

# ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear supporter,

I hope that you have had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Work at the AWOL centre in Luxor continued as normal throughout the festive period so many thanks to Luxor trustee Nasser, AWOL vet Dr Mohammed and the rest of the team in Luxor for all their efforts over this festive season and throughout all of 2016. Thanks also for the many Christmas and New Year messages I, and the team, have received; it is always a pleasure to hear from our supporters and we really appreciate your positive comments and feedback. We have continued to see and treat hundreds of animals at the centre thanks to our invaluable supporters who have contributed to AWOL and made this possible. Many thanks for all your support throughout 2016 and into 2017.

The weather in Luxor is by Luxor standards still rather chilly! Although daytime temperatures are a very pleasant 20 to 25°C, night-time temperatures have recently been dropping Regularly to as little as 4 or 5°C with a low of zero recorded on 29 December. The AWOL centre residents are comfortable in their sheltered stables and kennels with warm bedding on the floor but it can be rather cold for those left outside at night with no shelter, especially if they are suffering from mange and have lost some of their coat. We recently saw a particularly bad case where the donkey (pictured) had lost almost all of its coat.

Some of the donkeys come to the AWOL centre wearing old hessian or plastic sacks as coats in an attempt to keep them warm. The sacks are not very warm so we have started making basic covers for these poor donkeys. The covers may not be particularly stylish and are not the horse and donkey blankets we're used to seeing but they will be thicker



than the sacks and will help to keep the donkeys warm until the weather picks up again in the spring. We are currently using the same fabric that we use for the donkey back pads as this is quite thick and strong and we already have some at the AWOL centre. This does mean however that we will be using our supply of fabric rather quicker than expected so all contributions towards replacing our fabric stock would be very much appreciated.



This donkey was the recipient of our first donkey coat! Hampered somewhat by the power cuts which are common in Luxor Gergis has cut out and sewn a double thickness warm cover for this donkey which came in wearing a plastic sack. He should be a lot warmer now over the rest of the winter months. There are a few design details to sort out but I'm sure this donkey is grateful for the prototype!



Resident donkey Hector also got in on the new fashion trend! Gergis, Ahmed and Nouby fit him with his new coat.







Little Peggy has also had a coat made by Gergis as she is still young and a little thinner than the other AWOL dogs so will feel the cold more. Although her walking has improved and she can get around quite happily it is important not to put unnecessary strain on her back legs so we need to make sure her weight does not increase too much. She loved the attention she got when her coat was being fitted and looks very smart in her nice blue outfit!



You might remember from the last newsletter a little black and white kitten brought in by local resident Ingrid. The little kitten, named Tux, had an open fracture on her leg. We are very pleased to be able to report that the little Tux is doing very well, playing and jumping around at home. Our thanks to Ingrid for this photo of Tux at home and for her donation



Ingrid was back at the AWOL centre again recently with another little cat she found. Ingrid met Luxor trustee Nasser at the centre and Dr Mohamed treated the little cat which was weak and thin with paralysed back legs; Dr Mohamed thinks she had been run over in an accident. She also had diarrhoea from eating infected food from the streets as she was not strong enough to catch her own food and was anaemic. After treatment with multivitamins, anti-inflammatories, antibiotic syrup and worming syrup she went back with Ingrid to her home but she was in a worrying critical condition.

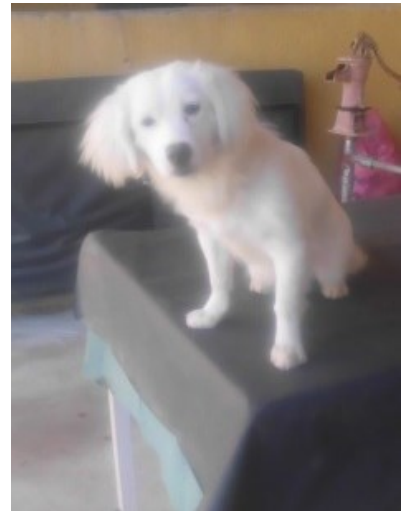


We were really happy to hear from Ingrid a few days ago that the cat has made a full recovery. She has returned to her feral ways but is back to her usual self and taking advantage of the food Ingrid puts out for her. It is an indication of how seriously ill she was that she allowed Ingrid to catch her and bring her to the centre in the first place.

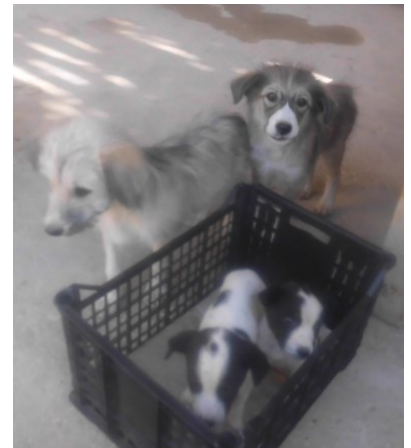




Just some of the lovely dogs we have treated over December and January. We treated 94 dogs at the centre in those 2 months. Many came in for flea, tick and worming treatment; it is great to see people bringing in their animals for preventative treatment before they become seriously ill.



This owner has been shown how to fit a dog collar so that it is not too tight or too loose. At least this is one dog which shouldn't suffer from nasty neck injuries due to chains or wire. The dogs were also given worming treatment after a check-up.



These lovely dogs were very well looked after and came in for a check-up. As you can see we didn't need to supply a new collar for these little ones; someone already had a very stylish collar of their own!



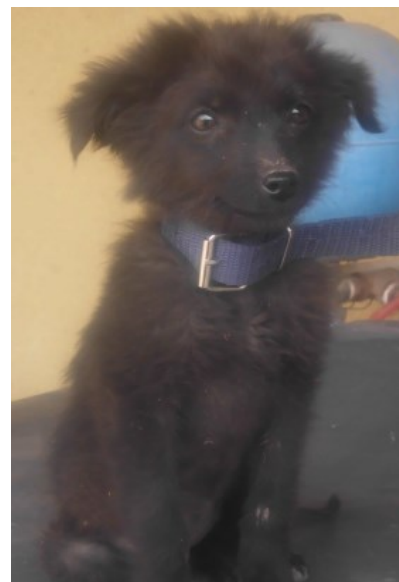
Local resident Yvonne brought her dog in for treatment for vaginitis. She has made a full recovery after treatment by Dr Mohamed and we thank Yvonne for her donation.







This little one was not so well looked after as some of our other patients. He was emaciated and in poor condition. We saw him 3 times at the AWOL centre and have been very pleased with his progress. On his last visit he was fitted with a soft collar and now he has been treated for worms he should soon start putting on weight and growing. He has been fitted with a collar which he can grow with as we cannot be sure the owner will bring him back in now he is recovering.



In an attempt to get owners to bring their animals back to the centre for a second examination we offer them the new collars and donkey tack on their return; this way we are more likely to see the animal again than if we gave out the collars and tack on their first visit.

For our supporters who like to see our lovely resident dogs - a few photos of Dobby, Tufty, Lucky and Peggy with Dr Mohamed, Ahmed, Nouby and Boghdady. Such lucky dogs!

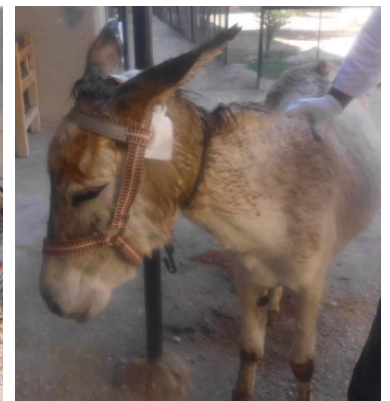






In addition to the many dogs we have treated at the AWOL centre we also treated nearly 600 donkeys over December and

January. Most of these pictured here were treated for mange or wounds caused by unsuitable tack. We see hundreds of donkeys with these problems every month. They will all be a lot more comfortable after treatment at the AWOL centre.



This donkey had the rope over his nose removed and had a much more suitable new soft head collar fitted.







This donkey had a nasty ear injury following a fight with another donkey. He came to the centre twice and Dr Mohamed was very pleased with his progress on his second visit; Gergis then fitted a soft nose chain cover. Some owners insist they must use a chain and do not want a soft collar as their donkey is so strong so the best we can do in this instance is to make sure there is a soft cover around the chain to stop any injury to the donkey.



We were very pleased to see supporter Brenda and her husband at the AWOL centre in January. Brenda has been a supporter of AWOL for many years and contributed generously towards the building of the railings with part of her mother's legacy a few years ago. They brought with them some supplies, for which we are very grateful, and had a look around the centre.



[UK Supporters Lunch](#). Our next lunch is at 12.30 on Monday February 20th at the Jolly Coopers, 84 Wheelers Lane, Epsom. Please contact Ros on 07788563701, [Ros.Barrow@hotmail.com](mailto:Ros.Barrow@hotmail.com) or Angela at [AngelaAwol@gmail.com](mailto:AngelaAwol@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

Many thanks for reading the AWOL newsletter, *Angela*.

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