

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

Since our last newsletter the holy month of Ramadan has finished, culminating in the festival of Eid al Fitr which sees celebrations taking place all over Egypt. Presents and gifts are exchanged and there is much feasting and festivity! Most people spend this time with their families and friends and the lantern-lit streets are full of people celebrating this special time and giving thanks for what they have.



At AWOL we are very thankful to have such wonderful supporters who have made it possible for the staff at the centre to receive an early Eid present in the form of a new air cooler! Following last months appeal for donations I am extremely happy to be able to report that thanks to our supporters we were able to get one installed well before the end of Ramadan, much to the staff's delight and relief!

We may find temperatures of over 30 degrees difficult to cope with here in the UK but temperatures consistently over 40 degrees and the relentless sun in Luxor is very uncomfortable at times. Although not unusual in Luxor, the extreme heat does seem to have started early this year.

Luckily we did not have to wait for a cooler to come from Cairo; we were able to buy one in Luxor and get it installed straight away. So the staff were a little more comfortable towards the end of the Ramadan fasting and the unit will be in place for the heat of the summer when temperatures at the AWOL centre can reach 50 degrees centigrade.



The cooling unit is on a wheeled trolley so it can be moved to various areas of the AWOL centre if necessary. Most of the time it will be positioned overlooking the treatment area to benefit Dr Mohamed and the staff treating the animals as well as the animals themselves. Here it can be seen in the background as Dr Mohamed prepares to treat this donkey. The staff have confirmed it works very effectively and they are very grateful for the help and generosity of our supporters.



In addition to the air cooler we were also able to buy a small 2-ring hob for the centre. The guards, especially, were very happy to see this arrive! They work 12 hour shifts and as the centre is a long way from any shops or other facilities it's not possible for them to go out to get hot food. In the winter the temperature at the centre can drop to freezing at night and with no heating it can be quite cold at the centre so the opportunity to be able to prepare a little hot food will make them a little more comfortable.



We were not only able to buy the air cooler and the hob we also have a much healthier budget to be able to buy some much-needed medical equipment at the centre. This is currently being sourced and we hope to be able to bring you details of the equipment very soon.

We are always extremely grateful for all the donations we receive and we are sorry it is impossible to individually list everyone who donates or contributes to AWOL. We would, however, especially like to thank this month Ron, Wendy, Muriel and Peter, Kay, Fred and Beverley, John and Vicki, Suzanne and Peter, Margaret, Kate and Pat for responding to our plea and enabling us to buy the air cooler and other equipment as well as making it possible for us to start planning some more improvements at the centre.

So a huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated to AWOL last month, and in previous months, and indeed everyone who has helped us to continue to treat the animals in Luxor and fit out the medical centre so we can more effectively treat the animals in need. Many thanks to you all from all the AWOL team!



One of our first patients to benefit from the cooling unit was this donkey with a very nasty deep wound to his abdomen. The wound needed extensive stitching but the donkey was up on his feet after a short period of rest. He was allowed to return home with instructions for the owner to keep him rested until he made a recovery.



We don't always get to see our patients a second time, especially if they have made a full recovery, but in this case we were very pleased to see the donkey back at the AWOL centre for a second visit with his owner. The wound had healed nicely and the donkey has made a full recovery. It's wonderful to see the animals back at the centre so we can see the result of Dr Mohamed's, and the rest of the team's, efforts.





Another donkey in need of surgery—this time for a huge tumour which had almost completely obscured one of his eyes. Such tumours are very common in Luxor but this one was in a particularly difficult place on the donkey. It's not clear why so many donkeys suffer from these growths; there are a variety of theories such as the presence of a virus transmitted by flies. They appear most often on the head or legs or at the site of a former wound or abrasion. If left to get large they can be very debilitating for the animal and also prevent tack fitting properly and comfortably.

Dr Mohamed removed the tumour and the donkey went home with a fly mask, fitted by Gergis, to prevent infection.



This owner brought this donkey back for a second visit and we were very pleased to see that the tumour removal had been completely successful and the site of the wound was healing up well.





These patients are possibly some of the cutest we have seen! The beautiful foal and her mother were treated at the centre earlier in the month; the mare had an inflamed hoof so was treated with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories. The beautiful foal was given some multi-vitamins and the owner was shown how the wrap the nose chain to avoid any sores developing.



This smiling owner brought in this lovely little puppy along with his donkey. They were both treated for fleas and ticks but were otherwise in pretty good condition. It's so nice to see an owner who clearly cares for his animals and brings them to the centre for some routine care to keep them healthy.



UK NEWS.



Many thanks to all out supporters who came to the lunch in Banstead in June. Special thanks to Ros Barrow for organising the lunch and tombola. Thanks also to Celia for holding a very successful sale at her home; our wonderful supporters really did us proud last month!

AWOL PEOPLE.

We thought our supporters might be interested to find out a little about some of the people who make AWOL tick! Over the next few months we will publish a few words about people who are actively involved in the charity in some way; so you might see a little about some of our supporters or the staff in Luxor.

We start with a few words about our wonderful supporter Ros, who organises the supporters' lunches in Surrey.

Ros Barrow, supporter and Surrey supporter coordinator.



Ros has become increasingly involved in AWOL over the past four years and regularly organises lunches in Surrey for supporters to attend. Mother to Jamie (31) Robert (29) and Elliot (12), Ros shares her house with her husband Eric, Elliot, two dogs and a rabbit. Ros is a very artistic person and has recently started running art classes as well as making her own art and crafts at home. In addition to her artistic pursuits Ros also has a love of animals and the countryside and is very involved in church life and the local community. Ros and Eric have been fostering Elliot, who has severe autism, from the age of two and after a very long and stressful procedure have now formally adopted him. Elliot's autism means he functions as a 2 year old in an older body and can be very challenging. We are

very pleased to have Ros as a valuable and much-respected supporter and all the AWOL team are very appreciative of her efforts.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Our next supporters lunch will be on Monday 18th September at the Woolpack, Banstead, Surrey. Please contact Ros on 07788563701 or ros.barrow@hotmail.com if you would like to attend.

There are a number of private events held by supporters for their friends. Why not invite some friends to form a small fundraising group of your own!

Thank you very much for reading this months newsletter, from the AWOL team , Angela.



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