

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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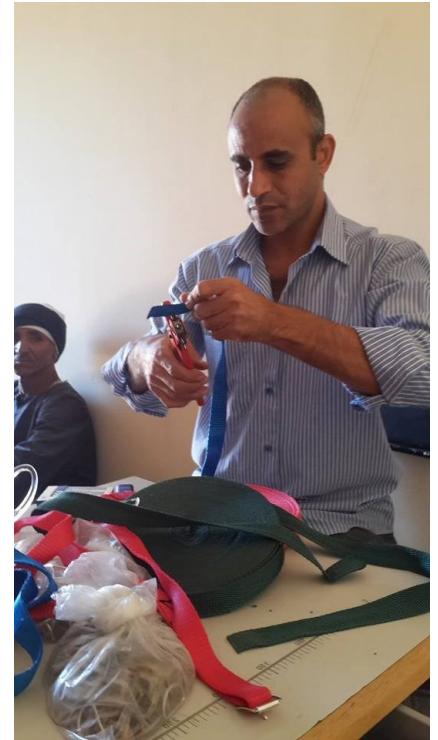
As the English summer gives way to Autumn in the UK so the weather in Luxor starts to change. From 40 degrees in the daytime to mid-high twenties and distinctly cooler in the evenings; although nothing like the temperatures we can expect in the UK over winter! As the heat of the Egyptian summer starts to wane a little the animals are put to work even harder than the previous months. This is the time of year we see more animals coming to the centre for treatment. Many injuries to donkeys are caused by their working environment. Hooks on the back of carts are a very common cause of injury; heavy loads, falling items, all contribute to hazardous working conditions. The coming months are when the animals of Luxor's west bank need AWOL more than ever. This unfortunately coincides with the time when in the UK, and many other countries in the world, we are starting to think of Christmas. I say 'unfortunately' because at this time so much money is spent on presents, food and drink that we often see a dip in our donations over the winter months.

If everyone could just stop and think of how much difference £10 or £5 would make to the lives of the animals in Luxor and donate just a tiny amount of their Christmas budget to their care and treatment it would make the lives of these poor animals so much better. None of the animals featured in our newsletters could be treated without your help. Donations are all we have to treat the animals with and AWOL is all the west bank animals have.

Thanks to our great supporters we have been able to purchase new supplies, sourced by Centre Manager Nasser, which means AWOL is now able to make our own dog collars. We are really pleased with this development as we have relied in the past on donations of collars from supporters which then have to be transported to Luxor. The materials were purchased and brought down from Cairo by Nasser and production of the collars is now underway at the centre. This is great news as it will enable AWOL to provide free collars for the dogs which come to the centre and help avoid some of the horrible neck wounds we see caused by unsuitable materials used for makeshift collars such as wire, string and rope. Mokhles is now well in the swing of making the collars at the centre along with the many horse/donkey head collars he regularly makes.



The new dog collars being made at the centre with Mokhles and Nasser.

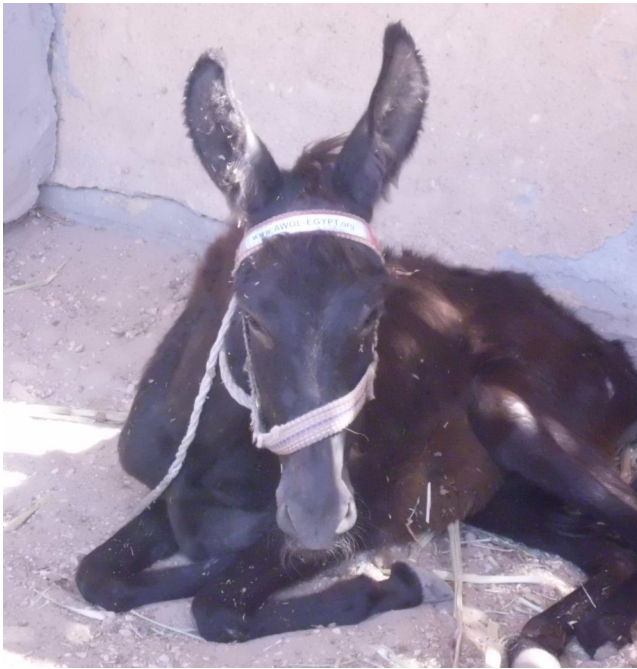


This dog was brought in by his young owner on his motorbike; transport methods in Luxor are often varied and inventive and not what many of us are used to!

The dog had suffered a nasty face injury after a car accident. Although there were no bones broken the damage to the ligaments and muscles was extensive and the flesh wound was very deep. He was treated by the AWOL team and was then given a lift back home by supporter Gill Bowes, who was visiting the centre at the time, in her taxi; a rather more unusual method of transport for animals in Luxor! Many thanks to Gill (and her taxi driver) for taking him home.

The last photo shows the dog when he came back to the centre a few days later, Although the wound still looks unpleasant it is clean with no sign of infection and over time it will heal.





Remember little Hector? He was dumped at the AWOL centre earlier this year just days after the centre opened. Unfortunately he had obviously had a very nasty accident and was missing one of his rear hooves.

We have spent many months looking into the possibility of fitting Hector with a prosthetic hoof. We have contacted a variety of people in different countries in an attempt to find a solution.

We are hopeful that we now have the possibility of achieving our goal. Professor Derek Knottenbelt (Professor of Equine Medicine, OBE, BVM&S, DVM&S, Dip ECEIM MRCVS) from the University of Liverpool's Equine hospital has taken an interest in Hector and has put us in touch with Georgie Hollis (BSc, BVNA (Assoc.)) of Intelligent Wound Care with a view to making up a prosthetic for Hector.



Georgie is working on the prosthetic at the moment using the measurements sent over from Luxor and it is hoped the foot will be ready for UK Managing Trustee Angela to take out and fit later this month.

Hector's foot is no longer red and raw; it callused over and healed a few months ago and it does not seem to cause him any discomfort. It's hoped that the prosthetic will enable him to distribute his bodyweight more evenly to avoid damage to his spine in the future.

Hopefully we will be able to bring you more photos and news in the next few weeks. A huge thanks goes to Professor Knottenbelt and Georgie Hollis for their help with Hector.

An update on the horse which was treated at AWOL for a horrific head wound in September. Despite the wound being so extensive the horse has recovered well and now the wound can barely be seen.



More work has been carried out at the centre recently. The shading has been extended over the dogs' kennels and run; this will help with the heat in the summer and add a little insulation for the winter months. Temperatures in summer can exceed 40 degrees centigrade but the nights in winter can get a little chilly at times; sometimes just 2 or 3 degrees so this will help ensure the dogs are comfortable at all times.

As you can see from the photo of Lucky and Tufty with guard Noubi they are happy little dogs and are well cared for and loved at the AWOL centre.



Extra sand has been delivered and the yard and stable area has been topped to keep it clean and dry and make it more comfortable for horses and donkeys to walk on. Noubi helps to spread the sand throughout the area.



A smiley group selfie from some of the AWOL team! From left to right; Mokhles, Noubi, Ahmed and Nasser.

UK News

AWOL calendars will shortly be on sale at a price of £10 +£2 post and packing. Pre-orders can be taken and are very helpful as it enables us to have some idea how many to order; the more we can order in one go the cheaper we can get them and that means more money for AWOL's patients!

AWOL gift certificates are also available for Christmas. These come in multiple of £10 and can be sent to any recipient you choose. They can be customised with a message of your choice.

November 7th 10.30am. Ros will be hosting a coffee morning at her home 7 Downland Close, Epsom Downs, KT18 5SQ. Tombola and prizes, refreshments and good company!

December 1st 10.30 am. Ros will be hosting December's coffee morning again at her home at 7 Downland Close with another chance to win tombola prizes and Christmas gifts.

December 16th 12.30pm. Supporters Christmas lunch at the Woolpack Inn, Banstead High Street, Banstead, Surrey. Christmas tombola and all things festive! As this is close to Christmas as it may be busy we would appreciate it if you would let Ros or Angela know if you would like to come. There is the usual menu or a Christmas special 3 course lunch at £19.95 which needs to be booked in advance. You can see the Christmas menu by clicking [here](#), or by calling the Woolpack on 01737 354560. Email Ros at Ros.barrow@hotmail.com or call her on 07788 563701 or email Angela at AngelaAwol@gmail.com.

Ongoing until November 9th. AWOL Facebook auction run by Olly Jone. Buy and sell items to raise money for AWOL. Details on the auction page [Auction for Animal Welfare of Luxor](#). Another auction will be held for Christmas when the current one finishes. Details will be confirmed.

Payment and donation methods; AWOL accepts payments and donations by cheque, standing order, direct bank payments and via [Paypal](#) and [Virgin Money Giving](#). Click on the links or go to our website www.Awol-Egypt.org.



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