

# ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Happy New Year from AWOL!

AWOL would like to wish all our loyal supporters a very Happy New Year and a peaceful and prosperous 2014. We thank you for all your support throughout 2013 and look forward to your continuing support for the coming year.

To start off the New Year we have a New Year message from Dr Mohamed to all our supporters:

*Happy New Year my dear friends and dear supporters I would like to thank you for your help to make AWOL strong and very happy. Yes we can't forget your roles in helping AWOL to be able to treat the poor animals in poor Luxor villages yes we all appreciate your help AWOL need more help to can help more and more poor and sick animals also we would like to cover more villages. Thank you very much my dear friends and happy New Year and I hope you all have a lovely times. Dr Mohammed.*

We are very pleased to be able to report that AWOL received a generous donation from the Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust at the end of the year which has given our funds a much-needed boost and we would like to thank the Jean Sainsbury Trust, Animal Aid Abroad and Animal friends Insurance for their support throughout the last year. A big thank-you also to those loyal supporters who answered our calls for assistance during lean times last year. We are now looking forward to 2014 with increased optimism and hope we can begin to build on the basic foundations we have in place in Luxor so that we can improve on our care and reach more animals in need.

We are now in a position to be able to finish Dr Mohamed's treatment area and install a footpath and railings to keep our visitors safe and protected from the animals waiting to be treated at the centre. This is essential work and we are so pleased that we can go ahead with this without compromising Dr Mohamed's medicine budget.

January sees the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the AWOL centre opening. It is great to see the centre functioning so well and to have an established medical centre on the west bank. There will be a small celebration at the centre on January 22<sup>nd</sup> to say thank you to all the staff who have made it such a success so if any of you are visiting Luxor at this time do please let us know if you would like to attend; we would be very pleased to see you there.

The unusually cold weather in Luxor has taken people by surprise. We have added extra insulation to the dog kennels and covered the donkeys at the centre. Dr Mohamed has increased their food supply as they burn off more energy keeping warm in the cold. Beautiful Daisy is no longer living at the centre. She has gone to live with Ahmed; the AWOL guard. She is a very young donkey who was getting very bored with nothing to do all day and it was Dr Mohamed's opinion that she would benefit from some light work and both mental and physical stimulation. She will be visiting the AWOL centre for regular check-ups though so we will be able to provide photos and updates so all her fans will be able to follow her progress. Joe, in contrast, is an old donkey who is happy to have a quiet life and rest at the centre after a hard working life.

We are happy to be able to report that our new website is now up and running thanks to the help of supporter Alison McKinnon. There are still more pages and information to add so we will continue to build on it but the basics are now there and we hope you like the new fresh look. Plans for the future include an online AWOL store and an Ebay shop so our supporters will be able to sell unwanted items to raise money for AWOL.

If any of our supporters are short of ideas for their New Year resolutions we can help! How about offering a couple of hours of your time to AWOL? Despite the funding we have received this year from other trusts and charities we are in desperate need of more fundraisers. Funding organisations will only provide AWOL with additional funding if we can show a reasonable level of fundraising ourselves. If just 10 of our supporters could raise £50 per month we would be in a much better position to help the west bank animals. A coffee morning, car boot sale, some Ebay sales of unwanted goods, a dinner at your house where the guests pay £5 to attend; anything that will help boost our fundraising would be appreciated. If you think you can help out in any way please contact us and our Head of Fundraising Jan will be happy to help you coordinate some events.

AWOL wishes you all a very Happy New Year and a peaceful and wonderful 2014.



This is the donkey who was brought in with a very bad bite to the face last month (the left photo); as you can see the wound is healing up well after treatment and he is looking much better.

Those of you of a more delicate disposition might not want to look too closely at the following photos of a donkey brought in with an anal prolapse but it does show the variety of work undertaken by AWOL in Luxor. Very unpleasant for the donkey but after treatment by Dr Mohamed he will be a lot more comfortable.







We do have lovely photos for you too! These little puppies were brought in for their initial check-ups, worming and flea/tick treatment. The boys are advised how to look after and care for their puppies. The beautiful little white dog has also had flea and worming treatment to keep her in lovely condition.



The cold weather has meant we have added extra insulation to the roof, walls and floor of the kennels to keep our permanent residents Lucky, Dobby and Tufty warm as well as any patients who might have to stay overnight.



There must be some good smells around that tree; Dobby, Lucky and Tufty seem to think so!



Joe and Daisy together at the centre just before Daisy left for her new home. Don't worry we will keep you up-to-date on her well-being whenever possible! She is such an energetic little donkey and will be well-cared for and happier with something to keep her occupied.

## January's Events.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. 10.30-12 noon; Coffee morning and bring and buy sale at 8 Downland close, Epsom Downs, Surrey. Bring your unwanted Christmas presents for the bring-and-buy and meet other supporters and new friends at Ros's coffee morning.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. 10 -12 noon; Sue will be manning a stall at the Hamilton Rooms, Betchworth, Surrey.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1st anniversary celebration at the AWOL centre, Luxor.

If you are having a clear out for the New Year please consider if your unwanted items could benefit AWOL and help raise funds for the west bank animals. Selling on Ebay is a great way to raise money or if you have any new or nearly new items suitable for resale at one of our fundraising events we will do our best to collect if we have someone in the area or items can be posted to the AWOL office or directly to one of our fundraisers.