

# ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Spring is well on the way in Luxor and the temperature will soon start to rise; this means the harvest season will shortly start to diminish but for the meantime we continue to see substantial numbers of working donkeys coming to the centre for treatment. As the year progresses and temperatures rise the working donkey will still be expected to carry on working in other areas of work; there is no rest for these hard-working animals in Luxor. Work-related injuries account for a large proportion of the cases we see at the AWOL medical centre. The owners are often reluctant to leave their animals at the centre for too long if they are needed for work as the donkey is usually an essential asset without which the family



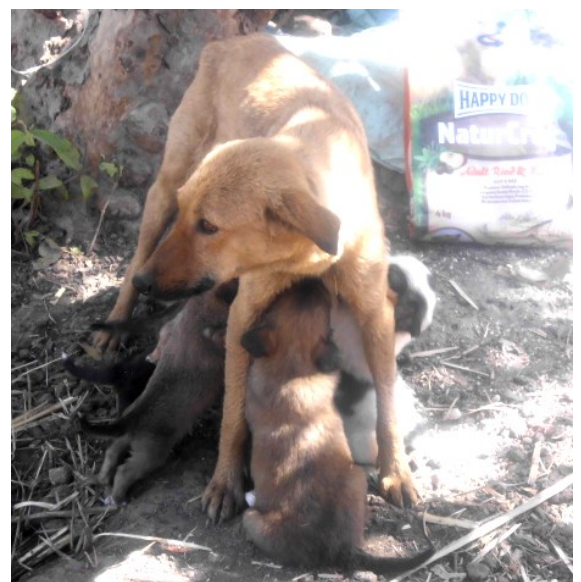
would be unable to earn a living and feed and clothe themselves.

We continue to try to raise funds for an AWOL vehicle but we must also make sure we have enough funds to meet our essential outgoings of medical supplies, local salaries and materials for tack production. We do not have the luxury of having 6 months funding sitting in the bank like some charities so we continue to budget carefully whilst working towards our goal. If you think you could spare a few hours occasionally to help raise funds, or awareness, please get in touch.

We are very pleased to be able to say that our Facebook auctions will be resuming very shortly. We expect the next one to start in the next few days now that our dedicated supporter Mary is sufficiently recovered from illness to continue to run them for us - for which we are very grateful. If you have any items suitable to sell on the Facebook auction page please contact the Auction for Animal Welfare of Luxor Facebook page.

Could you spare a thought, and a few pounds, for the animal mothers in Luxor this mother's day? Just £5 can provide soft dog collars for all these little puppies when they get older and minimise the chance of painful neck wounds. Dog food, however, is very expensive; this large bag costs around £40 so it is not cheap to feed the hungry dogs and unfortunately we can't feed all of them. If you can help us to help them we, and they, would be very grateful.

*Angela.*



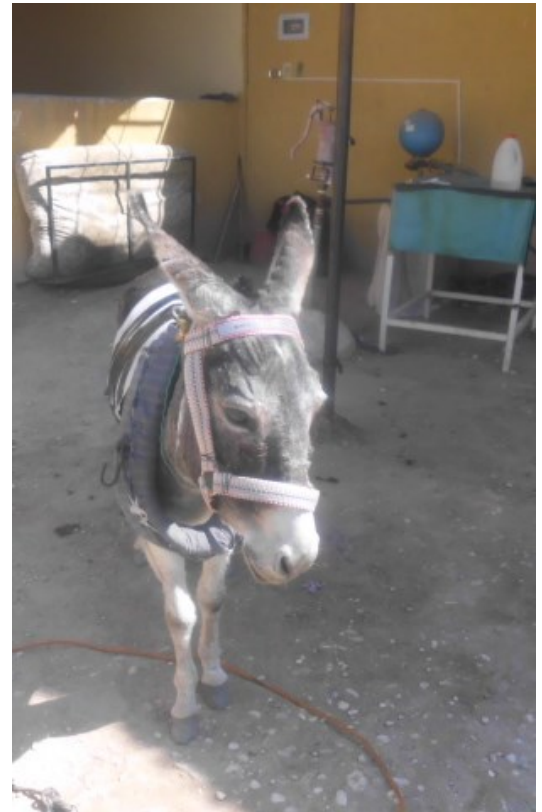


This poor little dog came into the AWOL centre after a nasty car accident. His leg is badly injured with substantial muscle and ligament damage. We are hoping the dog will recover and amputation can be avoided. After treatment the dog had a rather uncomfortable cart ride back home.



Our little guest continues to improve at the AWOL centre. Regular shampooing and nutritious food has made such a difference to her over the last few weeks. We are hoping the owner will agree to give her up and we can rehome her. Much as we would like to be able to keep her we do not have enough space or funding to keep her permanently so we hope we can find her a good home.





Our regular readers will know that some of the most common injuries we see at the centre are caused by unsuitable and ill-fitting tack; this donkey has a sore back wound as a result. Wooden bridges are often used to support a load the donkey carries and these can rub a painful sore area on the donkey's back. When the wound has healed the donkey will be fitted with a soft pad placed under the bridge to avoid this happening again.

In addition to treatment for the back sore the donkey was fitted with a new head collar to replace his existing chain which can cause more wounds on the donkey's nose.

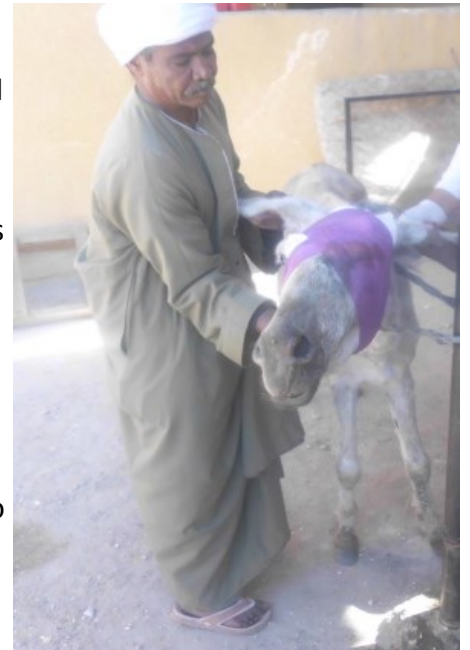
The head collars are made at the centre and the materials bought locally. This is an essential part of our work in Luxor and many donkeys benefit from the collars made by our sewing machinist/assistant Gergis. We can fit hundreds of these each month so we keep a fairly substantial stack of webbing for this purpose.







Donkeys are worked hard in Luxor. They are often the poor persons' only means of transport and only way of making a living. They are used to carry heavy loads ranging from building materials to vegetables as well as people.



Both of these donkeys suffered work-related injuries. The donkey above sustained a very serious injury to the head after a collision with a tractor. The donkey has extensive flesh and muscle damage but unfortunately also fractured his skull in the accident. We have done what we can and can now only hope that he will recover from this serious injury.

The donkey below has a tear to his abdominal wall. These are often caused by hooks on the cart the donkey is pulling. In this case the injury is not too severe and the donkey should fully recover but a large tear can often be fatal if the abdominal wall is so badly damaged it cannot hold in the internal organs.







It's lovely to be able to see one of our patients looking so much better. We do not always get to see the animals we treat when they recover as the owners do not bring them back to the centre. In this case though this lovely dog returned to see us having made a full recovery. When he was first brought in two weeks ago he had to be wheeled in in a wheelbarrow as his legs were completely paralysed due to poisoning. He is looking wonderful now he has recovered.



Patients waiting for treatment at the AWOL centre.

### Upcoming events

Tuesday March 15th 12.30pm. Supporters lunch, Woodies freehouse, New Malden, Surrey. If you would like to attend please email Ros at [Ros.barrow@hotmail.com](mailto:Ros.barrow@hotmail.com), call her on 07788 563701 or contact Angela using the contact details on page one.

Look out for the latest Facebook auction starting soon. You can find it by clicking [here](#).

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