

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

We are now approaching the end of 2016 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have contributed in any way to AWOL over the past year. Many thanks to those of you who regularly send donations every month by standing order to the AWOL bank account, or by Virgin Money Giving. There are some supporters we rarely hear from but their donations appear in our bank account every month and form the backbone of our income. Thank you to all these quiet supporters who continue to support our work and help the animals in Luxor.

Many thanks also to those supporters who have put themselves out to raise funds for AWOL this year; some we don't know about until they kindly send us a cheque, others fundraise regularly and make a huge contribution to our funds. It's impossible to name everyone who has contributed towards AWOL's work but we are very grateful for all the support we have received and we hope you will continue to help us help the animals of Luxor's west bank. Prices have rocketed in Luxor over the past few weeks as the government have increased tariffs on imported goods and Egypt is not a big manufacturing country so a large number of essential items have been affected. We will continue to plan and budget as effectively as possible to find the best way to ensure AWOL is able to continue to treat the animals in such desperate need in Luxor.

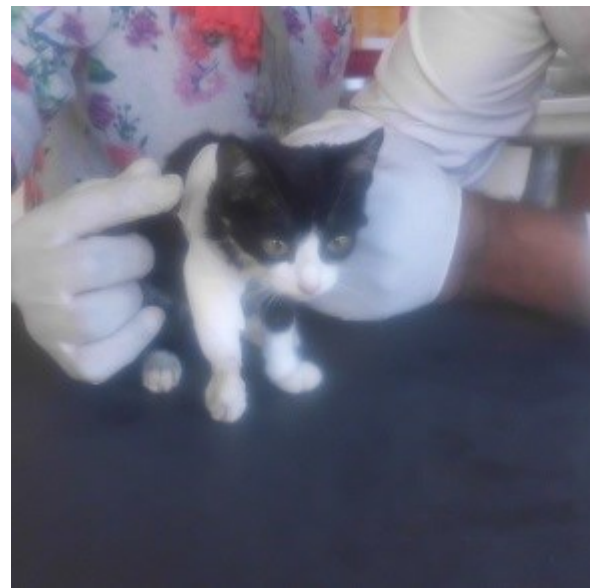
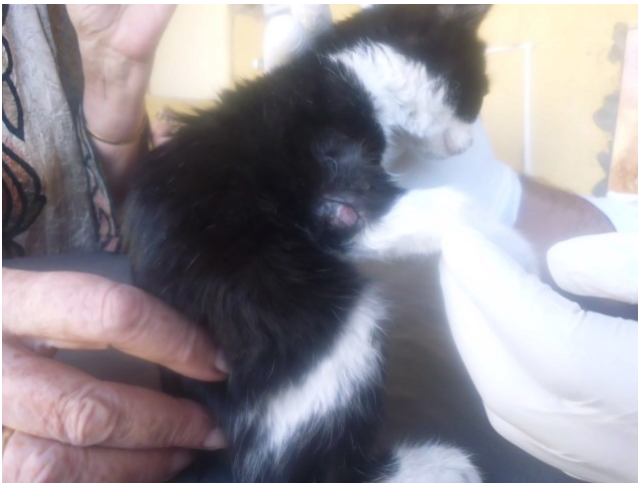
We hope to carry out a review of our supporter database early next year so if we have not had any contact with a supporter over the past 12 months there is the possibility that the supporter's contact details may be removed from the database. This of course will not be an issue for our dedicated supporters who donate, no matter how irregularly. The newsletter can always be read on the AWOL website where there is also the option to subscribe again.

When you are doing your Christmas shopping please ask yourself if you can spare £5 to stop an animal's suffering in Luxor. So many Christmas presents are unwanted or disposable but £5 can pay for antibiotics to save a dog's life or stop a donkey from sustaining painful wounds and sores. Surely £5 is not too much to ask to save a poor animal's life?

We have gift certificates available to buy at £10 this year; all the cost of these is borne by myself so the entire £10 goes to help the animals in Luxor. There is more information on the last page of this newsletter.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the newsletter, *Angela.*





Aww! Such a sweet little kitten brought into the centre by local resident Ingrid. The poor little thing had an open fracture of its right front leg which was infected and full of pus. The kitten is so tiny there was a huge risk of the infection spreading and septicaemia taking hold which could be fatal for such a tiny little body. With such tiny animals anaesthetic can also be very risky so the kitten was treated under heavy sedation. The wound was drained and cleaned out and then the fracture was set and bandaged by Dr Mohamed; antibiotics and anti-inflammatory treatments were also administered. The little cat returned to the centre a few days later and Dr Mohamed was very pleased with his progress. He is much more lively, the fracture is healing well and he has been eating well and putting on weight. Ingrid tells us he is running around and playing on her furniture and is now a happy little kitten!



This poor sheep was brought into the medical centre in a very bad way. She had been trying unsuccessfully for 2 days to give birth and was now weak, exhausted and carrying a dead lamb.

It was too late to save the lamb but this was also potentially a life-threatening situation for the sheep and the team needed to act fast to try to save her. Despite our limited facilities Dr Mohamed was able to perform an emergency caesarean to save the sheep's life. The operation was performed under general anaesthetic and the sheep treated with antibiotics and an anti-inflammatory to dull her discomfort.

We caught up with the sheep 4 days later and she was back on her feet and making a great recovery! We are very pleased that we were able to save her and she should go on to bear lambs successfully in the future.



Both the donkey and the horse on this page came into the centre suffering from nasty bite wounds caused by their stable-mates. Sometimes living together can lead to raised tempers...



The donkey had terrible wounds, mainly to the tail area, but also in other areas. We kept this donkey at the centre for a few days so he could be given the best treatment possible. The wounds have healed well after treatment with antibiotics, anti-inflammatories and lots of cleaning and attention.



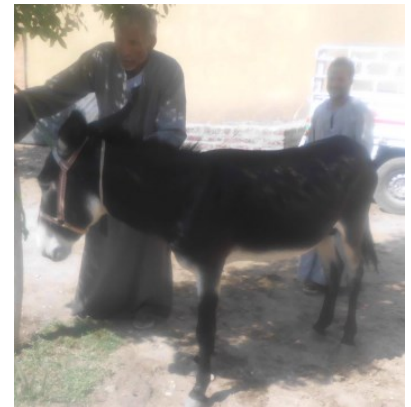
Both animals are in the process of making full recoveries after their unfortunate altercations.



This donkey was brought in with patellar luxation to one of his hind legs. In this condition the patella, or kneecap, dislocates or moves out of its normal location. As a result the donkey is unable to flex its stifle and cannot walk properly,



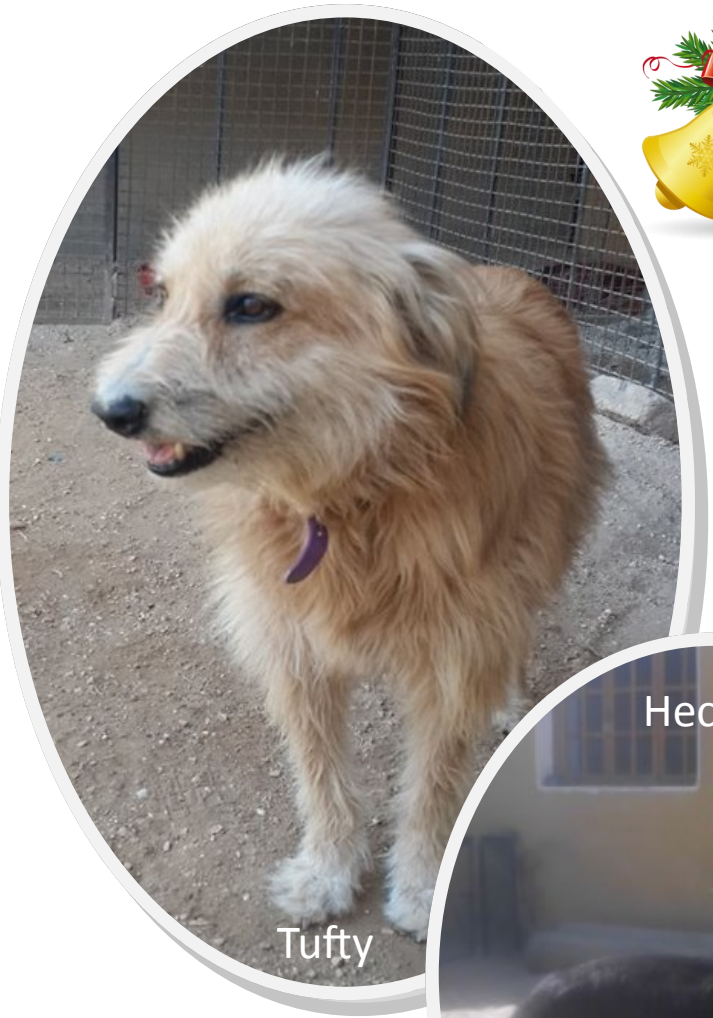
as can be seen in the first photo. The donkey was finding it so difficult to walk he collapsed on the floor of the treatment area. Treatment comprises of a medial patellar ligament desmotomy which involves the cutting and stitching of the ligament in order to hold the patella in a normal position. The operation was carried out under local anaesthetic and sedation and anti-inflammatory medication was given. After his operation the donkey was able to walk correctly and although he will a little sore for a while he will be much more comfortable after this treatment.



Pictured above are just a few of the lovely dogs we have treated at the centre this last month. The little black puppy, the dog in the tuk-tuk and the beautiful white dog came in for flea/tick and worming treatment and some soft collars.



This dog needed treatment for vaginitis; inflammation of the vagina. Pus was flushed out of the vagina with a surgical wash under heavy sedation and the dog was treated with antibiotics and anti-inflammatory medication. She has recovered well from her ordeal.



Tufty



Dobby



Hector



HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE AWOL RESIDENTS!



Peggy



Lucky



Gift certificates!

If you have an animal-loving friend who is difficult to buy for why not send them an AWOL gift card? They cost £10 and we can send one directly to you so you can personalise it and send it to your friend yourself or we can personalise it for you and print your name and the recipient's along with a short message and post it directly to your chosen recipient. The cards need to be ordered and paid for by Friday December 19th to ensure they will be received in time for Christmas. UK postage is included. Contact me at Angela AWOL@gmail.com or call 07880 314764.



Christmas Presents!

You can order fabulous ETHICAL and ORGANIC presents from Neal's Yard. All products are 100% vegetarian and NOT tested on animals. If you order from supporter Ros she will donate 20% of the order value to AWOL. You can find Ros's online shop by clicking on the image. Let Ros know you would like the 20% to go to AWOL and she will organise it. You can contact Ros on 07788563701 or Ros.Barrow@hotmail.com. If you would like to pass the web address onto someone else it is <https://uk.nyrorganic.com/shop/RosBarrow/> DON'T FORGET TO MENTION AWOL!

Donation methods

AWOL accepts donations by cheque, standing order, direct bank payments and via [Paypal](#) and [Virgin Money Giving](#). Click on the links or go to our website www.Awol-Egypt.org. Virgin Money Giving accepts credit and debit card payments from all over the world. Cheques should be made payable to Animal Welfare of Luxor and sent to Angela Robinson, Barnhaven, 12 Twyford Lane, Foulsham, Dereham, Norfolk NR20 5SE.

AWOL's bank details are; HSBC Bank, a/c number 51621076, sort code 40 20 24, A/c name Animal Welfare of Luxor.

It is also possible to donate directly through your company's payroll; just talk to your payroll department or administrator.



[Easyfundraising](#) is an easy way for you to raise funds; just register online and remember to log in to your easyfundraising account when you shop online. By shopping online at over 2,700 top retailers you can raise funds for AWOL at no extra cost to you! It's very easy; you just need to open an account with Easyfundraising and log into their website before you shop online.

*Wishing all out supporters a very happy Christmas, thank you for reading this newsletter and for your support of AWOL,
Seasons greetings,*

Angela and the AWOL team.



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