

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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The last month has been a very busy month at the AWOL centre in Luxor. Continued improvements at the centre have been carried out over the past few weeks. Dr Mohammed's treatment area has been cemented which will be a great help in keeping the dust down and improving the working area. New paths have been constructed and the drainage system improved. Despite this we have carried on treating the animals as usual and all the team in Luxor have done a great job carrying on the essential AWOL work throughout the upheaval.



Luxor Trustee and Centre Manager Nasser overseeing work at the centre.



An interested patient watches as the work is carried out!



Patients and their owners waiting for treatment.



New drains and cesspit being constructed.

Now that Egyptair has reinstated direct flights to Luxor we hope to see some more of our supporters visiting the centre and this work will improve the experience. Luxor is not experiencing the trouble seen in other areas of Egypt and remains a safe destination. Now is a great time to visit as the evenings are getting warmer and the daytime temperatures are not too high; the tombs and temples are free of crowds and there are some great deals at some of the hotels. We are always pleased to see supporters at the centre; check the website for visiting and opening times.



This poor donkey illustrates how bad tack can cause painful injuries. He has sores all over his body caused entirely by unsuitable tack; here you can see the sores on his nose and chest.



Dr Mohammed padded out the hard yoke he had been fitted with and covered it with bandages to alleviate the problem.



He might look bashful but this little dog actually had a weeping eye which should fully recover after a course of antibiotics and anti-inflammatories.



This pretty dog was hit by a car and is lame on the front left leg. After examination no broken bones were found but there is swelling and bruising which a course of anti-inflammatories and a pressure bandage should sort out.



This dog was involved in a fight with some larger dogs and lost its tail. Unfortunately the owner didn't take the dog to the centre immediately but instead waited 3 days to get treatment. Due to this the wound had become infected and dead and dying skin had to be removed from the wound leaving insufficient healthy skin to be able to sew up the wound. A course of antibiotics was given and the dog is already improving. The underlying flesh will cover the exposed bone and the dog will fully recover albeit without a tail. The dog is lucky its owner eventually brought it to the AWOL centre for treatment before serious septicaemia set in which could have been fatal.



Remember 'Daisy Replacement'? The little donkey who was abandoned at the centre in January? He is doing well and the name chosen for him by supporters is 'Hector'. Enquiries have been made regarding the possibility of a prosthetic hoof. A charity in Gambia had some limited success with this a few years ago so we are still hoping for some progress on this front; although it will take time to see if we can find a successful solution.

Especially for the two Alison's in South Africa and Babette in Namibia here is a photo of Dobby and Tufty watching the work at the centre from the safety of their kennel and looking forward to their run around the yard when the centre closes for the day.



Forthcoming fundraising events.

March 26th 10.30am. Coffee Morning at 7 Downland Close, Epsom Downs with Ros and other supporters. Pop along to this coffee morning with a mother's day theme and meet other supporters. You can contact Ros at ros.barrow@hotmail.com or call 07788563701.

March 29th 10am-12. Supporter Sue Wood will be manning a stall at the Hamilton rooms, Betchworth, Surrey.

27th April. Supporter Chris will be doing a tandem parachute in aid of AWOL at Beccles heliport, Suffolk. For sponsor forms contact AngelaAwol@gmail.com.

Don't forget you can donate to AWOL via Virgin Money Giving, Paypal or by Cheque or by paying directly into the AWOL bank account. Virgin is a great way to donate as they do not make an admin charge. Details and links are on our website www.Awol-Egypt.org. You can also raise funds by setting up an Easyfundraising account that way you can raise money for AWOL simply by shopping online. Just follow the Easyfundraising link on the website.

We need to spread the AWOL word as much as possible so if anyone would like some leaflets or posters to help achieve this please contact AngelaAwol@gmail.com. We are always looking for people who would like to help out by donating a couple of hours of their time. Anything from coffee mornings, car boot sales, selling unwanted items on Ebay, work sales, collection boxes, seedling/produce sales all help to raise funds for AWOL and it can be FUN!

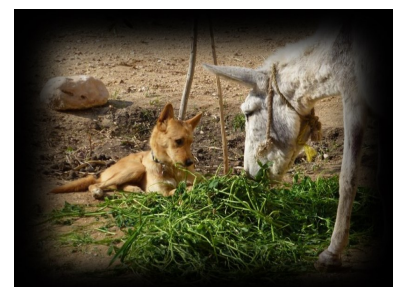
We are also interested in anyone who has skills AWOL can capitalise on. Website design, graphic design, publicity and promotion, event organisation are all skills AWOL would benefit from. If you have, or you know anyone else who has, these or other skills and a couple of hours of time to donate to AWOL please get in touch and help us to help the poor animals of Luxor's west bank villages.



Supporters lunch organised by Ros (standing) with supporter Sue Wood.



Supporters Ros, Ron and Margaret at the lunch.



Stop Press!

Here are a few extra photos of some of the people who make it happen in Luxor; taken at the centre this morning.



One of our security guards Ahmed; a real character and Daisy's new owner.



Supporter and volunteer Anne with Ahmed and enjoying a well-earned cup of tea with Centre Manager Nasser.