piece of grit on a windy day. The sting, the watering, the desperate urge to rub it away.**

For Fyaz, a donkey from Mauritania, that small irritation became something far more serious. After a minor traffic accident, a piece of debris lodged in his eye, leaving him in excruciating pain and nearly causing him to lose his sight.

For working animals, eye problems can be agonising, prolonged and often life changing. In the countries where we work, the delicate eyes of working animals are constantly exposed to dirt, dust and injury. Without access to regular veterinary care, what begins as a small scratch or minor irritation can soon develop into a painful ulcer or infection – often leading to irreversible sight loss.

## Fyaz's story

**For Fyaz, help came just in time. His owner, Mohammad, relies on him every day to haul cement and iron through the hot, crowded streets of Nouakchott. With seven children to feed, Fyaz is the family's only source of income.**

After the traffic accident, Mohammad noticed Fyaz's eye wouldn't stop weeping. Fyaz squinted against the blinding sunlight and tensed at every sound and movement around him. The dusty streets of Nouakchott are filled with hazards – deep potholes, uneven ground and the constant roar of traffic. For a working donkey already struggling to see, every step risked another accident.



Left untreated, Fyaz's ulcer could have scarred his eyeball, leading to permanent blindness in his left eye.





Your support could give working animals access to the health care and essential medicines that could prevent sight loss.

Fyaz must have been terrified as he stumbled through the noisy, chaotic streets, horns blaring and carts rattling dangerously close. His eye was now swollen shut. Knowing something was seriously wrong, Mohammad brought him to SPANA's Nouakchott centre.

Our team at the centre diagnosed a painful eye ulcer, caused by debris from the accident. The ulcer had become further inflamed by dust and the bright Mauritanian sun added to his discomfort. The situation was critical. Left untreated, Fyaz's ulcer could have scarred his eyeball, leading to permanent blindness in his left eye. But our team acted quickly.

First, they flushed his eye with saline solution to remove the dust and debris. Next, they gave him anti-inflammatory medication for the pain. Mohammad was shown how to administer daily antibiotic drops and was advised to let Fyaz rest in the shade during the hottest hours of the day. Thankfully, with follow-up treatment, Fyaz's eye began to heal and his sight was saved.

Mohammad's relief was enormous. *'I always come to the SPANA centre when my animals are sick,'* he said. *'They've helped me many times before.'*

Every year, thousands of working animals are treated by SPANA and our local partners for painful eye conditions. **In many of these cases, sight loss can be prevented with the right care and medicine, such as an inexpensive course of eye drops.**

That's why your continued support is so important. **With your help, we can stock the essential sight-saving medicines our teams need to prevent blindness and ease suffering in thousands of animals each year. Your generosity can also help**

**owners develop their animal care skills and spot the early warning signs – before a minor eye irritation turns into a permanent disability.**

Eye conditions that cause sight loss in working animals are a serious problem in the countries where we work. But with access to care and essential medicines, there's hope for a future where animals like Fyaz are spared from debilitating pain and can live free from the threat of preventable blindness.

**Please, if you can, give today and help save their sight.**

## CLICK HERE TO DONATE NOW

**\$40** could buy antibiotic ointments and medicines to save the sight of three working animals.

**\$97** could help our teams assess and treat eight donkeys that are at risk of losing their sight.

**\$303** could provide a workshop to help more animal owners further their animal care skills and recognise the signs and dangers of eye problems, so fewer animals suffer in the long term.

**Thank you so much for your continued support.**



# NEW CENTRE WILL PROVIDE A LIFELINE IN ZIMBABWE



Donkeys like Thoko will have a place to rest and recover under veterinary supervision until they are truly well again.

This year, thanks to your incredible generosity, our very first fixed centre in Tsholotsho, Zimbabwe, officially opens its doors. Already, we have begun transforming the lives of thousands of working animals in the southern part of the country.

Your generosity helped last year's spring appeal raise over £160,000, making this landmark project possible. On behalf of everyone at SPANA, and the animals whose lives you've changed, thank you so much.

The demand for veterinary care in Tsholotsho has never been greater. A combination of increasing droughts and word-of-mouth reports about our work has more than doubled the number of animals visiting our mobile clinics. Since 2015, our mobile clinics treated around 1,500 animals a fortnight. Today, that number has more than doubled, to around 3,800 donkeys and other working animals seeking help.

Until recently, our teams could only provide support by visiting the remote region for short periods each month. Many animals were left unable to access treatment in between visits. Now, with the new centre established, working animals will finally have access to round-the-clock, permanent care for the first time.

## Thoko's story

The difference this makes is clear when we remember Thoko from our spring appeal. She was a 14-year-old donkey who was severely malnourished and riddled with internal parasites, which had left her too weak to stand.

Her owner, Simon, desperate to save her, brought her to one of our mobile clinics for treatment. She was given medicine to treat her parasites and vitamins to help restore her strength. Our team made sure Simon had everything he needed to continue her care at home. Thanks to their guidance and his dedication, Thoko recovered. And just two weeks later, she was able to walk again.

Thoko was fortunate that our mobile veterinary team was in the area when she needed them. Now, with the new fixed centre opening, donkeys like her will have a place to rest and recover under veterinary supervision until they are truly well again.



Front view of the centre.





With the centre established as a hub, our mobile clinics will continue travelling out to remote communities, ensuring no animal is left behind.

Overseeing the treatment and care at the new centre is Dr Liberty Chigowe, SPANA's first permanent vet in Tsholotsho. Dr Liberty has been running a mobile clinic across 12 surrounding villages since last January. With the centre opening, he finally has the facilities and resources to deliver the extra care and support these animals need.

*'For the first time, working donkeys in Tsholotsho have access to continuous veterinary care,' said Dr Liberty. 'Now, with this new centre, they finally have somewhere they can come for help whenever they need it. This will transform the welfare of these hardworking animals for generations to come.'*

The new centre is ideally located at a busy meeting point in Tsholotsho, where people from the local villages gather to trade and do business. A borehole in the grounds of the centre supplies a communal water trough giving weary working donkeys access to essential water. Newly planted trees will soon provide welcome shade in this drought-prone region.

As well as providing urgent treatment and stabling for sick animals, the centre will become a hub for education and outreach. Already, 30 schoolteachers are teaching animal welfare, and 15 Promoting Animal Welfare in Schools (PAWS) clubs have been launched in Tsholotsho schools, helping the next generation grow up with greater compassion and care for working animals.

Community workshops have also begun, providing owners with practical knowledge about nutrition, wound prevention and parasite control. These sessions are



A borehole in the grounds of the centre supplies a communal water trough for animals.

now based at the centre and will extend into surrounding villages, ensuring good welfare practices spread across the region.

**The opening of this centre marks a turning point. More than 30,000 working donkeys in Tsholotsho now have access to ongoing veterinary care. For the families who rely on these animals to transport water and goods, the centre represents stability and hope.**

And this is just the beginning. With the centre established as a hub, our mobile clinics will continue travelling out to remote communities, ensuring no animal is left behind.

This centre – every brick, every medicine and every life saved – exists because of your generosity. Thanks to you, donkeys like Thoko will have a place to recover, and families like Simon's will no longer watch helplessly as their animals suffer without access to care.

**On behalf of Thoko and the tens of thousands of working animals whose futures are now brighter, thank you for making this possible.**



# STOP RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES FROM STEALING LIVES



With your support we can provide timely lifesaving treatment for respiratory infections.

With every step, Gurati, the six-year-old donkey, struggled to breathe. Weighed down by the heavy load of building materials strapped to his back, he was weary and distressed. He had a rasping cough and mucus ran from his nostrils.

Debilitating respiratory illnesses are a serious challenge facing working animals. In regions with extreme weather conditions, polluted cities and in places where working animals haul heavy loads through clouds of dust and debris, their lungs are constantly irritated. Prolonged exposure to dirt and pollution can lead to inflammation, making them prone to coughs and breathing difficulties.

For hungry and exhausted animals, especially those weakened by drought or injury, even a mild respiratory infection can quickly become severe. Without timely treatment, it can quickly progress to pneumonia, which can be deadly.

## Saving Gurati

In the streets of Batu, in Ethiopia, the air is thick with dust from constant building work and fumes from passing traffic. Here, donkeys like Gurati labour along rough roads, carrying timber, sand and cement to places inaccessible to vehicles. It was in this harsh environment that owner Beriso, 21, noticed his faithful donkey struggling to breathe.

At first, he thought Gurati was just exhausted after another gruelling day, but then he noticed the thick discharge streaming from his donkey's nose. Gurati had also stopped eating and had very little strength. He was clearly in distress, each cough a sign of struggle.

Alarmed, Beriso brought his donkey to our local partner's mobile clinic in Batu. There, our team diagnosed a serious respiratory infection, worsened by exhaustion which had left Gurati's immune system vulnerable.



SPANAs mobile clinic diagnosed Gurati with a serious respiratory infection and prescribed antibiotics to kill the bacteria.





Gurati struggled to carry his heavy loads of timber and construction materials while suffering from a serious respiratory infection.

Without urgent treatment, the team knew the infection could become life-threatening.

Gurati was prescribed a week-long course of antibiotics to combat the infection and medication to reduce the inflammation in his airways. Beriso was also advised to let his little donkey rest until he fully recovered.

Over several weeks, Gurati's condition improved. His cough eased, his breathing returned to normal and he regained his appetite. Beriso was so relieved. Beyond being his only means of earning a living and supporting his wife and young son, Gurati is his loyal friend and constant companion. **The thought of losing his donkey had filled Beriso with worry.**

Gurati was fortunate and soon returned to full health, but sadly, many working animals are not as lucky. Without access to veterinary care, thousands are left weak and vulnerable to other illnesses, which can easily spread in places where animals congregate together. Many are at risk of being abandoned if their owners can't afford to feed them.

Much of this suffering could be avoided. With treatment, essential medicines and vaccines to prevent certain conditions, respiratory diseases can be controlled and the lives of working animals can be saved.

Your support could help SPANA and our partners stop these respiratory illnesses in their tracks and protect working animals from needless pain and distress. A

kind gift from you today could provide our vets with the medicines needed to safeguard animals like Gurati and many others like him.

**Every breath should come easily. Please, if you can, give today and help working animals, like Gurati, breathe freely again.**

## CLICK HERE TO DONATE NOW

**\$40**

could provide antibiotics to treat an animal like Gurati with a bacterial respiratory infection.

**\$97**

could vaccinate six working horses, mules or donkeys against equine influenza, protecting them from a dangerous viral disease.

**\$161**

could provide a workshop on preventing the spread of infectious diseases, safeguarding entire communities of animals.

**Thank you so much for your continued support.**



# SUPPORTER NEWS

A big thank you to all our incredible fundraisers for their fantastic efforts and for helping us continue to improve the lives of working animals.

## Miles of gratitude

On 12 October, eight runners ran the Royal Parks Half Marathon on behalf of SPANA. While they were taking in the London landmarks and running 21.1 kilometres, they raised a brilliant \$9,765 for vulnerable animals in need. Thank you so much, Anna, Diana, Jesper, Karin, Natasha, Nicolas, Riki and Riya. Every mile you conquered brings food, care and compassion to animals in need. We're so grateful for your incredible support and efforts!



Nicolas with his medal.

And an extra special shout out to Nicolas Frey, who has run the Royal Parks Half Marathon for SPANA four years in a row, smashing his personal best time and fundraising targets to raise a whopping \$9,740 in total for working animals. His dedication, endurance and compassion inspire us all. Thank you, Nicolas, for your incredible commitment and generosity.

## Quiz and cuppa for a good cause

Since 2016, our wonderful supporter Denise has been raising vital funds for SPANA through her pub quiz team and tea parties. This year, she raised an incredible \$400 at her tea party!

**Thank you, Denise, for your kindness and dedication to helping working animals over the years.**



The delicious tea party.

## Stride Out for working animals

Stride Out for SPANA in 2026! There are four fun ways to Stride Out – walking, cycling, running or horse riding. By getting a few friends, family or colleagues together for a fundraising Stride Out – or even striding out alone – you can choose your own route, distance and pace, and help us take giant strides forward in the care of working animals.

**Please visit [www.spana.org/strideout](http://www.spana.org/strideout) for more information and to download your Stride Out pack.**



## Walking the Kent coast

A huge thank you to SPANA supporter Isabelle Langlois who took on a 16km walk, raising an incredible \$1,104 for working animals around the world. Inspired by her deep love of animals, Isabelle completed the challenge as a tribute to the donkeys, mules, horses and camels who make long, demanding journeys every day.

**Thank you so much Isabelle!**



Isabelle on her 16km walk.

## Feeling inspired?

There are so many ways you can make a difference to animals in need. Could you Stride Out for working animals, hold a stall, or maybe you have your own novel ideas to raise funds? We'd love to hear from you. Contact our friendly community fundraising team on [events@spana.org](mailto:events@spana.org). You can also visit [spana.org/get-involved](http://spana.org/get-involved)



# A NEW NAME AND LOOK FOR SPANA

What's not changing is our mission: we remain fully committed to improving the lives of working animals worldwide.

Katie Crane, SPANA's Director of Global Marketing, Communications and Advocacy, said: *'The changes you'll see in the next few months will strengthen how we communicate and present ourselves, to reach more supporters and increase our influence where it matters most. A clearer, stronger identity will help us build trust with governments and partners in the countries where we work, so we can drive real, lasting change for working animals.'*

*'Our new identity will retain the heart of who we are. We'll make sure the transition is clear and well-communicated, so you'll always know when an email, letter or text message is from us. Your support remains just as vital, and our mission continues, unchanged. Thank you so much for your continued support.'*

**We're so thankful to the hundreds of people who helped us shape our new identity, including our wonderful supporters, staff, Trustees and country partners. Thank you!**

**Over the next few months, you'll see some exciting new changes for SPANA. We're updating how we present ourselves so that more people can understand and connect with the importance of our mission – to transform the welfare of working animals.**

It's not a decision we've taken lightly. It's the first update we've made to our identity since 2011, and the first time we've made a change to our name since 1991.

The need for our work has never been greater – and this demand will only increase in the years ahead. The World Bank has estimated that, by 2030, the climate crisis could push more than 120 million more people into poverty. The impact of the climate crisis, the increase in poverty levels, and instability in many regions will be particularly hard on working animals and their communities.

That's why we're improving how we communicate who we are and what we do. By presenting our mission more powerfully, we can inspire more supporters, secure vital funding and build stronger partnerships that will protect countless animals and the communities they sustain. Together, we can deliver the lasting change they urgently need.



# YOUR SUPPORT GOES A LONG WAY



*With your support, working animals are now officially included in the national census.*

## MAURITANIA

With your support, working animals are now officially included in Mauritania's national census for the first time since becoming self-governing in 1958. This important policy success, achieved through our continued advocacy, means working animals are finally recognised in government data. This will help tackle issues such as water access, food security and disease surveillance.

## MALI

In the Bamako area, we've developed the animal welfare knowledge of 36 radio presenters, who are now broadcasting and sharing our activities with their listeners. We've also helped 105 trainee teachers to include animal welfare in their lessons. These projects will help inspire greater care for working animals among a wider audience as well as the next generation.



*Our animal welfare outreach will help promote good practices more widely.*

## ZIMBABWE

With your support, we've built the first fixed centre in Tsholotsho. More than 30,000 working animals will benefit from access to lifesaving treatment, safe shelter and ongoing veterinary care. Serving as a central hub, the centre will also enable SPANA's mobile clinics to reach remote communities, ensuring even the most isolated animals receive the care they need. Find out more on page eight.



*The fixed centre in Tsholotsho will serve as a central hub to ensure the most isolated animals receive care.*



Thanks to you, we've been continuing to support working animals across the world. Here's a snapshot of the positive difference you've made to their lives...

## ETHIOPIA

Our local partner has extended its work to help working camels in the remote salt pans of Afar. In this extremely arid and challenging region, the team is providing vital veterinary treatment and support and advice for owners. This work is improving the health and welfare of these hardworking animals who endure some of the toughest conditions on Earth.



Our local partner provides vital veterinary treatment in some of the toughest conditions on Earth.

## INDIA

In Jaipur and Bassi, our local partner, Help in Suffering, used an innovative and engaging approach to promote camel welfare – a puppet show designed to share animal care messages in a fun and accessible way. The show reached 34 people and was followed by a hands-on activity session, demonstrating how creative, community-based education can make a lasting difference for working camels.



Community-based education can make a lasting difference for working camels.

## TANZANIA

In Mtera, our local partner, the Tanzania Animal Welfare Society, helped a Cultural Donkey Welfare Group create songs that highlight the importance of good animal welfare. The group performs these songs at community gatherings, advising people how caring for their donkeys leads to healthier, stronger animals.



A Cultural Donkey Welfare Group highlight the importance of animal welfare through song.



# CREATING LASTING CHANGE FOR WORKING ANIMALS



Animals like Chala, a taxi horse in Batu, Ethiopia, are vital to their owners. When Chala developed a severe cough, his owner, 18-year-old Abdi, feared losing both his much-loved companion and only income. Thanks to urgent treatment at our partner's mobile clinic, Chala fully recovered, protecting Abdi's future and showing the life-changing impact of your support.

**Abdi told us with relief and gratitude: 'Thank you, SPANA. You are saving the life of my horse, and my horse is my means of livelihood.'**

Stories like Chala's are possible because of the generosity of people like you. In fact, **more than half of our vital work is funded by bequests**, extraordinary acts of kindness that ensure working animals are never left to suffer.

By remembering SPANA in your Will, you will create a powerful legacy of compassion. Your support will help provide:

- Lifesaving treatment and medicines for sick and injured animals
- Essential equipment for our veterinary teams across the world
- Compassionate and culturally sensitive education and training for owners and children, inspiring a new generation to treat working animals with kindness and respect.

Together, we can transform the future for working animals, ensuring they are treated with the care, dignity and compassion they deserve for generations to come.

**Please consider leaving a gift to SPANA in your Will and help us change the world for working animals like Chala.**



If you would like to find out more about how to leave a bequest in your Will to help working animals, please [click here](#) or email [giftsinwills@spana.org](mailto: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.

Thank you.

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