

# ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

As I write this newsletter the temperature in Luxor is nearing 45 degrees centigrade; possibly even a little hotter at the AWOL centre as being away from the cooling effect of the River Nile and on the edge of the desert it is usually a few degrees hotter than Luxor town and other built-up areas around the Nile. Needless to say it can become quite uncomfortable working at the centre during the summer; however, we continue to work very hard to help the local animals and we have been extremely busy both at the centre and out in the villages.

The holy month of Ramadan is well under way, with Muslims in Luxor observing the daily fast and abstaining from consuming any food or drink of



any kind between the hours of sunrise and sunset. In practice this means that breakfast, known as Suhoor, is held at around 3am and then people do not eat or drink again, not even water, until Iftar - the meal which breaks the fast at around 6.30pm. When Ramadan falls during the summer months of

May - September this makes working outside in the heat extremely difficult.

We would like to ask for your help in making the working environment a little more comfortable for Dr. Mohamed, the staff and our patients at the AWOL centre. We have identified an outdoor air cooler which would provide some relief from the relentless sun and heat as we do not have an air-conditioned treatment area. It would make a huge difference to the comfort of the staff whilst they continue to work to ensure the animals are provided with the care and treatment they need. It will also help make the animals we treat more comfortable; they often come in hot and exhausted from walking to the centre so a cool area along with a drink of water would be most beneficial to them. We need to raise extra funding for this as we cannot take it from our regular medical and basics budget.



These are the sort of units we are looking at; they can come on wheels and be portable so can be wheeled into any area of the centre where needed. One of these should provide enough cooling capacity to be used in the treatment area, primarily, to make the staff and customers more comfortable. Carrying out procedures in 45 degree heat having not eaten, or even consumed water, for many hours is very difficult and these conditions do not help concentration levels at all! Please consider donating towards this piece of equipment which costs around £300. We would like to procure one before the end of Ramadan as working conditions are extremely difficult at the moment; it would be of enormous benefit to the centre, the staff and our work in Luxor.



Donation methods are the same as for usual donations. We accept donations by cheque - made out to Animal Welfare of Luxor, by bank transfer, direct payment into our bank account or via Paypal and Virgin Money Giving. Our bank account details are: Account name - Animal Welfare of Luxor; Account number - 51621076, Sort code - 40 20 24. To donate via Paypal the email address for receiving the funds is AngelaAWOL@gmail.com. Both links to Paypal and Virgin can be found on our website [www.AWOLEgypt.org](http://www.AWOLEgypt.org).



Nouby, Ahmed, Gergis and Bohgdady try to cool down in the shade with Peggy at the end of a hot working day.

Luckily the AWOL animal residents don't need to fast during Ramadan! The AWOL dogs are happy having the free run of the yard when the centre is closed and their secure shaded kennels. They continue to get their meals and fresh water every day and our equine residents and inpatients get fresh green food harvested regularly by the guards!







Dr Mohamed has plenty of opportunity to refine and perfect his stitching technique at the AWOL centre! He has become such an expert it is often difficult to see the neatly finished stitched wound - as is the case with this donkey who came in with a nasty leg injury. The donkey was also fitted with a new soft cover for his nose chain which will make him much more comfortable.



Another nasty donkey wound we have seen recently. This was sustained when the donkey fell onto some sharp metal when working. The operation was done under local anaesthetic and tranquilliser. After stitching the donkey was treated with antibiotics, anti-inflammatories, multivitamins and an anti-tetanus serum. The position of this wound meant it could easily have become infected by faeces so this prompt treatment was essential. The owner tells us the donkey has now made a full recovery.





Sometimes there are wounds which cannot be stitched like this nasty open wound on this donkey. Due to the amount of skin loss it was not possible to draw the skin together to stitch it. Instead the donkey was given antibiotics and anti-inflammatory treatment and the wound was sprayed with an antibiotic/anti-inflammatory spray before covering the face with a fly mask to stop infection. The donkey has been back to the AWOL centre for Dr Mohamed to check his wound and we are very pleased to say this horrible wound is healing well. Without this treatment the open wound could easily have become infected and could have led to serious problems including septicaemia and possible death. Instead the donkey is well on the road to recovery and will soon be back to normal.



Not all the injuries we see at the AWOL centre are as extensive as the ones just shown. Every month we see wounds caused by unsuitable or old tack. This donkey was lucky enough to be brought in before the

wound on its muzzle became too severe. The chain used was just starting to make a sore so it was wrapped in a soft nose band cover to prevent any worsening of the sore. Although we prefer the owners to use one of our soft head collars some insist they need a chain because the donkey is so strong. We do what we can to persuade them otherwise but if they insist on keeping the chain the soft cover does at least prevent serious injury. Both of these donkeys were treated for mange; the owner of one of them dressed his donkey in these lovely bright red trousers to help facilitate his treatment! I think it's the first time we have seen a donkey wearing trousers at the centre!







More minor injuries at the centre caused by unsuitable tack. The owners are shown how to apply Sudocrem to the wounds and given small pots or tubes to continue treatment at home.



Gergis fits one of the head collars he makes to this donkey and the owner learns how to apply Sudocrem to the wounds and mange.



The donkey below had a nasty wound on his back caused by a hard bridge and ineffective saddle pad. Whilst he was at the centre he enjoyed a snack of fresh greens freshly harvested by our guard Nouby which he and his owner much appreciated.







Out in the villages again we treated many dogs for ticks and fleas, replaced rope and chain collars with new soft ones made at the centre and gave the owners advice on how to care for their dogs.







This lovely dog was suffering from mastitis and needed treatment by Dr Mohamed. She was given the antibiotics Norocillin and Synulox along with an anti-inflammatory and the owner was given instructions on how to continue the treatment at home.



She was also fitted with a new soft collar. Which should be a lot more comfortable than the old chain and will prevent any neck wounds occurring.



Just some of the donkeys we treated out in the villages for mange and cuts and sores. All of these hard-working donkeys will be more comfortable now they have been treated by Dr Mohamed .





Many thanks to our wonderful supporters who have helped raise funds for AWOL recently. The latest Facebook auction run by Mary (Olly Jone on Facebook) raised a wonderful £553 for our work in Luxor! This is an amazing result and we would like to thank Mary for all the tireless fund raising she does for AWOL. Special thanks to Geoffrey Martin-Smith and Mr McManus for their generous donation to the auction on behalf of their Unite Union branch.

Our Surrey Supporter Coordinator Ros and supporter Celia raised over £350 between them from lunches and a private garden party with a bring and buy sale and our lovely supporter Ron came up trumps with his generous donation in continuation of his unwavering support of AWOL which has been invaluable to us.



Thanks to all our supporters who continue to donate regularly by standing order into our bank account or via Virgin Money Giving or Paypal. It's very difficult to be able to thank everyone individually but I can assure you every pound is appreciated, none of it is wasted and it all helps the animals in Luxor. All the regular donations we receive are used to cover the essential costs of medicines, staff wages, animal food and basic equipment at the AWOL centre. We only receive around 50% of the money we need every month from regular donations so extra funding is essential bit to enable us to meet our basic monthly outgoings and also to help us continue to equip and improve the AWOL centre.

All large or small fundraising events are of enormous benefit to AWOL so please have a think about what YOU could do to help raise funds. Something as simple as selling surplus plants, a coffee morning, selling unwanted items, sponsored dog walks or horse rides can raise valuable funds for our work in Luxor. Every £1 goes a long way!

#### Forthcoming events

Tuesday 27th June 12.30pm. Supporters lunch and tombola at The Woolpack, High Street Banstead. Meet up with other AWOL supporters and enjoy a lunchtime chat. Please contact Ros on 07788563701 or [ros.barrow@hotmail.com](mailto:ros.barrow@hotmail.com) if you would like to attend.

AWOL will benefit from the proceeds of the next [Equines of the World Facebook](#) auction. Funds raised by this auction will help towards the mobile clinics. If you use Facebook take a look and pick up a bargain or donate your unwanted, good quality, items to the auction to help raise funds.

*Thank you for reading this month's newsletter, your support is much appreciated by all the AWOL team, Angela 🐾*



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