

# ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

Summer has well and truly got under way in Luxor with temperatures in the high thirties. The holy month of Ramadan started on May 7th and will culminate on June 5th with the beginning of the four day Eid festival. During Ramadan the Muslim residents refrain from food or drink in daylight hours. This means the morning meal, Suhoor, is served early in the morning before sunrise and Iftar is taken after the sun sets in the evening. There is a cannon near the police station in Luxor which is sounded to signify the end of fasting and decorated cannons are used as decoration throughout the area along with flags and bunting and Ramadan lanterns.

During Ramadan work in the fields and villages tends to finish around midday as by this time people are too hot, hungry and thirsty to continue to work out in the hot sun. Sometimes this means there is a short respite for the working donkeys from their endless labour.





Ramadan makes no difference to our lovely resident dogs! Dobby, Tufty and Peggy must be some of the best cared-for dogs in Luxor! They have spacious kennels where they can watch everything that goes on at the centre whilst it is open to patients and visitors and they have the run of the entire compound when the centre closes at 2pm.

Dobby was rescued from a village in 2009 and despite his deformed rear legs he has been happily shuffling around and living with Tufty for 10 years now.

Tufty is even older which is amazing when you consider that dogs in Luxor usually have a lifespan of only 6 years.



Peggy is such a happy little dog! She will always be wobbly due to her injured rear legs but she can run around the centre very happily and is a very friendly and affectionate little dog. She is now 3 years old and has spent most of her life at the centre after being tortured by local children and thrown in the river Nile. It is so lovely to see how happy she is after her bad start in life.



Our little rescued Karnak puppy is still living at the AWOL centre as she is still rather nervous although her confidence has improved since she came to us last year.



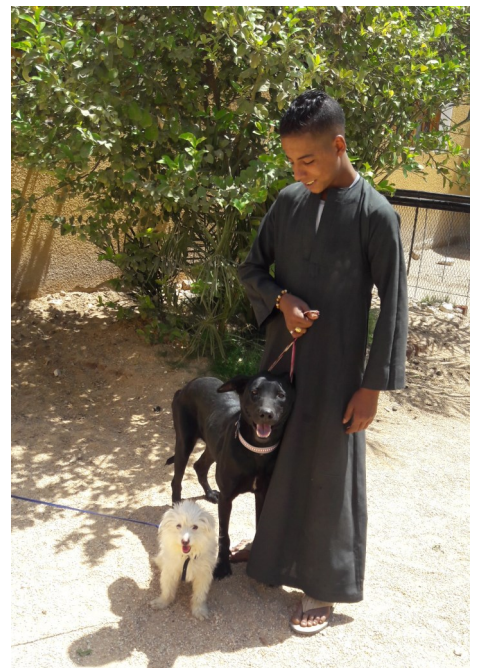
For the last few weeks we have had another resident at the AWOL centre. You might remember Toffee from our last newsletter. She is a street dog who was being fed by local resident Melinda. Unfortunately as there were threats of poisoning made against her we took her at the AWOL centre to keep her safe. We are very pleased to be able to say that she has found a new home with a local family who treat their animals very well. She left for her new home just a few days ago.



The little puppy on the left was treated at the centre by Dr Mohamed for vomiting and also fitted with a new collar by Gergis. We are happy to say that this little one has made a full recovery from his tummy upset.



As usual we have treated lots of dogs at the AWOL centre over the past month; all these came in for worming treatment and check-ups and all left with new soft collars made by Gergis at the centre.





At the end of March a litter of very young puppies was left at the AWOL centre. They were brought in by local resident Christina who told us that they had been abandoned by their mother. We do not know why the mother left the puppies, it may be that she was tied up and unable to get back to them. Unfortunately they were very weak and only around four days old and despite our very best efforts only the strongest puppy survived. This little one has been named Panda and after his first couple of weeks at the centre he has been hand-reared by local resident Melinda and her daughter Mimi with regular checks from Dr Mohamed.



Panda is now six weeks old and as Melinda has had to return to the UK for a few weeks Panda has been back at the centre for two weeks where he has been very happy and a great favourite with the staff.

As Melinda is hoping to be able to keep Panda we wanted him to be



raised in a home if possible so Luxor resident Joanne has very kindly offered to foster him until Melinda returns. Panda was collected from the centre on Thursday and we are sure Joanne will take great care of him; he is just so adorable it is impossible not to love this little one!







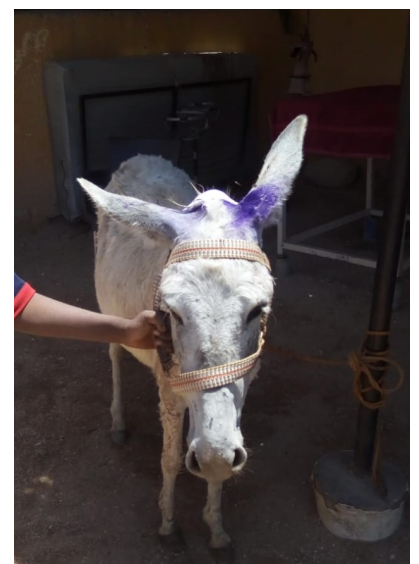
Amongst the hundreds of donkeys we have seen over the past month at the AWOL centre was this little foal with his mother. The mother wasn't producing enough milk so they were both in need of some multivitamins and a tonic. In addition the mother was also fitted with a new soft head collar so both the mother and foal will be doing much better after treatment by Dr Mohammed at the AWOL centre.



The need for new soft tack and head collars is ever present. Unsuitable to work such as ropes chains wire and other fabrics cause wounds to the donkey which can be severe if left untreated for too long.



This donkey also suffered from mange which needed treatment. He must have been a very uncomfortable donkey with both the wound and the mange and it will take some time for him to completely heal but at least he is now getting treatment and his condition will improve.







One of the injuries we often see at the centre. These injuries are caused by a hook on the carts the donkeys pull. Sometimes they can be fatal but in this case Dr Mohamed was able to successfully stitch the wound and repair the injury which must have been very painful for the poor donkey.



The donkey is sedated and given local anaesthetic before the surgery. Boghdady calms the donkey whilst Dr Mohamed carries out the procedure.



After the successful stitching the donkey is able to get back on his feet after having a short rest. The owner is told to rest the donkey until the wound is fully healed and we hope he will bring the donkey back for a check-up soon.







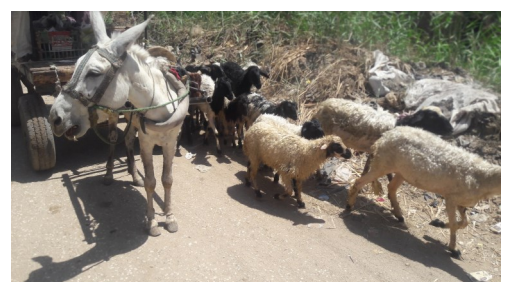
More surgery out in the villages. This donkey needed some stitches for a rump wound which was carried out under local anaesthetic.



Treatment for mange and new head collars needed in many cases.



Some of the loads donkeys carry and some local scenes from our village visits.





### UK news.

Many thanks to our wonderful supporters for their donations and fundraising efforts over the past month. Special thanks to Ros, Sue and Jan for their fundraising and for organising May's lunch in Surrey. Thanks also to Alison for choosing AWOL as one of the charities to benefit from the dog show she



helped to organise at Haileybury School. Your effort and work is very much appreciated by all of us at AWOL and enables us to help more animals in need in Luxor.

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

Monday July Monday 8th at 12.30 a supporters lunch will be at The Mint, Park Road, Banstead SM7 3DS .

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.

Our Facebook auction is still running online; this will finish on June 5. Many thanks to Lorraine for organising this and previous auctions for us. Any unsold items will be put into a sale in the summer which Lorraine will be organising.

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).



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