



Stories from the stables



Who's in the stables?

Your regular gifts help us provide free veterinary care and treatment for working animals in some of the world's most poverty-stricken communities. Here are just some of the brave animals you've recently helped.

Gadi

Sixteen-year-old Gadi helps his owner, Belgacem, plough the fields for up to five hours a day. Without his hardworking donkey, Belgacem would have no other means of providing for his family. While pulling his plough one day, Gadi stepped on a palm tree thorn, which deeply imbedded into his right front hoof, causing immediate pain and severe lameness.

Gadi's concerned owner took him to our centre in Kebili, Tunisia, for treatment. Our vets disinfected Gadi's injured hoof before carefully removing the thorn. Gadi received a course of antibiotics to help him heal and some strong anti-inflammatories to ease his discomfort. Gadi recovered at our stables for three days where he was given nutritious food and some much-needed rest. Our vets trained Belgacem in essential first aid measures and told him to keep a close eye on where Gadi walks. Belgacem was elated to see his donkey walking normally once again.



Aziz



Aziz works long hours, pulling a carriage of passengers through chaotic streets under the hot sun. Aziz is very important to his owner, Mustafa, helping to support his wife and children. Mustafa was very worried when he discovered that Aziz had developed a horrible and painful swelling on his neck after being bitten by another horse.

The horse was taken to our centre in Marrakech, Morocco, where vets skilfully examined the swelling and diagnosed a haematoma. Luckily, infection hadn't set in yet, though it was swollen with blood which was safely drained. Aziz then had the chance to rest for several days at the centre while the wound was carefully monitored. He was given fresh hay and water and a chance to recuperate away from the heat. Mustafa expressed his sincere thanks for SPANA's help:



'If SPANA wasn't here, we wouldn't have any other option, and the horses wouldn't get treatment. They treat the horses kindly and I'm very thankful.' Mustafa

Lifesaving treatment for Keva and Taruh



Keva the donkey is a true fighter. She was found abandoned outside our centre in Chemaia, Morocco one morning, heavily pregnant and extremely malnourished. Our vet team were incredibly concerned for Keva and her unborn foal's health, and she was immediately hospitalised so they could assess her condition.

From careful blood analysis, they discovered that Keva was suffering from hyperlipaemia, a severe metabolic disorder, which is very often fatal to both mare and foal. Luckily, our vets found poor Keva when they did, otherwise she would have no hope of survival in her exhausted, emaciated state. The team provided Keva with emergency glucose and lifesaving electrolyte intravenous treatment administered carefully over several days.

Our staff provided constant care for the week leading up to the birth of her beautiful foal named Taruh, meaning 'happy'. To ensure that little Taruh built up his immune system, his milk intake was closely monitored. The vets hand-reared the foal at first until he gained enough strength to feed himself. Keva and Taruh will now be looked after at the stables until they are healthy enough to go to a responsible owner or join the other furry residents at one of our animal handling centres.



Teaching children Lessons in compassion

SPANAs education programmes reach thousands of children every year, equipping future owners with essential knowledge about animals and how to care for them. This helps to create a culture of compassion.



Bolou, pictured, recently visited our animal handling facility at SPANA's centre in Debre Zeit, Ethiopia, with his classmates. After a fun and interactive session at the centre, Bolou felt a newfound responsibility when helping his family care for their own horse. In this session, he learnt how certain practices, such as poor harnessing, can be harmful to animals and can easily be avoided with humane alternatives. Bolou's favourite part was meeting the centre's mild-mannered resident donkey, Tadele, well known for his extremely long fur, which he and the other children thoroughly enjoyed brushing.

'Before I was caring for my horse, but now I am caring for it even more. I only have this horse and I love him.' Bolou

Educating owners Small actions make a huge difference

Quarrie the donkey was brought to SPANA suffering from open wounds around his knees. His owner Hamza had resorted to applying oil directly to Quarrie's open wounds, believing that it would heal his donkey, unaware that it only caused him further pain. Without the appropriate materials or expertise, Hamza had no choice but to walk two miles to our SPANA centre in Nouakchott, Mauritania.

SPANAs vets first made Hamza wash off the oil himself and instructed that he shouldn't apply it again. Once the harmful oil was removed, a more complete examination identified an infection that would require ongoing cleaning, bandaging, antibiotics and pain killers. The vets informed Hamza that Quarrie would need two weeks' recovery before he could work again. Hamza appreciated the advice and promised to give his donkey some well-earned rest.

'They're doing a great job. What they do for my animals is perfect.' Hamza



We need more friends like you



SPANA funds a network of veterinary centres around the world where your support as a Stable Sponsor is making a vital difference. We treat hundreds of working animals every day at our stables, so there is a constant need for veterinary supplies, bedding and food. That's why we urgently need more Stable Sponsors.

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Thank you for being a Stable Sponsor

Your regular support is changing the lives of sick and injured working animals around the world. Here are a few ways in which your donation makes a difference.

Pain-relieving medication

£6 could go towards restocking the stables' medicine cabinets and provide antibiotics for animals like Gadi.

Nutritious feed

£36 could supply three weeks of nutritious food for animals like Aziz to help them on the road to recovery.

Lifesaving treatment

£72 could provide lifesaving treatment and essential care for a vulnerable mother and foal like Keva and Taruh.

A year's sponsorship soon adds up
and makes a big difference.

Thank you!

