

# ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

UK Registered charity 1124154. [www.AWOLEgypt.org](http://www.AWOLEgypt.org)

Contact; AngelaAwol@gmail.com Tel; 07880 314764.

Reg office; 12 Twyford Lane, Foulsham, Dereham, Norfolk NR20 5SE.

All correspondence to Angela Robinson at the above address.



**Warning—page 6 contains graphic images of a rectal prolapse in a donkey.**

May/June 2020

Dear Supporter,

We hope you are all keeping well during these difficult times and we thank you for your continued support - without which we would be unable to help any of the animals in need in Luxor.

The staff are back at work at the AWOL veterinary centre after a short break for Eid at the end of Ramadan. Eid this year has been a muted occasion due to the Covid19 situation but we are happy to say that all the AWOL team are so far keeping well and have been unaffected directly by the virus.



There is still an overnight curfew in Luxor and large groups of people and gatherings are not allowed. Unfortunately not everyone heeds this government advice as can be seen from a recent Luxor photo. People are still gathering for weddings and funerals as well as crowding into banks and shops. At the centre we continue to take precautions and ask owners to keep a 2 metre distance from our staff whenever possible.

Just 3 weeks ago a Luxor bank teller was found to be suffering from Covid19 and every bank customer he had been in contact with was traced and told to self-isolate for 14 days. This unfortunately coincided with trustee Nasser's visit to the bank to withdraw funds for the staff wages so he found himself in the position of being isolated at home for 2 weeks. We are pleased to say that he is now out of isolation and has no signs of the virus.



Unfortunately with no international flights to Luxor, no hotels open and no visitors to the AWOL centre we are missing the generous and valuable donated items our wonderful supporters bring with them. Please help out at the difficult time by donating even a small amount to help the animals. Just £5 can make a huge difference to the lives of these poor undervalued and often neglected animals.



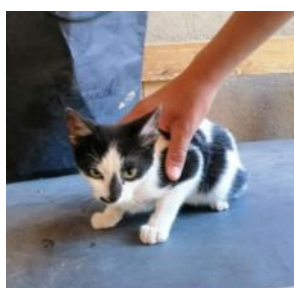
The first few days back after Eid are always busy and this year is no exception. As well as treating the animals and educating the owners we are also teaching the children about how to help stop the spread of Covid19. Here guard Boghdady ensures the children have sterilised hands when they arrive at the AWOL centre with their dogs.



These young owners brought their friends with them which we like to see as we can reach more of the younger generation in this way. The puppies were given worming, flea and tick treatment and after a check-up they also had a meal of dog food. The young owners were given advice on how to care for their dogs and given more dog food to take home with them. The children seem to enjoy coming to the AWOL centre and we are always happy to see them and help educate them on animal care. The education system in Egypt generally is not too good, especially in the sciences, so if we can help them attain an understanding of animal care or any other subject we are happy to help. Dr Mohamed is very patient with them and we find they respond very well to this informal approach and do not feel they are 'at school' but they are still learning.



Dogs and donkeys may give us the bulk of our work but we treat any animal brought to us for treatment.



This cute little cat was brought in by his young owner who was very concerned about him. He was diagnosed with a bacterial infection which cleared up after treatment with antibiotics. The young boy is very fond of his cat and was very relieved he made a full recovery.





This donkey delivers fresh green food for our resident donkeys and inpatients. We noticed he had a chain over his nose so he didn't get to finish his delivery without getting a soft cover for the chain.



One of our many donkey patients; this one had a leg wound which needed cleaning up and Dr Lamiaa also gave the donkey an antibiotic injection to guard against infection. In the rural areas of Luxor it is better to prevent an infection wherever possible rather than rely on the common-sense of the owner to bring the animal in if a wound became infected.



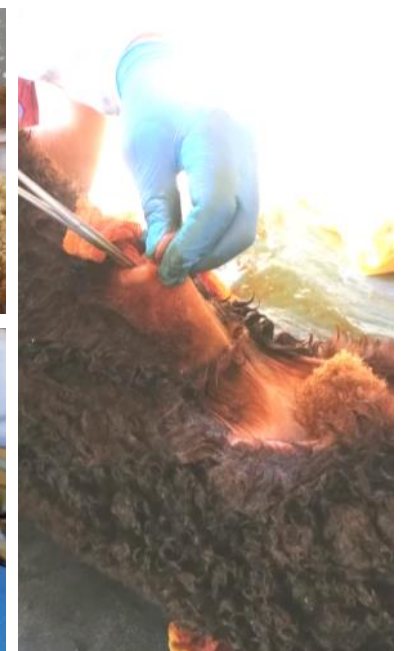
The donkey also received a new soft head collar made by Gergis at the AWOL centre.



Sometimes we see animals at the centre who are in excellent condition - like this beautiful foal and her mother who came in for a check-up. It is very gratifying when people bring their animals in before there is a problem as we feel we are making progress in helping to improve the lives of the animals.



This horse was in a lot of pain when he arrived at the centre. Dr Mohamed very quickly recognised the signs of colic as the poor horse writhed around on the floor in agony. Colic can have a number of origins - excess gas, compaction, spasms, twisted gut - even sand ingestion and with dozens of possible causes it can be difficult to identify the initial cause. This horse needed treatment with electrolytes, an anti-spasmodic injection and pain relief and soon started to make a recovery. After a few hours rest at the AWOL centre he was able to walk back home with his relieved owner. It cost around £15 for the medications for this horse - it might not sound much but it can be an entire week's income for some of the impoverished owners so AWOL's free treatment is absolutely essential to these poor animals.



We see sheep fairly regularly at the AWOL centre. This one was rather unceremoniously carried in by its owner and was suffering from a large mammary abscess which must have been very sore. The area around the abscess was very carefully cleaned and sterilised and all hair removed prior to surgery. The abscess was lanced and drained to remove the large build of pus inside then the aperture was carefully closed after all the pus had been expelled. The sheep has made a full recovery and should be a lot more comfortable without the large sore abscess.



You might remember these four lovely puppies from April's newsletter. Abandoned at the AWOL centre when they were only a few days old they were raised by local resident Melinda and the AWOL centre team between them. We are happy to say that they developed into happy healthy puppies and they have now all been found good homes. We will miss them at the centre though as they were so very cute!



This little dog stayed at the centre for a number of weeks after he was brought in with a very bad case of mange. He would have been very uncomfortable and itchy with such a bad case. He slowly improved and was able to return to his owner who now knows there is free treatment available and also not to leave it so long before he brings his animals in for treatment in future.



Although it is very tempting to be angry with the owner for leaving the dog to get in such a bad state before bringing him for treatment this would do the poor dog no good at all. If we are too judgemental and show annoyance or anger it would not encourage the owner to bring any of his animals in the future. No-one wants to be made to feel uncomfortable or embarrassed and it would only deter the owners from seeking treatment for their animal. We hope that by explaining the issue to the owners we can encourage them to bring their animals in earlier and more often for treatment.



Rectal prolapses are not uncommon in donkeys we see at the AWOL centre. Often caused by heavy work, diarrhoea or parasites they can need urgent attention especially when they are as large as the one affecting this poor donkey.

The donkey was initially given an epidural anaesthetic prior to starting the procedure to replace the prolapsed colon. Replacing the intestine can be difficult and delicate as care must be taken to ensure no perforation of the wall of the colon.

Once the prolapse has been carefully replaced a few stitches are put in to keep the intestine in place and prevent any further prolapse.

After a few days rest at home the donkey returned for a check up and we were very pleased to see he had made an excellent recovery from his ordeal. The owner was very relieved as the donkey is his only means of making a living.



Left untreated a prolapse this size would almost certainly have been fatal for the donkey. Most of these owners cannot afford to pay for veterinary treatment for their animals so the help we can give them is invaluable.



All our treatment is free for any animal in need of veterinary care in the Luxor area - we make no charge at all for medicines, treatment, new soft tack, dog collars, leads and even food for the dogs and donkeys. It is thanks to our supporters that we can offer this service to these poor animals and their impoverished owners. Still the only animal charity based on the west bank of the Nile our care for these animals, and your support, is essential.

## UK News

Due to the Covid19 situation there are no supporters lunches planned for the foreseeable future. We hope that it will not be too long before we are able to meet up with some of you in person again.

Supporter Lorraine, who runs our Facebook fundraising auctions, has been a little busy recently after the birth of her first child Kayla at the end of April. We would all like to congratulate Lorraine and her partner Simon on the birth of their baby girl and wish them success and happiness in their future together.

Despite the challenges of new motherhood Lorraine will be doing a sponsored walk with weights again on July 19th to raise funds for our work. The weights represent the heavy loads donkeys often have to carry in their work in the fields and villages in the agricultural areas of Luxor. Little Kayla will also be accompanying her on the walk! You can donate directly to Lorraine's fundraiser [HERE](#) online or via any of the usual AWOL methods. Please help and encourage Lorraine in her fundraising venture especially now our other fundraising events have had to be cancelled.

To leave you on a lighter note we found some photos of some local donkey owners who are obviously not taking any chances with the coronavirus and who have fitted their donkeys with protective masks!

Better safe than sorry we say!



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, stay safe, *Angela* and the AWOL team .



Easyfundraising is an easy way for you to raise funds; just register online and remember to log in to your easyfundraising account when you shop online. By shopping online at over 2,700 top retailers you can raise funds for AWOL at no extra cost to you! It's very easy; you just need to open an account with Easyfundraising and log into their website before you shop online.