

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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As autumn gets under way in the UK and the days are getting cooler the temperature in Luxor is still often 40 degrees in the daytime. The staff at the AWOL centre were no doubt happy to have a few days off over the Eid holiday period and out of the heat of the centre but they are now back to work at the centre and looking very happy about it!



There has been a change of staff at the centre recently; one of our guards Ahmed has retired. He has not been well for some time and his family had become worried for his safety when alone at the centre. We still expect to see him at the centre when he wants to pop in and visit the staff and the AWOL resident animals. He has become a favourite with staff and visitors since the centre opened nearly 3 years ago and we wish him well.

Ahmed is replaced by Bogdadi who has been making friends with the dogs at the AWOL centre. He is also pictured below with our other guard Noubi.



I will be back in Luxor in the next few weeks and although my suitcases are already fairly full of AWOL supplies there are a couple of supporters also travelling so please contact me if you think you can donate any items we might need. It is generally more cost-effective for us to buy items locally or make them at the centre but there are a few things which are difficult to find in Luxor. I can be contacted using the details at the top of this page.

Angela





These lovely little puppies were brought in by their owner earlier in September after they had lost their mother. She unfortunately died when they were just a few days old but the owner had managed to save the puppies. We cannot be sure what happened to the mother as she had not been ill for any length of time prior to her death; the owner seems to think she probably succumbed to a snake bite or scorpion attack.

The first picture shows them on their first check-up when they were still very tiny. They came back in last week for a repeat visit last week and they were looking very well and growing fast! As you can see they are looking healthy and starting to explore their surroundings. I think it is obvious which one is going to be the trouble-maker!



It's always nice to see the children bringing in their puppies and dogs for check-ups at the centre. They are checked for fleas and ticks and given worming treatment. Before they leave they are fitted with a nice new AWOL dog collar made at the centre. Hopefully the children will grow up to be caring animal owners like the man with his orphaned litter of puppies.





This little dog is just so pretty! He came in for flea, tick and worming treatment and Ahmed fitted him with a new collar. You might notice that Gergis has his arm in a sling but do not be unduly worried; he has damaged a tendon in his arm but he is expected to be fully recovered in a few days.

Flea and tick control is so important in dogs. If left untreated a heavy infestation can cause a lot of suffering for the dog. The ticks literally suck the life-blood out of the animals leaving it weak and open to infection and illness. These ticks are easier to remove than the ones we usually find in the UK but in the case of a heavy infestation and to prevent reinfection an anti-parasitic injection is given which usually clears up the problem effectively and quickly.





As usual this month we have seen many cases of mange in horses and donkeys. The donkey pictured above had a particularly nasty case on his abdomen.

Mange is a skin condition caused by microscope mites called arthropods—eight legged parasites that irritate into the horse's skin and cause intense itching. Very young horses, senior horses and horses in poor condition are more likely to be affected by mange. Certain types of mites seem to inhabit certain places on the body. Some mange mites prefer the ear area, fetlocks and pasterns, between the legs, or elsewhere on the body. Mange mites feed by piercing the skin or burrowing in it and areas affected by mange will weep fluid, become dry and crusty. The horse will be very itchy and to relieve the itch may kick, stamp, roll, bite itself, or rub itself on fences or trees causing more skin damage. If left untreated, the skin will become quite thick and inflamed, the sores may spread over the entire body, leading to emaciation, weakness, and loss of appetite.

Treatment is required to kill the mites and stop the damage to the skin. Mange can spread easily from horse to horse by physical contact, or mange mites can live for short periods of time in warm, damp conditions such as saddle pads, blankets or tack and other items the horse may come in contact with. Horses and donkeys are both affected by mange and the treatment is the same for both. Dectomax injectable anti-parasite treatment and an anti-mange ointment is the standard treatment and generally yield good results.





During the continuing heat the shower are has been well-used by visiting patients. It can even turn into a bit of a social occasion!

The donkey below was treated for dehydration after a cooling shower to bring his temperature down. After a couple of hours rest and re-hydration he was recovered enough to make his way back home.



This little chap came in to be castrated. We have spared you the detailed photos of the procedure but here are the before and after photos! The owner had been having some dominance problems with this dog but he was so pleased with the procedure and the results that he brought in his other dog for the same operation the following week.



UK News and Events.



Congratulations to our Luxor-based trustee Lesley for successfully completing her 24 peaks challenge in September. Lesley, along with the support of her husband Saffy, managed to scale 24 peaks in 24 hours in the Lake District, Cumbria. She raised an amazing £816 for AWOL and got fit in the process! A huge thanks to Lesley for her efforts.

Upcoming UK events

Thursday Oct 8th, 11am, coffee morning hosted by Ros at 7 Downland close, Epsom. There will be a 'calm' theme to the morning - rather appropriate as the Christmas season approaches!

Thursday October 20th, supporters lunch at the Woolpack, Banstead, meet other supporters over a relaxing lunch.

Thursday November 19th, 11.30am, supporters get-together at Lily's Coffee Shop and Pantry, 5 Eastgate, Nork, Banstead SM7 1RN.

Tuesday 8th December, 12.30pm supporters lunch, The Beefeater Grill, Tattenham corner, Epsom Downs, KT18 5N, festive menu and small tombola.

Thursday 10th Dec, 12.30pm, Christmas supporters' lunch, Woodies bar and Grill, New Malden. No set Christmas menu just choose and pay for your own. Christmas tombola and gifts available.

Places at the lunches are limited and we need to confirm numbers so please email Ros on Ros.barrow@hotmail.com or call her on 07788 563701; alternatively contact Angela using the contact details on page one.



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