

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

I hope you have enjoyed the Sunny warm weather we have been having this year in the UK - or perhaps you are looking forward to the slightly cooler months of autumn. In Luxor the temperature is still over 40°C but it is starting to cool a little now for the autumn months which makes it a great time to visit historic Luxor. The staff at the AWOL Centre and our resident animals are definitely looking forward to the cooler months ahead.

We are very pleased to welcome a new resident at the centre who has come all the way from Dahab in Sinai. Originally rescued by Horse Aid Dahab the little donkey, named Zaazooa, was found with a badly deformed rear foot and hoof. He was moved to ACE in Luxor in the hope of more specialist treatment. Unfortunately there is nothing that can be done to remedy his deformed foot on a permanent basis so we were approached by Caroline at Horse Aid Dahab to see if there was the possibility of a long-term home or a solution for him that did not involve euthanasia. Zaazooa arrived at the AWOL centre this week and he has been examined by Dr Mohammed who is confident that, although his condition is not curable, he will be able to live a comfortable life free from pain.

If we can find a home for him where he will be looked after and will not have to work we will rehome him but if not he will live out his life at the AWOL centre with our other resident donkey Hector. Although AWOL is not a rescue centre, and doesn't have the funds or the space to be one, we will always try to give an animal a chance of a comfortable life whenever possible.





Ahmed and Gergis collected Zaazooa from ACE on the other side of the River Nile and brought him back to the AWOL centre where he was examined and treated by Dr Mohammed. Dr Mohammed and the team will be keeping a careful eye on him to make sure he's not suffering from any discomfort or pain but we are hopeful he will settle down and enjoy life at the AWOL centre along with Hector and our dogs.



Zazooa is being checked daily by Dr Mohammed and is receiving treatment for some minor ailments as well as his foot deformity. We would like to thank Caroline at Horse Aid Dahab for going to so much trouble for this poor donkey and for giving him the opportunity of a comfortable life in future. There has been some confusion about the age of Zaazooa but we think he is a fairly old donkey, possibly around 17 or 18 years of age, so we are very happy that the last few years of his life should be much more comfortable than the previous years. As we hope that he will be with us for some time we would welcome any donations towards his care.

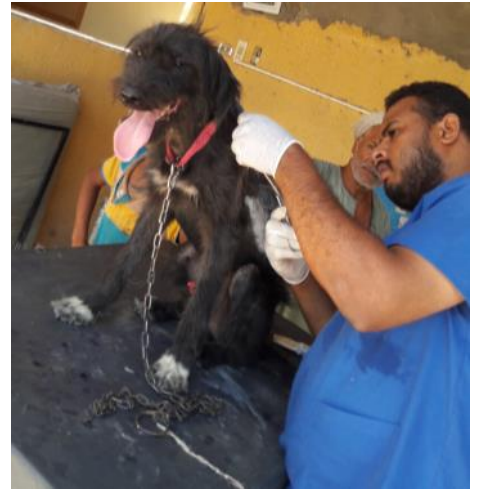
This donkey was featured in last month's newsletter - as you might remember he was found in the desert by this young boy who, after establishing no one wanted to claim him, brought him into the AWOL centre for treatment. After a few days treatment at the AWOL centre the boy took him back to his new home and continued the treatment Dr Mohammed had shown him.



The boy brought the donkey back to the centre a couple of weeks later and we are very pleased to see him looking so much better. His wounds have almost completely healed and he is in much better condition and well fed. The boy will be using him as a working donkey, as is the case with nearly all donkeys in Luxor, but judging by the care and compassion he has shown towards this donkey so far he should at least be well looked after. The new owner knows he can always bring the donkey to AWOL for treatment or a check-up whenever he wishes.



Now that the donkey has been back to the centre for his final check-up Gergis has fitted him with some new soft tack. We always provide the new tack during the final visit, rather than previous visits, to encourage the owners to bring the animal back to the centre.



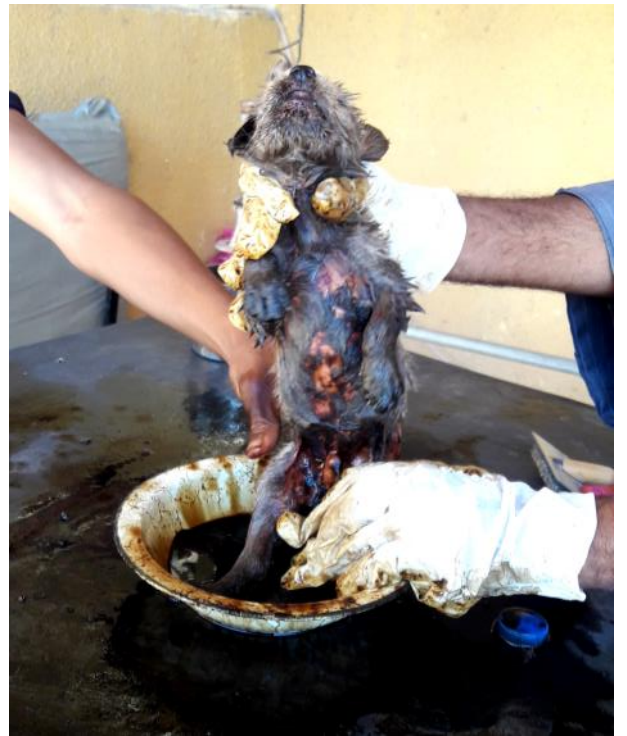
Some of our canine patients we have treated both at the AWOL centre and out in the villages recently. These dogs were treated for fleas and ticks, worms and mange. Most of the dogs needed soft dog collars and some dry food was given out to those in need.



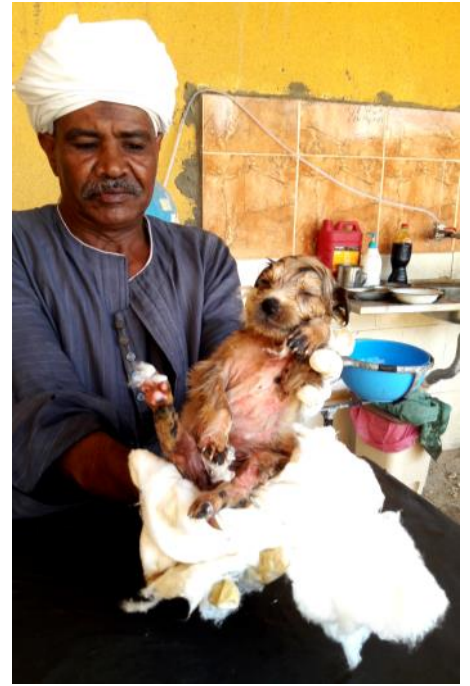


This lovely little puppy came in with a problem slightly different from the norm. The poor little thing had wandered into some wet tar on a roadway. Luckily the tar was not hot enough to cause serious burns but it was still very painful for the puppy as the tar stuck to the puppy's fur and stung his skin.

Removing the tar was a very long delicate process. The most effective way of removing the majority of the tar was by using a kerosene wash which could not have been comfortable for the puppy but it proved to be the best way of removing the tar. Nevertheless it took a very long time to remove every trace of the tar from the fur, the skin, the paws and between the toes of this little one.



After the tar had been successfully removed the puppy was again shampooed and cleaned and treated with some anti-inflammatories to bring down the inflammation and soreness of his skin. Some Sudocrem was applied to the sore skin before the little puppy was allowed to go home with his owner.



We have not seen the puppy back at the centre yet for a check-up but we have spoken to the owner by phone and he assures us the puppy is recovering well and is no worse for his ordeal. Hopefully this little one will be a little more careful where he wanders off to in future!



Two more of our recent patients along with some of the AWOL team and the dogs' owner. From left; Ahmed, El Rawy, Dr Mohammed, Gergis and the owners of the two dogs. These two came in for worming treatment and were fitted with nice new soft collars.

Luxor Resident Melinda just been back to the AWOL centre again with her daughter Mimi and another animal she has rescued from the streets of Luxor's West Bank. This beautiful little cat was found with burns to all four paws. It is not known how the little cat burnt his paws but it must have been very painful for him. He was treated at the AWOL centre with some anti-inflammatories, antibiotics and an application of antiseptic before Melinda returned home with him.



With some topical medication to continue treatment at home the little cat will get all the care he needs for a full recovery.

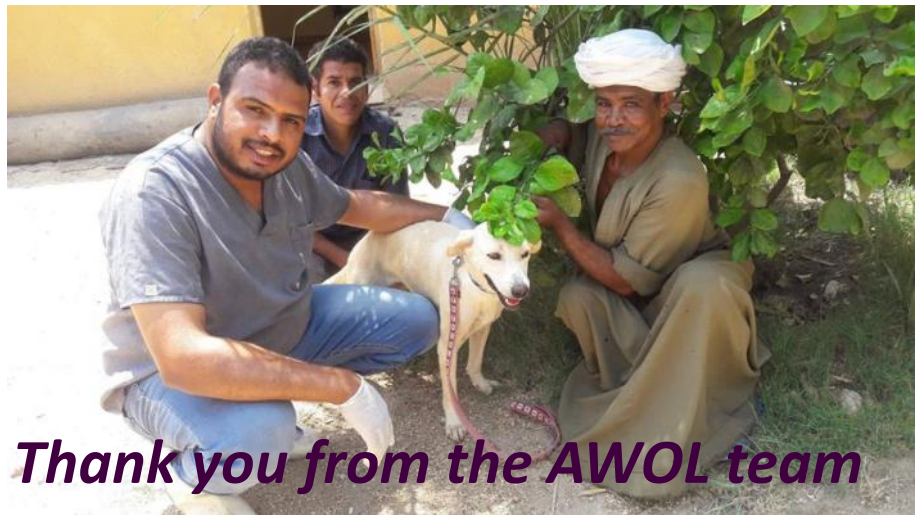


We are very pleased to hear from Melinda that this little one is greatly improved and is now running around happily whereas prior to treatment he could hardly walk. He's certainly looking a lot more relaxed in the photograph above taken at Melinda's home!

UK News

We would like to thank supporter Sue for running a very successful Facebook auction to raise funds for our work. The auction raised an amazing £302 for which we are very grateful.

Thanks also to supporter Ros for hosting another supporters lunch in Surrey this week and thank you to all those who attended and donated.



Thank you from the AWOL team

We are very grateful to everyone who has donated to AWOL this month. Unfortunately we cannot thank everyone individually but we do appreciate all your support.

We hope to be holding another Facebook auction to raise funds for before Christmas. Please have a look around and see if you have any new or nearly new items which would be suitable to auction. Please do not send the items to the AWOL registered office address at the moment; further details of how to donate goods will be published prior to the auction.

Although August is only just finished the Christmas spending spree will soon be underway so please spare a thought for the animals and their impoverished owners in Luxor and ask yourself if you could spare just £5 to help both the animals and the people. Thank you.

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).



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

