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Dear Supporter,

First of all I would like to thank everyone who contributed towards the fund for Nouby's family. You raised an amazing £630 which is 15,018 Egyptian pounds! This is the equivalent of over one year of Nouby's AWOL salary so it will be a huge benefit to his family. Dr Mohamed and I delivered the money to Nouby's wife, two of his sons and a daughter-in-law along with some laminated photos of Nouby at the AWOL centre and some of the lovely comments made about him (which Dr Mohamed translated). It was rather emotional for Nouby's wife but she and the rest of the family have expressed their deep gratitude for the care and consideration shown to them. A photograph of Nouby has also been framed to be hung at the AWOL centre. Many, many thanks to all who helped out.



Unfortunately we had more sad news in May which is very difficult and upsetting to have to report. Just one week after Nouby's passing our beautiful girl Lucky, who has been resident at the centre since it opened over 5 years ago, also passed away. She became ill at 2pm on Saturday 5th and despite continued treatment by Dr Mohamed we were unable to save her. She passed away at 7.30pm that evening; Dr Mohamed, Luxor trustee Nasser and guard Boghdady were all with her at the time, so she was not alone, as this last photo of her shows. The cause of death has been confirmed as a snake bite. As you can imagine, this would be very sad news at any time but coming so soon after the death of Nouby it is even more difficult for all at AWOL who knew and loved them both. We hope for no more sad news for a while. On the next page you can read about Lucky's life with AWOL. Despite the bad news we must take comfort from the fact that she had 6 years of love and care at the AWOL centre and was one of the best cared-for dogs in Luxor.



Lucky was rescued from the jaws of a huge Nile Monitor Lizard in May 2012. She didn't even have her eyes open when she was rescued by local children who immediately went to fetch Dr Mohamed who was working in the villages with some of the AWOL team at the time. She was badly injured, one of her paws was almost severed from her leg, and less than 3 weeks old. In the very first photos of her she still had all her paws and we were hoping the paw could be saved so it was splinted and bandaged by Dr Mohamed. Unfortunately the paw was too badly damaged and the blood supply had been severed so the foot had to be amputated a few days later.



Above: Lucky with UK Managing Trustee Angela just after her rescue in May 2012 and with AWOL vet Dr Mohamed in June 2012. AWOL didn't have a veterinary centre at this time so Lucky spent the few weeks of her life living with Dr Mohamed. She was then cared for by local resident and former trustee Cindy at her home for a few months until the AWOL centre opened in January 2013.

Lucky joined other rescue dogs Dobby and Tufty at the AWOL centre where they have the run of the yard when the centre is closed. They were later joined by little Peggy in August 2016.

Trustees, staff and visitors alike were all smitten with the lovely, lively, little dog who had such a bad start to life but who subsequently benefitted from years of companionship, love and care at the AWOL centre



With Trustees Angela above) and Nasser (right).



Below: Lucky with our late guard Nouby and the other AWOL dogs, Cindy visits Lucky in 2016 and snoozing with little Peggy in the shade. Both Nouby and Lucky will be greatly missed.





Although May has been a difficult month it's still very heartening to see how much difference AWOL makes to so many animals. These two lovely pups came in with a horrible heavy flea and tick infestation which was causing them to be in very poor condition. The fleas and ticks suck all the life out of little bodies like this and make the little pups more susceptible to infection and illness.

After being treated for the fleas and ticks and given multi-vitamin injections the little dogs went home and returned for a check up a few days later. There was a huge improvement in the number of fleas and ticks and the puppies were looking much better.

After further treatment they returned home again with new AWOL dog collars and some dry dog food and the owner knows not to leave it so long to come to the AWOL centre for free treatment next time!





This poor donkey came to the AWOL centre with a horrible ear wound following an altercation with another donkey. He stayed at the AWOL centre for a few days initially and we were hoping his ear could be saved but the nerves and blood supply were severed so there was no choice but to amputate the damaged part of the ear.



The donkey continued to stay at the AWOL centre after the surgical procedure and received treatment with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories. Although it doesn't look very pretty Dr Mohamed is very pleased with the result as there is no infection or complications and the wound is healing up nicely. The owner is certainly happy and the donkey is well on his way to making a full recovery.



More donkey surgery was required for this donkey who came in with a nasty wound to his groin. This was caused by a hook on the cart he was pulling and it is an injury of the type we see a lot of at the AWOL centre. Sometimes these wounds can be so extensive they prove fatal. As the intestines or other internal organs can spill out through the gaping hole.



Luckily for this donkey his wound responded well to treatment at the AWOL centre. It was cleaned up and successfully stitched and within a few minutes of the operation he was able to stand and walk around. Antibiotics and anti-inflammatories will ensure no infection or inflammation sets in and will also make the donkey more comfortable. The donkey has been back for a check-up and Dr Mohamed is very pleased to see he has made a full recovery from his nasty wound.





Our last village visit before Ramadan was very busy. We treated many dogs, donkeys and horses for mange, fleas and ticks. The dog collars made by Gergis were in great demand as always.



Ramadan started on May 16th and will continue until June 15th. At this time the streets, houses and hotels are decorated with flags, bunting and lanterns. People refrain from eating and drinking in the hours of daylight and break their fasts every day with family meals. Dates are the traditional food consumed first at the Iftar meal at the end of the day's fasting.





These 2 little puppies came in for treatment for fleas and ticks plus one of them was shaking and trembling continuously due to a nervous affliction brought on by my vitamin deficiency. On my first visit the poor little thing just shook constantly and was quiet and weak. A few days later he was looking so much better and the shaking had subsided. Multi-vitamin injections and a few days of food had made such a difference. We bought extra puppy food for him and gave the owner some to take away. At a cost of 285 Egyptian Pounds for a small bag this is beyond the means of most of the local dog owners, equivalent to a week's food budget for a family in some cases. The puppy was just so adorable I did not want to let go! He has a good owner though, someone we have seen at the centre many times, so he is one of the lucky ones.



I was also rather taken with this little sheep and his mother. They had lost so much of their coats due to a heavy worm infestation but a trip to the AWOL centre quickly sorted that out.

We would like to buy a fumigation unit for the AWOL centre to help keep the number of fleas and ticks down. We see so many dogs with heavy flea and tick infestations and some of these horrible parasites are left at the centre when the hosts leave and make their way to the AWOL dogs and residents and, of course, the next influx of patients. A spray unit costs around £100 so we would be very grateful for any help towards this item of equipment.

Many thanks to all the staff at the AWOL centre for making my visit so enjoyable. It's always great to catch up and see everyone and discuss our work and AWOL ambitions. Many thanks also to everyone who donated items for me to take over and to Lyn and Marion for the many noseband covers they made and donated.



Sudocrem is always welcome at the AWOL centre as is duct tape and Vaseline. Dr Mohamed is very pleased with his new high-quality stethoscope which should be much more effective than his old one.



A few pre-Ramadan croissants and Danish pastries were enjoyed at breakfast—much more interesting than eating them at the hotel!

UK News

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.

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.

