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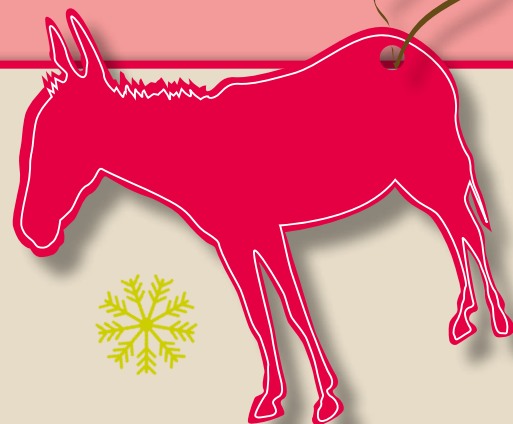


SPANAnews

For the working animals of the world



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• Educating against cruelty in Jordan • Treating Fistulous Withers in Mali



Have you got room for a little donkey on your list this Christmas?

If you're stuck for what to buy a friend or relative this Christmas, why not choose a gift from our fantastic Happy Hooves range? The money we raise from selling these gifts goes directly to help working animals in need. So you will give a gift with a difference and working animals around the world will have a happy Christmas too – thanks to you!

Choose from our selection of beautiful Christmas cards and other festive gifts, or give a gift from the refuge. We have some great and unusual ideas, from a doughnut bandage for a working donkey to an x-ray diagnosis pack for one of our clinics around the world.

THE PURRFECTION GIFT FOR ANIMAL LOVERS

Animal-loving author Lucy Duckworth has continued her support for SPANA with a new book, *A Prayer for the Wild at Heart*. This beautiful book would make an ideal gift for animal lovers with a soft spot for cats. *A Prayer for the Wild at Heart* is available through our Happy Hooves catalogue.



See the catalogue enclosed, request a copy on **0300 033 4999** or visit our online shop at: **www.happyhooves.org**

SPANA fact

Since 2008, we've helped more than one million working animals stay healthy and happy.

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Welcome

Dear friends,

Welcome to your autumn edition of SPANA News. Well, what a year of contrasts it has been! There have been some very distressing scenes in Africa and worrying news from some of our countries involved in the 'Arab Spring'. These events have

been offset by the inspiring, and life-saving, work going on at our permanent and mobile clinics around the world, which simply wouldn't be possible without your generosity.

Recently it has been wonderful to see all our country directors converge in London for the first time in years. It was good to have a chance to discuss our ambitious plans for the future, both for the veterinary and education programmes. A bonus was being able to take them to the summer supporters' party at St. Hilda's College, Oxford.

My trip to Mandera in Kenya, which you can read about on page 12, was both gruelling and inspiring. With drought and famine now affecting the region, I found it depressing to see how little had changed since my last visit five years ago. The pastoralists in the region rely totally on livestock for survival, yet animals remain a low priority for the international community. I have been lucky to get some good opportunities in the media to highlight our belief that saving animals saves human lives.

Finally, despite the global economic gloom, SPANA is buzzing with optimism. Our veterinary, emergency, training and education work is desperately important to the developing countries we work in, and we want to spread it further afield to new countries, new people, new animals. We are beginning a major drive to recruit new supporters to help us reach more animals in need and we've updated our logo, which I'm personally thrilled with. I think it really captures the spirit of our work and broadens our appeal to new audiences.

I do hope you enjoy this autumn issue of SPANA News and thank you so much for your wonderful support.

Jeremy

Front cover: An owner with his working mule in Ethiopia



Donkeys suffer intense pain from fistulous withers.



Fistulous Withers: making life a misery for thousands of working animals

In Morocco, Mali, Ethiopia, Syria and many other countries where we work, one of the most common conditions our vets come up against is called **fistulous withers**. This painful and debilitating infection affects many thousands of donkeys in urban and rural areas. Your support will help us reach out to more working animals

suffering with conditions like **fistulous withers**.

Fistulous withers was once common amongst the carriage horses of London, but thankfully it is now a very rare occurrence in this country. However, SPANA vets still encounter this terrible condition regularly in working donkeys across the developing world.

What is fistulous withers?

Fistulous withers affects many thousands of working donkeys in developing countries and develops as a result of pressure from poorly fitting harnesses being worn for prolonged periods. It is a particularly nasty problem, caused by an infection to the *Supraspinatus bursa*, a small fluid-filled sac that

reduces friction between the main neck ligaments and the underlying bony part of the withers. When this sac is infected it becomes inflamed, sore and fills with pus, until it eventually ruptures. The pain for the animal is horrendous.

Sometimes, the problem starts with a parasite

The adult worms of a parasite called *Onchocerca cervicalis* can live in the neck ligaments of working donkeys and horses and may grow up to 40 cm long. This can again lead to fistulous withers, which is only made worse by the hard work the donkeys face as they pull heavy loads in poorly fitting harnesses.

Prevention is better than a cure

Fistulous withers is not only incredibly painful, it is quite difficult to treat. What's more, it can leave

the animal unable to work for prolonged periods of time, which can spell disaster for a family that relies on their animal for their livelihood.

That's why an important part of every SPANA vet's role is to train while they treat. Educating owners in proper harnessing, for example, can help to prevent serious and painful infections like fistulous withers. We also work with owners to encourage regular de-worming, in addition to periodically testing for worm eggs.

With your help, a working life doesn't have to be a life of misery

SPANA vets are hard at work in urban and rural communities around the world, treating thousands of working animals struck down by fistulous withers and other painful or life-threatening conditions. We are also committed

to preventing suffering, by training and educating owners in how to care for their animals.

Working animals urgently need your support

We depend on your support to reach out to more communities around the world, to prevent suffering and to help people keep their animals healthy and productive. Please give a gift today to ensure that working animals around the world have better lives. Please help today.

One of the working donkeys being treated for fistulous withers by a SPANA vet



Cases of fistulous withers.

In a rural village in Mali, a couple of young boys approached our mobile clinic with a donkey suffering with severe fistulous withers and an abscess on its right side. Our vet, Dr Amadou, cleaned the wound thoroughly. He then lanced the abscess under local anaesthetic and placed a drain in it, allowing pus to discharge for a few days. He urged the boys not to try and treat the wound by covering it with oil and ash (a common practice in many places), but to bring it back for follow up treatment from a local community animal health worker, who accompanies the SPANA team on their village visits.

Dr Amadou also explained to the boys how to prevent this condition happening in the future, by not overloading their donkey and using a correctly fitting and well-padded harness. Your support today will help us reach out to more animals and people in remote communities. Thank you.

How your gift will make a difference

We hope to raise £20,000 from this appeal to support our life-saving veterinary work around the world

In developing countries like Mali and Syria, your gift will go a very long way. Can you help with a donation today?

£15 can treat two animals with fistulous withers

£20 for ten health checks for ten working animals

£22.80 for 20 doses of worming treatment

£50 for harness parts to prevent suffering for five working animals

Please make a donation by using the enclosed donation form, call 0300 033 4999 or give at www.spana.org/donate

Morocco

A day in the life of a SPANA vet

Animals recovering in our Morocco centre.



Educating owners is vital in preventing suffering.

SPANA fact

SPANA receives no government funding, so it is only due to the kindness of our wonderful supporters that we're able to continue our life-saving work.



A working animal receives treatment at our clinic in Morocco

In June, Jane Harry, our Veterinary Programme Advisor travelled to Khemisset, a town situated in the Middle Atlas mountains of Morocco. Here is her fascinating field report...

SPANA has a small centre in Khemisset, immaculately run by Dr Hinnach. On my first morning I met up with Dr Hinnach, excited about the prospect of following his mobile clinic team on their regular trip to the remote hill town of Tiddas. Five days a week the centre operates a mobile clinic serving seven towns in the surrounding area.

The souk in Tiddas is held weekly, and is the hub of the local rural community, with people coming from many miles around. Most shoppers arrive on their donkeys, mules and horses, with large empty panniers to be filled for the journey home. It's a perfect place for the SPANA mobile clinic to set up shop!

After making my way through the bustling market I came upon the SPANA mobile clinic, already up and running, with a patient group of owners waiting politely.

I watched with interest as a variety of cases were presented to the SPANA vets.

Two donkeys had sores caused by poorly fitting bits. These were replaced and the thankful owners went on their way.

A little later, the team examined two donkeys with nasty infections resulting from wounds. After an initial assessment it was decided that they needed to be transported back to the centre for further treatment. The worried owners agreed.

The owner of another horse with a stone in its salivary gland,

formed from mineral secretions, also agreed to bring his animal into the centre in Khemisset for surgery.

It's a hive of activity around the mobile clinic.

The mobile clinic team worked flat out to see as many animals as they could.



Animals receive an excellent standard of care.

My heart went out to one filly who was very under the weather with a severe tick infestation under her tail. Ticks carry a blood parasite that can cause anaemia, weight loss, weakness, jaundice, organ failure and even death. The team instructed the filly's owner to bring her to the centre to receive urgent treatment.

It was fascinating and inspiring to see a SPANA mobile clinic at work in such a remote community, but all too soon it was time for me to return to the centre in Khemisset.

Back at the centre, Dr Hinnach showed me some other patients he has been treating.

The first patient we looked in on was a donkey being treated for a deep wound to the hindquarters, which Dr Hinnach suspects was done by somebody with a gripe against the owner. The wound had been sutured and was healing excellently.

The veterinary team were dealing with a wide variety of problems: abscesses, chronic mastitis in a very old mare, an infected leg wound, mange and a case of hoof deformity.

I was incredibly impressed by how immaculate and well organised the centre was. Every animal was receiving an excellent standard of care.

A brighter future.

The centre clearly has an impact on animal welfare in the region. Dr Hinnach told me they see fewer wounds caused by poor harnessing than they used to, thanks to years of owner education. In fact, most of the conditions I saw during my trip were accidental or infectious, and not caused by maltreatment or neglect, which is testament to the dedication of the Khemisset team and the impact they are having on local communities.

Jane Harry, Veterinary Programme Advisor

News in Brief



Feeding programmes in troubled regions save thousands of lives.

Egypt

Helping Cairo's working horses

Earlier this year we stepped in to help Cairo's tourist horses after unrest across the country led to a 46 per cent downturn in tourism. Horse owners dependent on tourist income for a living struggled to feed their animals, with many horses left in a desperate state. We stepped in to help partner organisation, ESMA, run feeding programmes across the city.

Colin Ball, an ESMA volunteer, highlighted the plight of the city's working animals: "Every week we distribute feed for 400 horses, many of them malnourished. But we're also helping to improve the situation longer term. ESMA has built trust within the community and this is going a long way in helping to re-educate owners."

Mauritania

Giving water-carrying donkeys a better life

The city of Nouakchott has no water system, so donkeys pull carts with two forty-gallon drums of water to distribute around the town. The youngsters who run the donkeys are very poor and will not have had the chance to go to school. They rely on their donkeys to make what little income they can. Traditionally the donkeys have no bridles or head collars and the children steer them by hitting them around the head with a stick or length of piping, which often results in terrible wounds.

Back in 2007, we launched an appeal to help improve the welfare of these hardworking donkeys. Earlier this year we had a chance to check up on the progress of this project.

Thanks to our supporters we've been able to:

- **Organise a harness-making course to teach a dozen local artisans to make simple and cheap head collars with reins attached.**
- **Educate the donkeys' young owners through a short TV sketch, based around football training and fitness.**
- **Distribute over six thousand head collars to nearly ten per cent of the donkey population.**

The success of this programme is clearly visible as donkeys with SPANA's head collars have far fewer wounds and abrasions than those without. It just shows what can be achieved with your help. **Thank you.**



Our supporters are helping to save Mongolian animals from starvation.

Mongolia

Spring Appeal

A huge **thank you** to everyone who gave to this appeal to buy hay harvesters for remote communities in Mongolia. The Dzud is a ferocious weather phenomenon characterised by a terrible summer drought followed by a bitter winter, when temperatures can fall as low as minus 50°C. During one three year period over 11 million animals were killed.

As a result of our multi-media campaign, you will be pleased to hear that we have now purchased the hay harvesters. Work has begun on the fodder storage shelters and they will be ready in time for the hay cutting. We aim to cut the grass and store well in time to help animals through the bitter Mongolian winter.

STOP PRESS

SPANA buses running again!

We're pleased to report that despite the unrest in Tunisia and Syria, our children's education buses are on the road once again. Both buses were bought here in the UK and had exhibition panels created and fitted into them before they were shipped out to their target countries. The exhibition in the Syrian bus was partly paid for by the Global Environmental Fund (GEF) to whom we are very grateful. The aim of both projects is to inspire and interest children in animal welfare.

In Tunisia, our bus was taken off the road as soon as the troubles started, but it is now back touring the country going to summer festivals and scout camps.

In Syria, the bus had only just been officially opened and had been to three provinces when the political unrest began. Our director, Darem Tabbaa decided it would be safer in the far east of the country, so it is now touring in an area towards the Iraq border.

We continue to monitor closely the unrest across the region and its impact on our work and the animals we care for.

Odile's column

Almost ninety years ago, an intrepid English woman and her daughter founded SPANA after witnessing the terrible suffering of working animals on their travels across North Africa. In any age, Kate and Nina Hosali would stand out as extraordinary women – but, as lone women travelling through unfamiliar countries in the 1920s, their achievements are all the more remarkable. Driven, fearless and passionate, their ambition and determination were truly astonishing!

I feel deeply privileged and honoured to have known Nina personally in the late Seventies, when she was still a member of SPANA's Council and I started my long association with the charity. I am therefore acutely aware of her vision for SPANA, which was so close to her heart.

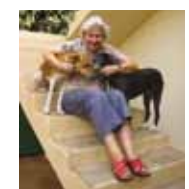
SPANA is undergoing great changes as we have ambitious plans for expanding our work, reaching out to more countries, treating more animals and educating more children. Our energetic media team is working hard to extend our message to more people and the number of SPANA supporters is growing fast. And, of course, the 'new look' SPANA News and logo reflect more effectively the breadth of our work.

But, despite the inevitable changes, we're a charity deeply rooted in the values of our founders and share their unbreakable conviction that working animals deserve compassion, kindness and the best treatment available. The scale of the challenge is daunting but I am convinced, were Nina here to see it, she would be as excited as I am about SPANA's direction and our bold plans for the future.

I am very proud to be a part of SPANA and I very much hope that you are too.

Odile Slyn

Odile
The Lady Slyn of Hadley



SPANA fact

Last year, our veterinary centres and mobile clinics treated over 380,000 working animals. That's more than 1,000 every day.

SPANA News

Thanks to our generous supporters, the spring SPANA News appeal also reached its target and Andy Stringer our Veterinary Director, will be travelling to Mali and Jordan in the autumn to prepare the course framework for our veterinary Continued Professional Development (CPD) training programme.

Ethiopia:

Training the next generation of vets

SPANA fact

We use 8,800 metres of suture material every single year. That's over a million stitches – each one helping to heal the wound of an injured working animal.



The town of Jimma in Ethiopia lies 350km to the southwest of the capital, Addis Ababa. Every day the market is full of hundreds of working animals pulling carts full of goods; for the poor people that live nearby, these animals are essential to their livelihoods. But the horses here suffer from many terrible problems: epizootic lymphangitis (EZL), severe wounds from carrying heavy loads, lameness, and internal parasites.

Many EZL cases are abandoned and there are terrible branding injuries where owners have attempted to cure the condition using traditional methods. Shoeing is also a problem with owners nailing bits of rubber to their horses' feet in an attempt to protect them from the harsh terrain.



So how can SPANA get to more working animals?

One of the most effective solutions is to train local vets who can help us reach out to more animals in need.

SPANAs Ethiopian country director, Dr Nigatu recently led a two-day training course for veterinary staff and students at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, at Jimma University. The course involved theoretical and practical training on animal welfare, general clinical examination, lameness, EZL, wound management, African horse sickness and colic.



The session was well received, with one student noting, "We haven't seen equines being treated in the clinic before, and it was so helpful to build up practical knowledge to improve our skills."

SPANAs knows that the future of veterinary service provision lies in the hands of well-educated and well-trained nationals from within our countries of operation. That's why we're committed to supporting the very best training possible.

Andy Stringer
Veterinary Director

Improving future veterinary care for equines in Ethiopia.

East African Drought Update

In June, we returned to Mandera in Kenya. Back in 2006, our emergency feeding programme fed 20,000 head of livestock when the region lost a staggering 70 per cent of its working animals. When reports came in that the area was once again in crisis, we had to see how we could help.

The news has been full of reports on the terrible drought in East Africa. **The failure of successive rains has now left millions of animals dead or terribly malnourished, with the communities that rely on them also fighting for survival.**

Once again, SPANA is funding feeding programmes in the far north east of Kenya, just a few miles from both the Somali and Ethiopian borders. It's the very epicentre of the current crisis, with poor and dispossessed refugees arriving every day.



When animals starve people will be next.

Many are nomadic pastoralists: people who depend totally on livestock and working animals for transport, trade, milk – everything. When they lose their animals, they have no choice but to try and reach a refugee camp. With their animals gone, these people have no way to sustain themselves and become trapped in the camps, reliant on food aid.



SPANA is working to prevent that. By providing fodder, veterinary help and vaccinations to working animals and livestock in terrible need. We're helping families retain their independent livelihood and securing the long-term future for animals across the region.

"At a meeting in Kutulu, tribal elders told us 562 cows had died. 296 camels and 31,142 sheep and goats were dead. They had approximately 14,000 sheep and goats, and 300 camels left. This is for around 35,000 people." *Jeremy Hulme*

SPANA in the news

The scale of the problem in East Africa is enormous. Over 12 million people and countless animals are affected. Right now, governments and aid agencies are rightly focused on providing food aid to starving people. But SPANA believes the international community needs

to give a greater priority to pastoralists' livelihoods – and in East Africa that means keeping animals healthy. SPANA's media team has been working hard to make sure the suffering of animals stays in the news, highlighting the plight of animals and pastoralists whilst raising vital funds to extend

our emergency work in East Africa. We've spoken on BBC TV, BBC Radio 2 and several other stations. We've also got our message across in print via articles on SPANA's views in 12 national newspapers.

Watch exclusive videos of SPANA's work in East Africa at www.spana.org/african-drought

Look out for the new campaign in the post, press and online!



Watch out for SPANA's new fundraising campaign over the coming months. As part of a major push to attract more supporters to our cause and significantly grow our income, we are launching an exciting three-year fundraising strategy. The objective is to widen SPANA's appeal with a message that drives home the plight of working animals the world over and tells the SPANA story in an inspiring and uplifting way. 'Stop treating animals like machines' is our slogan, which highlights the appalling pain and misery millions of working animals endure.



We know that many families have to rely on animals to survive; for transport, getting goods to market, and to support their livelihoods. But while they may take the place of machines, animals are not machines. They have a right to receive good care, food, water, and compassion.

Across the world, millions of working animals are seen as nothing more than machines: pulling or carrying backbreaking loads hour after hour in scorching heat, often without enough water or food to fuel their efforts. There are over 100 million working animals in the developing world and many of these suffer with malnutrition, exhaustion, disease or injury in the course of their working lives. It's not usually deliberate cruelty; it's a combination of poverty, lack of education and necessity. But working animals aren't machines; they feel misery, pain and suffering.

SPANA's Director of Fundraising, Philippa Ireland, is keen for existing supporters to get behind the campaign. "The more we can spread the word about our work, the better our chances of raising our profile and our fundraising income. In tough economic times we have to be distinctive and ambitious if we're to meet our goal of a world where all working animals are treated with respect and humanity – as living, breathing creatures – and not just as machines."

People can find out the campaign online at www.animalsnotmachines.org



Animals are great!

Inspiring children to love animals in Jordan

"It's so good to see the people involved with SPANA and the fantastic work they do, and to know that there is help for some of the suffering animals. I was very impressed by the education centre and all they do for the children. This has to be the way forward."

Patsy Baverstock,
SPANA supporter



After viewing the exhibition, young school children sit on the grass all busily drawing pictures of animals.



SPANA fact

Each year, our 22 mobile clinics and two education buses travel approximately 447,000 miles – that's the same as going to the moon and back.

In May our long-planned supporter trip to Syria and Jordan had to be hastily re-arranged when unrest in Syria made travel there impossible. Instead our group, consisting of 11 supporters went to Jordan.

One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to SPANA's education centre on the outskirts of Amman. The centre was built on a piece of undeveloped land donated by Jordan's Ministry of Education and our campaign in SPANA News, which you may remember, raised around £95,000 to cover the build.

A particularly delightful feature were the gardens designed to represent different natural ecosystems in Jordan (woodland, desert, wetland, farmland). Complete with pond, olive grove, chicken house, small mammal house, an aviary, and a room for insects, bees and fish, there really was something for everyone. A building made to blend in with the natural surroundings housed an office, classroom and a small interactive exhibition about animals. This was a firm favourite with our supporters and the children. It was like entering into



another world, with animal sights and sounds and things to do, flaps to lift and buttons to push.

The children who visit the centre as part of their school curriculum are mainly from a chain of Animal Clubs set up by SPANA, which run in over 200 schools throughout the country. The idea is to give children the opportunity to see, touch and handle animals at first hand... an essential ingredient, we think,

in helping them to build positive attitudes and to empathise with animals.

As well as donkeys, animals at the centre include bees in a glass display hive, chickens with chicks, frogs and tadpoles in the pond that can be seen beneath the surface through windows, and rabbits in a secure area to allow handling.

On the day of our visit the winners of a competition set by SPANA for the members of the Animal Clubs were there to make a presentation on why they were the best animal club in Jordan. The girls, aged between 13 and 16, made a presentation to us about the many activities they had been involved with as part of their animal group. Their confidence was amazing

considering how young they were and we were all impressed and inspired by their passion for animals. This can only bode well for the future of animal welfare in Jordan.

Kirsty Brzeczek, Events and
Supporter Care Manager

"Through joining the club, I have learnt a lot and now think animals are great. My mum hates cats ... but I don't."

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Giving one-eared donkeys a new lease of life

SPANA is also working in Jordan to dissuade owners from cutting off their donkey's ears. Our country director in Jordan, Dr Ghazi Mustafa, explains.

"Although the practice is not as common as it once was, there are still people who believe that cutting off their donkey's ear will cure them from the harmful effects of poisoning. Donkeys can become ill from drinking polluted water that can have harmful chemicals or pesticides in it. When this happens some owners follow traditional methods and 'bleed' the animal by cutting off the ear. Our education programme is having an impact and we are seeing fewer cases. What is harder to stamp out is the mutilation of donkeys as part of magic rituals. The ear is prized and used in potions. Not only is this practice intolerably cruel, it is also much harder for a one-eared donkey to be re-homed. We currently have 12 such donkeys in our care that came in from Great Amman Municipality. There were 13 but happily number 13 has been re-homed and renamed Kamal by his very happy new owner. So not so unlucky 13 after all!"



In Jordan it is believed that cutting off an ear cures poisoning.

Legacies

Is it time to think about the ones you love?

Making or changing your Will requires very careful consideration. It may be something you've been meaning to do for a while. Or it may be stimulated by changes to family circumstances. Either way, it's definitely a time to think about the ones you love and providing them with security for the future.

Understandably family and friends come first for many people. But for some of our supporters, working animals like donkeys and horses also hold a special place in their hearts – and they hope to give these animals a better future by remembering SPANA in their Will.



Please give working animals a future.

*Over 50% of our income comes from gifts in Wills.
That equates to the treatment of around 190,000 animals.*



It's amazing what you can achieve with a gift in your Will

The gifts we have received in Wills have been crucial to our work. They have helped us reach out to animals in some of the poorest countries in the world like Ethiopia and Mali. They have funded new animal hospitals. They have enabled us to educate thousands of owners and children, and they have saved lives in emergency situations in Zimbabwe, Sudan and Kenya.

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Last year legacies were responsible for over 50 per cent of our income – meaning that one in every two of the animals we cared for was helped thanks to the generosity of the gifts we received in Wills.

Gifts in Wills are absolutely vital in safeguarding our existing and future veterinary and education programmes.

By following in the footsteps of those who have helped us this way in the past, you can give animals the chance of a better future. A future where SPANA vets are on hand to tend injuries and sickness. A future where owners and children are better educated to look after their animals to the best of their

ability, treating them with the care and respect they deserve.

Big or small. Your gift will have the power to help.

You don't have to own a huge estate to make a difference. We are very grateful for every gift, whatever the size, and recognize the compassion behind each donation. Smaller gifts soon add up and enable us to continue with our life-saving veterinary work and life-changing education programme.

We understand that leaving a gift in your Will is a highly personal decision and you may have family and friends to consider first and foremost. All we ask is that, once you have, please think about the working animals in some of the world's poorest countries.

Simple. Life-changing.

One way to help SPANA is with a gift called a residuary gift. This might be a good option if you are not sure how much will be left in your estate. It can also remove the necessity of amending your Will every time you want to change your gift to account for inflation.

If you're not already aware, a residuary gift is a percentage of the value of your estate once all debts and taxes, expenses, cash gifts

and specific gifts have been paid. This is a great way to help SPANA – as a percentage of your estate, your gift is more likely to retain its value over time... allowing us to do more for hardworking donkeys, horses and livestock.

A gift in your Will can save lives

Little Hassan was close to death when his owner brought him in to our refuge in Chemaia, Morocco.

The poor donkey could barely stand and he was having difficulty breathing. Our vets discovered he had pneumonia and his life

hung in the balance. The first few hours were critical, but thanks to the dedication of SPANA vets, and Hassan's fighting spirit, he pulled through. With plenty of rest and good care from the SPANA team Hassan recovered and was able to return home with his relieved owner.

Please will you help more working animals like Hassan with a gift in your Will to SPANA?



FREE guide to remembering SPANA in your Will

Whether you are making your Will for the first time or updating an existing one, you can get further helpful information by requesting our free booklet.

For more information on how to include a gift in your Will to SPANA, and to receive our FREE guide to legacies, please call **020 7831 3999**, visit us online at **www.spana.org/legacy** or please complete and return the 'legacies' section on the enclosed donation form.

If you have already left a gift to SPANA in your Will, or you may want to do so in the future rather than right now, we would love to hear your intentions. Of course, if you would rather not receive information about leaving a legacy, please let us know – we won't be offended. And, by doing so, you'll be helping us save on the costs of mailing information that is not relevant to you. Whatever you decide, please let us know. Thank you.



Sun shines on SPANA's Summer Party!

St. Hilda's College, Oxford
– Saturday 16th July

SPANA's 2011 Summer Party was a great success! The sun put in a welcome appearance as guests enjoyed views across the river toward Oxford. The party was attended by almost a hundred SPANA supporters, plus members of SPANA staff and eight of SPANA's overseas country directors.

Guests had the chance to view the new SPANA fundraising film, plus a video of the Jordan supporters' tour and dramatic footage taken

on Jeremy's recent visit to the Mandera region of Kenya, which has been devastated by drought. The event also gave supporters an opportunity to talk to our country directors, giving them an insight into how their generosity is making a difference in each of the countries where we work.

Many guests also took the opportunity to choose something from the range of SPANA merchandise on offer. Our traditional Summer Party raffle was also extremely popular, contributing to an amazing total of £750 that was raised on the day.

SPANA fact

SPANA uses over 270,000 kilograms of food concentrate and more than 17,000 bales of hay and straw each year (not counting our emergency work!).



Supporters enjoyed the displays from our country directors.

A big thank you to everybody who attended and particularly to our country directors who made the event extra special.

New Fundraising Film

SPANA's new fundraising film was shown at the Summer Party and everyone agreed it shows a fantastic overview of SPANA's work and how you can help. The film is a great way to spread the word about us to potential new supporters. So if you would like a copy to show friends

and family or perhaps to a local club or society, then please contact Nic Van Gelder on **020 7831 3999** or email **nic@spana.org**.

A wonderful day for staff and supporters alike!



Upcoming events

New Year Party, SPANA HQ – Thursday 5th January 2012

You are cordially invited to our New Year party, which will be held from 12pm to 3pm at our head office, 14 John Street, London WC1N 2EB on Thursday 5th January. We would love the chance to meet you face-to-face to say thank you for your support and generosity.

If you would like to come, please telephone Nicola Jobling on **020 7831 3999**. Space is limited so please let us know as soon as you can.



SPANA comes to Edinburgh! Saturday 22nd – Sunday 23rd October

This is the third event in our 2011 roadshow, following on from our success in Liverpool and Cardiff in August. It's an opportunity for you to come and meet the SPANA team and hear directly from us how your valued donations are spent. Plus we'd love to hear your thoughts about SPANA's work and fundraising programmes. The **free information session** will take place at the Edinburgh Training and Conference Venue in the city centre from 4.30pm to 6.00pm on 22nd October.

To make the most of our visit to Edinburgh, we'll also be taking part (with our fabulous donkey costume!) in the **Big Fun Run** in Holyrood Park on Sunday 23rd October and we'd love you to join us! The event will be great fun, but you don't have to run; you can walk, crawl or even wheel yourself around this lovely 5k route.

You could take part and raise sponsorship for SPANA (entry is £12 per person) or just come along and support the team. Or if you aren't able to take part, perhaps a friend or family member might be interested.

Whatever you choose to do, we hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to meet the SPANA team and help working animals worldwide.

Please contact Nic Van Gelder on **020 7831 3999** or email **nic@spana.org** to book your place for either of these events today, or see **www.bigfunrun.com** to find out more.

Your Horse Live, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire – Saturday 12th – Sunday 13th November

SPANA will be exhibiting at Your Horse Live – one of the UK's biggest equine events. There will be live demonstrations, question and answer sessions and over 300 exhibitors selling everything for you and your horse!

This is the first time SPANA has been to the annual event. We'll be taking our fabulous donkey costume, selling SPANA merchandise and spreading the word about SPANA's work. A great opportunity to meet us and shop till you drop!

For more information on the event, see **www.yourhorse.co.uk/your-horse-live-2011**.



New logo = more help for working animals!

Change isn't always easy, especially when you've been fighting for a better life for working animals for as long as we have. We're a small charity with a huge task, and whilst you, our donors, are hugely loyal and supportive, we can't just keep asking you to give more. We urgently need to find more people to support us too.

We've embarked on a programme to reach out to other people who share our belief that working animals deserve compassion and care. We did some research and were dismayed to discover that a lot of people simply don't know what we do! That is not something we can afford to overlook if we're to raise the funds we need to help many more animals. So we've made a few changes. The biggest difference you'll note is that we now feature three animals in our logo because we feel this better sums up the breadth of our work and will, we hope, explain exactly what it is we do.



SPANNA

Helping the world's working animals to be happy and healthy

SPANNA is one of the world's oldest and most effective animal welfare charities. Our vets work in developing countries, bringing life-saving treatment to working animals. As well as providing free veterinary care, we train owners and run children's education programmes that will help families to keep their animals healthy. We also treat working animals in emergency and conflict situations. From donkeys, mules and horses, to camels, cows and oxen, we believe every working animal deserves to be treated with humanity and kindness, and every owner deserves the chance to give the animal they depend on the best life they can, no matter what their circumstances. We do not receive any government funding and rely on the kindness and generosity of our supporters.

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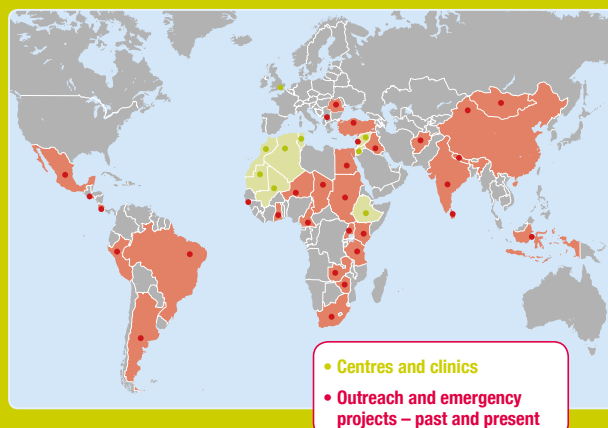
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