

# ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

Work carries on as usual at the AWOL centre after a short break for Eid al Adha. Eid al Adha is one of the holiest celebrations in Islam and marks the end of the Hajj, the annual pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia which should be undertaken once in a lifetime by all physically and financially capable Muslims. It is a time of exchanging gifts, feasting and celebration.

There is a 24 hour presence at the AWOL centre even during the holiday break as the guards provide round the clock cover. Our guards, Nouby and Boghdady, do so much more than just act as security guards; they also help look after our residents and in-patients and assist Dr Mohamed when necessary.



Guards Boghdady (left) and Nouby with Dr Mohamed, assistant Ahmed (bottom right) and Peggy. Peggy has just had a shower hence the towel.



We have wonderful news regarding Dr Mohamed's assistant Ahmed! We are delighted to report that he is getting married on September 10th! Ahmed has been a valuable member of staff at the centre since it opened in 2103. We wish him the very best of luck for his big day and much happiness in the future with his new wife.

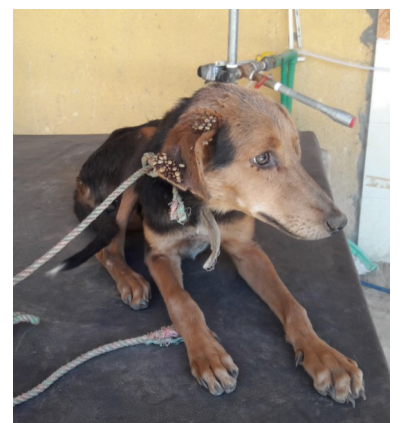




At the centre we treated this little dog with a nasty wound on his neck caused by the chain used to tether him. After cleaning the wound and applying Sudocrem Gergis wrapped a new collar with cotton to give it some padding before the young owners were shown how to fit it on the dog. The wound should heal and if the owners keep the soft collar and do not resort back to the chain the dog will be much more comfortable. The dog as very thin, as are many we see at the centre, so he was also given some dog food.



Just a few more of the dogs and puppies we have treated at the centre last month. Thin and in need of flea, tick and worming treatment, they will improve after their visit to the centre. The dogs all left the centre with new soft dog collars to avoid any injuries like the one shown above.





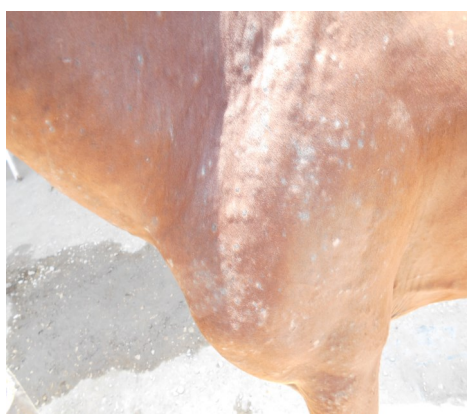


This horse came to the AWOL centre with an abscess on the underside of his face. Luckily the owner brought him in before the abscess got too large. The abscess was removed and the cavity was flushed out and drained. Dr Mohamed removes a lot of abscesses at the centre, often much larger than this one, so he is very practiced at this procedure!

This mule was suffering from a swollen knee following a fall. He had been treated by a vet in one of the villages but the treatment had been incorrect and the swelling had worsened. He was treated at the AWOL centre with diclofenac and other anti-inflammatories for the swelling. As well as the treatment for his swollen leg he was fitted with a new soft nose band. We have since heard from the owner that he is very much improved.



Some more horses we treated during August. We don't treat as many horses as we do donkeys as they are not generally used for hard labour like the donkeys. These came in for treatment for mange and worms and enjoyed a lovely cooling shower whilst they were at the AWOL centre.







Out in the villages again we found this donkey suffering from some nasty summer sores on his face. These were due to a tear duct blockage which resulted in the tears running down his face making his face damp and a perfect environment for fly strikes and sores. Blockage of the nasolacrimal duct (dacryostenosis) can be caused by a chronic nasal infection, severe or recurring eye infections, or fractures of the nasal or facial bones. In this case an infection was the cause so after flushing the nasal opening and the tear duct the donkey was treated with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories and Sudocrem was applied to keep the sores clean.



Working out in the villages is even hotter and dustier than at the AWOL centre! The poor hard-working donkeys have to contend with the traffic along with the heat and the dust. As well as often pulling heavy loads they must take their chances amongst the lorries and cars on the roads.

When the local donkey owners see Dr Mohamed and Ahmed arrive they wait their turn for treatment for their animals.

Some seem to find the wait a little boring...



...whilst others just think it's funny!







One of the dogs we treated out in our latest visit to the villages in August. This poor boy had been hit by a motorbike and was unable to walk. Dr Mohamed examined the dog and found that the spine appeared to be OK and there were no broken bones so the cause of his paralysis at the rear was likely to be nerve damage. The dog was treated with an anti-inflammatory and given a multivitamin injection to boost his strength along with an application of a diclofenac anti-inflammatory gel as a massage treatment. The owner was shown how to apply the gel and also advised to bathe the dog in warm water to help recovery. We received a phone call from the owner ten days later to say that the dog had made a full recovery from his ordeal so we are very happy with this outcome!



Just a few of the lovely dogs and puppies we treated for fleas, ticks and worms out in the villages. Without a worm infestation they at least stand some chance of benefitting from the meagre and inadequate food their impoverished owners can afford to feed them. Often they are given just bread and water as it is all the owners can spare.



We are hoping to take some food out into the villages for some of these malnourished dogs so please help towards the cost if you can.

## UK NEWS

We are very sorry to hear that our wonderful supporter Mary (Olly Jone on Facebook) is unwell. Mary has run many successful Facebook auctions for AWOL and has raised thousands of pounds for our work in Luxor. Mary has been in a critical condition in hospital for the past two weeks and is expected to remain there for the time-being. She is currently in a stable condition and is now showing signs of improvement. All the AWOL team are hoping for a full recovery and send her our very best wishes.



Many thanks to Celia Button for her fundraising last month which has raised a whopping £380! A fantastic amount which we will use this to keep our mobile unit running.

### AWOL Facebook auction

Our current auction organised by Mary will go ahead as she planned thanks to the offer of help from our supporter Sue Camber who will help run it along with myself. I doubt we will do as good a job as Mary but we will be doing our best! The auction runs until Thursday September 21st and there are lots of lovely items to be sold as well as some virtual lots so if you are on Facebook please take a look!

### Forthcoming events

**Supporters lunch.** Open to all supporters will be at 12.30pm on Monday 18th September at the Woolpack, Banstead, Surrey. Please contact Ros on 07788563701 or [ros.barrow@hotmail.com](mailto:ros.barrow@hotmail.com) if you would like to attend.

**Introduction to Colour therapy.** 14th Oct 11am - 2pm. Tadworth, Surrey. Find out all about colour including its history, its uses and how it affects you! This promises to be a very interesting event! Our Surrey coordinator and supporter Ros has undergone training in this subject and has kindly offered to pass on her knowledge. Tickets are £10 and this will be donated to AWOL. Refreshments will be provided but please take a packed lunch if you wish. There will also be Neal's Yard remedies and a colourful gift collection. Places are limited so please contact Ros on 07788563701 or [ros.barrow@hotmail.com](mailto:ros.barrow@hotmail.com) if you are interested in attending.

### Donation details

AWOL depends entirely on donations and fundraising to finance our work in Luxor. We are always grateful for your support. Donations can be made in the following ways:

By cheque (made out to Animal Welfare of Luxor), standing order, money paid directly into the AWOL bank account at any branch of HSBC or online, via Paypal (using email [AngelaAWOL@gmail.com](mailto:AngelaAWOL@gmail.com)), by credit or debit card via Virgin Money Giving (click on the Virgin icon to take you to the site) or you can donate £10 by texting AWOL01 £10 to mobile number 70070 (please note we are not notified of the donors identity using the text method).



AWOL's bank detail are as follows: A/c name - Animal Welfare of Luxor, A/c number 51621076, Sort code 40 20 24. Cheques should be sent to the office address on page one.

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