

**June 2024 Edition**

**Liberia Animal Welfare & Conservation Society**

# Newsletter

**Making A Difference for Animals and People in Liberia and Guinea**

*Working together to alleviate the suffering of ANIMALS in Liberia and Guinea*



## Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of LAWCS,

As we reach the halfway mark of 2024, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the incredible work our team has accomplished. Our mission to improve the lives of animals, promote plant-based foods and conservation in Liberia and Guinea is driven by the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and supporters. Thank you for being a part of this journey. Together, we are making a difference.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Morris Darbo".

Morris Darbo, (Founder & CEO)

## Project Highlights:

### **A. Humane Education Program in Schools and Communities**

Our Humane Education Program aims to instill compassion, kindness and respect for animals, and other people in young minds. By integrating humane education into school curricula, other learning activities, and community engagements, we are fostering a generation that values animal welfare and environmental conservation. We use artwork, stuffed animals, friendly pets, hand-on animal welfare activities, humane lessons and stories to inspire the younger generation to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for animals, and the environment.

#### **Key Achievements for the past 6 months (January to June 2024)**

- Reached over 7,000 students with interactive humane education activities
- Trained 20 classroom teachers and empowered with lot of humane education materials
- Established 20 active Animal Kindness Clubs in 20 schools with 600 members serving as Animal Ambassadors, Advocates, Rescuers and Stars
- Provided small grants to 20 Animal Kindness Clubs to implement various students-led animal welfare projects including dog washing, pet feeding, community education, cleaning up campaign, etc
- Organized 5 community events promoting kindness towards animals and environmental stewardship





## B. Plant-Based Program

LAWCS is involved in educating school children about the importance of plant-based foods along with weekly provision of delicious plant-based foods to over 300 kids. Educating and encouraging kids to choose plant-based meals fosters empathy and compassion towards animals, promoting the idea that animals deserve to be treated with kindness and respect, and reduce the demand for animal products. LAWCS also empowers schools to engage in school garden which connects the kids to the source of their foods, the importance of growing their own foods and environmental stewardship.

### Key Achievements

- Provided delicious plant-based foods to over 4000 students
- Hosted 4 cooking classes and nutrition workshops for 18 chefs preparing foods for the students
- Supported 6 schools with tools and seeds for the establishment of school gardens







## C. Outreach Veterinary Clinics

In a poor country like Liberia where life is very cheap, access to animal healthcare is impossible. LAWCS veterinary clinics target poor communities and offer free veterinary services including vaccinations, de-worming, mange treatment, wound care, flea/tick prevention and treatment and free nutritional diets for dogs and cats. Basic animal welfare education is also offered during the clinics.

### Key Achievements

- Treated 2273 pets for various health issues
- Distributed deworming medications and flea/tick prevention to 2110 homes and benefited 2500 dogs and cats
- Provided nutritional food to 789 dogs and cats
- Conducted hygienic dog washing that benefited 832 dogs







## D. Improving the Health and Welfare of Working Animals

Working animals are vital to many communities in Guinea. Our programs focus on improving their health and welfare through veterinary care, education, provision of nutritional foods, fresh water, and support for their owners

### Key Achievements

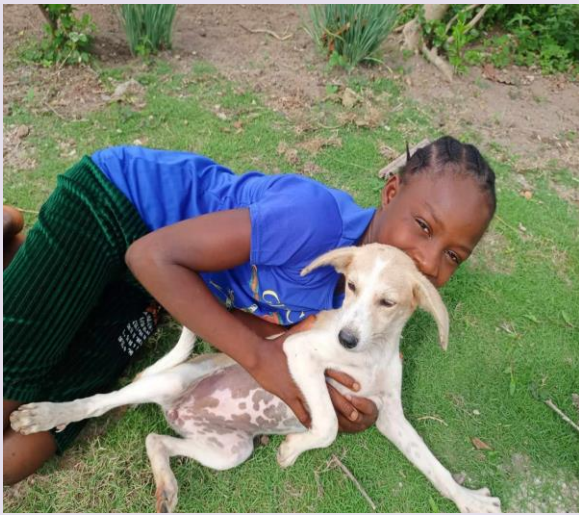
- Provided health checks and treatments for 1,800 working animals
- Worked with 312 animal owners to provide fresh water and foods for their working animals
- Distributed humane harnesses and equipment to reduce injury
- Conducted 5 training sessions for 1712 working animal owners on proper animal care and welfare
- Reached and educated 2130 school kids about kindness, love, respect, care and compassion for animals
- Celebrated World Donkey Day on May 8 by educating donkey owners and feeding 150 starving donkeys





## Animal Ambassador

Esther had a negative perception about dogs, until she started to participate in LAWCS' humane education program. Her participation led her to encourage her family to adopt a dog and a cute dog named LION was adopted. Esther and LION have a strong bond and serving as inspiration in their community.



## Visitors to LAWCS

Robert and his two friendly and wonderful dogs, CHAI and COCAI visit LAWCS today and interacted with LAWCS' staff, Animal Kindness Club members, and school authorities. It was a wonderful time together and the children were so happy to interact with Robert and his two dogs.



## How You Can Help

We are grateful for the generous support from all of our supporters and donors for your donations and support.

There are many ways to support LAWCS and make a difference:

**Donate:** Your contributions fund our vital programs and services

**Volunteer:** Join our team from any location and help fundraise for the work we do

**Spread the Word:** Follow us on social media and share our mission with your network

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