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Helping the working animals of the world, with your support

Will you protect him from deadly tetanus?

With your support, we will stop more working
animals developing this dangerous disease

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to **Stablemate 2022**. In my first months as Chief Executive of SPANA, I have been heartened by the kindness and ongoing commitment of you, our supporters. Reading about the impact of your donations in this edition of **Stablemate** makes your generosity abundantly clear. Your kindness has helped transform the lives of thousands of working animals as we move through the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. Thank you.



It can often be a race against time for us to reach working animals that need urgent treatment. This is especially the case for those at risk of developing deadly diseases like tetanus. Tetanus causes horrendous suffering and must be caught at the very early stages to respond to treatment. Yet prevention is relatively simple and is the best antidote to this awful disease. You can read about how we are working to protect animals like Sidiki from tetanus on page four.

You may be shocked by the story of a donkey called Dineo on page eight. He was attacked by a hippopotamus when out working with his owner. In the countries where we work, sadly, many working animals experience serious injuries and wounds because of the hazardous environments in which they live and work. Horrifying attacks by wild animals, like this one, is one cause. We need your support to provide emergency treatment for these poor animals.

Colic may seem like a less dramatic problem, but it affects so many working animals. It's dangerous as it's often not detected quickly enough. Our vets see thousands of working animals suffering with colic every year – animals like Jad, a donkey from Marrakech who collects recycling. Undetected, these working animals can be writhing around in agony from the pain of colic. Read Jad's story on page 10 and find out how you can help working animals like him.

It is only thanks to supporters like you that SPANA veterinary teams are able to help and save the lives of working animals in need. I am so grateful for everything that you do for working animals. Thank you for your generosity and your compassion.

You are helping working animals like Sidiki, Dineo and Jad, but there are so many more we need to reach. If you can, please send a kind gift today so we can continue to ease their suffering. Thank you so much.

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REACHING WORKING ANIMALS IN REMOTE AREAS

Thanks to supporters like you who responded generously to our mobile clinics appeal in **Stablemate 2021**, we've provided lifesaving veterinary treatment to tens of thousands of working animals in remote areas of the world. In the first eight months of 2021, we reached 178,581 working animals through our mobile clinics.

We launched our newest mobile clinic in Gondar, Ethiopia, in December 2021. Through a partnership with the University of Gondar, it will reach working animals in five towns and their surrounding villages. Our mobile clinic team will also run animal welfare clubs at a school in each town, helping to stop the cycle of suffering for working animals.

Our mobile clinics allow us to reach working animals who would not get basic veterinary care just because of where they live in the world. One of those places is Mauritania, part of western sub-Saharan Africa. Here, SPANA vets provide the only veterinary treatment for horses and donkeys in the country. Since 2019 we have operated a mobile clinic from a fixed centre in the remote, rural area of Boghé. **Thanks to you, our mobile clinic vets in Boghé were able to treat 40,000 working animals last year.**

They make a round trip of 100km from our fixed centre to reach working animals like Lemine. He's a donkey who was suffering from harness wounds on his lower back, caused by pulling a heavy plough. An abscess had formed where the straps had dug in, leaving Lemine in agony.

Thankfully, Lemine's owner heard there was a SPANA mobile clinic in Boghé and took him there. 'This is the first time I have visited the SPANA mobile clinic,' says Mohammed, Lemine's owner. 'I thought I would lose my donkey. But, now, thanks to the vets, he will get better.'

Sadly, isolated working animals in remote locations can face unimaginable suffering. This is because there are lower standards of welfare for working animals when they live far from veterinary treatment. That's why our mobile clinic teams train owners about how to best care for their animals.

Our mobile clinic teams also train vets, students, farriers and technicians in the field to help improve their



You've helped SPANA mobile clinic vets save the lives of thousands of working animals

skills. This supports them to provide care and treatment to working animals in their communities.

Dr Sophie Parratt, Veterinary Programme Advisor at SPANA, says: 'Mobile clinics allow essential veterinary services to target working animals and communities that benefit the most from SPANA's support. Many sick and injured working animals in remote areas of the world would not be able to come to a fixed centre. They would continue to suffer and, in some cases, might not survive.'

'So, thank you for your support. It has allowed us to reach working animals in remote communities who may have never seen a vet.'

In 2021, we were also able to treat hundreds more working animals in need through a new mobile clinic in South Africa. This year, we hope to open another mobile clinic in Ségou, Mali. **We can only do this, and continue to reach working animals in remote communities around the world, with your help.**

WHAT YOUR DONATIONS CAN DO:

Your donations could help our mobile clinic teams reach working animals that are suffering in isolated areas around the world.

£20 could pay for antiseptic, a stitching kit, bandages and scissors to treat the wounds of a working animal at one of our mobile clinics.

£50 could pay for petrol to keep a mobile clinic on the road for two weeks so our vets can reach working animals in need.

£150 could pay for half of the medicines and veterinary materials needed to stock a mobile clinic and treat working animals.

Thank you so much for all you do for working animals.

Find out more about our projects

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PREVENT DEADLY TETANUS



Sidiki's working conditions put him at risk of developing tetanus

Tetanus causes tremendous suffering for working animals. With your support, we will vaccinate more working animals against this deadly disease and urgently treat those suffering from it.

Six days a week, Sidiki climbs up and down the mountains of rotting rubbish that blight the skyline of Mali's capital, Bamako. Poking out of the mounds are sharp cans, scrap metal and dangerous broken bottles. With each slow step through the rubbish – a breeding ground for bacteria – Sidiki winces in pain. The makeshift harness around the donkey's chest is chaffing, creating a wound that's getting bigger and bigger. Without treatment, it could soon kill him.

Tetanus is a disease caused by tiny particles or 'spores' that just need a break in Sidiki's skin to enter his body. In the right conditions, such as Sidiki's festering wound, the spores can easily infect him. Once they get into the bloodstream, the spores release toxins which cause tetanus. If this happened, Sidiki's muscles would stiffen. It would become hard for him to work - or even move. Eventually, his organs may shut down and he'd suffer an agonising death.

Vaccinating against tetanus will prevent the disease, which you may remember from our spring appeal last year. We shared the sad but ultimately hopeful stories of Mory and Fleur, who were saved from a drawn-out and painful death because of SPANA supporters like you. **If you donated to this appeal, thank you.** Your donation helped us provide lifesaving vaccinations and treatments that will stop working animals suffering needlessly from tetanus.

But more working animals need urgent help right now. Even mild tetanus can cause horrendous suffering, and it must be caught at the very early stages to respond to treatment. Most working animals don't get treatment in time, so **prevention is the best antidote to this awful disease.**

Sidiki's dangerous working conditions put the seven-year-old donkey at greater risk of developing tetanus. With his 19-year-old owner Issa, Sidiki carts rubbish from the city to a community rubbish dump on its outskirts. **Sidiki's painful open wound provides the perfect environment for bacteria to multiply.**

It could take just three days from the spores entering Sidiki's wound before he starts to show the early signs of tetanus. The muscles of his body would start to contract and his jaw would become 'locked'. He'd struggle to eat, drink and eventually breathe.



Sidiki's festering open wound was a breeding ground for tetanus bacteria



If working animals develop tetanus, they face an agonising death

Early signs that tetanus was taking hold, like his ears being stiff and erect, would quickly become more serious as the disease attacked his nervous system.

Without treatment, over several days, Sidiki's muscles would become more rigid and he could develop hypersensitivity to light, noise and touch. **His diaphragm wouldn't be able to work properly and eventually, Sidiki would die an agonising death from starvation, dehydration or suffocation.**

No working animal should have to suffer like this when tetanus can be prevented.

Thankfully, Issa acted quickly when he realised that Sidiki's wound was becoming more serious. He took Sidiki to our SPANA mobile clinic at the rubbish dump in Bamako. **Our trained vets knew they had to give Sidiki a lifesaving tetanus anti-toxin and an anti-tetanus vaccination straight away.** As well as providing the vaccination, our vets cleaned and disinfected his wound. They also talked to Issa about proper harnessing to prevent any more wounds as Sidiki carries out his heavy work.

Sidiki was lucky. His wound slowly began to heal after a couple of weeks. If he'd already developed tetanus, Sidiki would have had to be admitted to our stables for treatment. He would have needed antibiotics, a tetanus anti-toxin and painkillers to relieve the agony of moving; and a very quiet and calm environment. Sadly, this treatment may not have worked if we didn't get to Sidiki in time because deadly tetanus toxins could have taken hold already.

A simple vaccination can stop tetanus causing an agonising death.

Working animals in the countries where we work are not routinely vaccinated. So, they are at much greater risk of tetanus, especially because of their hazardous working environments, like the rubbish dumps of Mali.

With your support, we will vaccinate more working animals against this deadly disease.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Please help us vaccinate working animals against deadly tetanus and act quickly to treat those in the early stages of this horrible disease.

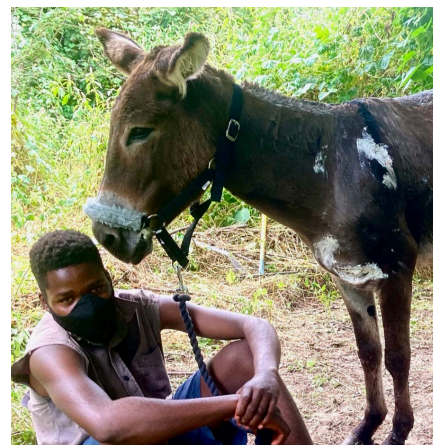
£25 could pay for four working animals to receive a lifesaving anti-tetanus vaccine.

£50 could pay for anti-tetanus medication for four working animals, treating the early stages of the deadly disease.

£80 could provide training for owners to make harnesses and padding for their working animals, preventing wounds that can lead to tetanus.

Thanks so much for your continued support.

URGENT TREATMENT FOR SERIOUS WOUNDS



SPANA vets showed Dineo's owner how to care for his serious wounds

With your help, SPANA vets will save the lives of more working animals suffering from serious wounds.

In an emergency, our vets drop everything to treat working animals who are suffering and need immediate treatment. Any delay could cost animals their lives.

Sadly, we see hundreds of working animals every year suffering from serious wounds that could kill them. **From traumatic traffic accidents to wild animal attacks, they're at risk of serious wounds because of the hazardous environments in which they live and work. In fact, around one third of the working animals that SPANA vets treat are suffering from wounds.** The consequences can be immediate and devastating. Torn flesh can lead to heavy blood loss, permanent pain, life-threatening infection and deadly diseases, like tetanus.

You may remember this from our summer appeal last year on serious injuries, which featured Jamil, a working donkey in Morocco who was hit by a horse cart. If you were able to donate to this appeal, **thanks so much for your support.** Your kindness has allowed us to treat working animals who have serious injuries and need urgent medical treatment. You have also helped us provide daily follow up care in our stables, where the most seriously injured animals can rest and recover.

When working animals suffer serious wounds, they need urgent and sometimes ongoing treatment. Our teams around the world need to be ready with all the veterinary materials they need to save an animal's life. This is why we need your continued support to provide emergency treatment for working animals with serious wounds. **Will you help us save lives and make sure working animals don't suffer?**

Dineo's story

Dineo felt the cool water on his skin as he waded slowly through a river in the intense heat of rural Botswana. He was with his 19-year-old owner Moses and another donkey, Thuso, as they crossed the river. They had spent all day herding cattle and were now carrying heavy goods to another village.

Suddenly, they heard a noise coming from behind them. A young male hippopotamus launched itself at Dineo and started to attack him. Hippopotamuses are territorial by instinct, especially when they are alone and feel threatened. This makes them extremely dangerous. The hippopotamus' sharp tusks dug deep into Dineo's thin body, gauging at his flesh, as he fell down in the river.

In the countries where we work, horrific attacks by wild animals, like this one, are one cause of serious wounds for working animals. In sub-Saharan Africa, for example, attacks by hyenas are common for free-roaming donkeys and horses.

During the hippopotamus attack, Dineo went into a state of deep shock. Moses had to climb on the back of Thuso and use him to drag Dineo out of the river and away from the hippopotamus. The poor donkey had multiple wounds on his chest, shoulder, thigh and groin. The hippopotamus had pierced his body, leaving deep and painful open wounds, exposing red flesh. The hippopotamus' tusks narrowly missed Dineo's intestines.

Without treatment, in the dusty environment, Dineo's wounds could become infected and eventually kill him.

Moses was very worried. He took off his jeans and made them into a bandage to protect Dineo's wounds. **But Dineo was in agony and needed urgent treatment before it was too late.**



Our vets provide vital emergency treatment for working animals with serious wounds

Luckily, Moses' employer had heard of SPANA and called our vets to ask them to come out to his cattle station. **Not knowing what condition they would find Dineo in, two members of the SPANA team quickly checked that the mobile clinic was fully equipped to provide emergency treatment.** They then rushed out into the remote area where the poor donkey was waiting.

First, they cleaned and disinfected Dineo's wounds, applying a special ointment to help them heal. They gave Dineo some pain relief and sprayed fly repellent around the wounds to stop maggots infesting them. This had to happen daily until the wounds healed. So, SPANA vets showed Moses how to care for Dineo's wounds and apply the repellent to prevent infection.

Dineo was rescued in time and received the urgent treatment he needed to survive this awful attack.

It's hard to believe, but it could have been worse for the poor donkey. Dineo was lucky that the hippopotamus' tusks narrowly missed his vital organs. If he'd have been wounded there, he could have bled to death. If a tusk had penetrated Dineo's abdomen, he could have developed a lethal infection. Without immediate surgery to close the wound, he wouldn't have much hope of surviving.

Without our help, Dineo's wounds may not have healed. For the rest of his life, he'd be in excruciating pain. And he'd be in danger, at risk of severe infection, deadly tetanus and heavy blood loss.

We need your help to be there for other working animals with serious wounds who need urgent treatment. They might need surgery in the field or weeks of attentive daily care in our SPANA centres. Whether it's short- or long-term treatment, our vets need everything from anaesthesia to surgical and x-ray equipment to save a working animal's life in an emergency.

With your support, we'll save the lives of working animals like Dineo and stop them suffering.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Please donate today to help our committed teams be there for hardworking animals like Dineo who need urgent treatment for serious wounds.

£20 could pay for painkillers, antibiotics, disinfectant and fly repellent to treat a working animal's wound.

£50 could buy a surgical kit for a SPANA vet, paying for dressings, sedatives, and instruments to treat working animals with serious wounds.

£150 could pay for the SPANA team to train 100 working animal owners on how to clean and care for serious wounds at home.

SAVING THE LIVES OF WORKING ANIMALS IN ETHIOPIA

With small lumps and sores starting to spread from Shore's chest to all over his body, pulling his heavy cart every day was very painful.

Having attended a SPANA community training session, Mandefro, Shore's owner, recognised the lumps and sores could be the early signs of epizootic lymphangitis, or EZL. This is a severely debilitating condition that has been devastating Ethiopia's working horse population. Without treatment, Mandefro knew Shore's skin could soon become covered in oozing open wounds. The infection would be excruciatingly painful, and without veterinary care, Shore would not survive.

Fortunately, Mandefro was able to take Shore to a SPANA veterinary clinic for immediate treatment. *'I'm so happy for what SPANA has done for us,'* Mandefro says. *'Many friends have lost their horses because of this life-threatening disease. Now I understand how to prevent this disease from killing my horse, and I will advise my friends too.'*



You helped to improve the welfare of 3,000 working animals like Shore in Ethiopia in one month

Sharing knowledge

Mandefro's knowledge saved Shore's life. It's one of the many reasons our community training programme in Ethiopia is so important. It's helping reduce working animals' suffering today and protecting them in the long-term.



The SPANA team educates owners about keeping their working animals parasite-free at a deworming clinic



Owners are helping to break the cycle of suffering for working animals

We've been running specialist training sessions for local animal owners like Mandefro on how to recognise and manage EZL. The sessions include a vet demonstrating treatment on a working animal and owners talking about how they continued treatment at home. EZL is highly contagious, so early diagnosis and treatment is essential to stop the spread of it.

At the mass vaccination and deworming clinics, we have run with the local government, we've also raised awareness of another common but potentially fatal disease, African horse sickness.

In other training sessions in Ethiopia, the SPANA team have helped the local community improve the welfare of working animals. Topics have included: tending to wounds; caring for animals at home; and taking care of a working animal's hooves so they won't suffer from lameness. A horse and cart owner who attended a training session said: *'From now, I will care for the hooves of my animals as I care for the feet of my children.'*

Breaking the cycle of suffering

We're hugely encouraged by the impact of our community training in Ethiopia. In August 2021 alone, 300 working animal owners attended sessions. This

meant that 3,000 working animals benefited from their owners' improved welfare awareness. Last year, nearly 2,000 working animal owners received training in preventing EZL. Meanwhile, more than 4,500 working animals received vaccinations, including for rabies and African horse sickness, at clinics we held.

To make sure animal welfare is promoted within an area, we employ Community Training Officers. We also help train and support local Animal Health Workers and Animal Champions. These are people from a community who share their knowledge and practical skills with animal owners. This knowledge is extended further through training local government Health Extension Workers. They learn to carry out basic treatment on working animals and run workshops for the local community.

By continuing to work with communities and develop the skills of our teams, we can improve the lives of working animals and break the cycle of suffering.

We can only keep educating communities and improving the long-term welfare of working animals with your support. Thank you.

CURING AND PREVENTING COLIC

Without treatment, colic can be life-threatening. The abdominal pain affects working donkeys and horses across the world. With your support, we will provide early treatment for colic that will save lives. You can also help us to prevent it in the first place.

Jad's story

Every day, Jad pulls his piled-high cart through the narrow medinas of Marrakech. With his 16-year-old owner Usama, he stops by businesses and homes to collect recycling. It's heavy, hot work in the cobbled streets of the hectic city. One day last year, Usama noticed that his seven-year-old donkey was much slower and weaker than normal. He was struggling to breathe and refused to eat, despite carrying out demanding work. You might not have realised it to look at him, but Jad was in pain – and his suffering could soon get a lot worse.

SPANA vets around the world see many working animals who, like Jad, are suffering from colic. Often, it's caused by blockages in the intestine when working animals eat the wrong type of food. For example, they might eat inedible objects, like plastic, which can't be broken down in the stomach and, in the worst cases, must be taken out with surgery. **In 2021, SPANA vets had to operate on over 40 working animals suffering from colic.**

Signs of colic can be subtle and animals often don't show how much pain they are in. Sadly, it is very common and, without veterinary treatment, can be life-threatening.

Normally, Jad has energy as he goes around the medinas. He might peek in interesting crevices out of curiosity. However, Usama saw that Jad was lethargic and kept wanting to lie down. He must have needed



Usama noticed that his donkey Jad was struggling to breathe and refusing to eat

food, but seemed repelled by it. His heart was beating fast, matching his forced breathing.

Jad kept shifting his weight onto his hind legs and pawed the ground. **As the condition gripping his body worsened, he could soon be writhing in agony on the ground, desperate for the pain to stop.**

Thankfully, Usama spotted something was wrong before the colic had become more serious – and potentially life-threatening.

Usama took Jad to our SPANA centre in Marrakech. There, our trained vets first ruled out rabies as a cause of Jad's suffering – another deadly condition that can have similar symptoms. They admitted him to the stables overnight so that they could keep an eye on him and make a diagnosis. After a thorough examination, they discovered that Jad had colic because something was blocking his intestine.

Donkeys can't vomit to clear their stomach. So, our vets inserted a plastic tube into Jad's nose and passed fluids through it to hydrate him and move what was blocking his gut. They also gave him a much-needed painkiller injection. Finally, Jad was given a deworming tablet to get rid of any parasites in his intestines.

The treatment helped Jad's colic immediately, relieving his pain. He soon started to become stronger and more alert. Our vets gave Usama some advice about how to avoid colic in the future to stop Jad suffering again.

SPANA vets treat hundreds of working animals for colic. They can reach us in a very serious state as the early signs of colic may be hidden. This is especially



Our vets insert a special tube into Jad's nose and pump fluids through it, helping to treat his colic

true for donkeys and mules because of their stoicism. At this stage, sometimes surgery is the only thing that can clear what's causing problems in working animals' stomachs or intestines. This can be risky, and often, the working animals we treat may not be able to take the time needed to recover from surgery. **Sadly, sometimes it's too late when we see working animals who have colic. Nothing can be done to treat them, and they are in agonising pain.**

As an animal lover, you will know how difficult this is for our vets to see, especially as colic is often preventable. To help avoid colic, working animals should be treated for parasites regularly and receive dental care when they need it. Dental care is vital as overgrown teeth stop animals from chewing properly and breaking down food.

Importantly, working animals need good quality food. Then they won't be too hungry and tempted to eat items they can't digest, like plastic and cardboard. They also need clean drinking water to help food pass through their gut easily.

Global issues are exacerbating colic for working animals around the world. The pandemic has led to more animals going without food. The climate emergency is causing drought in the countries where we work, leading to a lack of access to water. Desperately hungry working animals are also tempted to eat harmful rubbish, like plastic or cardboard.

To help as many working animals as possible, it's vital that our vets carry out preventative work routinely. SPANA vets can only prevent and treat colic in working animals who are suffering with your help.

WHAT YOUR DONATIONS CAN DO:

A kind gift from you today will allow our vets to prevent working animals suffering from painful colic and treat those with the condition.

£20 could pay for six working animals to receive anti-parasite treatment, helping to prevent colic.

£65 could pay for five working animals to have fluids flushed through a nasogastric tube, treating colic.

£150 could pay for five working animals to be treated for 24 hours for mild colic, admitting them to our stables so they can start to recover.

Thanks so much for your support.

SUPPORTER NEWS

GET INVOLVED, HAVE FUN AND HELP WORKING ANIMALS WORLDWIDE

SPANA supporters are simply amazing. Through restrictions and lockdowns, you've kept on fundraising to make sure we can be there for working animals when they need us most. We want to say a huge 'thank you' for everything you do. Here are just a few of the creative things you've been up to in the past 12 months.

Make money from music

Like for so many of us, a love of music helps SPANA supporter George Howe get through difficult times. Playing in jazz and swing bands and busking keeps George 'sane in this crazy world'. It's also been George's way to raise vital funds for SPANA. So far, the 80-year-old, who's been supporting environmental, wildlife and animal protection movements for more than 50 years, has raised a fantastic £814 to help working animals in need.

Fundraise from your hobbies

Horses are the inspiration behind Leone Martin's incredible fundraising. She takes part in a variety of equine events, local horse shows and online auctions. Leone also sells tack, riding gear and other horsey accessories that have been kindly donated by her community. So far, she has raised over £2,500 for SPANA. Leone wants to form a local SPANA fundraising group in Somerset. If you're in the area and are interested in getting involved, let us know and we'll put you in touch with Leone.



Leone and her equine stall

How to get involved

There are so many ways you can make a difference to animals in need. Want to share a fundraising idea, or tell us about what you've been up to while raising money for SPANA? We'd love to hear from you. Call our friendly community fundraising team on 020 7831 3999 or email events@spana.org. You can also visit www.spana.org/get-involved

Donations instead of presents

When Emma Priestley turned 50, she decided to use the occasion to make a difference to working animals across the world. 'Instead of presents, I wanted to raise money for SPANA, a charity I've supported for many years,' she says. Emma set up a Facebook Birthday Fundraiser and was 'delighted' with the response from her friends and family. In 2021, generous supporters like Emma helped raise more than £9,000 by asking for donations instead of gifts on their birthdays.



SPANA supporter and animal lover Emma Priestley

Join an organised event

Animal lover Chris Richards took on the epic challenge of running more than 26 miles for SPANA at last year's Brighton Marathon. 'It was an important choice as I feel more awareness needs to surface regarding the lack of care toward working animals,' says Chris. 'SPANAs do an amazing job and I wanted to be a part of it.' And what a brilliant part you played Chris! Thank you for raising £704 to support working animals.



Chris Richards runs the Brighton Marathon for SPANA

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM A SPANA VET

Mathilde Merridale-Punter is a SPANA vet. She advises on our veterinary work around the world. Here, Mathilde tells us how she joined the SPANA family.

'I've loved animals since I was a child. It was a happy day when I got covered in animal hair! I've always been fascinated with horses. I love how noble and spirited they are and yet so curious and affectionate.'

'I first learnt about the reality of working animals from lectures when I was at university. I discovered the vital importance these animals have for their communities that depend on them for their livelihood.'

'As soon as I graduated, I went to Morocco for a couple of months, volunteering to treat working equids. In 2016, I went to Mali to volunteer with the SPANA team there. The experience made me realise I really wanted to leave private practice and dedicate myself entirely to working animals. From then on, I was drawn to helping these animals. So, I was delighted to join the SPANA family in 2018.'

Making a big difference

'As a vet, I love being able to use my skills and knowledge to bring relief to sick or injured animals who often have no other access to veterinary treatment. It is so rewarding to know that what we do makes a big difference.'

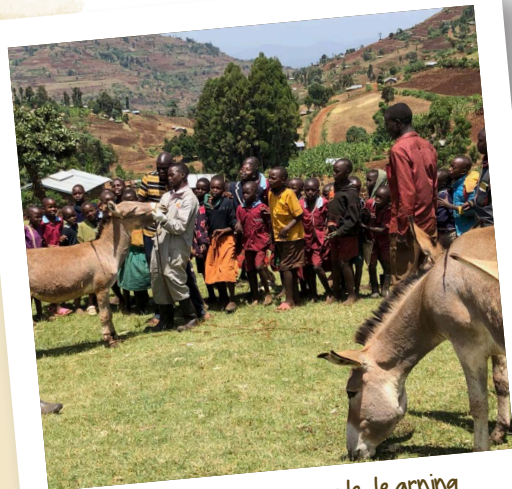
'I knew that our work is only possible because of the generosity of our supporters, but I was really surprised to find out that over half is funded by gifts in Wills. I think it's a wonderful thing to do and I know first-hand the difference these gifts make.'

'On behalf of all the SPANA vets treating sick or injured animals, I would like to say a special "thank you" to our supporters who kindly leave us a gift in their Will.'

If you have recently included a gift to SPANA in your Will, please do let us know. We would love to say 'thank you' to you and keep you informed about our work and plans for the future. If you would like to know more about how to leave a gift in your Will, please request our free legacies guide by ticking the relevant box on the enclosed donation form. Thank you.

YOUR SUPPORT GOES A LONG WAY

Thanks to you, we've been continuing to support working animals in the world's poorest communities. Here is a snapshot of the positive difference you've made to their lives during another tough and challenging year.



A group of young people learning the importance of animal welfare

A vital part of our work is educating young people on how to humanely care for working animals. Between June and August 2021, 220 primary school children were educated by SPANA-trained teachers and staff about being kind to animals. They learnt through poems, dance and drama. Thanks to your support, we also trained 58 more teachers so they can continue raising awareness of the importance of animal welfare for the next generation.

UGANDA



Our mobile clinic team providing lifesaving vaccines

TANZANIA

Treating working animals for wounds and diseases, providing them with lifesaving vaccines, and training owners in compassionate care. These are just some of the essential things our veterinary partners in Tanzania have been doing in the last year – despite the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic and some heavy rain to contend with. In the first three months of 2021, the mobile clinic teams treated 354 donkeys and trained 87 animal owners. None of this would have been possible without your support.

Your support made this work happen – thank you.

KURDISTAN REGION OF IRAQ

You helped our expert vets reach working animals in 58 remote villages in Kurdistan in the second half of 2021. They treated more than 430 working animals in desperate need of care through our mobile clinics. During the trip to each village, bespoke training sessions were held on compassionate care for animal owners who use their donkeys to herd sheep and goats. And six training sessions were set up for 17 local veterinary students.



Delivering vital bespoke training sessions in remote villages

ETHIOPIA

Treating sick animals out in the open can be difficult. It's sometimes dangerous too, for both vets and working animals. Thanks to you, we've built five animal treatment shelters in Ethiopia on sites where our mobile clinics make regular visits. This means working animals can be treated safely, in all weathers, avoiding the distress caused by restraining them with ropes.



Our mobile clinic teams provide emergency treatment through regular visits

TREAT

Free veterinary care for animals in need

TRAIN

Communities: Improving owners' knowledge and skills

TEACH

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