

# ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR



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Things are really hotting up in Luxor if not in the UK! The temperatures this week are climbing to 46 degrees centigrade so summer has well and truly arrived. The summer sore problem continues as do the problems of badly fitted tack. We have had new deliveries of the materials which Mocklass uses to make the new tack at the centre. Each Kilo of the webbing we need costs around £2.50 and the metal rings cost around £1.50 for ten. Each head collar costs approximately £1.50 to make and can alleviate so much suffering for a donkey or horse. So you see, even if you can only donate £5 per month it is enough to improve the well-being of 4 horses or donkeys! We generally treat between 350-400 equines each month, many of these need replacement tack so although the cost per head collar is low we make and use a lot of them.

We have a shortage of small dog collars at the centre so we are now looking into the possibility of making these as well if we can source suitable materials; not always easy in Luxor.



New deliveries of materials and food at the AWOL centre.



One of the latest examples of the effect of bad tack; This donkey has bad sores caused by unsuitable tack. In this case the yoke has been the cause so Dr Mohamed pads out the yoke and treats the sores.



After treatment the owner was shown what to do to avoid the problem re-occurring and the newly padded yoke was fitted.



Here Dr Mohamed shows some young owners how to make a wooden bridge for their donkey which will not cause it any pain. The bridge is used on the back of the donkey to help carry loads. Often we see these with nails sticking out or other issues that injure the animal. If they are correctly made and placed on top of adequate padding they will not cause the animal any pain or discomfort.





This white mare had a mild colic and a compaction of food due to an unsuitable diet. She had been fed too much hard dry feed instead of a balance of green & dry food. The mare needed to be seen again the following day after fasting for 24 hours and the owner was then be advised to feed the correct mixture of food in smaller quantities more often so that it would be easier for her to digest and move through her system.



This beautiful little foal was brought in with its mother as the mother was not producing enough milk to feed it. The mare was examined by Dr Mohamed to check the placenta had been delivered and there were no other serious problems. The lack of milk was caused by a poor diet and vitamin deficiency so she was given vitamins along with antibiotics to bring down her fever. The little foal will soon start to put on weight now her mother has been treated. Once again the owner was given advice on the best food for his animal.



A lot of problems we see at the centre are caused by poor diet. Unfortunately the last 3 years have been a very difficult time for all of Egypt and Luxor has suffered dreadfully from the effects of the 2011 revolution and the following unrest of the past 3 years. Luxor relies heavily on tourism for it's income and although the animals we treat are not involved in tourism the terrible poverty Upper Egypt is now experiencing still has a detrimental effect on the rural communities. People just cannot afford to feed their animals adequately when they have no income to feed themselves. Although we treat the animals at AWOL we do not have the resources to be able to provide free food for these animals on a long term basis. Please help these poor animals by supporting AWOL so we can expand our care and reach and help as many animals as possible. There really is no-one else to help them on Luxor's west bank.

## UK News

AWOL would like to thank Claire for her fundraising walk in May and thanks also to her sponsors; between them they raised much-needed funds for AWOL. May also saw the start of AWOL's first Facebook auction which runs until June 8th so there is still time to donate an item or make a bid. You can find the auction at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1429667187284781/> Auctioneer Olly Jone.



In the May newsletter we thanked supporters John and Vicky for their donation to purchase some equipment for the AWOL centre and we are delighted to be able to show Dr Mohamed with the new sterilising unit which he personally chose. We will be replacing some of the medical instruments Dr Mohamed uses very shortly with the remainder of John and Vicky's donation as the current ones are becoming worn and blunt.

Supporter Ros hosted another lunch on June 2nd for which we thank her and she has further lunches scheduled for the next couple of months. Thank you to everyone who attended and the donations received.

## Forthcoming Events

We are extremely pleased to have been given permission to hold an AWOL dog show on the Royal Sandringham estate in Norfolk on Sunday August 24th. The site that we have agreed with the Sandringham estate is an excellent spot. It is near the visitor centre and also the children's play area and car park. Entry to nearly 500 acres of woodland walks at Sandringham is free as is parking and many people take their dogs there for walks every day. We are expecting thousands of people will see the dog show and as it is free to visit we hope many of them will come into the show area. It will be a great day out for families and their dogs as there is so much for people to do there and other shows can work out expensive for families to visit. As it is the bank holiday Sunday and both west and north Norfolk are very popular holiday destinations we are expecting a large turnout due partly to the popularity of the Royal Estate.

We have over 30 classes in the dog show and are currently taking bookings for trade stands and sponsors. Please contact AngelaAwol@gmail.com if you are interested in either sponsoring a class (from £25) or having a stand at the show. Supporter Simone is helping to organise this show along with UK Managing trustee Angela and we hope it will be a great turnout for AWOL. You can find more information about the Sandringham Estate at <https://www.sandringhamestate.co.uk/>

## Other Events

To 8th June. Facebook auction online at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1429667187284781/> auctioneer Olly Jone.

Tuesday July 8th , 12.30. Supporters lunch at the Woolpack Inn, Banstead. Organised by supporter Ros and hosted by both Ros and UK Managing trustee Angela.

Sunday 31 August Suzi, Katherine and Janis are holding a dog show in aid of AWOL and Redwings at Bailey Brook Lane, Roade, Northants. Stalls and stands, refreshments, activities. Details can be found at <http://roadefundogshow2014.co.uk>.