

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

Here's hoping everyone had a lovely festive season and that 2018 is a happy and satisfying year for all!

It's now mid-winter in Luxor and although the temperature is still pleasantly warm in the daytime for visitors the locals and some of the animals are feeling a little cold at times. Daytime temperatures are in the mid-twenties degrees centigrade and night time temperatures can be as low as 5 or 6 degrees. The rural areas on the west bank tend to be a little cooler than Luxor town so Gergis has been making donkey coats to keep these hard-working animals warm.



This time of year is also the sugar cane harvest season so the donkeys are working harder than ever and most mornings at the AWOL centre we are met with queues of owners and their donkeys waiting for treatment. At this time of year we see problems with lameness, wounds, weakness, sprains, cold and colic all of which are treated by Dr Mohamed and the staff at the centre free of charge.



Out in the villages it is the same story. We see so many donkeys who have been working hard out in the fields or doing other hard heavy work for their owners. It is a hard time of the year for these donkeys so they need as much help as we, and you, can give them. During this busy time we have increased the frequency of our mobile clinics and expanded the rural areas we cover when funds allow.



All was quiet when we set up our mobile clinic on our first visit to this village - which is in a new area to us on the edge of the desert. However within minutes there are plenty of owners with their animals all vying for Dr Mohamed's attention. As well as treatment for their ailments we fitted many of the donkeys with new head collars and tack and handed out small bags of food to substitute their meagre diet.



This donkey's young owner (above) is very happy with his donkey's new head collar and free food.



Mange and minor wounds were treated and new head collars fitted on another visit to one of our usual villages.



Many of the donkeys we treat at AWOL work out in the fields on the sugarcane harvest at this time of year. The loads they pull can be very heavy and it is hard work for the donkeys.



After the sugarcane is harvested and loaded onto carts the donkeys sometimes have to pull this heavy cart for many kilometres so it is not surprising that we see so many donkeys with wounds and injuries at this time of year. The sugar cane is usually loaded onto narrow-gauge trains and transported to Armant for processing.

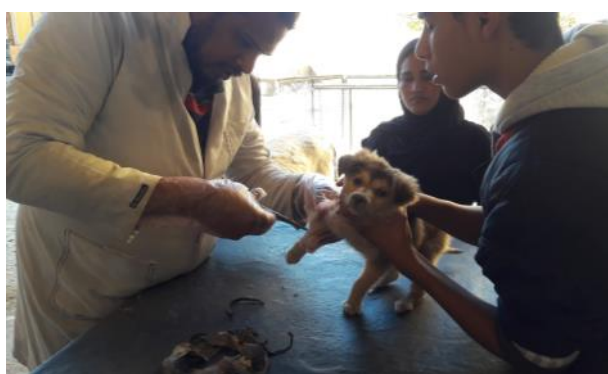
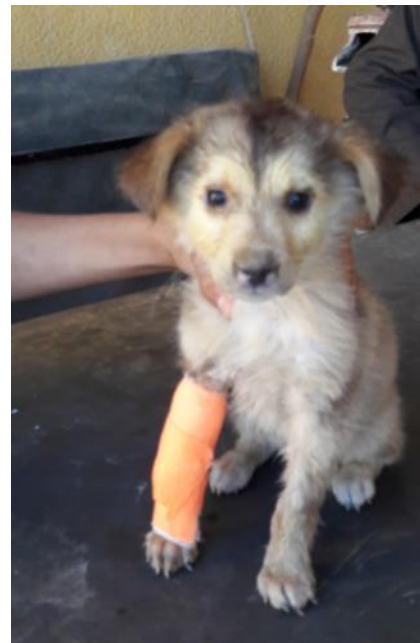
A lot of sores and open wounds on the donkey's noses are caused by the chains often used instead of soft tack. Some owners insist their donkeys are so strong they need chains so this is when we provide a soft chain cover to help stop these injuries happening. Some of these are supplied by our supporters, who make them, for which we are very grateful.





Just some of the dogs we treated on one of the village visits. Mostly needing treatment for worms, fleas and ticks they were also given some dry dog food as Dr Mohamed talked to the young owners about looking after their dogs and puppies properly.





Back at the AWOL centre this gorgeous little puppy came in to be treated for sore eyes but Dr Mohamed also took the opportunity to take a look at his bandaged leg as well. Although the poor little dog had been unfortunate enough to have his leg run over by a motorbike he had no broken bones so his leg was cleaned and re-dressed. He was treated with an antibiotic cream for his eyes and an anti-inflammatory for his leg and we are delighted to hear that he has made a full recovery from both his problems.



The rest of the dogs on this page came in for flea and worming treatment and the German Shepherd type dog received a nice new soft collar made by Gergis (in the photos). We like it when people bring their animals in for preventative treatment or at the early stages of a problem as it often means we can avoid more serious problems developing.



Only 3 people and 2 dogs on this motorbike! That's quite reserved for Luxor!



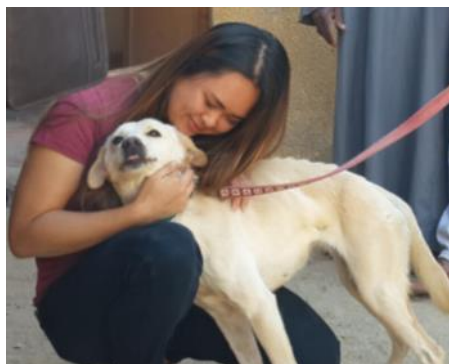
This is the sort of injury we see regularly at the AWOL centre especially at harvest time. The wound on this donkey's flank was caused by an accident at work when he fell onto a piece of sharp metal. Ahmed trimmed the hair from around the wound and it was examined by Dr Mohamed, cleaned and prepared for surgery.



Boghdady covered the area surrounding the wound to help prevent infection from any residue bacteria and Dr Mohamed stitched the wound assisted by Ahmed.

With the wound fully stitched and closed the wound should now heal nicely and the donkey should make a full recovery. In addition to the surgery the donkey was also treated with antibiotics, anti-inflammatories and an anti-tetanus injection. Happy faces all round! The donkey should be happier too but unfortunately he didn't have his portrait taken at the time!





We were very pleased to see some visitors at the AWOL centre in January. Catherine, Francis and Victoria brought with them some very welcome supplies; both the AWOL staff and residents were happy to see them. Hector got some extra attention and little Peggy enjoyed some additional cuddles which she clearly loved!

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Many thanks to our supporters who have donated over the Christmas/New Year period and to Marion, Ros and Celia who raised funds with Christmas sales.

Our next supporters lunch is at 12.30 on Thursday February 22nd at the Epsom Club, Epsom, Surrey. This is a private club with a varied light lunch menu and bar; many thanks go to members John and Celia for arranging this venue. We will need to know how many people would like to attend so please contact Ros on 07788563701 or ros.barrow@hotmail.com if you are interested.

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:

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