

# ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

September 2013 Newsletter.

Dear supporters,

As mentioned in the lunch invitation the website is undergoing some changes hence the different look to the newsletter this month. As many of you know the website was managed by trustee Graham Warren who has done such a good job of it for many years since its inception. Graham has recently decided to resign as trustee and does not wish to carry on with the website so alternative arrangements are being made. We have decided to build a new website which we hope will be ready very soon but in the meantime the old website is still there for your perusal. Notification of any events will be emailed out until the new site is fully functional.

Graham has been an AWOL trustee since he, Pauline Warren and Jan Bennell founded the charity in 2008 and he has worked tirelessly for AWOL since then. He has decided to call it a day and enjoy life back in the UK without the pressures of AWOL. Trustee Renee has also resigned from her position and will also be leaving Luxor for the UK. AWOL would like to thank Graham for his many years of hard work and dedication and Renee for her recent valuable contribution to AWOL.

AWOL, however, continues with its current trustees and our aims and objectives remain the same; to offer care and treatment to the needy animals of Luxor's west bank. AWOL will always be committed to this cause. Trustees are simply guardians and managers of the funds and facilities provided by our supporters and sponsors to meet the charity's objectives. To ensure the smooth handover of Grahams and Renee's duties in Luxor to the rest of the AWOL team I made a flying visit in August to discuss procedures and the way ahead with the Luxor trustees and we are confident that all will run smoothly.

Life at the AWOL centre carries on through one of the most difficult times in Egypt's recent history. Local donations in Luxor have been precisely zero since May due to the civil unrest but we are so far weathering the storm thanks to our loyal supporters in the UK and throughout the world. The team in Luxor are so grateful for your continuing support as without you AWOL would not be able to continue with the great and essential work that it does. Dr Mohamed, the centre Manager Nasser and all the team are very dedicated and give their all to ensure the success of AWOL. We have just enough coming in each month to keep AWOL ticking over but we look forward to the day when the tourists return to Luxor bringing their revenue and we can start to build on the solid foundations that AWOL have in place. There are many more animals in Luxor that need our help and our current level of income does not allow us to treat all the animals that would benefit from our care much as we would love to do so.

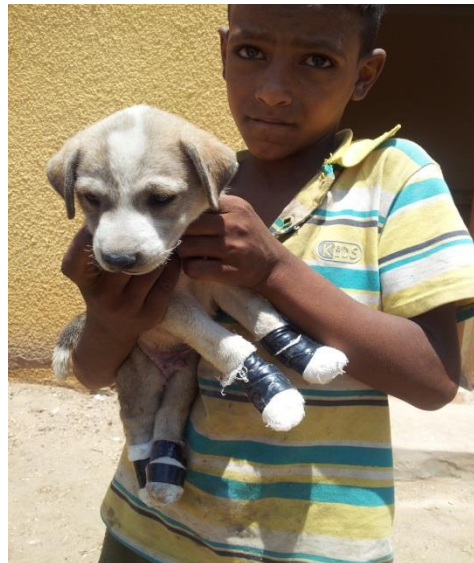
Thank you to the supporters who joined Pauline, Janet and myself for lunch in Surrey last week; it was lovely to see you all and have a chat. Sue Wood was named 'AWOL fundraiser of the year' and presented with a plant as a small token of our appreciation. I will leave you with some photos of recent events at the AWOL centre. The little puppy with the burnt paws is possibly the cutest thing I have ever seen. The poor little thing was so good despite having what must have been very painful feet.



This donkey was brought in with a tumour on his front leg. Dr Mohamed removed the tumour and the donkey was allowed to return home.



This little puppy walked on hot embers and burnt his feet badly. Dr Mohamed removed all the dead skin and bandaged his feet.



This dog had an accident with a car which had run over his leg. After treatment by Dr Mohamed the owner looks happy, although the dog doesn't look too pleased!



Plenty of patients queuing up for treatment.



AWOL treats all kinds of animals. This camel had a severe tick infestation.



Part of the AWOL team.



Trustees Pauline, Janet and Angela with supporters Margaret, Ros, Ron and Sue.