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Dear Supporter,

Apologies for the lateness of this month's newsletter; I have just returned from a 2 week visit to Luxor so this is the first opportunity I have had to write it.

I would firstly like to thank the Luxor team for their help, hospitality and cooperation during my visit and, indeed, throughout the entire year. We had some very productive meetings, made some new plans and had some great discussions. I look forward to sharing our plans with our supporters very soon.

A large suitcase of items was delivered to the AWOL centre; many thanks for all the donations of items made by our wonderful supporters. Special thanks to Marion, Celia, Brenda, Nicola and all who contributed items for me to take over.

In one of my suitcases was a rather heavy chunk of cast iron in the form of an eyelet crimping machine which has been put to good use by Gergis already. You can see what he has achieved with this later in the newsletter.



There's always lots of paperwork associated with AWOL both in the UK and in Luxor. Luxor trustee Nasser keeps on top of things in Luxor and puts up with me rifling through his paperwork! It's shocking to see how the prices of imported goods have risen in Luxor recently; a large sack of dog food used to be around 360LE a couple of years ago but now it's nearly 700! Inflation in Egypt is completely out of control and it's a very difficult time for residents.

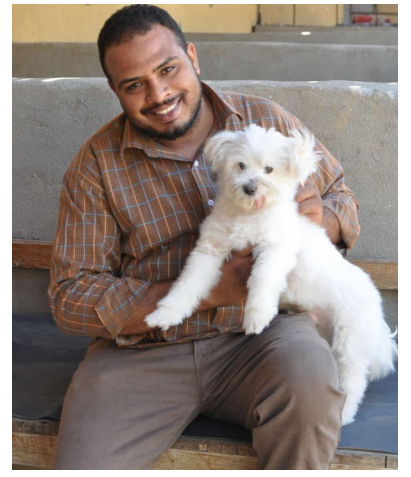


One of the items in my suitcase was this lovely hand knitted dog coat for little Peggy. This was kindly made by our supporter Brenda to keep Peggy warm if the nights get cold. Although the daytime weather is warm and sunny all year, at night the temperature can drop to almost freezing. With their warm soft beds and sheltered kennels it's not usually a problem for the AWOL dogs but we have to keep little Peggy's weight down to reduce the stress on her back legs so she doesn't carry a layer of fat to keep her warm.



We had another visit from our wonderful supporter Pieter and his mother at the end of October. They brought with them the most incredible amount of supplies! We are so grateful to Pieter and his mother for their generous contribution. We cannot get Sudocrem in Luxor so we are always happy to see that and all the items they took will be of enormous use.

Whilst they were at the AWOL centre Pieter and his mother visited the AWOL dogs who always love to have attention from visitors.



We had a very beautiful visitor at the centre last month; little Valentino - an absolute sweetie who belongs to west bank resident Ingrid. Ingrid visited the centre with friends Alain, Christiane and Nadia. Valentino was a big hit with all the staff especially, it seems, Luxor trustee Nasser with whom he appears quite besotted! Of course the AWOL dogs got even more attention and little Peggy is always first in line for cuddles and play.

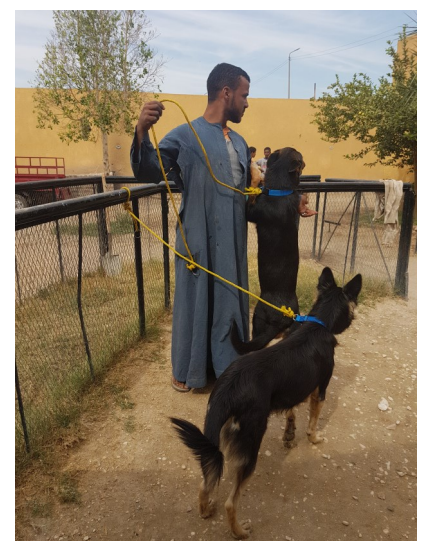
It has been a very busy month for visitors at the AWOL centre! We were also lucky enough to have another visit by Stefanie who brought her friend Brenda with her this time along with an amazingly generous donation of items for the centre for which we are very grateful. We just wish we had this level of donated items all year round! Massive thanks to everyone!



This is what Gergis has been making with the eyelet machine. With the new buckles taken over he has made some fantastic, very professional dog collars. The machine punches a hole then a different head is attached and the eyelets are then punched in. We now have a range of excellent dog collars in various lengths and material weights to suit all dogs with both metal buckles and plastic fastenings. Strong secure buckles of good quality, both the plastic type and the metal ones, have proven difficult to find in Egypt so these were bought in the UK. If anyone is visiting Luxor we would be very grateful for offers of transporting some more or for donations of these buckles. I can supply the details of the supplier and the product to ensure the buckles are of adequate quality as many found online are not strong enough; please contact me if you would like to help.



In addition to the dog collars Gergis also makes the new tack for donkeys and soft back pads which can be seen in the photo above. He will soon be making some new dog beds for the resident dogs.



Gergis made all these collars in the space of a few hours! In between me leaving the centre on Thursday afternoon and going back on Saturday he had produced these fabulous collars; he did such a good job! These 2 young German Shepherd dogs now have sturdy secure collars. Great work!





All these lovely young dogs came in for some flea and tick treatment. The little dog at the front also had wound on his leg following a fight with a bigger dog.



Huge numbers of ticks were removed from the ears of this little one; after a while he got used to having them removed with a long tweezers and fell asleep in the sink!



This is the dog with the wound on his leg.

Whilst Dr Mohamed was treating another animal this little one had the ticks removed from his ears as well. For the surgery he was sedated then given a local anaesthetic. Dr Mohamed then cleaned the wound, removed some of the damaged skin from the edges of the wound then stitched it. Whilst he was recovering from the procedure a few more fleas were removed then he was allowed home with his wound dressed and covered.





This poor donkey has been into the centre for treatment every two days for the last few weeks. He has a very nasty facial wound following a heavy fall on the road. He also has another wound on one of his front legs. He has made a vast improvement with continued treatment with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories along with multivitamins to boost his general health.



The purple spray used to treat the donkey's wounds is gentian violet which has antibacterial and anti-fungal properties which will help to stop any infection developing.



The lovely Dobby is one of our eldest resident dogs. Around 9 years old now he has been at the centre since it first opened and has never been able to walk properly. As he shuffles along with his rear barely off the ground he gets very dirty at the back and can become matted up; not helped by the fact he is a very fluffy dog! He was given a much-needed haircut (which he's not very keen on) by Boghdady and Ahmed, they hadn't quite finished his tail in the photo but he is looking much tidier. The average life span of a dog in Luxor is only 5 years old so he is a very old gentleman by Luxor standards but he is still healthy and happy in his old age.



UK News and Supporters

Many thanks to our supporter and Surrey Coordinator Ros for arranging another lunch in October which raised nearly £100 towards our work and to Ron for his additional generous donation. We appreciate every penny you donate to AWOL as do the poor animals in Luxor, if they could only tell you.



Our next supporters' lunch will be on Monday December 11th at 12.30pm at the Beefeater, Tattenham Corner, Epsom, Surrey. Please contact Ros on 07788563701 or email ros.barrow@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending; places will be limited for this Christmas lunch.



We have A4 AWOL calendars available to buy for 2018 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. There are a limited number available so please order as soon as possible.

The staff would like to thank supporters John and Vicki for the gifts bought on their behalf in Luxor. Each member of staff received a box of very tasty (this I can confirm!) cookies plus there were also 2 boxes of cake bars for the staff room. In addition 2 winter-weight galabeyas will be provided for the guards to wear to keep them warm over the chilly winter nights. Many thanks to John and Vicki for their generosity.



We are very happy to hear that our supporter and Facebook auction coordinator Mary (Olly Jone on Facebook) has been making good progress in her recovery and is expected to be allowed out of hospital to go home very soon. Many thanks to all our supporters who have contributed recently and to all the wonderful visitors who brought items to the AWOL centre. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

Thank you for reading this month's newsletter, *Angela* 🐾

Donations to AWOL

Our ability to carry out our work in Luxor depends entirely on the generosity of our supporters. Without your donations we would be unable to help any of the animals brought to the centre for treatment. There are a number of ways you can donate and help us to continue our essential work on Luxor's impoverished west bank. The methods of donating are listed below along with links to the relevant online pages; just click on the link to take you to the donation page. If you need any more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cheques should be made out to Animal Welfare of Luxor and sent to Angela Robinson (AWOL), Barnhaven, 12 Twyford Lane, Foulsham, Dereham, Norfolk NR20 5SE.

Donations can be paid directly into the AWOL bank account using the following details: Bank account number 51621076, sort code 40-20-24, a/c name Animal Welfare of Luxor. These details can also be used to set up a standing order from your bank or for anyone using online banking wishing to make a bank transfer.

Standing order from your bank to AWOL's bank is a very convenient way to donate to AWOL as the donation will be paid out of your account automatically each month. The relevant forms can be found on this link - http://www.awolegypt.org/awol_standing_order.html If you are unable to print off the required forms yourself please contact me and I will post them to you.

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