

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

It is with great regret that I have to start this newsletter with some very sad news. I am very sorry to say that our lovely highly-regarded member of staff Nouby suddenly passed away a few days ago. He collapsed on the evening of Saturday 21st April and was taken to the Luxor International hospital where he unfortunately passed away a couple of hours later; it is believed he suffered a major stroke. Nouby was loved by everyone who met him, always so kind and gentle and wonderful with the animals at the centre and warm and welcoming to any visitor. Not just a guard but a wonderful all-rounder who was much loved by all the team as well as our resident animals and especially little Peggy. Our condolences go out to his family and friends at this sad time. He will be greatly missed by all of us at AWOL.



In memory of Nouby a collection has been set up for his family. Nouby not only worked at the AWOL centre he also had a second job working in the fields so his passing will be a great loss for his family financially as well as personally. As any money collected will be for Nouby's family and not for AWOL we cannot accept funds through the usual AWOL channels. The funds will be collected by myself (Angela) and transferred or taken to Nouby's family. You can donate using my personal Paypal account (AngelaRoseRobinson@gmail.com) or by cheque made out to A R Robinson and posted to the AWOL address (12 Twyford Lane, Foulsham, Dereham, Norfolk NR20 5SE). The collection will run for this week only so if you would like to help Nouby's family please get in touch.

We will also be thinking of a way in which we can commemorate Nouby's contribution to AWOL and the animals. He will not be forgotten by those who were lucky enough to meet him or work with him.



NOUBY

Some photos of Nouby both at the AWOL centre and in the villages on our mobile clinics.



The bottom left photo is the last of Nouby at AWOL, helping with the donkeys, taken on the day before he became ill.



Nouby was such a lovely man and his loving care to the animals, especially the dogs, was an example for everyone, and specifically Egyptians, to follow.





We see a steady stream of donkeys coming to the centre every month with sores and wounds caused by bad tack. It only costs around £5 to fit new soft tack to one donkey but it makes a world of difference to the donkey. Our late guard Nouby and our other guard Boghdady help with the donkeys who will be a lot more comfortable with padded collars and new tack.



It's difficult to get dressings to stay on some wounds but without them flies will bring the risk of infection. Strangely duct tape is the best way of keeping dressings on so we are always grateful if anyone can take some to the AWOL centre.



Although it's mainly donkeys we see with tack sores and wounds at the AWOL centre we see horses as well. This poor thin horse needed a soft cover for the nose chain the owner insists on using and treatment for his sores. He was also suffering from worms so was treated with Dectomax and also given a multi-vitamin and had his wounds treated. Many thanks to the supporter who made this lovely pink noseband cover!



Gergis is a wonder on the sewing machine –as well as the normal saddle pads he makes up he does custom-designed ones too! This one was made so that the horrible wound on the donkey's back could be dressed and left to heal without any weight from his load pressing on the wound.





It's always so nice to see people bringing their animals to the centre for pre-emptive treatment and check-ups. Especially when the children bring in

their dogs and puppies to see Dr Mohamed. All these little ones needed was some flea/tick and worming treatment and a check-up.



We were particularly impressed with the lovely new harness on this beautiful youngster! This puppy looks like a young Rottweiler or Rottweiler cross. Dogs which are considered to be 'English dogs' are more highly thought of in Luxor and tend to be better looked after. We keep telling as many people we can that the local 'baladi' dogs can be just as loyal and intelligent but there is no doubt they are not sought-after like these specific breeds. It's still lovely to see a healthy, happy little puppy whatever the breed.

Also in for check-ups and flea/tick and worming treatment were these three who were quite a handful! The middle one has a Springer Spaniel look about him - always potentially a good candidate for a trouble maker! It is so heart-warming to see these owners smiling and laughing with their dogs rather than some of the rough treatment we often come across. We live in hope that this will become the norm for the treatment of dogs in Luxor and we do all we can to encourage and educate the owners to treat their dogs kindly.





Residents of Luxor have recently been celebrating the Moulid of Abu el Haggag (Sheikh Yusuf el-Haggag). This moulid (festival) is a local festival which is held every year two weeks before Ramadan. El-Haggag was born in Damascus in the twelfth century but settled in Luxor after spending some time in Damascus.

There are a number of stories about the reason for El-Haggag's revered status in Luxor: one which says that he succeeded in stopping the demolition of the mosque by somehow magically paralysing the person who was planning its demolition. Other sources say that the mosque dates to the thirteenth century and was built in his honour. Whatever the reason for his position Abu el-Haggag is the equivalent of the patron saint of Luxor and many people make their way to the mosque during the celebrations. The mosque dedicated to him is located within Luxor temple and can still be seen and visited today.

The celebrations bring people out into the streets where they can find stalls selling sweets and special treats and watch the moulid procession go by. People decorate camels and horses for the occasion and there is a procession made up of floats which are often decorated boats. The boats are thought to symbolise the barques which were used by the ancient Egyptians during the festival of Opet when they celebrated the flooding of the Nile which brought fertility to the plains of Luxor. There is music, 'stick dancing' and horse racing and all the locals, of all faiths and backgrounds, come together to celebrate and enjoy the occasion.



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Many thanks to supporter Celia for her fundraising in April, we very much appreciate her efforts. Thanks also to Marion and Lyn for making a huge quantity of nose band covers to go to Luxor. If anyone is travelling out to Luxor and can take some with them please let me know.



Our next supporters lunch will be on Thursday June 7th at The Woolpack, High Street, Banstead. Please contact Ros on 07788563701 or email Ros.barrow@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending.

This month's wish list

If you are travelling to Luxor any of the following items would be appreciated; Sudocrem, duct tape, dressings, gauze (large), pressure bandages, adhesive bandages, extra large surgical gloves, dog grooming brushes and combs, old towels, dog worming tablets or syrup, dog flea/tick shampoo, Frontline flea treatments for cats and dogs, eye ointments, hand gel, anaesthetic sprays, vet wrap, dog muzzles, hoof oils.

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, Angela and the AWOL team. 🐾

