

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

We are so pleased to be able to report this month that thanks to some of your wonderful donations we have been able to purchase some new equipment for the AWOL centre. Some of you will already know that although the main construction of the centre was completed in 2013 we are far from having a fully-fitted veterinary facility. We are, however, making progress and gradually improving our facilities in Luxor whilst continuing to ensure we budget carefully to meet our regular monthly outgoings which cover medical and staff costs.

We are very happy to have received a delivery of some sterilising bowls and stands, cauterising equipment, specialised lighting and a new cupboard for medical equipment and we are expecting delivery of a new treatment table soon. Thank you so much to everyone who helped us be able to buy this vital equipment for the centre, it will be of enormous benefit to the animals of Luxor's west bank and their owners. We couldn't do it without you!



Nouby, Gergis, Ahmed and Dr Mohamed inspect the new equipment.



We continue with our mobile clinics out in the rural west bank areas. It is always a very busy day with many owners bringing their animals for treatment and the AWOL team finding animals in need of some attention and care.

As usual we treated a large number of donkeys for mange and replaced many items of unsuitable tack with new soft harnesses made at the AWOL centre by Gergis. We always take away the old tack to help ensure that the new tack is not simply sold on and replaced with the old tack when we leave.



Gergis also makes saddle cushions for the donkeys to replace the old bits of material often used by the local owners. This will avoid the poor donkey getting painful back sores.



Before (left) and after right) photos of some of the donkeys fitted with new tack and treated or mange.

You can see on the photo of the donkey on the left that the chain over his nose is just starting to rub and this could eventually become a nasty sore if the correct tack is not used.





Days at the AWOL centre are just as busy as the days out in the villages and agricultural areas. There are always plenty of donkeys, dogs and horses coming in for treatment; proof, if it were needed, that AWOL's services are very much in demand on the west bank of the Nile. ALL our treatment, replacement tack, dog collars and medication supplied is free of charge to the local owners; we don't charge for our care.



At the centre we see the same issues as out in the villages. This is the sort of sore which can develop if the donkeys do not have a suitable soft back pad. It must obviously be very painful for the animal so if we can provide new back pads to the local donkey owners before this happens and avoid this injury it's so much better for the donkey.





Out in the villages we treated lots of dogs and puppies for fleas and ticks and fitted soft dog collars. Gergis is a busy man as he also makes the soft dog collars at the AWOL centre along with the harnesses, breeching straps and saddle pads.



This lovely dog was with his owner and son and had a nice comfortable collar fitted. He went home happily with the young boy; you can see the sort of rural areas we visit in this photo.





The summer is a particularly bad time for ticks and they can be a real problem for the dogs; especially the young puppies. The local dogs are already frequently undernourished as the owners can barely afford to feed them and a heavy tick infestation will only exacerbate the problem. Removal of the ticks will help

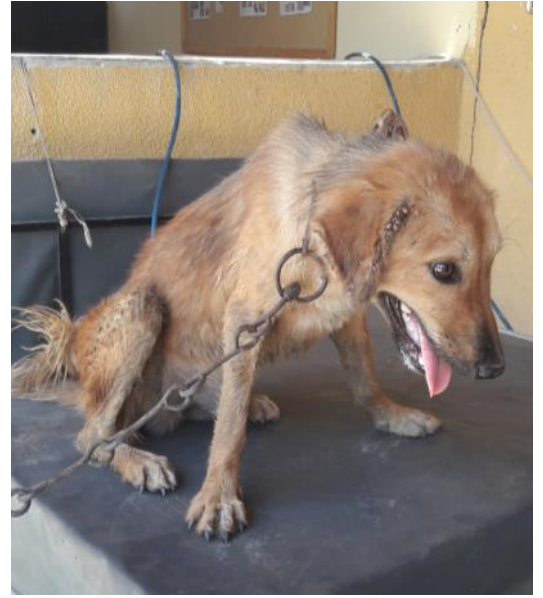


these puppies as they need all their energy for growing. The ticks can literally suck all the energy from these poor dogs leaving them weak and susceptible to disease and infection.

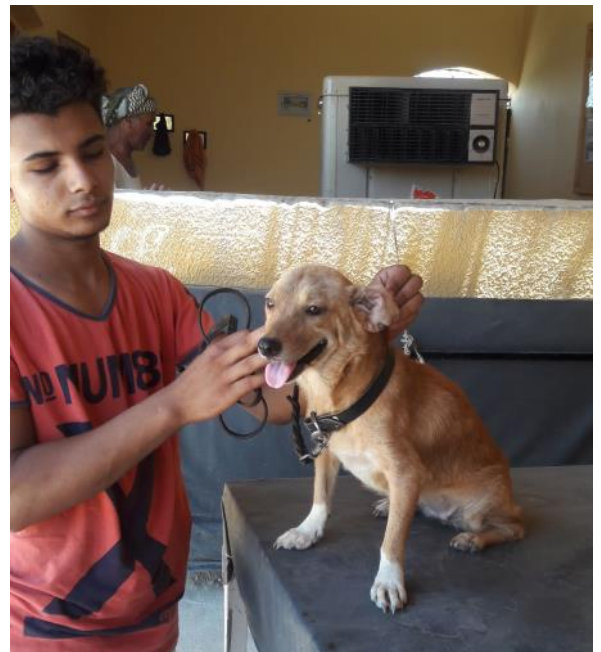




What a difference some tick treatment and a few weeks can make! This dog came into the centre covered in ticks; he was weak and emaciated due to the severe tick infestation. He had ticks in his ears, on his stomach and there was barely any part of him which was not covered in ticks.



The ticks were all removed at the AWOL centre and the dog was given a bath with flea/tick shampoo. He went home after having a multi-vitamin injection to boost his strength.



We were very pleased to see him again at the AWOL centre a few weeks later looking like a completely different dog! Much healthier and with a huge smile on his face! He was treated to a nice new soft collar before he went home.



Another condition we see regularly is rectal prolapse in donkeys. This can be caused by a number of issues, Some times it can result from an excess of dry food that causes constipation then straining or often the cause is infestation with internal parasites which leads to inflammation of the bowel.



This donkey was treated with a parasiticide to clear the parasites along with antibacterial and anti-inflammatory treatments and laxatives to facilitate easy evacuation of his bowels. Dr Mohamed repositioned the displaced bowel using plenty of lubricant and stitched the rectal area. The donkey was allowed home, possibly feeling a bit sore, but should be more comfortable in the future.





We always like to see visitors at the AWOL centre especially when they bring us lots of goodies! Manon and Vibeke brought some very useful supplies with them on their recent visit and the AWOL dogs thoroughly enjoyed their company. They all got lots of special attention and no-one was left out!



Everyone's favourite little dog, Peggy, was pleased to see the dog food supply arrive at the centre! She has to share it with Tufty, Dobby and Lucky though!

Now the trees are starting to mature at the centre the dogs (and the staff) take advantage of the shade they offer.

UK news

Many thanks to our supporters who have contributed over the past month. Special thanks to Sue Camber for raising nearly £200 at her afternoon tea and to Olly Jone and the other administrators of the Equines of the World Facebook auction for a very successful auction which raised £300! It is because of our great supporters that we can continue to treat as many animals as possible.

Forthcoming events

Our next supporters lunch will be at 12.30pm 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.

Many thanks for reading this month's newsletter and your support of AWOL! *Angela* 🐾

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