

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Whilst spring is a little unpredictable here in the UK we hope the weather will soon start to warm up! This is the perfect time of year to start thinking about what you can do to help fundraise for AWOL. Spring fayres and summer fetes are always an enjoyable day out and more so if you can raise money for a good cause as well. Many village fetes will let you have a small pitch free of charge if fundraising for charity; others charge only a few pounds so why not think about having a spring clean and running a white elephant stall?

Other ways to help the animals could include selling your spare seedlings in the spring or raising plants to sell later in the year. Cakes are always the first things to sell out at fetes so maybe that is something you could potentially do to help us help the animals in Luxor? For those of you who use Ebay it is a great way to sell your unwanted possessions and there is always a Facebook auction running where you can donate items to fundraise. There is always the time-honoured method of sponsored walks, swims and various other challenges! Our trustee Lesley will be undertaking the 24 peaks challenge later in the year so please support her efforts by sponsoring her.

In Luxor the temperatures are rather more predictable and are starting to rise so we will soon be faced with the usual problem of fly sores. We use a large number of fly veils during the summer; each one costing around £4 and sourced in Egypt. Just this small contribution to our funds can stop the suffering of one animal so don't think your effort will be too small to make a difference; EVERY donation makes a difference at AWOL because all your money goes to help the animals.

Spring is a great time to visit Luxor before the weather gets too hot. There are Egyptair and Thompson flights from Gatwick and Heathrow and hotels are available at great prices. We are always happy to see genuine supporters at the AWOL centre and if you have any spare luggage allowance and would like to donate some supplies please let us know!



Dr Mohamed fits a new AWOL collar to a lovely dog and gets special attention from a very cute puppy! Both dogs came in for check-ups and preventative flea/tick and worming treatments.

This donkey came to the AWOL centre with a bad stomach wound. The wound had become infected and was pus-filled so it needed to be drained. A drain was inserted into the stomach to remove the infected blood and pus. Although the wound is deep the donkey should make a full recovery after this intensive treatment and antibiotics.



After treatment the donkey tucks into a meal of fresh greens!



This donkey had a very nasty leg wound caused by a bite by another donkey. Prompt treatment at the AWOL centre should ensure no infection sets in and the donkey will make a swift recovery.

This little dog came in to the AWOL centre a few weeks ago with a fractured leg. The leg was bound tightly and after a few weeks rest the dog has returned to the centre for a check-up. The dog can now walk on the leg but as you can see he was in rather a hurry to leave the centre! Before he rushed off though he was fitted with a new AWOL collar.



Unfortunately the owner of this poor donkey did not bring him in for treatment as soon as he was injured. The result is that his broken leg was unable to be treated and the decision had to be made to put him to sleep; something we only do as a last resort at AWOL.

This illustrates why it is so important for AWOL to be able to provide free treatment for all animals in need. The only comfort is that the donkey was put out of his misery and not allowed to suffer and die a slow painful death.



A problem we are seeing a lot of at the moment is that of rectal prolapses in donkeys. These often occur due to poor nutrition leading to constipation causing the animal to put an excessive strain on the bowel and rectum. Itching and irritation due to internal worms can also cause the problem. Left untreated a rectal prolapse can be fatal. The displaced tissue can become infected or the blood supply can be restricted leading to the tissue dying off. It is usually too late to save the animal at this stage.



Both of these donkeys were brought in with rectal prolapses. The first one is a very serious prolapse with a large amount of the rectum protruding outside the animal. This donkey is very thin and malnourished due to a severe worm infestation. As well as treating the prolapse the underlying issue of worms has been treated which should enable the donkey to gain some weight and for his overall condition to improve.

The second donkey's prolapse is not quite as severe but still requires urgent treatment from Dr Mohamed and the team,

It's all about teamwork at AWOL; Gerges takes a break from making head collars and dog collars to help Dr Mohamed with the donkeys





We leave you with some lovely puppy photos of young puppies brought in for worming and flea/tick treatment.



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Tuesday 10th March 12.30pm. Supporters lunch at The Mint, Park Road, Banstead. Places are limited and we need to confirm numbers so please email Ros on Ros.barrow@hotmail.com, call her on 07788 563701 or alternatively email Angela at AngelaAwol@gmail.com.

1/3/15—23/3/15 AWOL Facebook auction. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1429667187284781/>
Donate unwanted items or pick up a bargain and help Luxor's animals at the same time!



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/> Please support Lesley and Ahmed in raising funds for AWOL.

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