

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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As we go into autumn it seems we owe a lot of thanks to our supporters this month! With your help we have managed to provide more improvement at the AWOL centre. Some of you will know that the centre was opened 20 months ago in a very basic state so we are still in the process of completing the facilities and we still have a long way to go. However, we have now have the ramp finished and in use, the shading completed and a slightly higher medical budget to treat the animals; so thank you very much!



The ramp provides a much better way of unloading animals in comparison to this photo (above) from last year!



A special huge thanks goes to Suzl, Katherine and Janis for their wonderful fundraising dog show in Northants at the end of August. They raised a fantastic £1,193 for AWOL and we thank them very much for their hard work in organising this. Thanks again to Mary (Olly Jone on Facebook) for organising another Facebook auction which has just finished raising over £400 towards our budget.

We do not have a large budget at AWOL; we manage on around £2000 per month. Our regular standing orders and donations from supporters account for only quarter of this so the extra fundraising is essential to our continued survival. We would really like our regular donations to cover more of our monthly budget so we can use additional funding to expand our care base. Thank you to everyone who already donates; please continue to support us and pass on the AWOL message to your friends and families. Even £5 per month will make a difference to the animals in Luxor and there are many animals we cannot reach on our budget.

This weekend sees the Eid-ul-Adha holiday in Egypt so we would like to wish all our team in Luxor Eid Mubarak and hope they enjoy the time with their families and friends. If you are in Luxor please note that the centre is closed to visitors until Thursday 9th October.

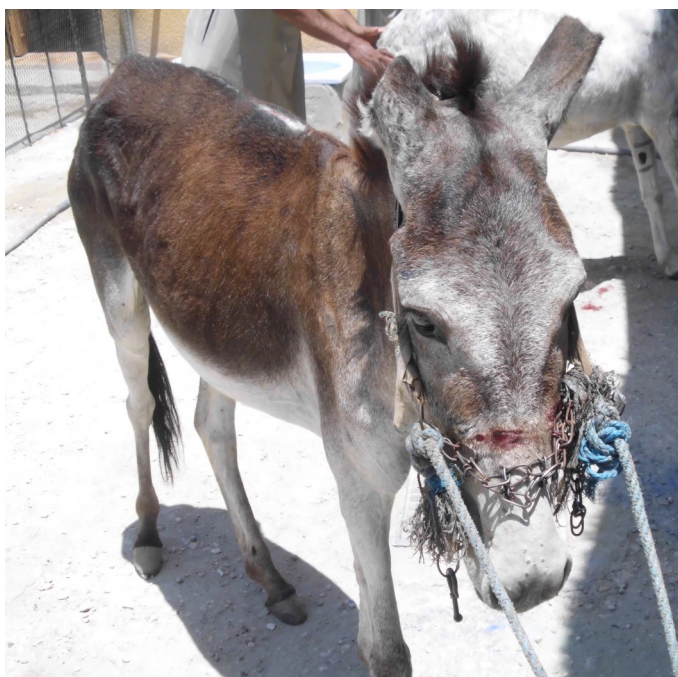


These are just some of the injuries we have seen at the centre this month caused by bad tack. As you can see the first photo shows a very bad injury caused by using rope instead of a proper harness. After treatment at the AWOL centre the wound healed up and the results can be seen in the second photo. The donkey was then fitted with a new harness made at the centre by Mokhles (pictured below).



The second donkey's nose wound was also caused by unsuitable tack. This owner has brought this donkey in before the injury got too bad so he is fitted with a new AWOL harness which will stop further discomfort developing.

For everyone who put money towards the virtual gifts on the Facebook auction; this is where the money goes! Thanks to everyone who donated to help stop these poor donkeys' suffering.





This young horse came to the centre earlier in September with a truly horrific head injury. Dr Mohamed and the team undertook a two-hour operation to repair and stitch the wound. As well as 40 stitches the horse needed antibiotics, anti-inflammatories and other medical care over a period of two weeks.

The photos below were taken yesterday (Thursday) morning. The wound is healing nicely and the horse is now eating and on the road to recovery.





Another delicate operation at the AWOL centre. This donkey had a tumour over his eye with had closed up the eye so he couldn't see. The tumour was very close to the eye so utmost care needed to be taken with the operation.



After surgery the wound was dressed and covered with a fly veil to protect it from flies and infection. More thanks to our supporters for providing the funds for these veils.



This horse was featured in our last newsletter with a deep wound right down to the bone. It is taking time but the injury is healing, flesh has regrown over the bone and the horse is improving all the time.



And finally from Luxor... two of the cutest photographs! So nice to see happy smiling faces at the AWOL centre as these children bring their puppy in for flea and worming treatment. If we can educate the children in animal care hopefully the next generation of animal owners will better understand how to look after their animals.



Forthcoming events

Supporters lunch, Thursday 9th October 12.30pm at the Woolpack Inn, Banstead High Street, Banstead.
Tombola, sales and a chance to meet other AWOL supporters and trustees.

Donated items

Donations of items to the AWOL centre in Luxor are welcomed as usual if anyone is visiting Luxor. Duct tape, vet wrap, large dressings, small dog collars, sudacrem and extra large latex gloves are always useful.



Easyfundraising is an easy way to raise funds; just register online and remember to login to your easyfundraising account when you shop online.

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