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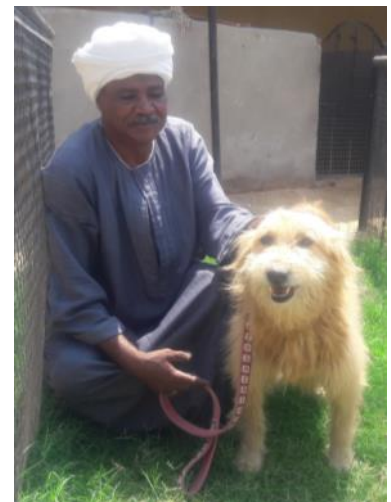
Dear Supporter,

Despite the absence of a newsletter last month AWOL's work on behalf of the animals in Luxor has continued unabated both in Luxor and the UK. We continue to get busier and busier on both continents which means we must be doing some good!

You might notice a new face in some of the photos in this newsletter. Our guard Mohamed El Rawy left the AWOL centre last month due to illness, we are assured he is not seriously ill but he will not be returning to work at the centre. We have employed a new guard named Essa Darwish who is settling in well. Along with our second resident donkey Zaazooa, who arrived in September, and five more new residents who arrived last week (see page 6) there have been a lot of new faces of various species at the centre in the last few weeks! Our new guard is proving to be a great favourite with Zaazooa who is now thoroughly at home at the AWOL centre.



Our long-term resident Tufty, who has been with AWOL for 15 years, has recently undergone an operation to remove a tumour from her vulva. The tumour was successfully removed by Dr Mohamed and there is no sign that it is malignant so we hope Tufty will be with us for some time to come. 15 is an incredible age for a dog in Luxor where the average lifespan of a dog is 6 or 7 years. Tufty has recovered well from her operation and is showing no signs of discomfort a few weeks after the procedure. For those of you who would like to see the procedure in pictures page 7 is devoted to photos of the surgery in detail but if you do not like to see photos of surgery it might be best to skip that page!





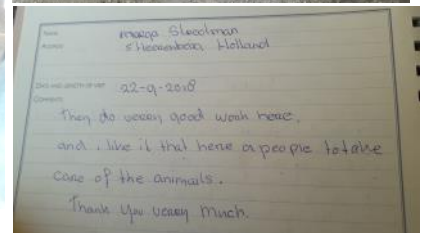
Fleas and ticks are an everyday sight at the AWOL centre but these two little pups were absolutely covered in them. The ticks were sucking the life out of the poor little dogs and they were thin and malnourished. After treatment at the centre, some new soft dog collars and some food they will be feeling much better.



This dog had a huge abscess on the side of his face which needed lancing by Dr Mohamed under sedation and local anaesthetic. The owner brought the dog back in for a check -up a week later and we were very happy with his progress.



We have been pleased to welcome many visitors to the AWOL centre over the past month. We love to see our supporters at the centre and we also love the fabulous donations they bring! Many thanks to these wonderful people for bringing out so many much-needed items for AWOL.



Nour and Magda (above) from Holland visited at the end of September and Pieter and friend visited in October. This is Pieter's third visit to the AWOL centre and he always brings us fabulous donated items.

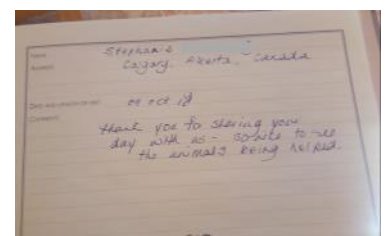
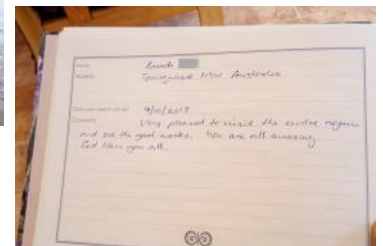


Stephanie from Canada and Brenda from Australia visited us again and as always brought fantastic donations with them!



Caroline, from Horse Aid Dahab

came to visit Zaazooa following his arrival at the AWOL centre in September. We are happy to say he is doing well and has happily settled in to his new home. Due to his deformed foot he is still treated with anti-inflammatories whenever necessary.



A couple of our equine patients who have been treated recently. This horse was brought in from Qena, a distance of around 40 miles, after falling on the road. He had a lot of nasty cuts and abrasions so stayed at the centre for a few days for treatment. Supporters

Stephanie and Brenda were there to see him off on his way home looking so much better.



This poor horse had a very nasty wound to his muzzle following an accident with a tractor. The wound needed extensive stitching under local anaesthetic and he also needed antibiotics, painkillers and anti-tetanus treatment.



Oh his return visit we were very pleased to see that the wound had healed up nicely and he will make a full recovery from his ordeal.





Following more of our mobile clinics out in the villages there are some very smart and colourful donkeys on the west bank! Most of these colourful noseband covers are made by supporters whom we thank very much. The lovely smart head collars are made by Gergis at the AWOL centre who does such a great job of producing all the replacement tack we give out and fit free of charge.





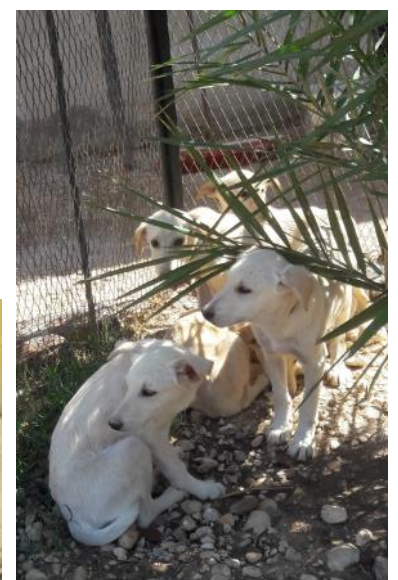
The latest news from Luxor is the rescue of five puppies from the Karnak temple complex. We were contacted on November 6th about a mother dog and her pups who were in need of attention. The mother dog was seen limping and in pain and the puppies were thin and malnourished. Luxor trustee Nasser, Dr Mohamed and Ahmed went to the temple the following day to find the dogs and took some food for them. We were able to feed the pups but the mother was too nervous to come for food or treatment.

After much negotiation with the temple authorities we were given permission to go back to the temple the following day and remove the puppies. This was a long, hot game of chase which the team found exhausting but the puppies seemed to quite enjoy it! The pups were taken to the AWOL centre. Where they have been checked over by Dr Mohamed and given a kennel together.

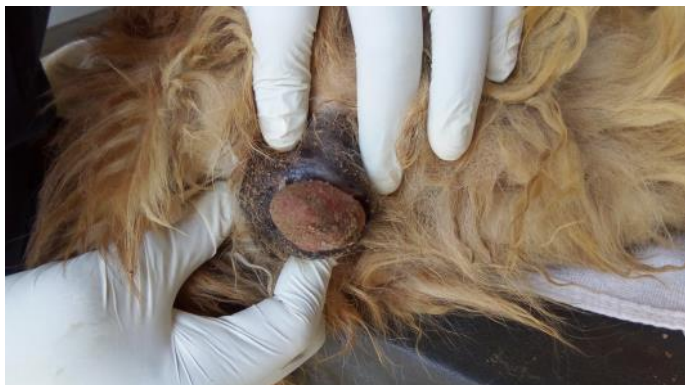


Despite our best efforts we have so far been unable to catch the mother dog as she is too nervous to come to anyone. We continue to try and will keep our supporters updated on progress.

We estimate the puppies to be 4-5 months old so they are fully weaned from their mother and will be well fed at the AWOL centre until we can hopefully rehome them after neutering.



The operation to remove the tumour from Tufty's vulva went well. The tumour was isolated and the blood supply restricted with clamps and then stitching before the tumour was removed. The operation was done under anaesthetic which always carries risks - especially with our limited equipment and facilities which we hope to improve next year.



The procedure to remove the tumour was successful and then there was an anxious wait for Tufty to come round from the anaesthetic.

After a week days of antibiotics, anti-inflammatory treatment and special care she recovered well from her operation and was made to look beautiful again by Ahmed, Gergis and Boghdady. We are very happy to have her back in good shape again!



Other News

We are very grateful to supporter Lorraine for volunteering to run a Facebook auction for us this month. The auction is under way and finishes on November 23rd so we hope this will help raise money for the animals in Luxor. Lorraine previously undertook a 8km walk with weights to raise funds for AWOL and we are very happy that she has taken on the AWOL Facebook auction as well!

We would also like to thank Arkwrights shop in Luxor and the owner Yasser for donating a large sack of dog food to the AWOL centre. This is much appreciated by us all, especially Dobby, Tufty and Peggy.

Thanks to Heather for leaving a bag of donated items at the New Memnon hotel for us as she was unable to visit the centre in person whilst in Luxor.

Special thanks to our wonderful dedicated supporter Ros for her continuing support of AWOL and for organising the supporters lunches plus other fundraising initiatives in Surrey. Supporters Celia and Sue have also been active in fundraising this year for which we thank them enormously. If you would like to help raise funds for AWOL please do get in touch!



UK events

Supporters lunch at the Beefeater, Tattenham Corner, Epsom, Surrey. 12.30 on Friday November 23rd. Christmas menu available. Please contact Ros on 07788563701 or email Ros.barrow@hotmail.com if you would like to attend.

Supporters lunch at The Woolpack, Banstead, Surrey. 12.30pm on Monday December 17th December. Please contact Ros on 07788563701 or email Ros.barrow@hotmail.com if you would like to attend.

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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Thank you for reading this month's newsletter, *Angela* and the AWOL team.

