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Dear Supporter,

We have some good news from Luxor this month with the arrival of a baby girl born to our assistant Ahmed and his wife Eman. The little girl has been named Mariam and is well and healthy. Our congratulations go to Ahmed and Eman on this happy occasion. We look forward to seeing her at the AWOL centre when she gets older!



Ahmed has worked at the AWOL centre as Dr Mohamed's assistant since the centre opened in 2013. He also takes many of the photos used in the newsletter and on the AWOL Facebook page so we can keep everyone informed about our work in Luxor. Married since September 2017 and now a family man, he is a valued member of our team in Luxor, we wish him and his new family much success and happiness in the future.

We would like to thank Dr Omnia for standing in for Dr Mohamed for a few days whilst he was in Alexandria for a family wedding. Dr Omnia works privately in Luxor but kindly helped out at the AWOL centre to ensure a qualified vet was available for the animals in need of treatment.



The seemingly never-ending supply of ticks and terrible dog 'collars' was in evidence at the AWOL centre again this month. This dog, along with many others, will be much healthier and happier after treatment for the ticks and fitted with new soft collars made by Gergis at the centre.



More dogs requiring treatment for fleas and ticks (below). Dr Mohamed removed the existing ticks from this lovely little black puppy and gave him flea/tick treatment to prevent more. The ticks are dropped in to Vaseline (petroleum jelly) which kills them and helps stop them infesting the AWOL centre.

Fleas and ticks are a problem for any dog, especially if the infestation becomes severe. The parasitic insects suck the blood from the poor animals leaving it weak and prone to infection. The fleas and ticks can also carry infection themselves.



It is especially important to control the flea or tick load on young puppies who need all their strength to grow. Old or ill dogs can also suffer badly from these horrible parasites.





This adorable, skinny little puppy was brought to the AWOL centre by Luxor resident Melinda who saved it from the streets of a west bank village. The pup was malnourished and weak and had difficulty walking due to weakness in her back legs. In addition she had a number of ticks which Dr Mohamed removed. She was then given a multi-vitamin injections and flea/tick treatment.

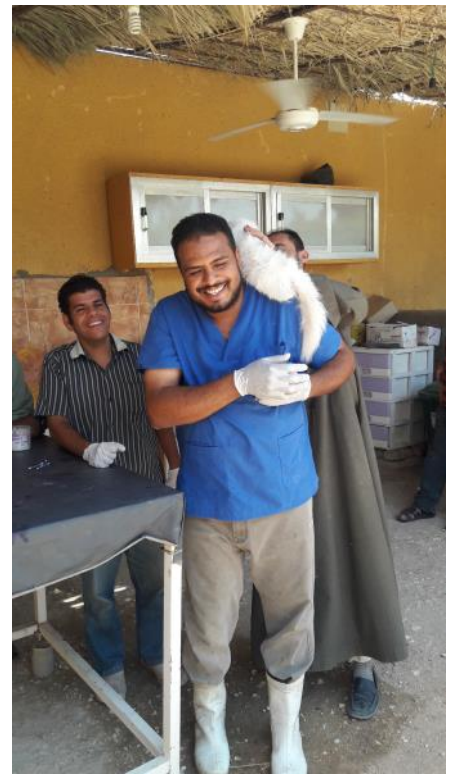


Melinda brought the puppy back to the AWOL centre for a second visit a couple of weeks later and also brought her daughter Mimi and another little patient! This beautiful little kitten had an eye infection which needed treatment with anti-biotic eye drops. The little puppy, now named Cookie, had improved enormously. She was looking much healthier, had put on weight and her walking was very much improved. She was also looking much more happy and perky! Both of these lovely little ones will continue to improve with care at home.





Another beautiful little cat treated at the AWOL centre. This one was suffering from an ear infection which was treated with antibiotic and anti-inflammatory injections after the ear was examined and cleaned. She was such a lovely little character!



We're not sure who is the most photogenic here! It's difficult to choose between the beautiful little girl or the lovely fluffy puppy (sorry Dr Mohamed)! The little puppy was brought in by the little girl along with her father and brothers. The puppy just needed treatment for fleas and ticks and the new flea/tick collar for future use should help keep any more away. A new soft collar from Gergis's stock was fitted to this gorgeous little dog as well and everyone looks very happy!



This poor donkey came into the AWOL centre in a terrible state! Covered in huge painful sores on almost every part of its body he must have been in dreadful pain. The donkey was found by this boy on the edge of the desert around 15km (10 miles) from AWOL. The boy asked around neighbouring farmers and local residents to see if the donkey belonged to anyone but no-one claimed him so the boy brought him to the AWOL centre for treatment. There was no other way of getting the donkey to the centre except for him to

walk all that way. The AWOL centre is the only free veterinary centre on the west bank so it was only real hope of getting treatment for this donkey which arrived at the centre weak and exhausted.



The donkey was examined and treated by Dr Mohamed at the centre and he was kept in for treatment for few days to start the healing process. In addition to his terrible sores he was also suffering from a muscular sprain and lameness. He was treated with Gentian Violet spray and Sudocrem to help healing and prevent infection. The donkey was also given a multi-vitamin injection and Flunixin - an anti-inflammatory painkiller. Boghdady showed the boy how to apply Sudocrem to the donkeys wounds so the treatment can be continued at home.



During his stay at the AWOL centre the donkey enjoyed some food and rest. The boy who had found the donkey came to visit him and brought extra food for him as well. After a few days he was considered well enough to leave the centre with the boy who had found and rescued him.



Although the boy wants to use the donkey for work the very fact that he went to so much trouble for the donkey - walking such a long way with him to the AWOL centre for treatment and returning to see him whilst he was in our care - gives us great hope that the donkey will be much better treated in the future and the young new owner knows he can always ask AWOL for help should he need any.

The beautiful little white donkey foal below is one of our patients treated out in the villages earlier this month. Although in fairly good condition he was suffering from worms so received treatment from Dr Mohamed. The other donkey owned by the same man can be seen in the background. This owner obviously takes care of his animals as the brown donkey is wearing some good tack and both animals are in pretty good condition; something we like to see!



UK news



Congratulations to supporter Lorraine who successfully completed her 5km walk with weights to raise funds for AWOL. The weights added an extra aspect to the challenge and were carried to represent the loads donkeys often have to carry in Luxor and the surrounding rural areas. Lorraine raised an amazing £425 for our work in Luxor! We would like to thank Lorraine for her wonderful efforts and also all our supporters who donated and helped her reach and exceed her target of £200. Well done to everyone involved! With no paid staff, management or trustees in the UK all the money raised goes to help the animals in Luxor and will make a huge difference to their wellbeing.

There will be a supporters lunch and small tombola at 12.30pm on **Thursday 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

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

