

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear supporter,

Autumn is definitely upon us in the UK and it is now 'winter' in Luxor; although having just returned I can categorically state that Luxor's winter weather is about the same as a good summer in the UK! It may get a little chilly at night over the next 3 months but daytime temperatures still reach 25 degrees centigrade and above.

October has been a month of re-organisation and regrouping and many meetings in Luxor have been held between AWOL UK and AWOL Luxor to ensure the successful future of AWOL. I'm happy to report we are all confident of the future success of AWOL; even in this difficult time for Egypt.

After supporting AWOL for many years Luxor resident Cindy has agreed to become our UK trustee on the ground in Luxor. Cindy has known most of the current AWOL trustees, in Luxor and the UK, since AWOL started and has been volunteering at the centre as well as fundraising in Luxor. She also acted as Lucky's foster mum for the first few months of Lucky's life until the centre was finished. We are all happy to have her in the AWOL team.



Cindy working at the centre.

October also saw the arrival of 2 new small operating tables donated by trustees Jan and Cindy; these will make working much easier for Dr Mohamed as he has previously had to work on the floor.



Dr Mohamed with the table donated by Jan.

Work is expected to start soon on the cementing of Dr Mohamed's treatment area; very kindly paid for by Ann and Phil Spencer. We hope to raise a further £900 to put in a metal fence from the viewing area to the WC's and the kennels to ensure that visitors are kept safe when they are visiting the centre. This is an expensive job but it is essential for visitor safety. It involves the purchase and fitting of 64 metres of iron work which is not a small undertaking. We cannot take money from our drugs and wages budget to cover this so any extra donations towards this would be much appreciated. One metre works out at £14 so why not buy AWOL one metre of iron railings for Christmas? Paypal, Virgin Money Giving, cheques and bank deposits are all welcome! Details of how to donate to AWOL and links to the relevant methods are on the website.

AWOL treated the usual variety of animals in October; dogs, donkeys, horses and camels all needed attention from Dr Mohamed. So many lovely puppies were brought in for initial worming treatment and check-ups; it's great to see that owners now bring their animals in for preventative care; the legacy of years of education by Dr Mohamed and Pauline out in the villages.

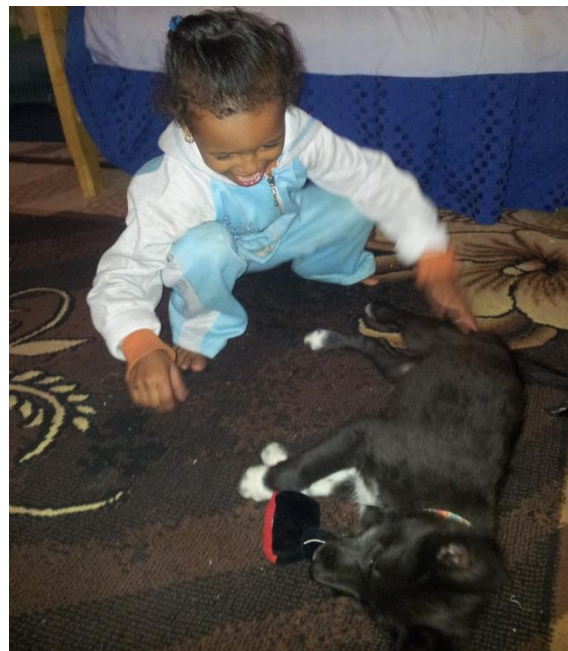


Time to socialise whilst waiting for treatment!

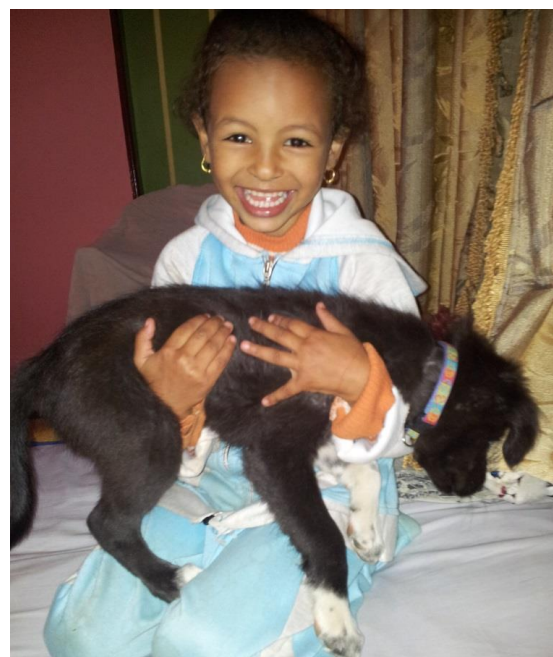
The little black puppy was not as lucky as the puppies who were brought in for check-ups. Two were brought in as unwanted and left at the centre. One was confident and happily trotted out of the kennels with the three AWOL resident dogs but this one would not come out. Eventually going into the kennels to get him out he was absolutely terrified and backed in to a corner screaming; a really horrible sound. He since spent 3 days living with me and made great progress, becoming so much more confident that he was eventually able to be re-homed with a local family who wanted a puppy for their daughters. The little girls were introduced to the puppy gradually and the necessity of being gentle was emphasized. I think you can see below that the puppy is very happy in his new home and is now a very lucky little dog! Aptly the family have chosen to call him Lucky (a popular name for AWOL rescue dogs)! We love a happy ending at AWOL!



A very scared little puppy.



Playing with the puppy in his new home.



Happy puppy, happy little girl!

We seem to have a bit of a baby theme this month! The little foal pictured below was brought in with her mother as the mother didn't have enough milk for her. This is a common problem as the mothers do not receive enough food themselves but with supplements and treatment the foal should recover and grow strong. So many animals are malnourished in Luxor at the moment due to the lack of tourist income. The local government has taken to handing out food vouchers for the caleche horses but unfortunately this doesn't extend to the animals of the west bank who are suffering badly from malnutrition.



The hungry little foal with her mother

Despite the lack of tourists in Luxor at the moment AWOL's dedicated supporters still found their way to the centre. We were delighted to see David, Karen and Julian at the centre last week. They arrived laden with goodies for Dr Mohamed donated by The Saddlery Shop <https://www.facebook.com/TheSaddleryShop>, Bomerangs <http://www.boomerangstables.co.uk> and Collarways <http://www.collarways.co.uk/>.



Supporters David, Karen and Julian with Jane and Dr Mohamed at the AWOL centre.

We were also lucky enough to be visited by Jane Akshar; part of the new committee set up by the Governor of Luxor to promote tourism along with the interests of expats and charities. Jane very kindly wrote up an article about AWOL for her blog which you can find at <http://luxor-news.blogspot.com/2013/10/a-visit-to-awol-west-bank-animal-charity.html>

AWOL is also mentioned on the Luxor Committee website <http://www.luxorcommittee.org> where you can keep up to date on happenings in Luxor.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

There are a number of fund-raising events planned for the coming month;

Supporters Natalie and Becky Robinson will be manning a stall at Kelowna High Schools Christmas fair on November 16th in Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada.

Trustee Jan will have a stall at Mundesley Craft Fair, Mundesley Coronation Hall, Mundesley, Norfolk on Saturday 23rd November 9am-1pm.

Sat 30th Nov, Supporter Sue Wood will have a stall at the Hamilton room market, Betchworth, Surrey, 10-12 noon.

Jan will be manning a stall at another craft fayre at Southrepps village hall, Southrepps, Norfolk, on the 1st December, from 9am.

CHRISTMAS!!!

For Christmas this year AWOL is offering the chance for supporters to buy gift certificates for their animal-loving friends. Each certificate costs £10 and you can order as many as you want. Each certificate will come with an AWOL leaflet to explain the work that we do and a Christmas card.



To order your AWOL gift certificate email AngelaAwol@gmail.com or write to me at Barnhaven, 12 Twyford Lane, Foulsham, Dereham, Norfolk NR20 5SE.

The certificates can be sent to your address for you to write your own message in the Christmas card or we can send it directly to the recipient with your chosen message if you prefer.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our supporters who donated time and/or money to AWOL last month. October was definitely a better month than September and hopefully November will carry on in this vein. Thanks especially to Alison McKinnon for working on the new website. Alison is currently in India but the website is progressing and we hope it will be up and running very soon. All the AWOL information is still available on the old website www.Awol-Egypt.org. Thanks go to the fund-raising efforts of Sue Wood and Ros Barrow in Surrey and also to Susan Walker (half of the Scottish Fundraising committee) who had a very successful fundraising month. Thanks also to Bev Cambra for helping out with behind-the-scenes admin work for AWOL as well as making numerous noseband covers for the animals in Luxor. Nosebands were also made and donated by Celia Button earlier in the year and these have also been gratefully received by AWOL in Luxor.

A more comprehensive list of thanks for the past year will be compiled for December newsletter. Please be assured that we appreciate ALL your support; large or small. In the run-up to Christmas and all its excesses please don't forget to spare a thought for the long-suffering animals in Luxor.

AWOL and the animals of Luxor's west bank thank you for your care and support.