

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR



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Dear Supporter,

It has been such a busy month at the AWOL centre in Luxor. I was able to see for myself how busy the centre can become at times during my impromptu, unannounced visit to Luxor in February. The Luxor team took the surprise visit very well and I was made very welcome as always. I was very pleased to see the centre operating as expected and it was lovely to catch up with all the team again. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hospitality and support.

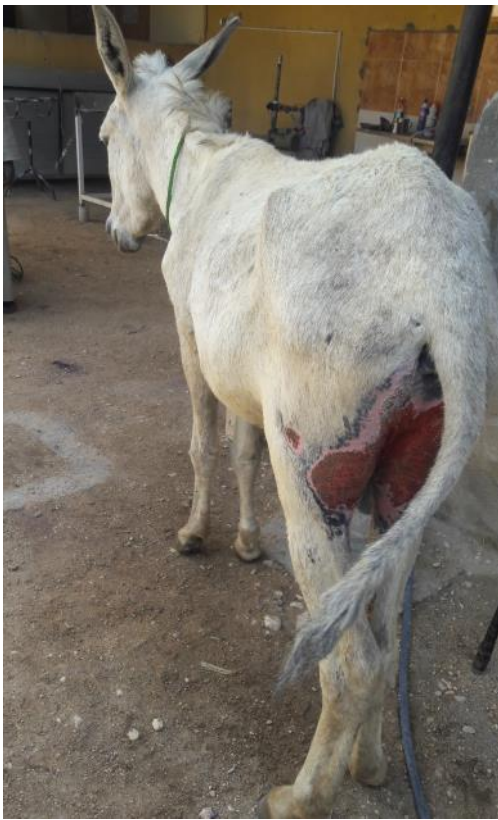


On my first visit I was surprised to see just how busy the centre was. There were around 30 animals waiting to be treated - almost equally divided between dogs and donkeys - and as they received treatment and left more arrived. Dr Mohamed and the team were constantly busy until the centre closed.

It's harvest season in Luxor and we always see a lot of donkeys coming in at this time of year. The poor donkeys work so hard out in the fields transporting sugar cane and other crops to the little sugar cane railway or the processing plant.



Many of the donkeys were treated for wounds and injuries caused by their heavy workload and old or unsuitable tack. Others needed worming and multi-vitamin treatment as they were thin and weak. The multi-vitamin injections should help the hard-working donkeys get through this hard busy time.



Unfortunately some of the local donkey owners have their own ideas of how to treat a donkey. This poor donkey came in suffering from extensive burns due to a traditional practice called 'firing' which literally entails lighting a fire under the donkey's stomach. This poor donkey had a number of horrific burns on his legs, stomach and genitalia and it must have been extremely painful for the poor animal.

This horrible practice is believed to make the donkey stronger when of course all it does is subject the poor animal to excruciating pain and leaves the wounds open to infection.



We always tell the owners that this practice will not help make the donkey strong and as always we try to educate them on the best way to look after

their animals. The owner was shown how to apply Sudocrem to the wounds to promote healing and given some to take home to continue the treatment.

After the donkey was treated with anti-inflammatories and antibiotics and the burns were dressed and bandaged the donkey was allowed home, he should make a full recovery but it will be painful few weeks for this poor animal. Hopefully we will be able to update you on this donkey next month.



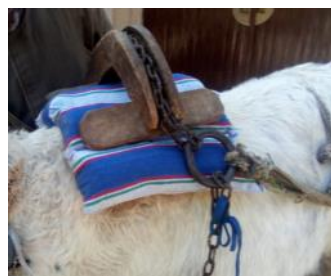
Because of the harvest season most of our village visits in February started near the sugar cane factory and we were kept very busy! So many donkeys carrying heavy loads of sugar cane needed treatment for minor cuts and scrapes and noseband covers and new tack was in huge demand.



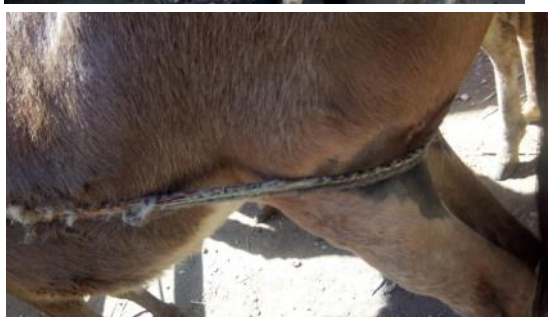
Noseband covers and new head collars stop cuts and abrasions on the donkeys' noses. These are not only sore they can become infected so the new tack will avoid these issues.



Saddle cushions stop wounds developing on the donkeys back. These cushions, made by Gergis at the AWOL centre, are invaluable at this time of year when the donkeys are continuously carrying



such heavy loads. They make a big difference to the comfort of the working donkeys who work so hard for their owners.



New breeching straps will stop these sort of wounds occurring on the donkeys hind quarters.



We were very happy to welcome some visitors to the AWOL centre in February. Local residents Theresa and Barbara from the east bank and Melinda and her daughter Mimi from the west bank spent a couple of hours at the centre and met our Luxor Trustee Nasser, Dr Mohamed and the rest of the team.



The AWOL resident dogs loved the extra attention from our visitors and our visitors enjoyed seeing the animals treated at the centre. The little puppies especially were a bit hit and Peggy, as always, was so excited to see visitors!

Many thanks to our visitors for showing an interest in AWOL's work and for their donations, both very much appreciated.



Thanks to our wonderful supporters we have been able to fit a water filter at the centre. Following a Facebook appeal we raised enough to fit this electric filter which will be of huge benefit to the animals and the staff.

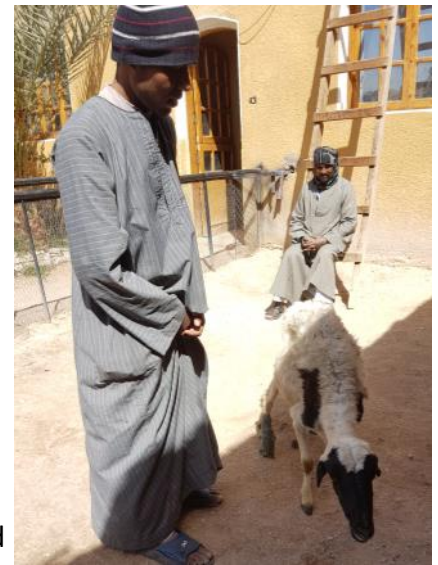
The water at the AWOL centre comes from a bore hole in the yard. It is fine for washing but not for drinking as it contains large quantities of minerals and salts. The guards have to walk a few hundred meters to the police checkpoint to fill up containers with water for drinking and for the AWOL dogs as well as visiting animals in need of a drink. With the new water filter in place we will now be able to have fresh filtered water on tap for both the staff and the animals.

We are so pleased with this new piece of equipment and would like to thank everyone who donated towards it.

In addition to treating the animals at the AWOL centre there is also paperwork to be done and regulations to adhere to; not the most interesting aspect of the work at the AWOL centre but it has to be done!

We also received a donation to provide some items at the centre for the staff so after shopping for a heater, kettle and galabeya material for the guards a coffee at a Luxor coffee shop was most appreciated.

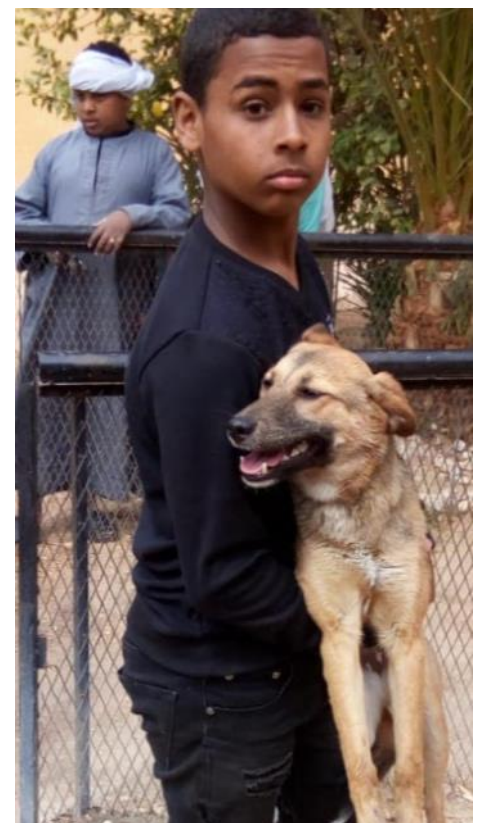




This heavily pregnant sheep was brought in by the owner unable to stand. The owner had wrapped its leg thinking it was injured but the sheep was actually weak and unable to stand due to hypocalcaemia. This is a condition where the available calcium in the sheep's body is diverted to milk production in expectation of the imminent birth leaving the mother deficient in calcium herself. After treatment to rectify the calcium deficiency she should make a full recovery and hopefully successfully deliver her baby.



We often get dogs brought into the centre for treatment for snake spray in their eyes. This causes swelling and inflammation and is very sore for the dog. This lovely dog was treated with anti-allergy eye drops and Dexamethasone steroid treatment to reduce the swelling resulting from snake spray.



We were really pleased to see the dog on his second visit looking almost completely recovered and much happier.



This sweet little girl is the last of the puppies rescued from Karnak temple. Her brothers have all been neutered and found new homes but she is still with us. She is very nervous and although she is happy for the guards to put food in her kennel but she will not let anyone touch her. Despite spending many hours, and days, in the kennel with her and getting closer, she continued to be



nervous. We hope she will become more confident in time and in the mean-time she will continue to live at the AWOL centre.

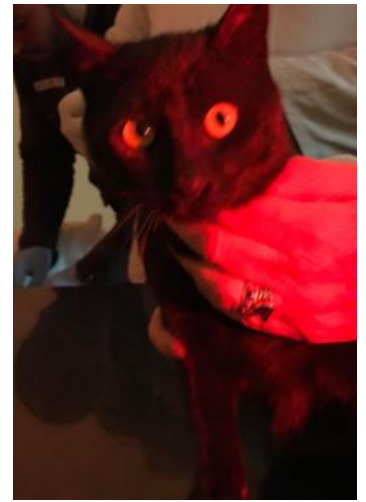


A few more lovely dogs we treated at the centre. All treated for fleas, ticks and worms and fitted with new soft dog collars made at the centre by Gergis.



At the AWOL centre we don't treat as many cats as dogs and donkeys but we still get a steady stream of feline patients. The beautiful little kitten below was one of our cutest and cuddliest patients! In for worming treatment and a check-up she went home with some special treats.

Local resident Khadija (right) brought her cat in for its second visit after suffering a leg wound and we were very pleased to see that the wound has healed nicely after treatment by Dr Mohamed.



Everyone fell in love with this beautiful little baby donkey, such an adorable little foal! The little foal was hungry and looking to his mother for food but unfortunately his mother wasn't producing enough milk. The mother needed a special combination of vitamins specifically designed to help boost her milk production. We also gave the owners some extra food for the Mother and foal which will also help.



UK News.

Many thanks to our wonderful supporter Lorraine who has raised £377 on the latest Facebook auction she ran for AWOL - an excellent result! Thanks also to everyone who donated items and bid on the auction. We hope to be holding another auction very soon so please have a look and see if you have any items tucked away which might be suitable for the auction. You can find our Facebook fundraising page on the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1429667187284781/>

You can also see regular updates about AWOL on our Facebook page by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/AWOL.Egypt.Charity/>

Our next Supporters' lunch is on Monday 11th March at the Tattenham Corner Beefeater, Epsom Downs, Surrey at 12.30pm. Please contact Sue Camber on 07932 948273 or email suecamber@virginmedia.com if you would like to attend.

Our latest wish list for items needed at the AWOL centre.

Sudocrem - all sizes

Vet wrap

Adhesive bandages

Drontal plus tablets or syrup

DMSO (Dimethyl Sulfoxide) cream

Flea and tick treatments

Remember, all our help and care for the animals in Luxor is possible only with your help; every bit helps.

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).



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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