

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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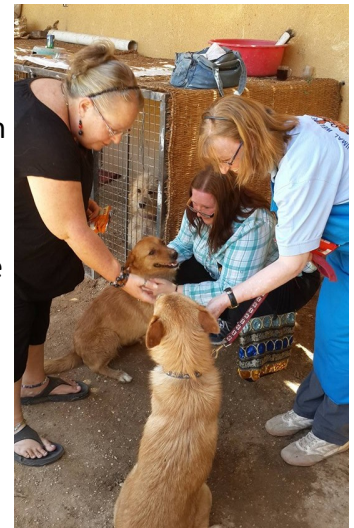


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Dear Supporter,

Due to a case of RSI (repetitive strain injury) in my right arm this month's newsletter may be a little lighter on words than usual but I have put in as many photos as possible to compensate! Hopefully you will still appreciate the photos and I hope that after a little rest my arm will improve.

We are very sad to say good bye to Sally who has been living at the AWOL centre for the past year. Sally was brought to us by expat Rose who could not find anyone other organisation to look after her when she found her scared and frightened after having stones thrown at her by the local children. Although we are the smallest of the charities in Luxor with the least space and funds we agreed to keep Sally at the centre with the help of some donations from Rose's friends. Sally has been very happy at the centre and has made great friends with Lucky, has had some lovely visitors and become quite well-known to some of our supporters and those of other charities in Luxor. Many of you will have read about her antics; digging under the kennels and jumping over the railings. However a charity on the east bank have now found they do have space for Sally after all and as this is closer for Rose to visit Sally has now moved to the east bank. We hope she will be as happy there as she was at AWOL.



We were contacted by another European living on the west bank about a disabled puppy who was also being badly mistreated by local children.

Although this puppy originally had an owner he had thrown the puppy out of the house and wanted nothing more to do with her. At one point we were told the puppy had been thrown in a canal and had died. However the German lady, named Caroline, went back to find the puppy and brought it to the centre for treatment. You can see photos of this lovely little dog on page four. We don't know if she will fully recover or how we can rehome her as very few people want a local dog in Luxor but we could not turn down the plea for help.

AWOL will always do it's best to help any animal in need of care. We NEVER charge locals for the treatment of any animal and only ask for a donation from expats to cover the cost of treatment if they bring in one of their animals. Even then, we only ask the expat to donate what they can afford, we do not make a charge. We pay only local essential staff in Luxor, our entire wages bill for 6 staff - one vet, one manager, two assistants and two guards - comes to around £700 per month, only a little more than some charities in Luxor pay one manager. We pay no staff in the UK so you can be sure that all money donated to AWOL benefits the animals in Luxor.



Just one of the many donkeys we have treated at the centre this week. This one originally came in a couple of weeks ago with a wound on his rump sustained at work. We are really pleased to see him again at the centre this week looking much better with a nicely healing wound.





Another donkey with a nasty wound at the base of his tail caused by a bite from another donkey. Donkeys can be quite bad-tempered at times but it's not surprising when you see how hard they are worked. This one was treated with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories and has been back to the centre for a couple of check-ups. We are pleased to say the wound is healing well and he making good progress.



This donkey also came in to be treated for a donkey bite but we realised he was also suffering from sores caused by badly made tack so all his wounds were treated, he was fitted with new soft tack and the owner shown how to apply Sudacrem and given a pot to take home with him.





This is the little puppy brought in by an expat on the west bank. She is so thin and malnourished and covered in fleas and ticks. We don't know why she cannot use her back legs properly; Dr Mohamed thinks it is probably due to some trauma and as she was being thrown around by children this is very likely. The ticks have all been removed and she has been given multi-vitamin injections to boost her strength. She is now in our new kennel with clean water and is fed regularly so she is in a much better place and is already more comfortable than before.



Here she is after a couple of days at the AWOL centre and having a bath.



Look, clean ears! No ticks!!



Another very sad case we recently treated at the centre. This dog had puppies but they were all infested with fleas and ticks which literally sucked the life blood out of them and they unfortunately all died. The owner brought the mother dog in for treatment but he didn't realise how much damage the ticks were doing to the puppies so he didn't bring them in for treatment. The mother dog was also covered in ticks which had made her very poorly so she was treated for this and given a multi-vitamin injection to help get her back on her feet. She did at least leave the centre looking a bit more perky than when she arrived. It is desperately sad when we see animals die because of ignorance on the part of the owner. We try to educate everyone we come into contact with and hopefully this owner won't let it happen again.



On a brighter note we also see a lot of dogs coming to the centre for preventative treatment and minor ailments. These boys brought their dogs in for flea treatment before the problem got too bad. Hopefully they will grow up to be responsible and caring owners who will know they can bring their animals to AWOL for free treatment whenever necessary.

This beautiful little white dog also had fleas and had lost some fur because of them but her caring owner brought her in for treatment and she will soon regrow her fur and be a healthy little dog.



More ticks! This poor dog also had to contend with a rather nasty chain around his neck. This was removed and replaced with a soft collar and the owner shown how to fit it correctly. After tick removal the dog should now be a lot more comfortable.



Forthcoming events.

Tuesday September 27th 12.30PM. Supporters lunch at the Woolpack, Banstead with raffle. Please contact Ros on 07788563701 or Ros.Barow@hotmail.com for more details.

Look out for our new Facebook auction starting soon!

Many thanks for reading this month's newsletter. Don't forget; all our work depends on YOU! We rely entirely on donations and are always grateful for your support.

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