

# ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

It has been another busy month at the AWOL centre as the harvest season continues, the sugar cane crop is coming to an end but there is still a lot of work for the hard-working donkeys on the west bank.

Our mobile clinic is also very busy treating the donkeys out in the villages, catching many of them on their way to or from the fields and the sugar cane railway. The fields of stubble are being burnt ready for the next crop so the donkeys don't get much of a rest.

We have five resident dogs and two donkeys at the centre now. Hopefully, if we can find good homes, we will be able to rehome two of the dogs although the last of the Karnak puppies is still very nervous so we don't feel she is suitable for re-homing just yet. She is currently sharing a kennel with our new resident Toffee who is a lovely friendly girl and they are getting on very well.

Toffee was brought into the AWOL centre by local resident Melinda who contacted us because of threats of poisoning by some other residents. Toffee has previously had a litter of puppies which Melinda helped Toffee raise and then she found new homes for them. Unfortunately not all of Melinda's neighbours like dogs, which is generally the norm in



Luxor, and one particularly unpleasant man had threatened to put down poison - unfortunately this is also not a rare occurrence in Luxor.

Toffee has become much-loved by Melinda and her family; she had been following Melinda to the shops and staying near her house and the thought of her being poisoned was just horrible so she asked AWOL for help. We don't have enough space or funds to be a rescue centre but we had to help so Toffee has moved to the AWOL centre until we can find her a good safe home. She is a lovely girl and we only wish we could keep all the dogs in Luxor safe.



Toffee has settled in very well at the AWOL centre after big hugs by Melinda and her daughter Mimi. She has had a check-up by Dr Mohamed and is at least safe.

Hundreds of dogs are poisoned by government officials as well as disgruntled residents in Egypt. Dogs like Toffee are the lucky ones but hundreds more do not survive the mass poisoning which periodically takes place in most of the governorates in Egypt. It only takes a couple of people to complain about a

dog being 'crazy' or 'mad' and then a mass cull is carried out in the name of preventing the spread of rabies. Unfortunately charities and organisations bigger than AWOL have tried to talk to the government about stopping this practice but with little progress so far. We will persevere though in the hope that one day they will listen. In the meantime we do all we can to help these poor dogs and with the help of local residents we can save some of them.



Melinda and her daughter Mimi came back to the AWOL centre to help groom our resident dogs. Dobby and Tufty are both long-haired and benefitted from a haircut which they enjoyed so much they both fell asleep during the process! Dobby suddenly looks like a puppy again with his new haircut! Many thanks to Melinda and Mimi for helping out with our lovely dogs at the centre.



Melinda and Mimi with guard Essa Darwish and Luxor trustee Nasser.



It's now the season for fresh green Barseem which the donkeys love. Our guards Boghdady and Essa Darwish make frequent trips to the fields we rent so our resident donkeys and some of our patients have a fresh supply of this lovely food. Residents Hector and Zaazooa thoroughly enjoy their fresh food!

The field we rent is just next to the AWOL centre, which you can see in the

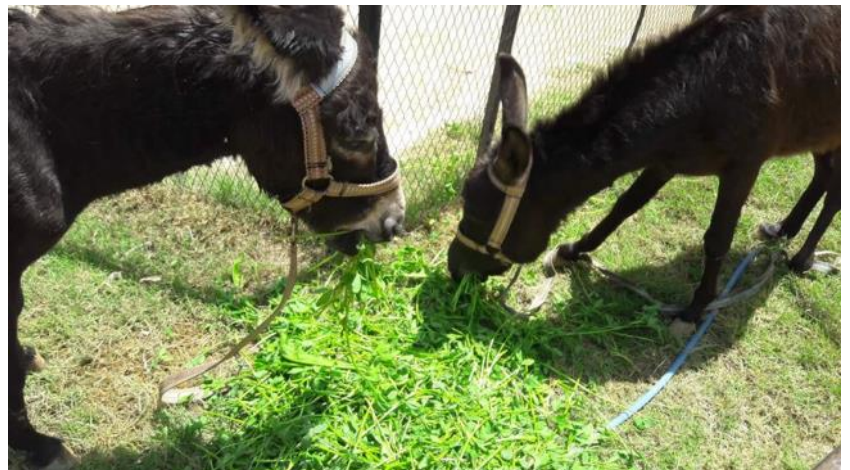


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Boghdady carries the Barseem to the centre after he has finished cutting some for the donkeys.



Resident donkeys Hector and Zaazooa have their own stables but like to spend some time together. When the centre is closed they can exercise and stroll around the AWOL yard.



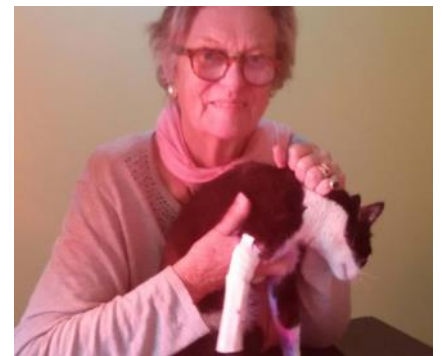


This poor little cat was brought into the AWOL centre by local resident Ingrid. Following an injury the cat had been treated by a different vet in Luxor but the heavy bandaging and incorrect treatment had led to gangrene in the cat's leg.

Dr Mohammed removed all the dead and decaying skin from the leg which was a long and delicate procedure.

The cat also needed antibiotic treatment and anti-inflammatory treatment and has so far visited the centre three times for continued treatment. We are very pleased to be able to say that his leg is healing nicely and the little cat, named Tuxedo, is doing very well.

The pink tinge to these photos is due to the red lamp used for the more intricate procedures carried out at the centre as it gives optimum vision.



Every day we see tack injuries - although this bit of old rope barely qualifies as tack. The problems bad tack causes never seem to end but we keep trying to educate the owners and provide the donkeys with treatment and free better tack made by Gergis at the centre.







Out in the villages we see more evidence of the bad tack which causes the injuries to the donkeys. Chains, rope and wire all cause wounds which can become severe if left untreated.



With new tack fitted the donkeys will be more comfortable and injury can be avoided. Every £5 donated to AWOL can provide a new head collar which will improve the quality of these donkeys' lives. £10 can provide a new head collar and a new breeching strap.



Dogs and puppies in the villages also suffer from the use of incorrect and unsuitable materials. Chains and ropes are replaced with new soft collars. The old collars are taken away so they cannot be used on another dog or even re-used on the same dog and the new soft collar sold to make a little money for the owner.





More lovely dogs and puppies in need of soft dog collars both in the villages and at the AWOL centre. As with the donkeys, the chains rope and string often used as dog collars cause wounds and injury. Gergis makes a range of different sized dog collars at the AWOL centre and we also use collars donated by supporters for which we are very grateful. Ahmed fits two beautiful little puppies with new collars at the AWOL centre.



The lovely little dog pictured below was brought into the AWOL centre with an injured front leg. The leg was badly bruised and Dr Mohammed identified a small hairline fracture to the bone. The leg was splinted and securely wrapped by Dr Mohammed and the little dog was also treated with some anti-inflammatory medication. The dog's owner brought him back to the AWOL centre for a check-up and we are very pleased to see that on the second visit he was very much improved and should suffer no long-lasting effects from his injury.



We are very pleased to have a new collecting bin in Arkwrights store in Luxor for any donations of dog food and other items people would like to donate to the AWOL centre. Arkwrights sells a variety of pet supplies as well as imported food goods and is very popular with the expatriate community in Luxor. Many, many thanks to Yasser for generously allowing this in his shop.



<https://www.facebook.com/ArkwrightsLuxor>

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

Sudocrem - all sizes	Veterinary otoscope
Vet wrap	Veterinary vaginoscope
Adhesive bandages	Electric horse tooth rasp
Drontal plus tablets or syrup	
DMSO (Dimethyl Sulfoxide) cream	
Flea and tick treatments	

#### UK News

Supporter Lorraine will be running another Facebook auction at the end of April and we would like to try to extend the reach of this auction to our supporters who are not on Facebook as well. Therefore if you have any items which might be suitable for the auction you can take part in the auction even if you do not have a Facebook account.

Items for the auction should be new or nearly new and in good condition. You will need to take photos of the items and write a short description then email this information to us. You would also need to package and post out your items to the successful bidder at the end of the auction. If you would like your postage paid and have a PayPal address this is the easiest way of the bidder sending you the cost of the postage.

If you are a postal supporter who does not use the internet or email please contact us directly using the address and phone number on page one as it may be possible for Lorraine to accept limited quantities of items directly. We already have some supporters who sent items directly to Lorraine to list and post out on their behalf but we cannot accept all items in this way as Lorraine would be completely overwhelmed!

Lorraine is also listing items on eBay so there are two ways in which your unwanted items can benefit the animals in Luxor!

You can contact us for more auction details at [AngelaAWOL@gmail.com](mailto:AngelaAWOL@gmail.com) or [lainey.stocks@yahoo.com](mailto:lainey.stocks@yahoo.com).

Our auction and fundraising page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1429667187284781/about/>

Funds raised from this latest Facebook auction will go towards the purchase of an Ultrasound machine for the AWOL centre. We have identified one which will cost around £3,000 and we would like to raise the funds as soon as possible to avoid the rampant inflation in Egypt resulting in a price increase.

If you would like to take part in fundraising we welcome any efforts: Car boot sales, spring fayres, summer fetes, sponsored walks/dog walks can all help to raise funds.



Supporters lunches - these are an informal get-together of supporters who meet up for lunch and a chat. There is usually a small raffle or bring-and-buy sale.

There will be a supporters lunch at 12.30pm on Monday 8th April at The Cricketers, 1 Stamford Road, Epsom KT18 7SR.

In May there will be a supporters lunch at The Woolpack, 186 High street, Banstead SM7 2NZ at 12.30pm on Monday May 13th.

Monday 10th June there will be a lunch at 12.30pm at the The Rubbing House, 34 Langley Vale, Epsom Downs KT18 5LJ .

Please contact Sue at [suecamber@virginmedia.com](mailto:suecamber@virginmedia.com) or by phone on 07932 948273 for more information about any of the lunches. Many thanks to Sue and Jan for organising the lunches.

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](mailto: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.

AWOL's IBAN number for receiving international payments into the AWOL bank account is GB73HBUK40202451621076

Many thanks for reading this month's newsletter, we wish you all a Happy Easter later in the month, *Angela* and the AWOL team . 



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