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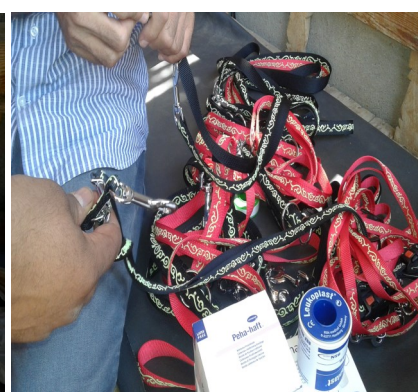
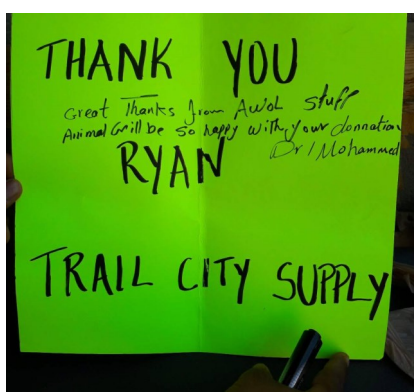
Dear Supporter,

Now that the school summer holidays are over in the UK and Luxor the tourist season in Luxor, conversely, has begun. Unfortunately there are no tour operators offering packages directly to Luxor this year but there are direct EgyptAir flights to Luxor from Heathrow over the autumn and winter. The tourist situation in Luxor is still critical; hotels are almost empty and the local income is suffering accordingly. Inflation has made the cost of living very high so times are still very hard for the people and animals alike.

We are handing out small packages of animal food to both dogs and donkeys as the AWOL centre and in the villages, whilst we can afford to do so, to try to reduce the suffering of the poor, malnourished animals. Please help us continue doing that by donating whatever you can to help out.

Despite the lack of flights we have had more visitors at the centre recently who have brought with them valuable supplies. We are very happy to have received visits from supporters in Europe and Canada in September. Many thanks to everyone who has visited and donated items to the centre.

If anyone is visiting Luxor in the next month or so and would like to donate some items to the centre the items we need most are on this month's wish list on the last page of this newsletter.





Out in the villages there is no shortage of patients and interested locals. Quite a crowd gathers when we set up a treatment area in one of the villages! As well as treating the animals Dr Mohamed also gives advice on how to best care for them. The many children who come to see what is going on will benefit enormously from this education as will the animals. We hope the next generation, as well as the current generation, of animal owners will learn to treat their animals with care and kindness.



New soft dog collars were fitted in place of the unsuitable ropes, wire and chains used and dry dog food was given to the owners of the malnourished dogs. Unfortunately we cannot hand out huge bags of dog food but we hope that this small amount will at least help with the dogs' nourishment requirements.





Every time we visit the villages there are donkeys needing their unsuitable makeshift tack replaced with comfortable soft head collars. We remove old ropes and chains and replace them with new soft tack made at the AWOL centre. Most of the donkeys we see need treatment for mange as well.

The village children love to get their faces on a photograph but if it encourages them to listen to advice about caring for their animals we are fine with that!



The chain across this donkeys muzzle was replaced with a new head collar so he should avoid any future sores and wounds on his nose.

This donkey and her lovely little foal make such a pretty picture with their young handler! Both mother and foal were treated for worms and the young handler was very happy with his bag of maize for the donkeys.



New tack and some maize for this donkey too. In the background you can see Boghdady next to the table with some of the items used in the village, including pots of Sudocrem.



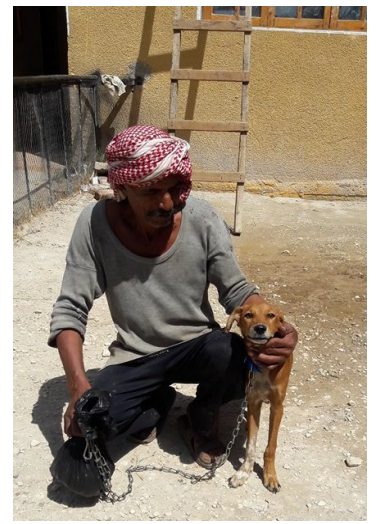
This beautiful little foal and mother are in better condition than many donkeys we see either in the villages or at the AWOL centre. The owner looks proud of his animals and rightly so!

Back at the AWOL centre we see some of the same issues we see in the villages. This poor dog had six puppies at home but she was weak, malnourished and suffering with



worms. After treatment for the worms she was given a multi-vitamin injection and the owner was given some dry dog food to take home. Now that the worm problem has been addressed hopefully she will start to put on a little weight and be able to nurse her puppies successfully. We understand the puppies are all well and we hope the owner will bring them to the centre for a check-up when they are a little older.

Another very thin dog treated at the AWOL centre. Again this dog needed worming treatment as well as a new collar to replace the chain around his neck. A bag of dog food will help boost his nutrition intake.



Many of the dogs in Luxor are kept as guard dogs and some people like to have large strong dogs for this purpose. They often use chains around the dogs neck as a collar as a way of ensuring they do not run off with the packs of wild dogs roaming around the villages. We have started making thicker collars from heavier fabric as the locals do not always believe that the normal dog collars will be strong enough to hold their dogs, even though they are made from a strong nylon



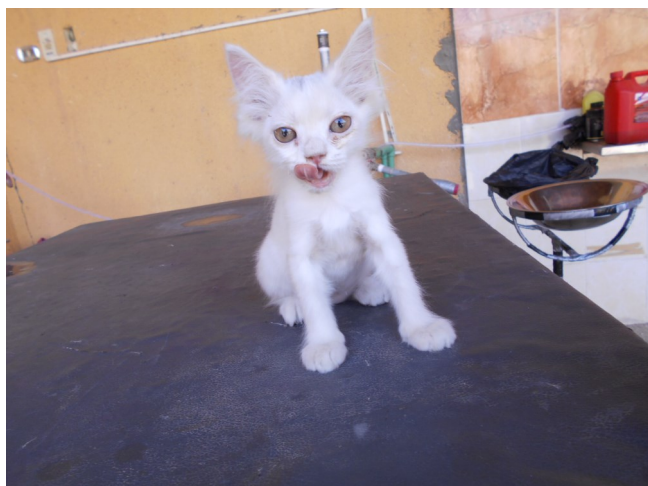
material used for dog collars of many sizes and are perfectly adequate. We have commandeered some of the webbing used for the donkey head collars to make these heavy-duty dog collars and Gergis has been getting to grips with making a stock of these.



Ticks can cause a lot of damage to a dog if left untreated. In addition to sucking the blood out of the poor animal, leaving it weak and anaemic, sores can also develop where the ticks are active.



This lovely young dog will be much more comfortable now the ticks have been removed and he has been fitted with a new dog collar in place of the bundle of old rags and rope he came in with.



More young animals we have treated in September. All were treated for fleas and ticks and given worming treatment. We do like to see owners bringing in their young animals for treatment or a precautionary check-up before any major problems develop. In a tiny body, like this little kitten, it doesn't take much to overwhelm the immune system or drain the life from the young animal. A heavy tick, flea or worm infestation would be enough to kill any of these little ones so we are always very happy to see them come to the centre for treatment sooner rather than later as later can sometimes be too late.



A cut above the eye was the problem for this donkey patient. Just a few millimetres lower and the donkey could have lost sight in one eye. The top eyelid was almost hanging off due to the wound and urgent surgery was needed. Dr Mohamed's neat stitching will ensure that the wound heals with no problems and he should make a full recovery from his accident. With antibiotics to prevent any infection and some anti-inflammatory medicine he will soon be back to his old self.

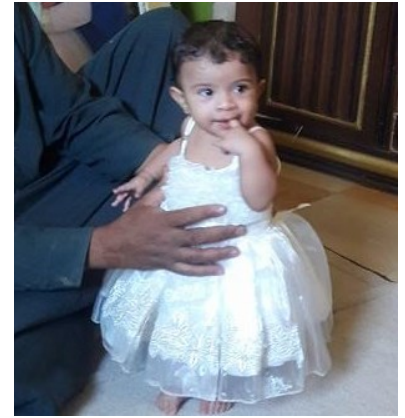
Sometimes it seems like every animal on Luxor's west bank suffers from mange! It affects dogs, donkeys, horses, cats, goats and just about every species of animal. These horses have fairly mild cases; horses are valuable animals in Luxor so they tend to be better cared-for.



Donkeys and dogs are often left to get into a terrible state before they are brought for treatment so these horses are relatively lucky.



This month we continue with our profiles of people involved in AWOL and tell you a little bit about one of our most important people - Dr Mohamed Ayman - our vet in Luxor who has been with AWOL from almost the very beginning of the charity. Dr Mohamed graduated from the faculty of veterinary medicine at South Valley university in 2008 and has a masters qualification in addition to his veterinary degree. He has trained at Assuit university and has experience with the Brooke and government farms prior to working with AWOL.



When he is not working at the AWOL centre he enjoys swimming, horse-riding and football. Dr Mohamed is married to Fatima who is a medical specialist with a masters degree in internal medicine and works both in hospital in Luxor and with the Luxor governate as an infection control inspector. They have 2 children, El Moattasim who is 3 years old and shares his father's love of animals and daughter Nour who is just 5 months old.



Throughout his years with AWOL Dr Mohamed has treated thousands of animals in Luxor and saved the lives of many. We are lucky to have such a dedicated vet on our team committed to animal welfare and care in Luxor.

UK NEWS

Many thanks to all our supporters who came to our latest lunch in Surrey. It was lovely to catch up with everyone and to see some new faces. Thanks especially to Ros for organising the event which raised nearly £100 for the animals in Luxor and for the additional donations from loyal supporters Ron and Kay.

Next month there will be a supporters lunch at Court Farm Cafe (in court Farm Garden Centre), Old Kingston Road, Worcester Park, Surrey on 7th Nov 12.30pm including a small raffle. Please contact Ros on 07788563701 or email ros.barrow@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending.



We are sorry to report that our supporter Mary (Olly Jone on Facebook) who has been running our Facebook auctions for over 2 years is still very ill in hospital. She has made some improvement but it will be some time before she is back home again. Everyone at AWOL sends their best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

The latest Facebook auction which was started by Mary and continued by Sue Camber and myself has concluded; this raised £225 for our work in Luxor which will be put to good use. Many thanks to Sue for helping out.

AWOL depends entirely on donations and fundraising to finance our work in Luxor. We are always grateful for your support. Even small fundraising efforts can give help to the animals in Luxor. £5 can really make a difference; we can replace a donkey's tack for this and stop potentially painful sores and wounds developing. Or we can make dog collars for 3 dogs and stop the horrific cuts we often see on the necks of some of our patients caused by chains and rope. Please do not think you cannot help; it ALL helps! If you cannot donate please tell your family and friends about AWOL; we can send you a few leaflets if you would like some to give to other people.

Donations to AWOL 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), 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.

THIS MONTH'S WISH LIST

If you are travelling to Luxor the following items would be appreciated; Sudocrem, hoof conditioner for donkeys/horses, dog muzzles of all sizes, Vaseline, anti-inflammatory gels, large dog collars, dressings, gauze, pressure bandages, adhesive bandages, extra large surgical gloves, face masks and old towels. We are also in need of Drontal worming tablets for dogs but we advise not taking too many of these, or other medicines, to Luxor as they may be confiscated by customs.



Well... some people are looking forward to Christmas already whilst others are pretending it's still late summer! Either way, this year we have AWOL wall calendars (size A4) for sale at a price of £14 plus £2 UK postage and packing (postage to other countries on request). Payment can be made by all the normal donation methods and by emailing AngelaAwol@gmail.com or writing to me at the address on page one. To avoid any leftovers we will be ordering a limited number so please order as soon as possible!

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Thank you very much for reading this month's newsletter! *Angela* 🐾



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