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Dear Supporter,

Following on from the unfortunate news in June's newsletter we are relieved to say that we have had no more bad experiences to report this month. Whilst most of us in the UK are 'enjoying' a summer heat-wave (and often finding it rather difficult to cope with) the summer is also well under way in Luxor. Day-time temperatures are reaching into the mid forties centigrade and are even higher in the blazing sun at the AWOL centre. Ramadan has finished so at least the practicing Muslim population can now eat and drink again during daylight hours. Luckily this practice only applies to humans not other animal species!



The heat, however, does affect the animals as well as the human population. We have just replaced the shading over the treatment area, stables and dog kennels to help keep the heat down in these areas and to offer protection from the sun over the sweltering summer months. This will at least help to keep conditions at the AWOL centre a little more comfortable for staff, visitors and patients alike.

Our new guard Mohamed El Rawy (known as El Rawy) has now completed his 2 month probationary period and we are delighted to be able to say that he will be staying at the AWOL centre on a permanent basis. He has dogs at home and is comfortable with our resident animals as well as our patients. So many people in Luxor are scared of dogs— and vice versa— so it is vital that we choose the best person to work at the centre and look after our lovely residents and patients.



One of our regular and seemingly unending jobs at AWOL is replacing unsuitable tack and dog collars. We use huge amounts of webbing for the head collars and breeching straps and our dog collar production is now in full swing with a new delivery of webbing, buckles and eyelets. Gergis has been putting these to good use as well as rearranging his work station and making it all very neat and tidy.

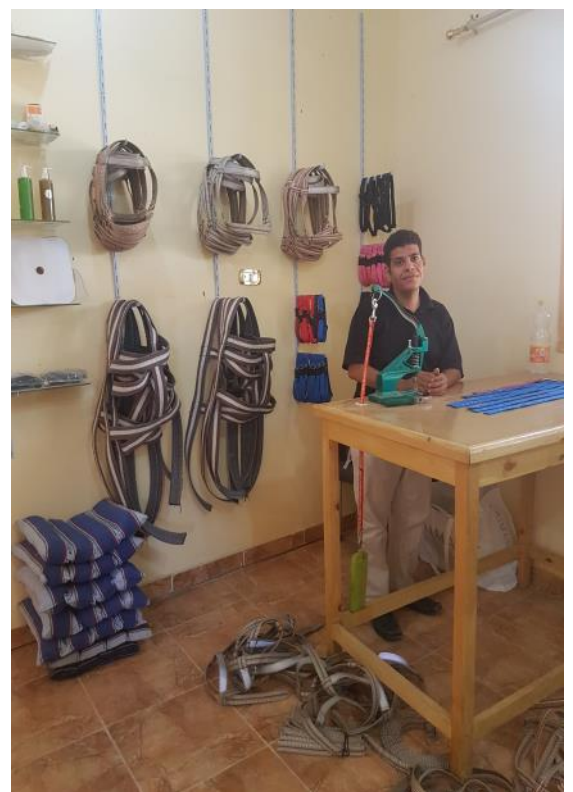
Gergis with El Rawy.



Luxor trustee Nasser and AWOL vet Dr Mohamed check out the new materials and collars with Gergis and El Rawy.

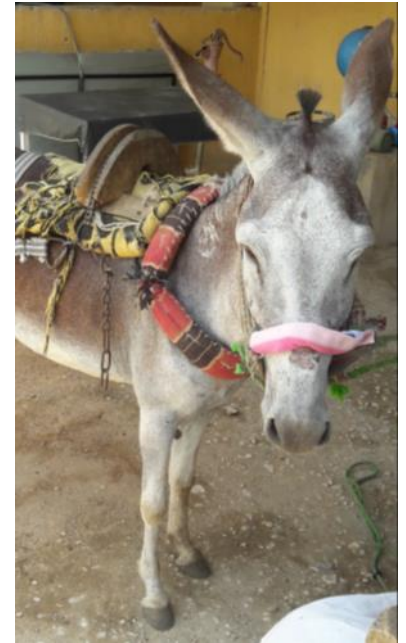


Head collars, breeching straps and back cushions for the hard-working donkeys along with dog collars in various sizes are stored neatly by Gergis after he has made them. These simple items make such a big difference to the well-being of the dogs and donkeys of the rural west bank. Just the cost of a cup of coffee in many parts of the world is enough to make a dog collar or head harness and stop injuries from developing.





New tack was needed for these donkeys. We try to get the owners to replace the nose chains with new soft head collars but some owners insist their donkeys are so strong they must use a chain. When this is the case we provide soft noseband covers - often made and donated by supporters.



We replace tack at the centre and in the villages and many of these donkeys were also given worming injections. With poor and inadequate food and worms the donkeys can become very weak if not treated.



Worms are a regular problem we see amongst the dogs who come to the AWOL centre and out in the villages - along with fleas and ticks. These 2 beautiful little puppies were treated for all these issues at the centre and given a general check up by Dr Mohamed aided by Boghdady.





Plenty of need for the wonderful collars Gergis makes as usual. The range of bizarre improvised 'collars' consisting of wire, rope, string, old clothes etc. people use for their dogs never ceases to amaze us! The old material is always taken away to avoid the temptation for the owners to sell the new collars and reinstate the old 'collar'. These little ones will be much more comfortable with their new collars.



Out in the villages we see the same problem. During our latest mobile clinic Dr Mohamed removes this scrap of material from this young dog's neck and replaces it with a new soft collar. This lovely dog was also treated for worms, flea and ticks and the owner was given a small bag of dog food to take home for his dog. Just one of the many dogs we treat every time we go out.





Donkeys often have to carry heavy loads in Luxor and the villages. Loads can be of building materials, gas bottles, produce and just about anything you can think of.



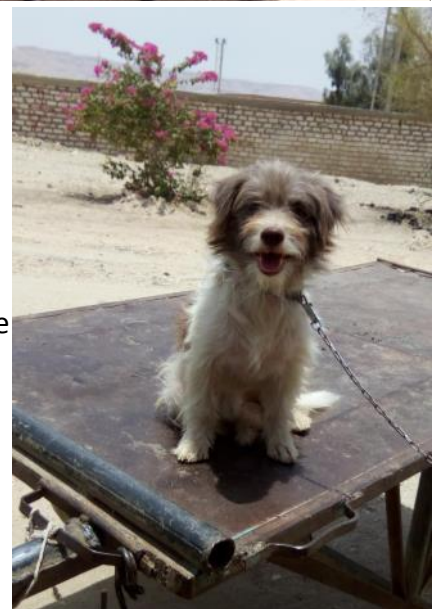
Pulling these loads often causes injury or exacerbates any minor injury caused by incorrect tack so it is essential we try to provide as much free tack as possible.

The purple spray Dr Mohamed uses on the wounds is a combination of gentian violet and oxytetracycline which provides antibiotic and antiseptic treatment for many different wounds. This will aid healing and discourage any infection.



There is always demand for our services out in the villages.

Some loads are nicer than others!





This donkey came to the centre with a large tumour on his head which needed removal. We see a lot of tumours at the AWOL centre—they often occur at the site of a wound or a trauma and can become very large. Dr Mohamed removed the tumour, helped by Gergis, and the donkey was allowed home. He returned again for a check-up and we are very pleased to see the wound is healing well and we do not anticipate any problems with his recovery. On his return visit his old AWOL head collar was replaced by a nice new one. It's great to see how AWOL has now been helping these animals for a number of years and we are seeing patients returning after earlier visits.





Our resident dogs are groomed regularly at the AWOL centre and in the increasing heat a cooling shower can be welcome. Dobby, though, is not keen on being groomed but he needs it more than the others as he gets matted up at the back due to the face he cannot walk properly and shuffles about on his bottom!



Tufty (above) is much more laid-back and stays calm and serene when he has his shower. Ahmed washes the dogs with flea/tick shampoo with the help of Boghdady and Gergis.

Little Peggy just loves attention in any shape or form! She is happy to have a shower especially if she get lots of cuddles as well - which of course she always does as she is so adorable and loved by staff and visitors alike.



UK news

Thank you to our supporters who came to the AWOL lunch in Surrey in June and for their donations. Special thanks as always to Ron for his continued and unwavering support of AWOL's work. Many thanks also to Celia and Ros for their fundraising and organisational efforts. Supporter Prudence kindly paid for the new shade at the centre for which we are very grateful.

As many of you know our supporter Olly Jone who has successfully run many Facebook auctions for us has been seriously ill and is still not recovered enough to resume her fundraising activities. We send her our very best wishes for a full recovery and she is always in our thoughts.

Supporter Sue Camber has taken up the challenge of holding a Facebook auction to raise funds for AWOL so we would like to thank her very much for this offer. She will be starting with a small auction which will run from **Sunday July 15th to Sunday August 5th**. Please take a look at the Facebook auction page for more information which you can find on this link; [Auction and Fundraising for Animal Welfare of Luxor](#). Please support Sue and this auction if you can.

We are delighted to welcome a new fundraiser - Lorraine - who is making a 5km sponsored walk in aid of AWOL on **July 21st**. Lorraine will be carrying 12.5 kilo weights to represent the loads that the working donkeys often have to carry in Luxor. If you would like to sponsor Lorraine and raise funds for our work you can do this via her fundraising page [Lorraine's walk for AWOL](#). Please support Lorraine for her efforts by sponsoring her even if it is only a small amount - it all helps! Sponsor money may also be sent by cheque (made out to Animal Welfare of Luxor) using the normal payment methods.

On **17th July** our Surrey coordinator Ros will be holding a Cream Tea with fresh scones and tea/coffee from 1pm - 2.30 at Merland Rise church, Tadworth, Surrey. This is a ticket-only event so please contact Ros on 07788563701 or email Ros.barrow@hotmail.com if you would like to attend. There will also be a bric-a-brac stall and the cost is only £5!

There will be a supporters lunch and small tombola at 12.30pm on **September 6th** at the Beefeater, Tattenham Corner, Epsom, Surrey. Supporters are welcome to meet up for a lunch of their choosing but please let Ros know if you would like to attend so she can book the table. You can contact Ros on 07788563701 or email Ros.barrow@hotmail.com

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.

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Many thanks for reading this month's newsletter, *Angela* and the AWOL team.

