

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

Summer is finally under way here in the UK and I hope everyone is enjoying at least a few rays of sunshine! The temperatures are not going to reach the intense heat experienced in Luxor over the summer months where temperatures are currently in the high forties centigrade. The difficulty of living and working in such intense heat is exacerbated this year by the arrival of Ramadan. Starting on June 6th and ending on July 7th most of the Muslim population will be refraining from eating or drinking between sunrise and sunset. During this time the AWOL centre closes at 12 noon instead of 2pm as most of the rural residents and farmers are resting indoors after doing as much of their work as possible during the slightly cooler morning. The hard-working donkeys do at least get a bit of respite from the heat and their unrelenting workload.

Work on the centre building continues; the railings and metalwork are being painted and the kennels are now undergoing refurbishment and remodelling. We have increased the height of the smaller dogs run to try to keep our little escape artists, Lucky and Sally, within the area! The dogs have the run of the entire yard after the centre closes so are not enclosed in their kennels all day but they also have a small enclosed run - the idea being that they can be out in there even when the centre is open. Unfortunately we reckoned without Lucky's determination! Even though she only has 3 1/2 legs it does not stop her from hopping over certain parts of the fencing. Since she was joined by bouncy Sally we felt we needed to increase the height of this small compound and we also needed to add another kennel as we had only 2 large ones and this was just not enough.

Thanks go to Katrin, Linda and all of Sally's sponsors who contributed to the cost of this work which has enabled us to keep Sally off the streets without compromising our care of other animals in need.

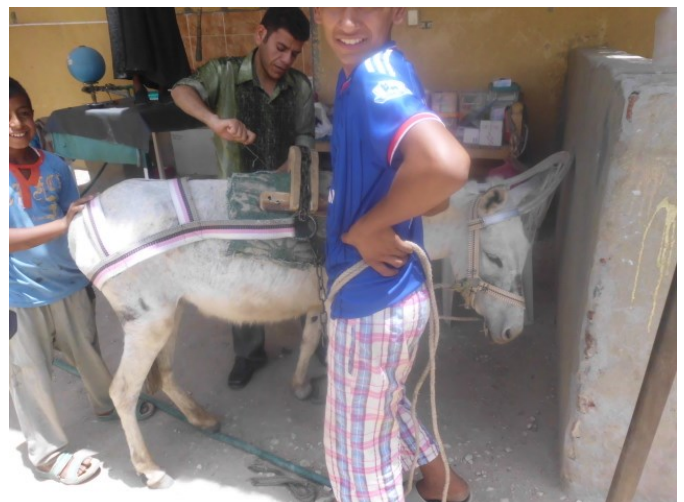




You might remember this donkey from last month's newsletter; he was suffering from laminitis and fell on his way to the centre for treatment so arrived on a cart. The owner of this donkey treated him rather harshly; which I witnessed as I passed him on my way to the centre last month. In addition to treatment at the centre the owner was advised on how to better care for his animal which will not only benefit the comfort of the donkey but will also help to avoid future health issues

Laminitis is a painful inflammatory condition of the tissues that bond the hoof wall to the pedal (coffin) bone in the horses hoof. It can affect any horse, of any age or sex, at any time of the year. In the UK it is traditionally considered to be caused by inappropriate over-feeding on lush grass and linked to the animal being obese. However, it can be triggered by a variety of metabolic or physical causes in any horse or donkey. In Luxor the cause is usually physical and results from carrying heavy loads on hard surfaces.

Treatment consists of resting the animals and administering pain relief in the form of anti-inflammatory medicine. This donkey was kept in a stable with a soft floor and rested for a few weeks until he was sufficiently improved to return home. He was able to walk comfortably out of the centre and hopefully the owner will have listened to Dr Mohamed's advice and will rest the donkey more often.



As usual we see a large number of donkeys come to the centre in need of replacement tack. Here Gergis replaces the old uncomfortable tack with new made by himself at the centre. This is something we do many, many times each month.



This absolutely lovely little dog came into the centre covered in fleas, lice and ticks and suffering from mange. She was found wandering the street outside a workshop and the owner took her in then brought her to AWOL for treatment. After a lot of washing, de-tangling and parasite removal she had a rub down with a nice fluffy towel! The little dog has been named Fox by the man who found her.



Fox stayed at the AWOL centre for a couple of weeks to regain some strength as she was also malnourished. Her fur has regrown nicely and she is looking so much better. Here she is about to go home with her new owner and showing off a lovely clean pink tummy!





We continue to see many animals brought to the centre with very nasty abscesses. Caused by dirt, dust or inflammation at a specific site they occur on donkeys, horse, dogs, goats and almost any animal. This horse had two large abscesses on both sides of his neck. The owner lived a long distance from the AWOL centre and had been unaware of our services until word was passed to him by a neighbour. A substantial amount of dead and decaying skin had to be removed from the site of the abscesses and the wound were then dressed.



The horse returned to the centre for a second visit and although the wounds still look rather horrific, you can see in the final photo that they are clean, all the necrotic tissue has been removed and they are healing nicely.





This puppy also came to the centre suffering from a large abscess. The puppy had not eaten for some time and was in a feverish condition due to the abscess. The little pup was given local anaesthetic and tranquilized before treatment.

After the abscess was drained and cleaned the puppy was given antibiotics and anti-inflammatories along with a multi vitamin injection to boost his strength. He left the centre with his owner and came back in a couple of days later looking a lot perkier so we are able to report he is doing well and the prognosis is good for this little one!



AWOL is delighted to be able to announce the appointment of a new trustee to the UK board. Georgie Hollis has been known to us for some time and has great credentials! Georgie runs an online resource 'The Veterinary Wound Library' and is director at Intelligent Wound Care Ltd. She also supplies teams of 'Bandaging Angels' to vet practices to deliver the latest in wound management and bandaging techniques. In addition she also regularly lectures at veterinary conferences both in the UK and abroad and is an 'expert speaker' at the British Veterinary Nurse Association congress this year where she has spoken in previous years. Her current research for an MRes (Master of Research qualification) at



Nottingham Vet School studies key areas of healing delay and how to improve outcomes in practice.

Despite her busy schedule Georgie visited the AWOL centre with me last year and spent a week working with the team; she was a big hit with both the staff and the animals alike! We are very pleased that with Georgie as trustee we have a respected professional in the veterinary field on board and we would like to give her a big welcome to AWOL!

Many thanks to Ros for organising last month's supporters lunch in Surrey. A small raffle was held and Celia kindly brought in items for sale.



I would like to thank all the supporters who attended and very many thanks to Celia and John, Margaret, and Ron for their donations. It is due to committed supporters like these that we are able to treat the animals in Luxor.

A special thanks to all those supporters who contribute regularly through standing orders or other means; your support is invaluable to AWOL.

Forthcoming events

Thursday June 23rd, 10.30am. Garden party, Epsom. Plants for sale, bric-a-brac and raffle. Please contact Ros for an invitation and address. You can contact Ros by email at Ros.barrow@hotmail.com or call her on 07788 563701.

Tuesday 12 July, 12.30. Supporters lunch at Woodies free house, New Malden, Surrey with a small tombola to raise funds for AWOL.

Thank you for reading this month's newsletter, *Angela.*

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