

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Lots of thanks are due this month! First of all thanks for being patient for this months newsletter. My visit to Luxor was longer than expected so November's and December's newsletters are combined. Also thanks to the team in Luxor for their input and cooperation during my visit, for looking after me and making me welcome; and, as always, thanks for their hard work throughout the year.

It was lovely to see the progress made at the centre in person and to plan the next stage of work. This will involve adding extra kennel space, fitting the treatment area and making a storage area for green feed. The funding for the kennel area is already in place so that will be the first work to be undertaken. Many thanks to Rose, Linda, Katrin and Volkher for funding this.

Our vehicle fund has been given a massive boost in the form of a very generous donation from supporter Ron (pictured below at a recent supporters lunch). Ron has been one of AWOL's most dedicated and committed long-term supporters and has been extremely generous to AWOL over the years. Ron's support of AWOL stems from his late wife's love of donkeys and he has continued to support animal welfare and AWOL for which we are very grateful. Ron's amazing generosity plus some other funding has resulted in our vehicle fund leaping to £10,000. We could not have imagined or anticipated such an generous donation and we are understandably delighted! A huge thanks goes to Ron from everyone at AWOL!



Hopefully with the help of our supporters we will be able to build on this great start to our campaign to purchase a vehicle. We still need to raise funds every month for our general running costs and every bit helps so please think of AWOL this Christmas.





More thanks to our supporters who donated items to take to Luxor. The pharmacy is looking well-stocked and the AWOL dogs enjoyed the gravy bones! Thanks to Mary, Jenny, David and Bev for their donations. As the harvest season gets under way we will soon make a dent in the supplies and they are all appreciated.

The guards are also grateful for the arrival of a used TV at the centre so they can watch it at nights when they are by themselves. This was bought jointly and privately by myself and supporter Bev, As you can see guard Bogdadi is very happy to receive the gift!



Thanks to our great supporters we have been able to continue treating hundreds of animals at the AWOL centre this year. We have treated approximately 4000 donkeys, 1000 horses and 600 dogs in 2015. Exact figures have not as yet been calculated as we have not as yet reached the year end. Patients have come from miles around, some as far as 45 km (around 30 miles), so it is easy to see that AWOL is a much-needed resource on the west bank and it is thanks to our supporters we are able to continue offering free treatment and care for these poor animals. We hope that in 2016 we can make more progress towards our long-term goal of transport and a second vet so we can reach even more animals out in the rural areas.



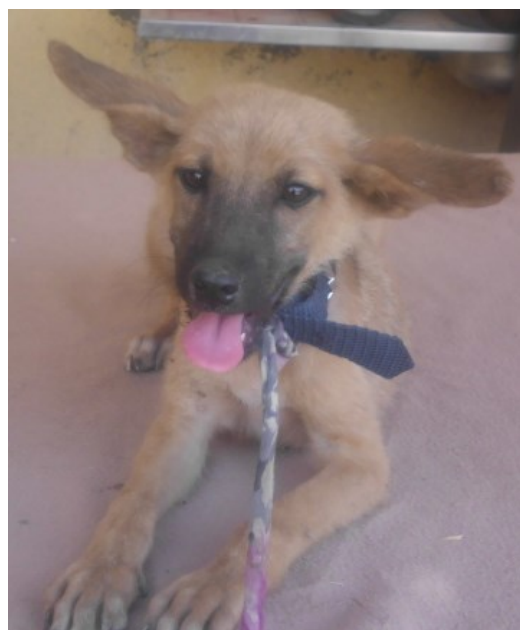
This donkey came in with a nasty ear injury which had split the ear cartilage. He needed to have part of the ear flap removed as a result. Bleeding was stopped by the use of forceps and he received anti-biotic and anti-inflammatory medication after the procedure.

The donkey below had a stomach injury which has been stitched and treated. Both patients made good recoveries from their injuries.





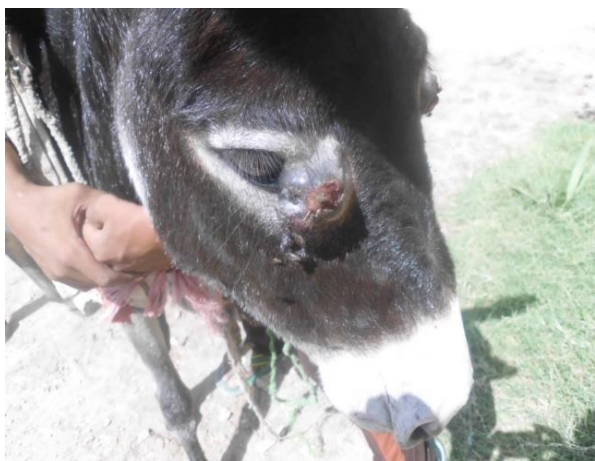
Just some of the lovely dogs we have treated at the AWOL centre for ticks/fleas and worms over the last month. As you can see once ticks get a hold they can really infest a dog and leave it weak, out of condition and prone to other illnesses. After treatment they are fitted with a new collar made at the centre.



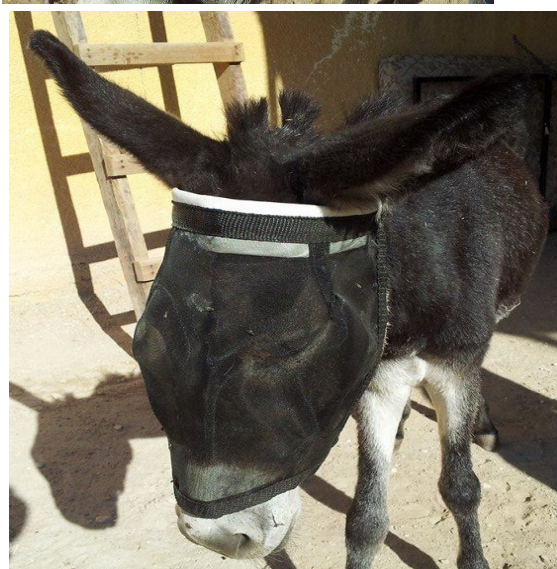
Some dogs have more impressive ears than others!



Arriving in style in a tuk-tuk: This is positively luxurious transport for this German Shepherd in comparison to many ways the dogs arrive at the centre. This sort of dog is considered more desirable in Luxor than the local dogs many of which are simply unwanted unfortunately.



This donkey came in last month with tumours on both eyes; one of them can be seen in the first photo. After surgery on both eyes and a fairly long stay at the AWOL centre the donkey has finally returned home. The harvest season is underway so he is needed to help with the sugar cane harvest. He has gone home with a fly veil to protect his eyes until they are fully healed but he has made good progress and should now be much more comfortable.



This poor white donkey was brought in with a very nasty tumour in a very nasty place. She had a large tumour in her vulva which needed surgical removal. She came back to the centre last week for a check-up and she has made very good progress. She must be very relieved.



Sally



Dobby



Tufty

A few months ago we took a little dog in at AWOL at the request of Luxor resident Rose. Rose had rescued the little dog from the street where she was being beaten and harmed by local children. Rose tried to keep the little dog, who she named Sally, at her home but it proved to be impossible so she brought her to AWOL to be looked after whilst we looked for a new home for her. Re-homing local dogs though is very difficult and we have not so far been able to find her a suitable home. Rose loves the little dog so we have agreed to home her at the centre and in return Rose and her friends will be providing food for her every month. They have also funded some work on the kennels as mentioned on page 1.

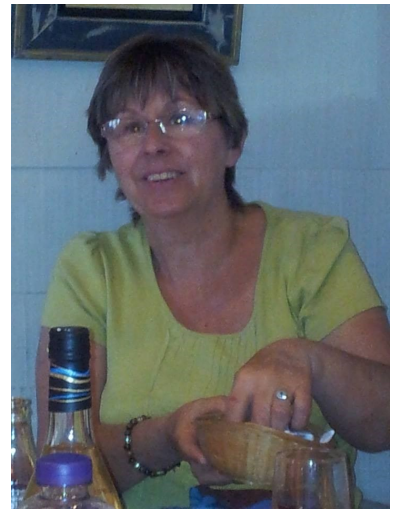
Unfortunately we do not have the space or the funds to generally operate as a rescue centre but on this occasion with the help of Rose and her friends we are very happy to be able to help this lovely little dog. Rose visits Sally every week and has been helping with grooming and giving the dogs lots of attention so everyone is happy!

Lovely to have a happy ending for Sally just before Christmas!



As we are at the end of the year we would like to thank all our supporters for their support this year. A special thanks to supporter Ros (pictured) for arranging the lunches in Surrey and all the other work she has done for AWOL this year. Thanks also to Alison for keeping the website updated, Mary (Olly on Facebook) for running the Facebook auctions which have brought in valuable funds, Lesley for her sponsored hike and all our supporters who have donated or helped in any way. It is not possible to name everyone but anyone who has donated even a small amount is helping to keep AWOL operating and helping us treat thousands of animals in Luxor each year.

Our final lunches for this year are on Dec 2nd and 10th. Please contact us for further details.



Thank you



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