

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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As the heat in Luxor gets to almost unbearable levels in excess of 40 degrees centigrade the holy month of Ramadan begins. During this month the local Muslim population will fast from dawn until dusk which as you can imagine in such intense heat is not a pleasant thing to do. Luckily the animals at the AWOL centre do not have to conform to this practice! It is however, very hot for them so the shading at the centre is essential.

As most locals cope with the intense heat and lack of food and water by staying quiet indoors whilst the sun is at it's peak the AWOL centre is altering its opening hours for the month of Ramadan. It will be open from 8am until 12 noon Monday-Thursday and also Saturdays until the end of Ramadan (July 28th) so please bear this in mind if you are planning a visit to Luxor during this period.

We are taking advantage of this quieter time to carry out further improvements and fitting-out at the centre. As many of you know the centre was opened 18 months ago whilst it was in a very basic state and we are constantly striving to fully equip it so we can provide better care for the animals brought to us.

We would like to improve the shading over the kennelling area as soon as possible so we are looking for an extra £200 to achieve this to ensure the AWOL dogs; Dobby, Lucky and Tufty, as well as any in-patients, are comfortable over the summer. This and a ramp to facilitate the safe unloading of animals brought in by pick-up truck are currently our priorities. Work on the ramp will start shortly as this has been identified by Dr Mohamed and Nasser as essential work.



Many of the animals we treat are brought in by pick-up truck. Many come from as far away as Esna, 50km south, or Qena, 60km north. Unloading them at the centre is very difficult especially as they are usually ill or injured. Dr. Mohamed and Nasser have designed a ramp between them that they think will be suitable so we will start working on that very soon.



As you can see from these photos taken 2 days ago it is a very difficult job to load and unload donkeys and horses off the trucks and it is stressful for the animals not to mention dangerous. The new ramp will alleviate this problem and make treatment for the animals a much less stressful and worrying experience.



One of the patients brought in by pickup truck had a nasty leg injury above his hoof. The horse was given antibiotic and anti-inflammatory treatment and the wound was dressed and treated by Dr Mohamed before the task of loading him back onto the truck was undertaken.



Lucky has been demonstrating successfully how only having 3 complete legs is not a handicap when it comes to getting into trouble! Here trustee Lesley attempts to instill some discipline into the situation but the minute she leaves Lucky and Tufty are plotting how to best approach the challenge of scaling the railings...





This is something we really don't like to see. This lovely dog was brought in suffering from Parvovirus. The local dogs are rarely vaccinated so they are susceptible to this often fatal disease. The dog has been given immune support drugs and the symptoms treated to make him more comfortable but there is no guarantee he will survive. As the virus is so contagious we cannot keep him at the centre so he is being treated at home with daily supervision from Dr Mohamed. We hope for the best for this little dog and will keep you updated on his condition.

Someone who does vaccinate local dogs is Trisha Mason who has set up "Animal Rooms" on Luxor's west bank. This is an "animal hotel" so ex-pats or locals who need to leave the country can board their animals with her knowing they will be well looked after. Trisha also rescues stray animals she finds in the countryside around Luxor; mainly dogs and cats. She brings the animals to AWOL for treatment and vaccinations before caring for them herself at 'Animal rooms' and looking for new homes.

Animal Rooms compliments the work we do at AWOL. As we are a small medical centre, not a rescue centre, and we don't have enough space to keep all the animals which need rescuing in Luxor, Trisha has agreed to take in and re-home free of charge any stray small animals which are abandoned at or taken to the centre.

Trisha is currently hoping to re-home some of her rescued animals; they are all vaccinated by Dr Mohamed before being allowed to go to their new home. You can find Animal Rooms on [Facebook](#) or on the website animalrooms.wordpress.com.



We are very pleased to be able to offer congratulations to Dr Mohamed for successfully completing his masters degree following his presentation and interview panel. We are lucky to have such a dedicated and qualified vet in AWOL. The rest of the team in Luxor are equally important to the continuing success of AWOL and are a pleasure to work with.

UK News

We are delighted to be able to report that the two Facebook auctions arranged by supporters both in the UK and Germany have been great successes and have raised around £700 between them. A new auction has just started which you can find by clicking [here](#) or through the AWOL [Facebook](#) page. If you use Facebook it's very easy to donate or buy items in the auction; the instructions are there on the page and auctioneer Olly is happy to answer any questions regarding the way the auction works.

Arrangements for the dog show at Sandringham are coming along. We are very pleased to have for our 2 main sponsors [Animal Friends Insurance](#) and [Firecraft](#) Ltd. Many thanks to them for sponsoring the event and to Tony for arranging the Firecraft sponsorship. We also have a number of sponsors for the classes, including [East Ruston Cottages](#) who are sponsoring Best in Show, and some trade stands.

The show posters and leaflets will be produced shortly so we will be looking for volunteers to find places to put them! Just contact AngelaAwol@gmail.com if you can help. We are always in need of volunteers to help AWOL move forward and welcome any offers of help and assistance.

Future Events

Current to 27th July. [Facebook auction](#). Donate unwanted new and nearly new items to raise money for AWOL or find yourself a bargain. There are some unique items to bid for on the auction page.

Tuesday July 7th. 12.30. Supporters lunch, at the Woolpack Inn, Banstead, Surrey. Please let Ros or myself know if you are planning to attend so we can ensure we have a big enough table. You can reach Ros on 07788563701 or Ros.Barrow@hotmail.com.

Sunday August 24th, AWOL dog show at the [Royal Sandringham Estate](#), Norfolk. Lots of classes, dog dancing display, stalls, acres of woodland walks.

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>.

Don't forget you can find details of how to donate to AWOL on our website [www. Awol-Egypt.org](http://www.Awol-Egypt.org). Please contact AngelaAwol@gmail.com for any enquiries.



Wishing all the team in Luxor, and our supporters, of whatever denomination, a peaceful Ramadan.

Ramadan is a time of self-reflection for Muslims and a time to think of others less fortunate than themselves. We can all take time to think of the extremely poor people in the villages around Luxor and the care their animals, and their families, need.

Support AWOL and help these families and their animals.