

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

First of all apologies for the lateness of the newsletter this month. Unfortunately illness whilst I was in Luxor meant I had to extend my stay by a few days to try to catch up on a few things so I am a little delayed this month.

Generally speaking I try to write the newsletter in the third person, as AWOL as a whole, rather than make it a personal letter from me as I believe the work the charity does is far more important than any individual. However, many of you who are a little more involved in the charity will know that being the only active trustee in the UK and with AWOL having no staff sometimes things just have to give a little so I ask for your understanding.

The work in Luxor continues as we start the new agricultural year; much planting takes place now as it is spring in Luxor as well as in the UK (albeit a little warmer)! It is beautiful in Luxor at the moment with the trees and flowers in full bloom; many of the plants like bougainvillea, oleander and myrtle we would dearly love to be able to grow here. Planting season, though, means more work for the hard-working donkeys in the fields and the possibility of injury for them as they toil in the heat. As well as injuries in the field we have seen a selection of injuries caused by racing, falling, carrying loads as well as abscesses and infection.

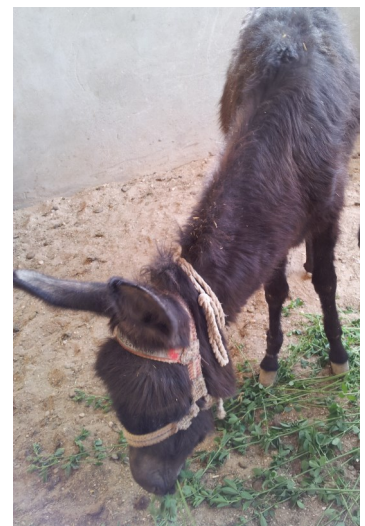
This month work has started on the new shower area at the centre so we continue to make steady progress improving the facilities. The centre is designed for the needs of the local animals and their owners and whilst we are always happy to see visitors at the centre please bear in mind that it is a working medical centre not a tourist attraction. A few visitors have arrived in the last few weeks bearing gifts of supplies for which we thank them. If you are thinking of a visit extra large latex/vinyl gloves are always welcome as is Sudacrem and vetwax.

Gerges has settled in well with the rest of the AWOL team in Luxor and is proving to be a valuable member of staff. We hope shortly to begin making back pads for the donkeys to protect their backs from the hard wooden bridges often used to carry loads. Now Gergis has got the hang of the dog collars and harnesses he will be able to make these at the AWOL centre thus increasing our self-sufficiency and giving a little back into the local economy as well as we can purchase the materials needed locally.

We are still looking for a permanent solution to Hector's missing hoof. Georgie from Intelligent Wound Care is still scheduled to visit shortly but we really need to help her out with the cost. She will be paying for her flights herself and I hope to arrange discounted accommodation but we would like to raise £200 towards the cost of his treatment. He really is a lovely little donkey and in good shape apart from the hoof so if you can help in any way please do. Thank you to the people who have already donated after seeing the Facebook appeal but we still need to raise more so we can look for a solution as soon as possible.

Wishing you a warm and peaceful start to spring,

Angela.





Gerges, Ahmed, Angela, Dr Mohamed and Noubi.



Gerges, AWOL Luxor trustee Nasser and Noubi.



AWOL UK trustees Lesley and Angela.

MEETING UP
WITH THE
TEAM IN
LUXOR
AGAIN.



A warm welcome from Tufty, Lucky and Dobby!



AWOL resident Tufty.



AWOL resident Lucky.





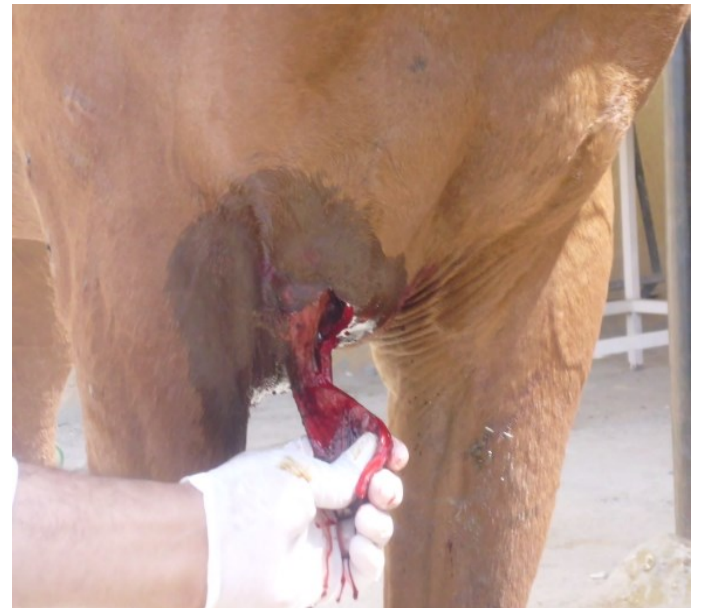
This little dog was brought in after being sprayed in the face by a snake. The eyes were flushed to remove the venom and then treated; he should make a full recovery. Left untreated this would have led to blindness.



At AWOL we try our very best to save animals and putting them to sleep is a last resort. Unfortunately there was nothing we could do for this little donkey which had been abandoned on the banks of a canal. We were contacted by a lady named Marianne on the west bank who said the donkey had been there for at least a week and the owner wasn't interested in helping the animal. A pick up truck was hired (at the personal expense of Luxor Trustee and Centre Manager Nasser) to collect the donkey and take him to the centre. He was kept at the centre for a few days to see if there was any chance of saving him. However his badly broken leg along with some other injuries meant this was not possible. He enjoyed a few days of peace and fresh food before he was put to sleep. He was buried in a body bag in the desert. At least he avoided starving to death or being killed and eaten by wolves.



Work has started on a new shower area for the patients at the centre. This will enable us to hose down the animals when they come in to rid them of excess dirt and dust making it easier and more hygienic for the animals' treatment. It will also have the added benefit of cooling down those animals which have walked many miles to get to the centre in the blazing sun. Here Nasser and Ahmed (Snr.) are working on the area.



This horse came in with a deep cut to his sternum. This needed a lot of attention and stitching as the wound was so deep. He spent 2 weeks at the AWOL centre before he was considered fully recovered and sent back home.





This donkey suffered an injury to his lower eyelid. The wound was cleaned up and then stitched very carefully by Dr Mohamed with Gerges assisting. After treatment the donkey should make a full recovery from his injury.



This poor donkey has an eye lid abscess. The pus was drained from the abscess and he was then given a course of antibiotics, anti-inflammatories and some vitamins. His eye already looks much better. We hope the owner will bring him back for a check-up but we find this is often not the case as once the animal recovers the owners tend not to return.



This donkey was working on the roads when it fell onto hot asphalt resulting in an extensive burn to his rump. He has made a full recovery after treatment at AWOL.



UK News and Events.

Tuesday April 21st 12.30pm. Supporters lunch at The Mint, Park Road, Banstead.

Tuesday April 28th 12.30pm. Supporters lunch at The Peacock Lodge, Eastbourne Road, Newchapel, Surrey, RH7 6HL (Near the Mormon temple near East Grinstead).

Friday May 15th, 11am. Coffee morning with Ros at 7 Downland Close, Epsom Downs, Surrey.

Tuesday May 19th, 12.30pm. Supporters lunch at the Mint, Park Road, Banstead.

Places at the lunches 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.

April 19th-May 17th, Facebook auction to raise money for Hector's treatment. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1429667187284781/>

AWOL's Luxor-based trustee Lesley and her husband Ahmed will be taking on the 24 peaks challenge later this year. This means they have to complete the climb of 24 peaks in the UK in 24 hours! 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.



Lesley has company getting in shape for the walk!

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