

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS!



Many thanks to all our supporters who have made 2017 a successful year for AWOL and a more comfortable one for the animals in Luxor. We are very grateful for every little bit of support we have received to enable us to continue and expand our care.

We are so pleased to be able to look back on the year and appreciate that not only have we continued to provide care and treatment for the west bank animals we have been able to make progress and expand our scope of care. This we could not do without the fantastic support we have received from our supporters.

During 2017 we have been able to take mobile clinics out into the villages to compliment the work at the AWOL centre and we have been providing free food for the starving dogs and donkeys. This is in addition to our established treatments and tack replacement. We have also changed and improved our dog collars with the help of new equipment and other new equipment has been acquired to help with the animal treatment as well as making the staff a little more comfortable at work.

We are very grateful for the continued help of many people who have supported AWOL for some time and also for the many new people who have seen, or heard about, our work in



Luxor and have chosen to give us their backing and support. You have all done such a great job in helping these poor animals so many thanks to you all on behalf of the UK and Luxor AWOL teams and the poor animals you have helped and, I hope, will continue to help.



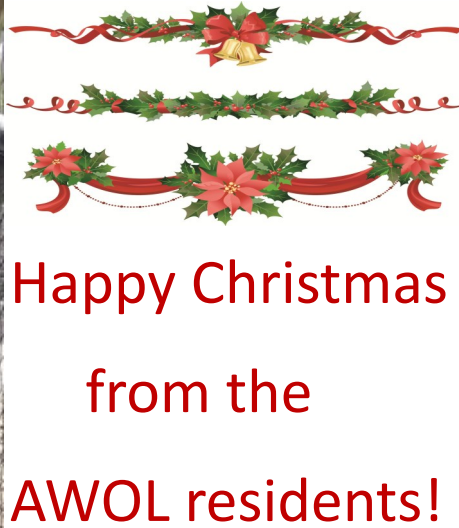
Dobby with Nouby



Peggy & Tufty with Nouby



Hector



Happy Christmas
from the
AWOL residents!



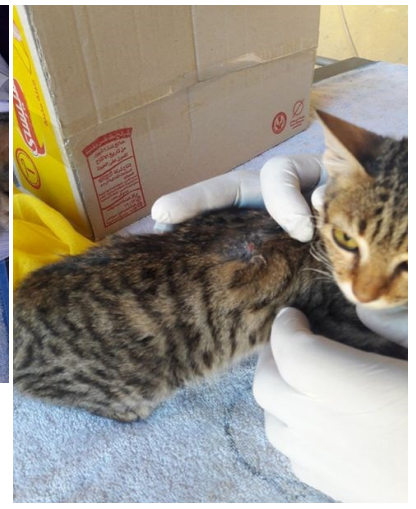
Tufty with Boghdady



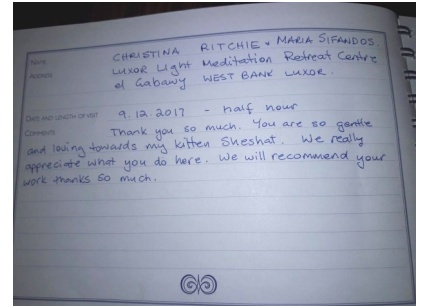
Lucky



Dobby, Lucky and Peggy



At the AWOL centre we see a few cats in need of treatment, but not as many as dogs and donkeys. This little kitten was brought in by west bank resident Christine. This cute little thing had an infected navel



which looked very sore and uncomfortable.

After his little belly-button was cleaned and examined he was treated with antibiotics and anti-inflammatory medication to clear up the infection, reduce swelling and give him some pain relief. We have heard that the little kitten is much improved and he is expected back at the centre for a check up later this week.



Now this is a species of patient we don't see very often at the AWOL centre! These pretty birds were brought in with a skin condition.

They were given selenium, vitamin E and Oxytetracycline orally and fucidic acid cream was applied to their legs. They came back for a second visit and we are pleased to say they have made full recoveries.





These are just two of the many donkeys we have treated at the centre so far this month. The donkey above had a messy wound on his leg after a fall which needed fairly straightforward treatment and dressing. The donkey below, however, had suffered a horrific injury to his muzzle which has resulted in an open wound to one of his nostrils leaving a gaping hole to his nasal cavity. Dr Mohamed needed to pull the ripped and torn pieces of skin and flesh together in order to stitch it and save the donkey's left nostril. Without successful



surgery the damaged flesh would die leaving the poor donkey with only half a muzzle and only one proper nostril. It's likely the donkey would have suffered from subsequent infection and would be unlikely to survive long without surgery.



The donkey was given local anaesthetic prior to surgery then Dr Mohamed tidied up the edges of the ripped skin before patiently stitching the pieces of skin and flesh together. He is currently staying at the AWOL centre for a few days so his progress can be monitored and he can be treated with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories to help his recovery. We hope to have good news about this donkey after Christmas.



Back out in the villages we have treated many dogs and puppies for worms, fleas/ticks and mange again this month. Our new dog collars, made at the AWOL centre by Gergis, are very popular and are certainly so much better than the bits of old rope, wire and string we remove from the necks of these poor animals. It's unbelievable what horrific wounds some of these methods of tethering can cause.



Dogs arrive at the AWOL centre for treatment using all sorts of transport modes and it is no different in the villages as can be seen from this snapshot of village life. This is probably not the most comfortable mode of transport for this dog but it does at least get him to see Dr Mohamed for the treatment he needs.





Some of the donkeys we supplied with new tack during our latest mobile clinic this month. Ropes and chains removed, then taken away so they cannot be reused, and new soft tack fitted to make the donkeys more comfortable and minimise the risk of sores and wounds.

A lot of the treatment we carry out in the villages is preventative; the owners might not think about taking their animals to the AWOL centre for this sort of treatment so by visiting the animals and their owners we can pre-empt and prevent some more serious conditions developing.



This donkey had a sore leg caused by a bite from another donkey. Treatment by Dr Mohamed will stop the wound becoming infected and causing more serious problems.



Many thanks to our supporters in Surrey who attended the last lunch of 2017. The snow and bad weather depleted numbers a little so an extra special thanks for those who managed to make it and to Ros for her organisation and hosting and all her efforts this year.

Grateful thanks also to Celia for her wonderful fundraising this month, and previous months, and to Marion in Scotland for her Christmas fayre fundraiser. The combined efforts of Ros, Celia and Marion this month

raised enough funds to cover half our medical budget for December so huge thanks for their fantastic contributions! Whilst I would dearly like to be able to thank everyone individually for their support and donations it just is not feasible but rest assured we appreciate every pound raised or donated.

We are very pleased to report at last that our valued supporter Mary is now back at home after her long stay in hospital and we wish her a very Happy Christmas with her family and thank her for all her wonderful fundraising for AWOL.

I would personally like to thank fellow trustees Georgie and Lisa for their support this year. We have very recently held a successful and productive trustees meeting and I look forward to putting our plans into place in 2018. Lisa is unfortunately currently unwell so we wish her a speedy recovery. Personal thanks also to the team of Nasser, Dr Mohamed, Ahmed, Gergis, Nouby and Boghdady in Luxor for being a pleasure to work with and helping to ensure another successful year for AWOL.

This Month's wish list

If you are travelling to Luxor the following items would be appreciated; Sudocrem, hoof conditioner for donkeys/horses, 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.

We would especially welcome donations of suitable buckles for dog collars. Not all of the metal or plastic buckles available have been found to be suitable so if you would like to take any over to Luxor please use the links below to find the products we have tried and tested with success.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/product/B00UFCK8DC/ref=oh_aui_detailpage

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Black-Plastic-Slides-Buckles-Webbing/dp/B00J3YAK2M/ref=pd_bxgy_201_img_3?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=JBYTD6EQ14VK4VYS5731

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Plated-Caveson-Buckles-Collars-Leather/dp/B019FVZSXS/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1513701542&sr=8-2&keywords=brass+plated+caveson+buckles+25mm

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.

Many thanks for reading this month's newsletter, may you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! *Angela* 🐾

