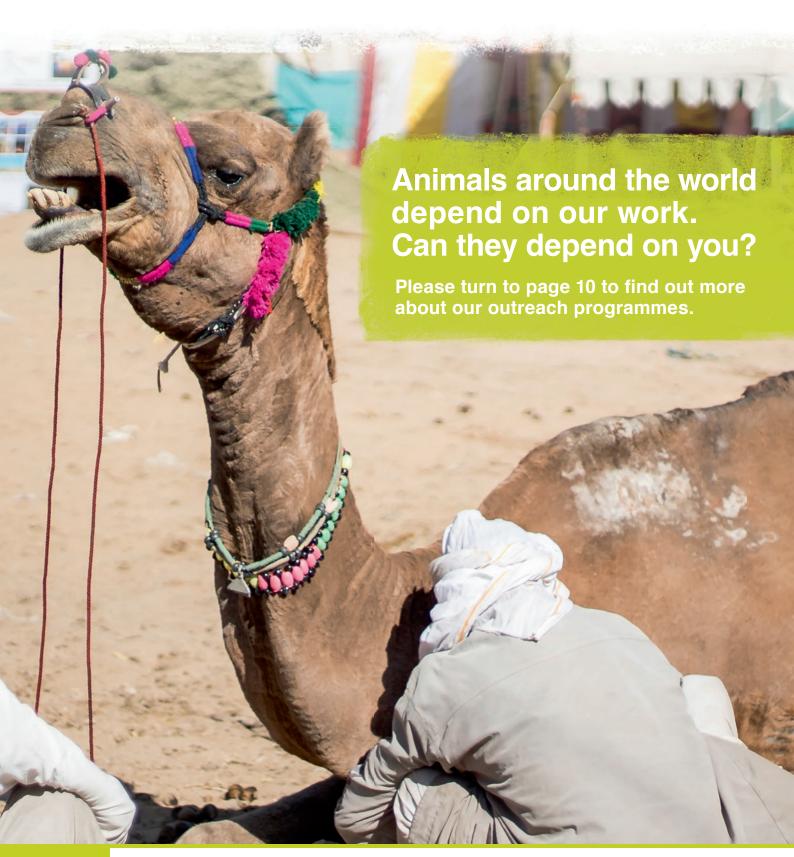


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Helping the working animals of the world with your support



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### Dear friends,

I'm very excited to welcome you to your 2018 issue of Stablemate. We've achieved so much together over the last year, and helped suffering animals all over the world. For all that you've done for SPANA and these hardworking animals, thank you.



It's been a busy year here at SPANA. Not least because we filmed a new TV advert towards the end of 2017. Have you seen it? If so I'd love to know what you think.

On top of that, you'll notice we've had a bit of a makeover. Our new look has been designed to reflect our hands-on approach to protecting working animals all around the world. And of course, the year ahead will be filled with plenty of that too. Turn to page 10 to read more.

Elsewhere, you'll read how you can help shape the future of working animals – from training the next generation of vets on page eight, to promoting empathy towards animals in children on page seven. If you are able to support any of our appeals, I've included a donation form that allows you to choose which you'd like to donate to.

But we'll start on page three with two stories that show how together we can continue to make a real difference to the lives of working animals everywhere. I hope you enjoy seeing all that you've helped us achieve.

Geoffrey Jennis

Geoffrey Dennis Chief Executive

PS Every animal we care for, every owner we train, every life we save depends on donations from caring people like you. Please give generously today if you can.

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### BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE ORKNGANIMALS

### TRAINING VETS IN TUNISIA

We're thrilled to announce we've taken vital steps to expand our reach in Tunisia. Thanks to you, we ran a surgery wet lab in May 2017, training SPANA vets and technicians. Each session involves a combination of theoretical and practical training: including caring for hospitalised animals, diagnostic techniques, radiotherapy, anaesthesia and simple medical interventions, as well as an introduction to surgical procedures.

When they leave these five-day training sessions, of which we've run two so far, the vets will walk away with the skills they need to diagnose and treat a variety of conditions quickly and with expertise. This will allow them to help vulnerable animals for years to come, and it's all thanks to you.



### PROVIDING EQUIPMENT IN CASABLANCA

It's impossible to fix something if you don't know how it's broken. Yet this is a problem many vets in Morocco have faced due to a lack of resources but thanks to you. that's now changed.

Your generous support means we've been able to send an X-ray and ultrasound machine to our Casablanca clinic. Vets at the clinic have been trained to use the new equipment and will now be able to diagnose injured animals much more efficiently than without the equipment. Thankfully, this will speed up diagnosis and prevent injured animals suffering any longer than they have to.

Ultrasound will help look at soft tissues, scanning:

- Tendons
- Ligaments
- Growths
- Pregnancies
- Abdominal contents
- Ocular disease
- Wounds



**Our X-ray machine** will help diagnose hard tissue problems, such as:

- Fractures
- Arthritis
- Dental disease
- Infections
- Foot issues
- Foreign bodies





### LAMENESS APPEAL

There's a phrase in the equine world that states "no foot, no horse". But here at SPANA, we're saying "no more" to the agony of animal lameness. Last year, we launched an appeal to prevent some of the dreadful suffering lameness brings to working animals. The response from our kind supporters has already made such an incredible difference, but we still need your help.

There are four main causes of animal lameness: sprains, arthritis, accidental trauma and farriery problems. The first three are inevitable consequences of hard work, and our vets are trained to treat these conditions. The agony caused by poor farriery, however, can be avoided. And with your help, it could soon be.

Most lameness problems start in the foot, which isn't surprising when you consider how hard and how long these animals work to support their communities – just like Shalo. As a result, it's crucial that horse's hooves are properly cared for. Unfortunately, a lack of training means that too many horses are inadvertently suffering at the hands of the very people who are trying to help.

It may shock and indeed sadden you to learn that, it isn't uncommon to see shoes that don't fit a horse nailed on with unsuitable masonry nails — often into the sensitive part of the horse's foot.

No working animal should have to endure this. With the right education and resources, farriers won't make these mistakes. With your support, we can provide that vital training.

This solution is a simple one, so please do not underestimate the huge impact you can have.

### A MASSIVE PROBLEM WITH A SIMPLE SOLUTION

gruelling hours every day for his family. He works on a cobbled road, and so proper shoes and farriery are vital if his feet are to be protected from the uneven surface he pulls his heavy cart across.

have helped fund, his hoof was in such a terrible condition it was impossible to ignore and needed urgent, expert attention. If he'd continued to work much longer in the state he was in, he could have gone on to develop painful bruising, corns or abscesses in his feet that could make him trip - something that sounds innocent, but can be a life-threatening danger when working on such very busy roads.

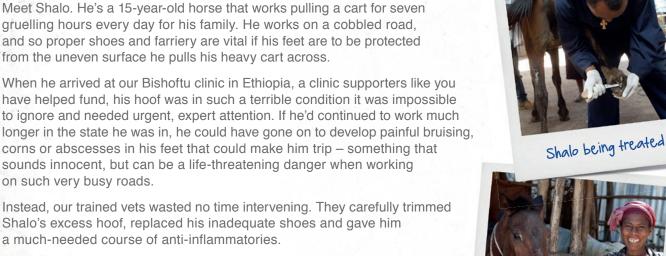
Instead, our trained vets wasted no time intervening. They carefully trimmed Shalo's excess hoof, replaced his inadequate shoes and gave him a much-needed course of anti-inflammatories.

Shalo was one of the lucky ones. Thousands of horses with crippling lameness like him still desperately need your help.



Shalo's injuries could so easily have been avoided with the proper care. We're already training owners to look out for the signs of lameness. Now, with your help, we'll provide local farriers with a better understanding of the anatomy of a horse's hoof, while improving their technique when it comes to trimming and shoeing a working horse.

It costs as little as £120 to provide this essential training to a farrier who will go on to care for up to 150 working horses over a year - sparing each one of them from the unthinkable and unnecessary suffering caused by poor farriery.



Thanks to people like you, we were able to treat Shalo's lameness. But there are still thousands of working animals suffering in silence.

Lameness is one of the biggest problems facing working animals today. Your continued support will help us to tackle it.

could provide a week's pain relief for two horses like Shalo that are suffering from lameness

£100

could pay towards a community workshop to educate owners about correct hoof care and recognising the early signs of hoof problems, so they seek veterinary treatment earlier

£200

could pay towards a tool kit that includes items like a hoof rasp, hoof knives and shoeing tools to ensure farriers have everything they need to properly care for hooves

# YOUR TEAM WORKING FOR ANIMALS ACROSS THE GLOBE

Like you, we're committed to raising the standard of care for working animals around the world. It's not a simple fix, but we have a plan in place. While treating animals is at the heart of this plan, training future vets and teaching the next generation of animal owners is just as important. To give you an insight into our approach, we caught up with three SPANA staff fighting for working animals in different ways, around the world.



### HERMINAH SIMOYI

**Education Officer, Zimbabwe** 

### **Q.** Hi Herminah, can you tell us about a typical working day?

Sure! I get the classroom ready, greet the children and then set tasks to help the kids understand what they can do to help animals live pain free lives. On busy days, I can teach as many as 10 classes! I'll be tired, but I'll be feeling good.

### Q. How important is the education centre?

As most animal caregivers are children, I'd say very. The more children are educated about good animal welfare, the more animals are treated with empathy and respect. Like they say, it's better to teach a child than to cure an adult.

### **Q.** Is there anything you'd like to say to our supporters?

Speaking on behalf of the children who visit, I'd like to say thank you. The centre is beyond their dreams. Coming here is a beautiful experience for them, and a rewarding one for me too.



#### PIPPA YOUNG

**Country Director, Botswana** 

### Q. Pippa, can you tell us how you first got involved with SPANA?

It goes back to when I was 10 or 11, when I first donated to SPANA. Later, my passion for travelling and animals brought me to Botswana where I worked at a great veterinary practice running an equid project in conjunction with SPANA.

### Q. Can you tell us about a typical day?

Well no two are the same. Some days we see wounds from poorly-fitting harnesses, others we see wounds made by leopards or crocodiles. We cover an area of over 60 miles, so I travel into the bush daily.

### Q. What are the challenges you see facing animal welfare in Botswana?

The surroundings are beautiful, but also challenging. Many people live in poverty, so survival can be an ongoing struggle. And finding the money to care for their animals is an even greater challenge.



### DR ELMOUHAINE BOUBKER

SPANA Vet, Marrakech

### Q. Hello, can you tell us about your day-to-day as a SPANA vet?

My day starts at 8am, receiving animals for consultation at one side of the clinic, and treating hospitalised animals on the other. Every day we receive about 30 sick animals for a number of conditions, from lameness caused by bad shoeing to colic.

### **Q.** What's the most fulfilling part of your job?

Seeing how what we do here benefits both animals, and entire communities. Not many charities care for both. It's extraordinary, isn't it?

### **Q.** Is there anything you'd like to say to our supporters?

On behalf of Morocco's animals I'd like to say thank you for your generosity. It's thanks to you that more than 25,000 animals are treated a year in Morocco, and more than 8,000 children are taught at our centres. I hope we can continue to rely on your support.

### A LIFELINE FOR MYANMAR'S ELEPHANTS

Located in South East Asia, Myanmar is SPANA's newest core country. It's one of Asia's least developed countries, and is hugely reliant on working elephants, horses, mules and oxen. Thanks to you, we've hit the ground running in Myanmar, having recently established a brand new mobile clinic to help care for working elephants.

The clinic helps local vets reach the remote villages that rely on working animals to carry heavy loads. So far the team has been busy removing abscesses, providing multivitamin injections, treating abdominal hernias and tending to multiple wounds in elephants working in the regions of Mandalay, Sagaing and Mon State. They also carry out extremely valuable research into common bacterial infections and potential new treatments that will hopefully further help ease the suffering of these creatures.

We're grateful for your support, and for helping us extend our reach to even more working animals across the globe.

Our mobile clinic in a snapshot:



6,000 working animals expected to be treated a year



30 remote villages reached



Over 1,000 miles covered every month





### A LESSON FOR ZIMBABWE'S YOUNG OWNERS

On a recent trip to our newly launched education centre in Zimbabwe, we were thrilled to see the huge number of children in attendance – even outside of term time. This centre only exists because of your support, so thank you for helping us provide a place for the next generation of animal owners to care for animals with compassion.



Here are some notes our Education Officer, Herminah, took on that visit:

What an amazing sight to see so many smiling children visiting our new education centre! The hype and curiosity is quite a springboard for our lessons - formed of workshops, puzzles and worksheets. It's so much more effective working with students who are motivated and curious to learn, and these kids certainly were.



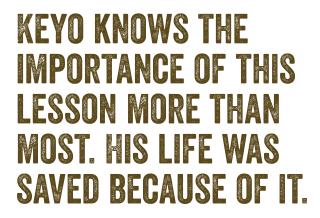
Each child was happy to get involved with lessons that promote the rewarding relationships possible between humans and animals. I'm happy to say that, thanks to these lessons, they left class knowing that working, humans and animals. I'm happy to say that, thanks to these lessons, they left class knowing that working, humans and animals are deserving of our care and compassion.

Thank you for helping us lay the foundations for better animal welfare in Myanmar and Zimbabwe.



At SPANA, we believe in making the world a better place for working animals now, and in the future. That's why we must help train and nurture the next generation of vets in countries around the world. Our clinical skills centres allow us to do just that. But we urgently need your help to support them.

With your kind gifts, we'll help student vets develop the skills they need to raise the standard of care for working animals in their country, like knowing if an animal is infested with parasites. This is vital because, without understanding exactly what parasite is plaguing an animal, there is nothing vets can do to help.



Keyo is a 13-year-old horse that pulls a cart for his owner eight hours a day, seven days a week. His owner Sisay, an 18-year-old student, had only recently bought him and was worried that the harnessing was causing him pain. The tragic reality was, he was suffering from a lot more than exterior wounds.

**NEW APPEAL** 

After cleaning Keyo's dreadful wounds, his vet, Tibebu Ashine, used the techniques taught in our clinical skills centres to check for internal parasites. The results came back positive and Tibebu was quick to provide Keyo with a course of deworming treatment.

If our vet hadn't known how to check for parasites, poor Keyo would have continued to suffer in silence. Eventually he could have suffered from weight loss, abdominal pain or colic. All of which could have led to a needless loss of life that, with the right training, can so easily be avoided.





### You can help ensure that more animals like Keyo are rescued from cruel, agonising parasites.

Students arrive at our clinical skills centres at a vital stage in their training. As you'll know, you can only learn so much about any given subject through textbooks – and it's no different for vets. That's why these centres are so important: to give trainee vets the rare opportunity to learn and practise vital clinical skills such as suturing and laboratory techniques in a safe and controlled environment. Without our centres, many young aspiring vets would never get this opportunity. Meaning they won't develop the skills they need to treat animals like Keyo with confidence.

With an ever-growing workforce of animals around the world, the demand for vets to care for them is growing. Your gift will ensure that the vets filling this quota are fully prepared for their task, meaning more working animals are treated with the kindness and dignity they deserve. Right now we have eight centres running around the world, from Morocco to Mozambique. However the demand is so high that, by the end of the year, we hope to have set up another two in Tanzania and Namibia. So long as we have your support, we will continue to work for these brave animals, and train more vets to save them from life-threatening conditions.

It's your kind donations that allow us to provide students with the materials they need. There's no telling how many animals each vet will go on to treat, which is why your donation – no matter how small – is capable of making such a big difference.



Last year we trained many vets at our clinical skills centres, who will go on to treat countless working animals like Keyo. With your help, we will train even more in 2018.

£15

could pay for a basic suturing kit, which includes items like forceps and scissors that vet students will need to practice their suturing skills

£80

could help stock a clinical skills centre with essential disposable items such as gloves, aprons, syringes, surgical blades and suture material

£200

could pay towards a microscope and slides so that the students can practise analysing blood samples and performing worm egg counts on faecal samples

### WORKING ANIMALS DEPEND ON OUR OUTREACH PROGRAMME TO SI

### OUTREACH APPEAL

### Can they depend on you?

In the dry, dusty regions of northern India, a massive workforce of camels are in crisis. Communities rely on these animals for backbreaking work, including carrying bricks in India's brick kilns. The families they belong to would struggle without these camels, but unfortunately there are limited veterinary services to treat them.

Using our global outreach programme, SPANA had to intervene.

### FIELD REPORT

Camel Animal: Babloo Name: Hetram Owner:

Notes:

Babloo is well loved by the mobile clinic team in Jodhpur. His owner knows how important it is to keep his camel healthy, and asks the vets to check on him regularly. And it's

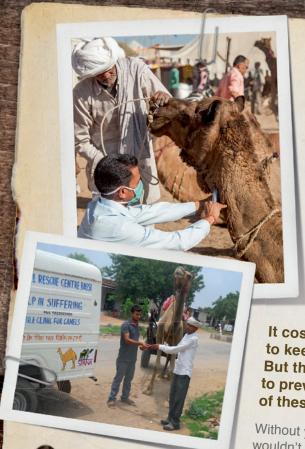
On a recent visit, Babloo was found to be suffering from agonising colic and severe dehydration. Urgently, the vets a good job he does. gave him fluid therapy along with some laxatives to deal With his excruciating condition, which was so dangerous that Babloo could have died without treatment.

Thankfully, Babloo is now on the mend, but there are so many

more camels in need of our help and your support.

# It's a desperate situation but, with your support, there is hope.

In the isolated parts of India where thousands of camels like Babloo work, there is no shade from the intense heat, little chance to rest during the long working day and very few places for families to take their animals when they're ill or injured. This means that, when an animal does need potentially lifesaving help, they very rarely receive it. A local organisation we've partnered with, Help in Suffering (HIS), has set about changing that. And with your support, we must continue to help them.



We've seen the power of working with local organisations in Mongolia, now it's crucial we act to end the suffering of working camels in India.

HIS have been working in the Jaipur region of India for 35 years running a mobile clinic for these animals. In 2015, supporters like you helped provide them with a much-needed second mobile clinic to deal with the growing need for veterinary care, and cover the region of Bassi, too. Now the team treat an incredible 6,000 camels each year – although it's still not enough. And with no other veterinary services nearby, without HIS, camels like Babloo would continue to suffer until, in extreme cases, they can survive no longer.

It costs nearly £1,000 a month to keep our clinic on the road. But that's a small price to pay to prevent the needless suffering of these camels.

Without your support, our mobile clinics wouldn't exist. Without our mobile clinics, working camels will suffer.

These two mobile clinics have become a lifeline for these hardworking creatures, rescuing them from a long list of awfully painful yet preventable conditions including lameness, wounds, foot injuries, abscesses and mange. They're a vital resource and if, after setting them up, we weren't able to keep our clinics running, it would be nothing short of a tragedy.

### Working animals depend on these mobile clinics.

- The clinics cover approximately 900 miles
- Reaching 55 villages in the regions of Bassi and Jaipur
- Treating 500 hardworking camels every month



### 10 out of 10 wells for Mongolia – thank you!

Last summer, we wrote to you about a desperate need to build new wells in Mongolia. But I'm pleased to tell you that, with your support, we were able to build all 10 of the new wells that we set out to build – providing much-needed water for nearly 15,000 working animals.

The desperate need for SPANA's work in India can't be ignored. To put it into context, without the generous support of people like you, 6,000 working camels will go without care every year.

£25

could pay for reflectors which are attached to carts to protect camels from road traffic accidents at night when they are particularly vulnerable to collisions

£135

could pay towards stocking the mobile clinics with medicine and essential veterinary equipment to help treat sick and injured camels

£250

could go towards our vital outreach work to help reach even more working animals in need

### FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO FOR SPANA, THANK YOU

Celebrating five years of the Big Knit for Vet Kit

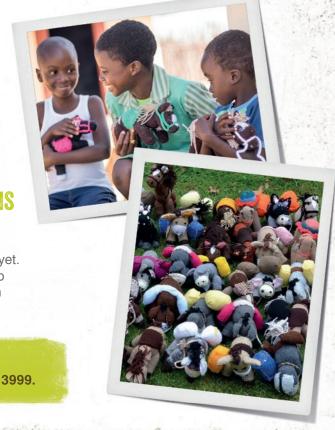
This year marks a major milestone as our Big Knit for Vet Kit event heads into its fifth year. In that time you've helped us:

- Knit over 200 ANIMALS, many of which are taken over to the countries where we work and given to the children enrolled in our education programmes.
- Raise nearly £17,000 from 888 DONATIONS
   all from the Big Knit!

To celebrate, we're hoping to make 2018's Big Knit the biggest yet. Knitting can be a great way to get together with friends and help working animals, plus all the materials you need are included in the Big Knit pack.

**Order your Big Knit pack today** 

Simply head to spana.org/knit or give us a call on 020 7831 3999.



### BEC'S 2018 COASTAL CHALLENGE

SPANA supporter Rebecca Drackley will soon be heading to Costa Rica to take part in a six day run, spanning nearly 160 miles, to raise money for SPANA.

The mammoth challenge, which takes place in February, comes just two years after she ran six marathons in six days – in the Sahara Desert – for SPANA. Rebecca raised an amazing £760 last time, and is chasing a target of £1,000 for this event.

To support Rebecca, and to give her some words of encouragement, visit her fundraising page at

justgiving.com/Rebecca-Drackley2

This will be the third event now I've fundraised for SPANA. I'll always support the charity as horses have provided the happiest times of my life. I would encourage anybody reading about my adventures to do something that they have always wanted to but never thought they could.

Rebecca Drackley, SPANA supporter





What makes SPANA so different to any other animal charity is that we work to help <u>all</u> working animals, not just one species. Our core efforts are focused on donkeys, horses and mules, but if another working animal needs our help – we won't turn them away. By leaving a gift in your Will, you can help us keep it that way.

You'll have read on page seven of our efforts to protect Myanmar's working elephants. These beautiful animals are the backbone of this country and yet the old saying "an elephant never forgets" is ironic as, unfortunately, these creatures have become a forgotten workforce.

### Could you remember working animals with a gift to SPANA in your Will?

Of course, we're incredibly grateful to everybody who supports our work in whatever way they choose to do so. A donation today will make a difference tomorrow. However, a gift in your Will does something special;

it can safeguard the future of working animals – all working animals. Legacies fund nearly half of everything we do. So your legacy, no matter what size, will make a genuine difference for the future of working animals like the elephants of Myanmar.

If you have already made your Will and decide that you would like to add a gift to SPANA, a codicil is an easy way to do this. Adding a codicil to your Will enables you to make this addition but you won't have to pay for your Will to be completely rewritten. Our free legacies guide includes a codicil form ready for you to use.

If you're interested in remembering SPANA with a gift in your Will, please don't hesitate to request a copy of our free legacies guide. Please tick the appropriate box on the response form or just call Penny in our legacy team on 020 7831 3999 or email her at giftsinwills@spana.org. We'd like to stress that we understand this is a sensitive topic and we promise to respect your privacy and your wishes.

# WORKING FOR ALL WORKING ANIMALS, ALL AROUND THE WORLD

Every year, your donations help us reach vulnerable animals beyond our core countries. From educating the next generation of owners to rescuing animals from crisis, our outreach programme allows us to work with local organisations to secure a better future for working animals everywhere.

### VETERINARY PROGRAMME

With up to 200 million working animals spread around the globe, SPANA teams can't be everywhere. Thanks to you, however, we're working with global organisations to expand our reach:

### Organisation:

Highveld Horse Care Unit

#### Country:

South Africa

#### Aim:

In parts of South Africa, where poverty is rife, thousands of horses are suffering. Dental problems and a lack of veterinary care are plaguing these animals, leading to extreme pain, malnutrition and severe weight loss. Thanks to you, we're beginning to make a difference, providing monthly clinics that treat and care for up to 1,700 horses.

### Organisation:

AMARTE

Foundation

#### Country:

Nicaragua

#### Aim:

Babesiosis

is a disease caused by the blood parasite Babesia. It is easily misdiagnosed and can be fatal in half of all donkeys infected. It's thought that Babesia and other blood parasites are present in up to 90% of donkeys in some areas of northern Nicaragua. So, with your help, we're investigating the prevalence of these blood parasites in the rural communities of Madriz and Nueva Segovia so we can target treatment and prevention.





### **EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

With your help, we're funding eight education outreach projects to create a better future for working animals around the world. Here's an update on two of them:

(Farm Animal Centre)

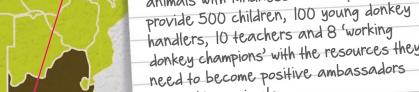
### Country:

South Africa

#### Aim:

Thanks to your

support, this project is giving children the confidence and understanding to treat animals with kindness and respect. It will provide 500 children, 100 young donkey handlers, 10 teachers and 8 'working donkey champions' with the resources they need to become positive ambassadors for working animals.



### Thank you for your support of working animals everywhere.

This is only a snapshot of what you've helped us achieve in the last year. To see more projects you're helping support around the world, head to spana.org/outreach

### THE HAPPY HOOVES SALE IS NOW ON!

Treat yourself or a loved one to a fantastic gift at a bargain price. Every gift you buy helps us reach working animals in need across the globe. Order by the end of February to receive up to 50% off selected cards, gifts and goodies. Plus, receive 50% off standard UK and international delivery!\*





#### Jennie's Farm Bag WAS £14.00

This handy bag is a stylish way to carry everyday essentials. It's practical too, with a magnetic clasp, inside zip-pocket and easy wipe-clean finish.

Gift code: M17JFB







### **Farmyard Friends Game** WAS £10.00

This fun matching and sorting game is sure to make them hoot, as they mimic farmyard noises and match animals with their homes.

Not suitable for children under three years old

Gift code: M17FF



### Laughing Donkey Jug WAS £18.00

A unique, playful jug that will put a smile on anyone's face! Hand-painted, and sure to make a fantastic addition to your crockery collection.

Gift code: M17LDJ











### **Inky Donkey Blank Greetings Card**

WAS £3.00

Drawn with bamboo pens that she carves herself, Kate Moby's Inky Donkey card is perfect for any occasion, and can be kept on display all year round.

With envelope Gift code: M17IDC





An interactive wildlife garden for the little ones to discover! Includes wooden characters, special play mat, and educational instructions.

Not suitable for children under three years old

Gift code: M17WGT





#### Booja-Booja **Champagne Truffles** WAS £13.00

These luxurious Fine de Champagne truffles are truly exquisite. Made from only organic and natural ingredients, they are suitable for vegans too.

Vegan, Contains coconut oil and alcohol

Gift code: M17BBT



### 'Clucking Along' Gift Wrap WAS £4.00

Vibrant chickens cover this versatile wrapping paper, with a heart design on the reverse. Created by artist. and fellow animal lover, Jo Stockdale.

Two sheets 27"x 19" with matching tags

Gift code: M17CGW



<sup>\*</sup>Sale commences on 24 January 2018 and ends on 28 February 2018. Receive up to 50% off original price on selected merchandise products, plus 50% off standard UK and international delivery. Next day delivery is excluded from this offer. Prices as marked. Please visit www.happyhooves.org or call 0330 332 2530 for current prices. No adjustments to prior purchases