

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

We would like to thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. I don't think anyone could have foreseen this situation at this time last year and it is entirely due to your support that we are able to continue with our valuable work in Luxor. We continue to take as many precautions as possible and just hope we can get through this challenge safely and as quickly as possible.

Luxor is not unlike the rest of the world in that there are some people who do not take the virus seriously and other who do all they can to take precautions. In these photos from one of the villages local people hand out masks and use a sterilising spray to try to keep their village free of the virus.



Luckily, so far, none of our team have been affected by Covid-19 and, to our knowledge, none of our supporters have been unfortunate enough to contract the virus - we hope it stays that way! There is little possibility of many flights returning to Luxor this year so we are not expecting too many visitors at the AWOL centre but we hope they will return as soon as practicable.

We have some very good news from Luxor - we are very happy to let our supporters know that our Luxor team member Ahmed is now a father for the second time! Our congratulations to Ahmed and his wife on the birth of their daughter Jwairiya. Ahmed has been with AWOL since the AWOL centre opened in 2013 and he is a valued member of our team.

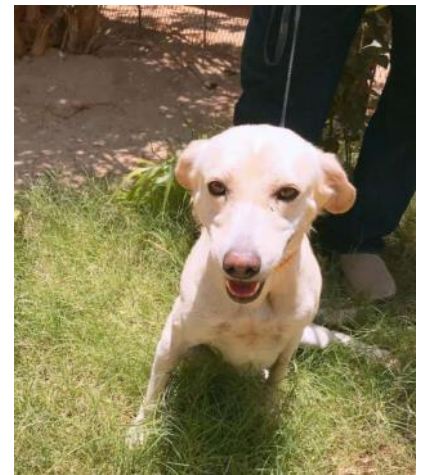


The sign over the main entrance to the AWOL centre has become very faded and worn over the years and was almost impossible to read so it was decided to replace it using funds especially donated by two of our supporters. It needs to be visible from the main road so the local animal owners know we are there and can find us.

Although there are no tourists around at the moment when they (hopefully) return they will also be able to see the sign clearly from taxis and coaches passing by. We hope people will be intrigued and interested enough to find out more about AWOL and our work.



Our lovely residents are blissfully unaware of any Covid crisis and untroubled by pretty much anything really! Beautiful Dobby and Peggy must be some of the best-fed dogs in Luxor and our two disabled donkeys Hector and Zaazooa are content with their own stables and plenty of fresh and dried food.

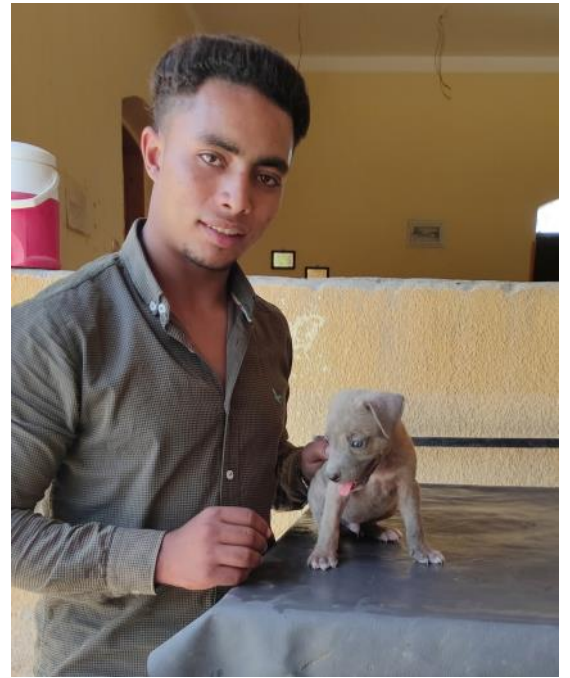


We were contacted via our Facebook page by a local man who sent us a video of a little cat dragging itself around looking for food and unable to use its back legs. He brought the cat to the AWOL centre where it has been staying for the past two weeks. This beautiful little kitten has extensive nerve damage caused by bruising and trauma to his back. We have been carrying out physiotherapy and exercises along with multivitamin treatments and nerve stimulant in a hope he will regain the use of his back legs but at the moment, although more active, he is still unable to walk on all four legs.

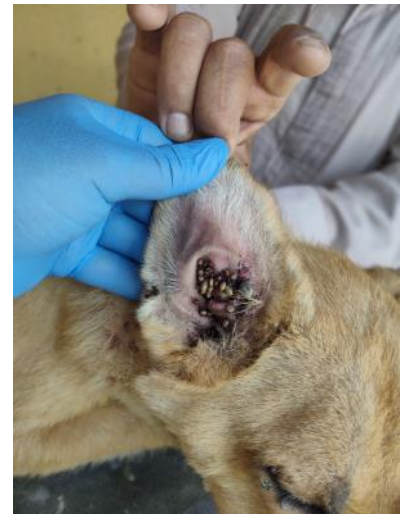


He really is a beautiful little cat and all the staff have fallen in love with him! He is given warm baths and rubdowns to try to stimulate his nerves and is getting lots of attention. He also enjoys having a full tummy and loves his treats of cooked liver. The man who found the cat does not own it but was concerned enough about it to bring him to us. It is heart-warming to see someone go to the trouble of bringing him to us - we hope that more people will care enough about the animals to bring waifs and strays in more often.





Some of the lovely dogs we have treated recently at the AWOL centre. All of these came in for flea/tick treatment and worming. People are more regularly bringing their dogs in for preventative treatment and minor ailments before they get too bad which is good to see. If we can treat these minor problems before they get too advanced we can save the animal a lot of discomfort and suffering. If left too long ticks and fleas can become overwhelming and can really start to affect the dogs health - weakening them and leaving them more susceptible to other illnesses.



This lovely family of dogs came in for check-ups and worming treatment and also because the mother dog wasn't producing enough milk for her puppies. This dog is obviously well-cared for and should improve after treatment with vitamin injections and an injection to encourage and enhance milk production.

All of these dogs were well-looked after which is more often the case with dogs like these which look like English breeds. These breeds are thought of as more valuable than the Egyptian 'baladi' or local dogs so get better care. There are owners who care for baladi dogs as well though and we hope one day all dogs will get the care and treatment they deserve.

Every week we see nasty wounds on donkeys. Usually caused by an accident at work they can be very severe and horrible for the donkey. This poor donkey had suffered enormous trauma to one of his eyes in such an accident. The injury was so bad the eye could unfortunately not be saved and the eyeball had to be surgically removed by Dr Mohamed.



The poor animal must have been in a lot of pain after the accident. The surgery was carried out under local anaesthetic and the eye socket closed with stitching.



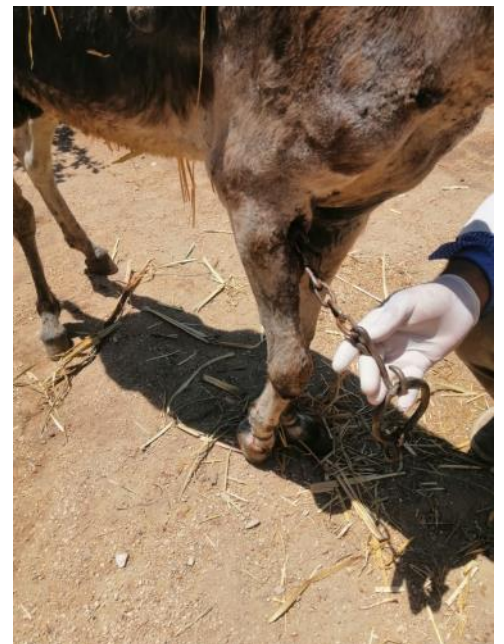
Antibiotics and anti-inflammatories were also given and the wound dressed and covered with a fly mask to keep flies from infecting the wound and irritating the donkey.

The donkey stayed at the AWOL centre for a few days until he was considered recovered enough to go home. He will be returning to work - which may be difficult to comprehend but if he can work he is valued and will be cared for. Donkeys are not kept as pets in Egypt so if a donkey cannot work he is useless and risks being neglected or abandoned. This donkey is at least not thin or covered in sores and already had an adequate head collar so he looks to be reasonably well cared-for and his owner was delighted to have him back - along with a smart new soft collar.



Another awful wound on a working donkey caused by an accident at work.

We see many injuries caused by the carts the donkeys pull and the hooks on these carts but this one was a little different as it was caused by a tractor.

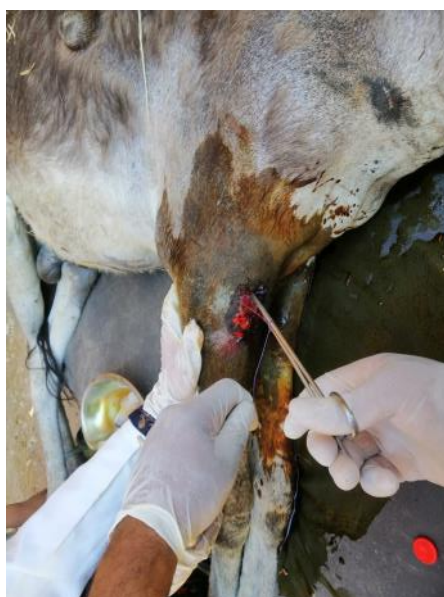


The donkey had part of a chain along with a hook embedded under one of his front legs. The chain and hook had hit him with such force it had pierced the skin and gone quite deeply into his flesh.

This was a very nasty injury which required very careful removal of the hook and chain.



The surgery was carried out under sedation and local anaesthetic; it was a long procedure as the hook was deeply embedded in the donkey's leg but eventually the hook and chain were both successfully removed and the wound was able to be stitched closed. He went home after being treated with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories and will need to rest for a few days. He was lucky not to have ripped open a major artery in this accident but instead we expect him to make a full recovery.



Yet another wounded donkey. Again a work accident resulted in this very deep wound. The wound was so deep it needed three stages of stitching: the first involves stitching the muscle, the second the subcutaneous layer and thirdly the skin. This was another long procedure carried out under local anaesthetic. We think Dr Mohamed's stitching is very neat and tidy! The donkey was allowed home after a rest and has since made a full recovery.



Another satisfied customer and a much more comfortable donkey!

This adorable little foal also had injuries from an accident - this time a fall - which must have been painful for the poor little thing. Sometimes the wounds look worse during and after treatment as old or dying skin is removed and the wound thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. The purple compound used is gentian violet spray which is an effective antibacterial treatment for cuts and grazes. Some of the deeper wounds required draining and the foal was also treated with antibiotics to prevent infection, anti-inflammatories to reduce pain and swelling and an anti-tetanus injection to guard against tetanus. He made three visits to the AWOL centre and we are pleased to say this little beauty has made a full recovery.



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Again we are sad to have to report that we are unable to hold our usual supporters lunches due to Covid-19 and social distancing measures - this is for the safety of our supporters.

There's still time to encourage our amazing supporter Lorraine on her sponsored walk with weights 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. Lorraine's new daughter, Kayla, will be making up some of that weight as Lorraine carries her on her walk - get 'em young we say! You can donate directly to Lorraine's fundraiser [HERE](#) online or via any of the usual AWOL methods. - please put the reference 'walk' for donations made other than to Lorraine's Virgin Fundraising page. The fundraising page is open for donations until the end of the month and we can also accept other forms of donations until the end of the month as well. Please do help and encourage Lorraine in her fundraising venture especially now most of our other fundraising events have had to be cancelled.



We will be holding a Facebook auction in August which will be run by Lorraine. Please have a rummage around to see if you have any unwanted items in good condition you could donate. If you are on Facebook you can send photos of your items to be listed directly to Lorraine using Facebook Messages. If you are not on Facebook you can photograph your items and email the photos, with a description and minimum bid amount, to us and we can list them for you. You would then need to post out any sold items to the successful bidders (which we would advise you of) when the auction has finished. If you cannot manage to do either of these we can receive some donated items to list for you - please contact AngelaAWOL@gmail.com to arrange delivery prior to sending any items.

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).



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