

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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This month we say goodbye to Mokhles , who has made head collars and dog collars at the centre since it opened 2 years ago. Mokhles has been called up to do 2 years national service in the army. We wish him all the best during this time and thank him for all the work he has done for AWOL.

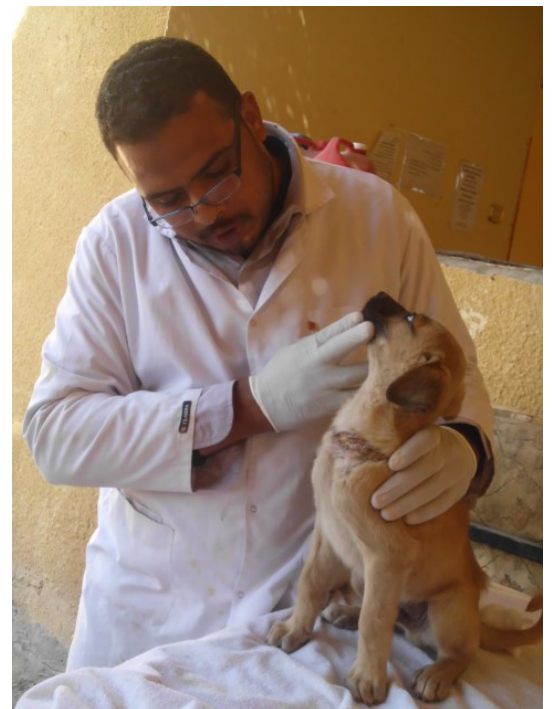
Mokhles is replaced by Gerges who we hope will do an equally good job. The head collars and dog collars made at the centre are fitted free of charge to locals who bring their animals to the centre. Just these simple items can make such a difference to the welfare of the animals. The wounds caused by ill-fitting tack and unsuitable 'collars' cause terrible wounds so this work is invaluable.



Mokhles



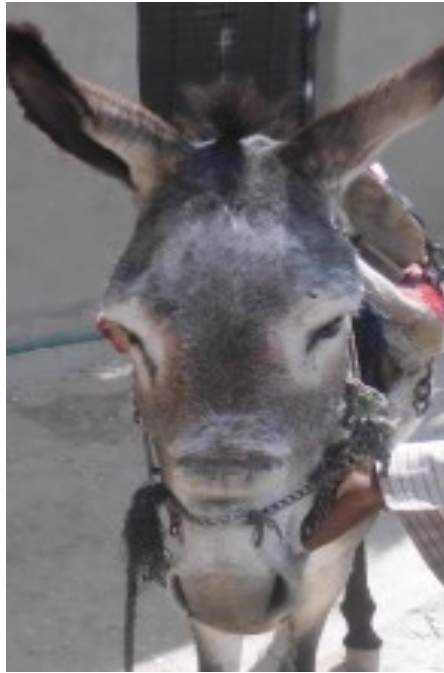
Gerges



These photos show why this work is so important; this little puppy was brought in just 2 days ago with a very nasty neck wound due to being tethered with unsuitable materials. After being treated at the AWOL centre he will be much more comfortable and was sent home with a new AWOL collar!



Another wound caused by bad equipment we saw this week. This donkey has been fitted with a chain which has led to a wound on his nose. This leaves the donkey open to infection as well as obviously being painful for the donkey. The wound was dressed and the donkey was fitted with a new head collar; with extra padding until the wound has healed.



Wooden 'bridges' are often used in Egypt to enable donkeys to carry loads but they are frequently badly made and uncomfortable leading to back sores and wounds. Here Ahmed (Snr) helps a local owner to make a new bridge ensuring the nails are safely hammered in to avoid hurting the animal. This will then sit on a cushioned pad on the donkeys back. Sometimes these pads become old and worn and ineffective and nails are sometimes left sticking out which pierce the cushioning and injure the animal. By showing the owners how to make a safe and effective bridge we can help to avoid injury to these hard-working animals.





All these donkeys have been fitted with new AWOL tack free of charge to help stop sores and wound developing. This is an important part of AWOL's work in Luxor

AWOL has now rented a piece of land near the centre to grow fresh green food for the animals to eat. This is more economical than buying in loads of the feed and ensures that there is always a fresh supply. As you can see Hector and a patient are really enjoying the supply of fresh food.



This little donkey has such a lovely face and looks so pleased to see a full trough of food! We often have to chase up owners to fetch their animals from the centre after an overnight stay as they are more than happy to leave their animals for a couple of days with a good supply of food! Unfortunately AWOL doesn't have the funds to keep long-term patients unless absolutely necessary.

This horse came in with a horrific head wound. This was not caused by bad tack but by an accident. Egyptians love to race their horses but unfortunately this one suffered a fall whilst racing and sustained this nasty head wound.

The wound is fairly deep and is a serious injury which needed immediate medical attention from Dr Mohamed and the team.

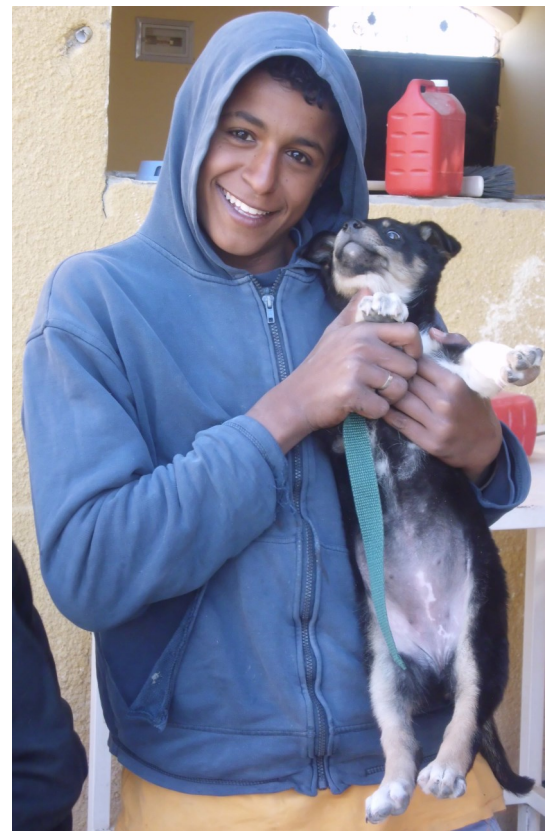


The wound was cleaned and stitched and the horse was treated with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories. He was also given a tetanus vaccination to guard against infection.

Hopefully we can bring you more photos of the horse and the healing wound next month. It is not always easy to follow up treatment as owners often do not bring their animals back to the centre once they are healed despite our best efforts to persuade them to do so.



Some of the rather more photogenic visitors to the centre in January! The puppies and cat all came in for worming, flea and tick treatment so they will be healthy animals. The puppies were all fitted with new AWOL dog collars and the owners shown how to adjust them as the puppies grow.



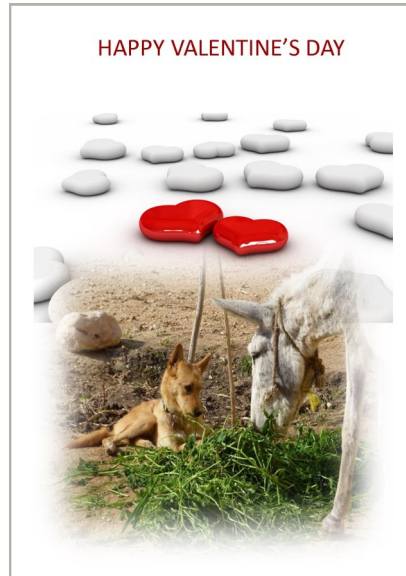
UK NEWS

AWOL Valentine's cards are now available! For £5 you can send an unique Valentine's card. Cards can be posted to you for you to send to your chosen recipient or we can put a personal message in the card and send it for you at no extra charge! As well as receiving this lovely card you and your recipient can be sure that the money raised goes to help the animals of Luxor.

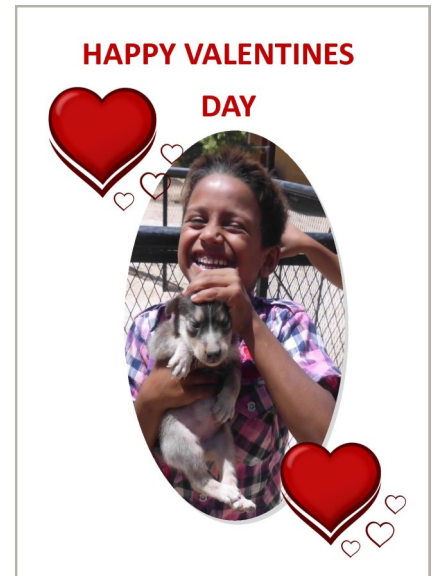
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Style 1.



Style 2.



Style 3.



AWOL's Luxor-based trustee Lesley and her husband Ahmed will be taking on the 24 peaks challenge in June this year. This means they have to complete the climb of 24 peaks in the UK in 24 hours! Not being the fittest of people they have less than 5 months to get in shape for this epic fundraising climb.

Money raised will be split between AWOL and Young Minds charity. You can find out more about the challenge on the website <http://www.outofshapeonahike.com/>



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