

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

Now that the winter months have arrived the temperatures in Luxor are a little more comfortable for most people. The main tourist season in Luxor has also started bringing some much-needed visitors to the area. We are delighted to see some of our supporters visiting the AWOL centre as we always like to be able to show people the work we do for the poor animals in the rural west bank areas.

Supporter Pieter from Belgium has visited the AWOL centre on a number of occasions and it is always a real pleasure to see him again. He visited with his friend Gert and Gert's parents and brought with him a wonderful supply of goods for the centre. Sudocrem is often difficult to buy in Luxor and it is expensive so we are very grateful for this new supply as we use so much of it at the AWOL centre and out in the villages.

We also had a visit from supporter Pauline who too brought with her an amazing supply of goodies to help the animals. Although it may seem



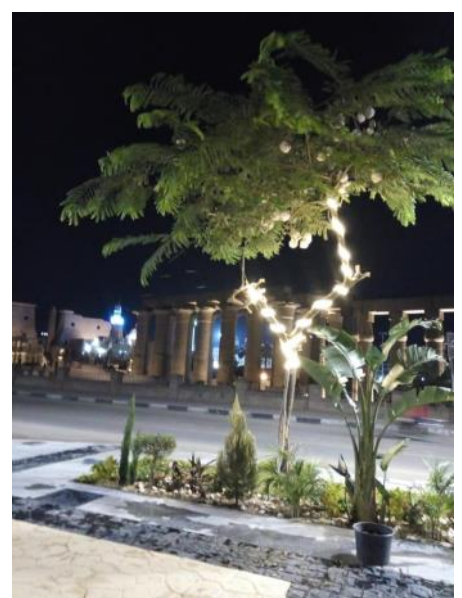
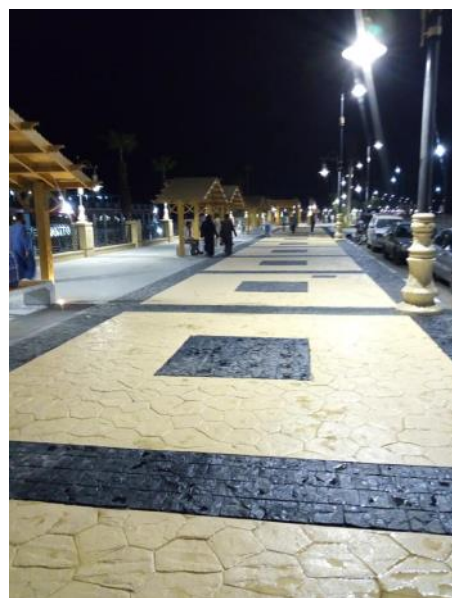
a little unconventional we use a lot of duct tape at AWOL. It is very useful for securely holding on dressings especially on donkeys. We are very grateful to our wonderful supporters for donating these items and would like to thank them very, very much.



The areas that AWOL covers on Luxor's west bank are generally very poor areas; whilst many of the houses in the villages are brick built there are still some which are little more than mud huts with palm fronds for roofs. Many of the animals' owners are poor farmers who are uneducated and illiterate - it is a world away from the big cities like Cairo or Alexandria, the Red Sea resorts of Hurghada or Marsa Alam and even the town of Luxor and the surrounding east bank villages.



A considerable amount of money has been spent and a lot of work carried out recently in Luxor town to make the corniche clean and tidy - partly because of the recent staging of Verdi's Aida at Hatshepsut's temple and partly for the new tourist season. Unfortunately the rural non-tourist areas have not been so lucky and, as usual, have had no improvements made at all. The west bank agricultural areas are the 'poor relation' of an already poor area and there is very little money spent in these areas.



Both at the AWOL centre and in the villages we continue to see many animals suffering with mange. Caused by mites this condition is very uncomfortable and can lead to hair loss and body sores. Treatment with an anti-parasitic injection, Sudocrem to soothe the sores and help keep them clean, along with a multi-vitamin injection, should put this dog on the road to recovery. Some complimentary dog food was much appreciated by this poor boy.



There are very few animals in Luxor immune to mange. It affects dogs, donkeys, horses, sheep, goats - almost any animal. The donkey above had a



moderate case of mange but this poor sheep is an example of how the condition can seriously affect the animal if it is not treated soon enough. This sheep must be very itchy and uncomfortable, not to mention cold with the nights getting a bit chillier. He should start to improve after his treatment at the AWOL centre.

This donkey came to the AWOL centre with wounds round his feet caused by bad tethering. Both his front legs were raw and must have been very sore. Dr Mohamed treated the wounds with antibiotic spray and anti-inflammatories.



Out in the villages during one of our mobile clinics we treated this horse for small developing sores on his feet caused by chains. Thankfully we found this horse before the sores had developed into something more serious. His feet had been chained together to train him as a dancing horse - popular at weddings and celebrations. He was also given a new soft head collar.

This terrible practice of putting chains round animals' feet is probably the reason one of our resident donkeys, Hector, has only three feet. Dumped outside the AWOL centre in early 2014 with a missing foot and a badly bleeding stump he has been resident at the centre ever since. Whilst he was young and growing he was fitted with a temporary prosthetic hoof to try to keep his back straight as he developed. He is a small lightweight donkey with a nicely healed and calloused stump and he manages very well on his 3 feet. He is pictured here with supporter Pauline and guard Gaballa and his companion Zaazooa.





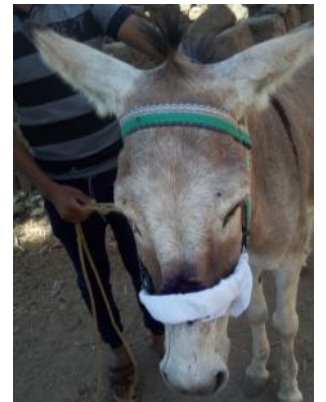
The use of chains, wire, rope and bad tack can cause terrible wounds on the working donkeys in Luxor. This poor donkey had horrific cuts and sores on his face and must have been in a lot of pain as the chain continued to rub on the open sores he was suffering from.



When the wounds have got this bad they can take a long time to heal and need treatment with antibiotics,

anti-inflammatories, and also an anti-tetanus injection to avoid any infection taking hold and causing further distress to this poor animal.

By going out into the villages with our mobile clinic we can reach some of the donkeys affected before the animal is too badly wounded and help to avoid these hard-working and often neglected animals suffering from unnecessary pain.

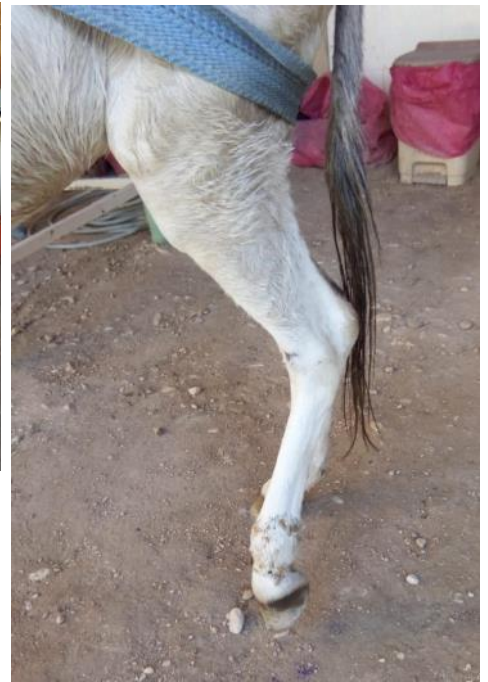




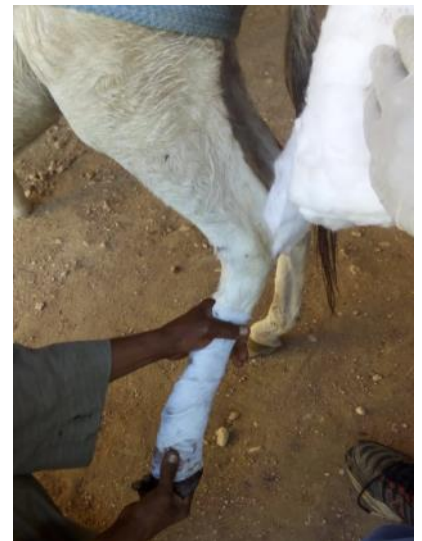
We have seen a lot of dogs brought into the AWOL centre recently suffering from snake spray. There is a form of Cobra sometimes found out in the countryside which sprays a venomous substance into the dogs' eyes if it feels threatened. The spray results in temporary blindness and very sore eyes for the dogs; as you can see their eyes were almost completely closed and watering as well as being red and swollen and they were obviously in distress. Left untreated this could lead to permanent blindness so it is important to rinse the irritating spray out of the dogs' eyes as soon as possible. Within a few minutes of treatment the dogs start to feel better and will go on to make a full recovery from their ordeal. You can see below how much brighter-eyed they look after treatment (although it is quite difficult to see the eyes of the fluffy chap because of all his lovely fur but his tail is up and he looks much happier)!



We like to think we are making a difference to the lives of the animals in Luxor and we are happy when we see the evidence. This donkey was wearing an old AWOL head collar which has obviously lasted well as this is one from a few years ago.



Unfortunately this poor boy had suffered a dislocation to a bone in his foot so his owner brought him straight to AWOL to see Dr Mohamed. After cleaning and disinfecting the foot Dr Mohamed dressed and bound the foot then applied a gypsum cast. The donkey was able to walk out of the centre and the owner was told to rest him. It will take a while for the donkey to make a complete recovery and hopefully the owner will bring him back in for a second visit soon.



UK News.

Many thanks to our dedicated supporter and volunteer Lorraine for running our last Facebook auction which raised a wonderful £240 and to all those who donated items or made bids. Thanks also to our lovely Surrey supporters (pictured) for raising £94 in October towards our work in Luxor.

These soft noseband covers will soon be on their way to Luxor to help stop the sort of horrible injuries seen on page four. Many thanks to Celia and Marion for



making and donating these; they will make such a difference to the poor working donkeys.

We currently have a Facebook auction underway which is very kindly being run by our supporter Mary. The auction finishes on December 2nd but we are still accepting items for this auction.



We also need items for our next auction at the beginning of next year so if you have any items you would like to donate but are not on Facebook please email AngelaAWOL@gmail.com for the correct address to send them to. Your unwanted Christmas gifts could raise funds to treat the animals in Luxor. Volunteer Lorraine will be running this auction and she is also listing items on eBay if we feel they are more suited to eBay than a Facebook auction.

There are two supporters' lunches scheduled for the remainder of this year. The first will be on Monday Nov 11th at The Mint, Park Road, Banstead, Surrey at 12.30pm. December's lunch will be on Monday December 10th at the Tattenham Corner Beefeater, Epsom Downs, Surrey. If you would like to attend please contact Sue Camber at suecamber@virginmedia.com or by phone on 07932 948273.

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 this month's newsletter, *Angela* and the AWOL team.

