

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear supporter,

Now that the summer is turning to autumn both here in the UK and in Egypt there is a distinct change in the weather. It is still hot and sunny in Luxor but gradually cooling from temperatures close to 50° to temperatures more likely to be in the 30s. Autumn is a favourite time of year for visitors to Luxor and we hope that if any of you do decide to visit the area over the coming months you will take the time to call into the AWOL centre and see first hand the work that we do.

If you are travelling with Thomas Cook airlines you may be able to take an extra 10 kg of luggage with you for AWOL; you will need to contact customer services Department at Thomas Cook to arrange this. Unfortunately Egyptair, the only airline flying directly to Luxor at the moment, does not offer any extra luggage allowance for charities. If you are thinking of travelling out or you have items you would like to send to a supporter visiting the AWOL centre please do get in touch.



If you are in Luxor but cannot make it to the AWOL centre you can also buy dog or cat supplies from Arkwrights store in St Joseph Street and leave them in our collecting bin to be collected and taken to the AWOL centre later. Thank you to anyone who has donated this way so far, it is much appreciated.



We were very pleased to see this donkey back at the AWOL centre again recently. You might remember from August's newsletter that he suffered a very nasty wound to his face which needed extensive stitching and care. As you can see from his latest visit the wound has almost completely healed and he is fully recovered from his nasty accident.



You can just see evidence of a small gap at the end of the wound which is where the drain put in to ensure the wound was able to drain sufficiently. The rest of the wound has healed up beautifully following a fairly lengthy stitching process by Dr Mohammed.



An update on another patient who was featured in last month's newsletter. The dog suffering from extreme mange is now fully recovered after his stay at the AWOL centre and now has a beautiful shiny black glossy coat. It is such an amazing transformation from the dog who came into the centre with most of his fur missing and in great discomfort.

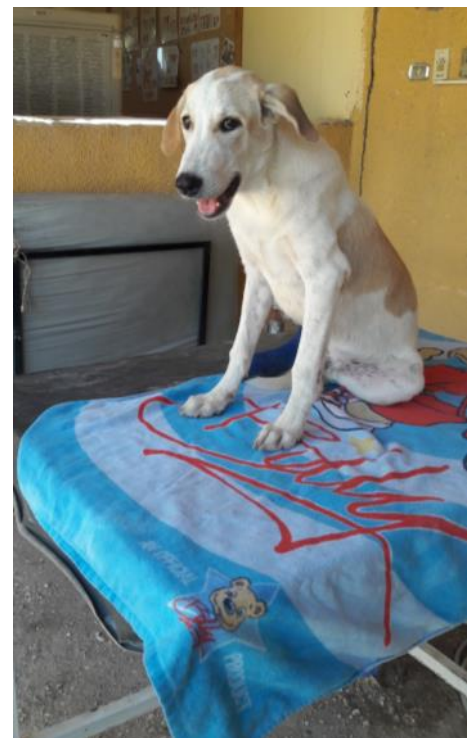


Regular readers of the AWOL newsletter will remember Little Panda who was the only surviving puppy from a litter found and delivered to AWOL when only a few days old. Panda came back to the AWOL centre a couple of weeks ago for a rabies vaccination and we were really pleased to see that he was looking healthy and happy and growing well.

Unfortunately we have had occasion to see Panda again as he suffered a deep wound on one of his legs after escaping outside at home and being attacked by a bigger dog.



The wound to Panda's leg was very deep and went right down to the bone. Unfortunately as the other dog had taken a chunk out of his leg there was not enough skin or flesh to be able to stitch the wound. Panda has been treated with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories and the wound is being dressed every 48 hours at the AWOL centre. With no skin to stitch and close the wound Dr Mohammed was very concerned about the possible risk of infection which could have led to gangrene and possible amputation of the limb. Panda is still being treated at the centre but early signs are that the wound is beginning to heal and there's no sign of infection or necrosis at the wound. We will keep you updated on his progress.



We do like it when owners bring their animals back after treatment for a check-up or to let us know how the animal is doing. Unfortunately as this is not always the case we cannot always provide updates on our patients. On this occasion though we have seen the return of this donkey who came in with a very nasty back sore last month. After treatment by Dr Mohammed, with the help of Gergis (pictured), he has made good progress and has now had his wound checked and re-dressed.



When his wound is fully healed he will be provided with a back cushion, made at the centre by Gergis, to avoid this sort of injury happening to him again along with some new soft tack and a head collar. If we provide this before we have finished the course of treatment there is always a possibility the owner will decide he has recovered enough and will not bother to bring the donkey back to us for its final treatment and check up. The promise of some free new smart tack it is usually enough to persuade the owner to return to the centre for the final examination.





A few photos from our latest mobile clinic out in the villages. We see the same problems every time we go out: chains, rope and string used as tack; thin inadequate back cushions on the donkeys; 'collars' made of wire and rope, all causing wounds and pain to the poor animals concerned. There are so many thin malnourished dogs with fleas, ticks, mange and neck wounds and donkeys with back sores and nose cuts - all easily avoided for the cost of a new soft dog collar or some soft tack. Unfortunately it is a cost the local owners cannot afford, even if it is only £5. Our supporters can make a difference with just a £5 donation.



UK news

Our wonderful supporters have been very busy over the summer with some great fundraising activity! There have been a couple of car boot sales, afternoon tea, a Pimms and paté event and supporters lunches, all of which have raised valuable funds for the animals in Luxor. Many thanks to Sue, Jan, Dee, Lorraine, Ros, Suzanne and Peter and everyone who has contributed in any way.

Supporter Lorraine will be running another Facebook auction starting on September 20th. If you are on Facebook and have any items you think would sell please do get in touch via Facebook.



There will be a supporters lunch on Monday October 14th at 12.30pm at the Ewell carvery, 45 Cheam Road, Ewell, Epsom KT17 1QZ. Please contact Sue at suecamber@virginmedia.com or by phone on 07932 948273 for more information or if you would like to attend.

Suffolk Animal Rights Activists will be manning a stall to raise funds for AWOL at the Ipswich Vegan Festival at Ipswich Football ground, Portman road, Ipswich on the 6th October. If you are in the area please give it a visit!

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.

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



Many thanks for reading our newsletter, *Angela* and the AWOL team.

