

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

It has been a very busy month for AWOL both in the UK and in Luxor. We have been planning and organising and we are really pleased to be able to report that we have now initiated visits to some of the local areas to search out and treat any animals we find in need of attention. Our aim is to check the areas for abandoned and dumped animals which may be suffering as well as offering treatment, free tack and dog collars to other animals in need. Dr Mohamed and Ahmed have agreed to work extra time to fulfil this initiative, for which we thank them, so we do not need to close the centre for a day and we are hiring a vehicle to reach the rural areas. Following our trustees meeting at the end of last year it was agreed that due to financial constraints and the ever-changing economic situation in Egypt this is a cost-effective

and low-risk way of reaching some of the animals that are not being brought to the AWOL centre. We feel that this is preferable to waiting, possibly many years, to raise enough funds to purchase a vehicle and then being faced with committing all of AWOL's carefully budgeted funds to one large capital item plus the other expenditure which would accompany this. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our generous supporter Ron for providing us with the funding for this initiative.



Out in the villages we found many animals suffering from mange. This is very common and the owners often do not consider it a serious condition so may not bring the animal to the AWOL centre. It is, however, very uncomfortable for the animal so early treatment is preferable. In the winter loss of coat due to mange can leave the animal feeling very cold; especially the donkeys who are unable to huddle together in a warmer spot as the street dogs often do.





This donkey was treated for mange and also fitted with a new soft head collar in place of his uncomfortable chain.



Dr Mohamed replaced old rope and old tack with new soft tack on a number of donkeys.



This donkey was working when he came across the AWOL team. Taking time out for a few minutes he was fitted with a new head collar which should make his workload a little easier to bear and prevent any sores developing.



We also treated some dogs for mange. These two above were both suffering from mange around the eye area. Where we could find an owner we supplied soft collars and showed the owners how to fit them.



Dr Mohamed gave worming and flea/tick treatment to dogs and puppies in the villages. The children love to gather round at watch Dr Mohamed at work!



Out in the fields we came across this stylish donkey! Great to see the new AWOL donkey blankets have been a hit with the local donkey population! With the weather starting to warm up they won't be needing them for too much longer until the chilly nights return in the autumn.

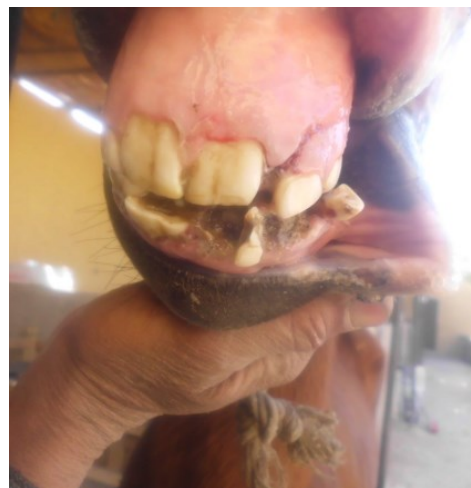
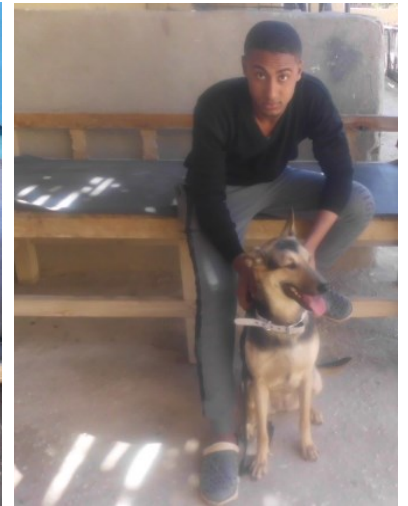
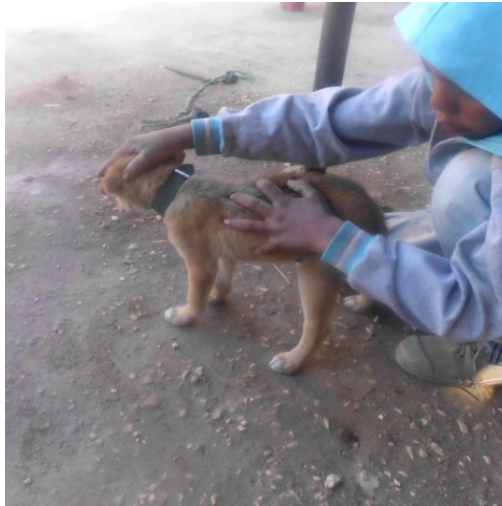
Gergis has been kept very busy making not only the new donkey blankets but also head collars and dog collars. Dr Mohamed and Ahmed took to the road with plentiful supplies of replacement tack and dog collars thanks to his hard work!



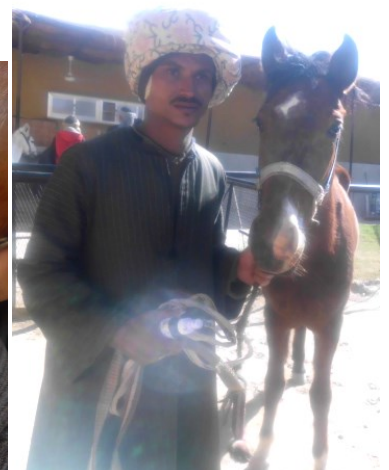
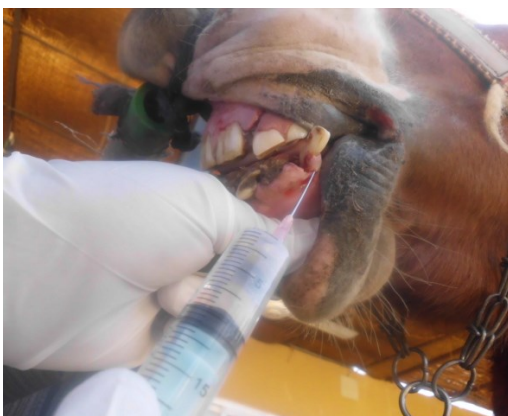


Back at the AWOL centre we treated more dogs, puppies, donkeys and horses, as well as the occasional cat. This little black puppy had been orphaned when his mother died from a fatal snake bite. Luckily the owner has been caring for the puppy. We have seen the little one 3 times at the centre to check on his growth, development and general health.

The other dogs came in for a general health check and received worming, flea and tick treatment as well as being fitted with nice new collars.



This horse had broken some teeth after a fall. Dr Mohamed removed the broken teeth under local anaesthetic. The horse will now be feeling a lot more comfortable after his dental procedure.





This donkey came to the AWOL centre with a very nasty injury. Surgery had finished for the day but seeing the extent of the injury our guard Noubi called Dr Mohamed who returned to the centre to treat him. This sort of injury is often caused by the donkey catching his underside on a hook on a cart he is pulling and the resulting injuries can be serious or even fatal. Luckily this donkey's wound was repairable and after extensive stitching and medical care he stayed at the centre for two days before being allowed to return home. He has been back for a check-up and is recovering well from his injury.





The poor working donkeys in the rural agricultural areas of the west bank in Luxor have to walk over all sorts of different ground in the course of their work. Both of these donkeys had a foreign object embedded in their feet which was obviously very painful for them.



This first one had a large nail deep in the soft hoof tissue which must have been excruciating for the poor animal. After the nail was removed his foot was padded and dressed to make him comfortable whilst the inflammation calms down. Both this donkey and the one below needed anti-inflammatory and antibiotic treatment for their wounds.



The foreign object in this donkey's foot was a large wood splinter which had found its way into the soft tissue above his hoof which had consequently become swollen and inflamed. The splinter was successfully removed and another grateful donkey left the AWOL centre.



Itemised below is a list of items we would be grateful to receive at the AWOL centre if anyone is travelling to Luxor in the near future. Despite the lack of any charter flights and package holidays to Luxor we are seeing a few more tourists arriving in Luxor although nowhere near the numbers we used to see. Supporters and people interested in our work are welcome to visit the centre between 9am and 2pm Monday-Thursday and on Saturdays; there is no need to make an appointment but please be aware that the centre is a working veterinary facility and we do not have extra staff solely for the purpose of showing people around. Dr Mohamed and his assistants will be happy to show you the centre and talk to you about our work but should there be animals waiting for treatment I am sure you will appreciate that the treatment of the animals must take precedence.

AWOL WISH LIST

Flea/tick dog shampoo

Horse shampoo

Suture material for wound stitching

Vaseline

Sudocrem

Pressure bandages and other wound dressings

Aloe Vera gel for wounds.

UK News

Many thanks to supporter Mary for running the latest AWOL Facebook auction which raised a fantastic £241; thanks to everyone who participated by either buying or donating items.

Thanks also to Ros for hosting the supporters lunch in February, which was a great success, and for her other fundraising events during the month. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed towards the success of the lunch. Our next lunch will probably be in April and details will be in our next newsletter.



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I hope you have enjoyed reading this month's newsletter; many thanks for your support of AWOL.

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