

# ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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There has been so much activity at the AWOL centre in Luxor over the past few weeks! Following the essential work on the drains and cesspit new pathways and railings have being put in to ensure visitor safety and have just been finished today. The railings will allow visitors to walk past and view the stables and then proceed to the AWOL dogs;- Dobby, Tufty and Lucky, without compromising their safety. We often have a dozen or more animals waiting for treatment and if they are injured or ill they are often not in the best of moods! This will also give Dr Mohammed a secure treatment area; visitors will still be able to see the work that is being carried out without fear of being accidentally kicked or bitten.







It is really exciting to see the centre evolving and developing; it is only just over a year since it became operational and it has saved the lives of hundreds of animals in that time and treated many more.

With careful planning there has been very little disruption to the normal veterinary work at the centre. The centre has remained open as usual and most of the work has been carried out when the centre is closed.



Now that little Hector's leg has callused over and he can put some weight on it Dr Mohammed has been able to trim his hooves.

Mocklass making head collars and Centre Manager Nasser.



As usual there have been many cases of injury caused by bad and unsuitable tack. AWOL tries to educate the animals owners so that the problems can be avoided but things can take a long time to change.



This poor horse was brought in with a nasty wound behind his ear caused by using completely unsuitable tack. The wound had become infected so needed a course of antibiotics as well as cleaning and stitching.





After treatment the horse spent the night at the AWOL centre where he shared a dinner of fresh greens with little Hector. After 24 hours he was sufficiently improved to be allowed to go home.



This donkey is suffering from a very nasty injury to his back caused by using a wooden bridge over his back without the use of a cushion or other padding underneath. It's very difficult to understand how anyone can let their animal get into such a bad state but more often than not this is caused by ignorance and lack of understanding rather than cruelty. Education is the key to ending this problem and alleviating animals suffering. Although AWOL gives advice to the people who bring their animals to the centre we are working on long-term plans to increase the reach of our education as soon as funding allows.



Here a donkey has been fitted with new tack and the children have been shown how to apply cream to the sores caused by unsuitable tack so they can continue to treat the animal at home.



Do you remember the little dog who had his tail ripped off in a fight last month featured in the March newsletter? Here he is back at the centre and as you can see he is looking so much better. The wound is healing nicely and Dr Mohammed is very pleased with his progress.



Two more little dogs in need of attention at the AWOL centre. The lovely fluffy one in the box was carried in suffering from a fever. After a course of antibiotics he is much improved and should make a full recovery. The black dog was exhausted after walking to the centre. As you can see he is very thin and had a severe worm infestation. After worming he should be able to put on some weight and regain his strength.



These last 2 photos illustrate why AWOL is so important to the locals of Luxor's west bank. One of these dogs was barely able to stand after the walk to the centre and the other was carried in in the only container available to these impoverished people. Their owners do not have motorised transport so getting their animals veterinary care is not easy. AWOL is the only animal charity based on the west bank. The east bank is too far for most west bank inhabitants to travel to. For this reason AWOL's aim is to reinstate the mobile unit we had for years before the centre opened. Much more funding though is necessary before we can achieve this goal.

If every one who receives this newsletter donated just £5 to AWOL every month we would be able to cover our current drugs bills and local salaries; freeing up any additional funding from other charitable organisations and companies to help us achieve this goal. We would be able to treat many more animals in need of help; the animals who are so uncared for that no-one will bring them to the centre. Dogs like Dobby and Lucky, who many of you have met at the centre, who would not have received any help without the mobile unit and who would almost certainly not have survived. Please think. Can you spare £5 a month to relieve the suffering of so many more animals?

## FORTHCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Monday April 7th. Supporter Ros Barrow has organised a supporters lunch at the Woolpack, Banstead. There will be bric-a-brac, an Easter competition and the opportunity to buy Neals Yard products which make lovely Easter presents. Please email AngelaAwol@gmail.com or Ros.barrow@hotmail.com or call Angela on 07880314764 or Ros on 07788563701 if you would like to attend so we have some idea of numbers to reserve a table.

April 10th, 10am—12. Supporter Sue Wood will be running a stall at the Hamilton Rooms, Betchworth. She will also be at the Rusper car boot sale in Sussex every Sunday 11.30am start (weather permitting).

April 27th. Supporter Chris Barnett will bravely be doing a tandem parachute jump at Beccles airfield, Suffolk. You can sponsor Chris by going to this link <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ChrisBarnett4> or by requesting a sponsor form from AWOL.

## OTHER NEWS.

We are very pleased to welcome Lesley Hammam to the AWOL team as an AWOL UK trustee. Lesley has lived in Luxor, very close to the AWOL centre, for 16 years and is married with 2 school-age children. She started working professionally with horses at the age of 16 and is qualified in horse management and instruction. She is also experienced in sales and marketing and works part-time for a UK company although she herself is based in Luxor. Lesley's role initially will be primarily promotion and publicity and website and social media management. She is well known to the Luxor team and her experience and skills coupled with her base in Luxor and her frequent trips to the UK will make her a great asset to AWOL.



Lesley (left) and Evie, her Great Dane puppy, with Angela at the centre last week.

## A PERSONAL THANK YOU

As regular supporters and reader of the newsletter will know, the newsletter is written in the third person in the name of AWOL not in the first person although it is written by me (Angela). This is because it is the work that AWOL does that is important not individual members of the team. It is therefore very important to support the work of the whole team not an individual. I have deviated from this today as I would personally like to thank the team in Luxor for their commitment, hard work and cooperation over the past year and a half since I became AWOL's UK Managing trustee and Chairman. I have just returned from Luxor and it is thanks to the Luxor team that my frequent visits are successful.

AWOL Luxor has at the head of its board of trustees a local councillor and a senior member of staff at the Governors office; both highly respected people who helped enormously in obtaining all the appropriate permissions necessary to construct the AWOL centre in Luxor and who continue to ensure the successful operation of the centre and the charity. The successful completion of the railings work is just one example of the cooperation and team work between Luxor and the UK. AWOL Luxor trustees Nasser and Heba, AWOL vet Dr Mohamed, Assistants Ahmed and Mocklass and even the guards Ahmed (Snr) and Nouby all play a part in ensuring the successful cooperation between Luxor and the UK. We are very lucky at AWOL to have such a reliable and dedicated team in Luxor and I thank them all sincerely for their help, support and cooperation.

Angela.



Puppies at the centre for check ups and worming treatment. (There is a third puppy; but he just didn't want to come out from behind the flowerpot)!