

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR



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Dear Supporter,

As this strange year continues we are pleased that AWOL had so far weathered the storm. Given all the adversity and upheaval of the past 6 months this is in itself something to be grateful for. Covid-19 still affects most of the world and looks like it will continue to do so for quite some time.

In Luxor tourists are very few and far-between. The Egyptian aviation authority has recently introduced measures requiring everyone arriving in Egypt (except for the Red Sea resorts) to present a Covid-19 certificate obtained within the previous 48 hours which makes travel to the country very difficult. Unfortunately although 90% of Luxor's income comes from tourism it appears to have been forgotten in the governments attempts to rescue Egypt's tourism industry. We did, however, welcome just one set of visitors to the centre recently who very kindly left a donation.



It is in times like these that we know we made the right decision in ensuring we have a competent permanent local team in Luxor. AWOL UK and AWOL Luxor work as one within the restrictions of Covid-19 to treat and care for as many animals as possible. We continue to be grateful for the support of our committed supporters who enable us to be able to do this.

Covid-19 restrictions are still in place in Luxor but we have now been given permission to resume our village visits and mobile clinics with additional measures put in place to reduce the risk of infection.

On a happier note we are very pleased to announce that our second vet Dr Lamiaa has recently got married! We are sure you will all join us in congratulating her and we wish her all the best for her future married life. She will continue to work at AWOL along with the rest of the team when she returns from her honeymoon.



We are extremely pleased to be able to announce that AWOL will be the first charity in Luxor to benefit from a donation of 100 Pfizer Rabies vaccinations next month! The vaccinations have been donated to the Animal Medical Centre in Saqqara (near Cairo) by leading pharmaceutical company Pfizer. Having previously contacted AMC's CEO Rasha Hassanien to explore the possibility of collaboration we are absolutely delighted that Rasha and a team of vets and vet assistants will be visiting the AWOL centre in September to carry out a vaccination program along with our own vets.

In addition to the vaccination program there will also be a Trap, Neuter & Release initiative to try to reduce the number of stray dogs on the streets of the villages. The TNR will be difficult as most locals do not want the dogs neutered believing it is not natural. They will often suddenly decide the dogs belong to them and cannot be touched yet the poor animals are not fed or looked after in any way. We will however do our best with the help of the AMC team and we are very grateful for their valuable support.



We are trying our best to reach as many local dog owners as possible to let them know about the free rabies vaccinations on offer. Posters and leaflets have been distributed throughout as many villages as possible as well as being handed out to people at the centre.

Word of mouth is also important as some of the owners are illiterate so the Luxor team have been encouraging as many people as possible both in the villages and at the AWOL centre to take advantage of this program.

We have been allowed to restart our mobile clinics out in the villages - practicing as much social distancing as possible and taking precautionary measures against Covid-19. This has given us the opportunity to pass on the word about the TNR/Vaccination program to as many people as possible. We



hope to see a lot of local owners and their dogs at the centre in the middle of the month for their free rabies vaccinations.

There will be some cost to AWOL for this program so if you can support us with a small donation we would be very grateful.

A few of the many dogs we have treated at the centre recently. These are some of the luckier ones whose owners do give them some care but even so they are often still not in very good condition. Mange, worms, fleas and ticks are common ailments we see.



All these dogs needed worming as well as treatment for mange, fleas and ticks. We love it when owners bring their dogs in for a check-up BEFORE there is a problem! Soft collars, made at the AWOL centre, were given where necessary and they were also given some dog food to take home after treatment as their main diet is likely to be bread.

Poor diet is often responsible for nursing mothers inability to produce enough milk for their puppies as was the case with this mother and her pups. They were all hungry and thirsty when they arrived at the AWOL centre. Treatment with multi-vitamins and medication to improve the mother's milk production should help these little ones thrive and grow.

The mother and her pups came back for a check-up and we were very pleased to see they were all looking much better. The puppies had put on weight and the mother was producing more milk for them. They should continue to improve and thrive from now on.



The leg injury on this dog is so bad we have decided to spare you any close-ups. This poor dog had been missing for five days when his owner eventually found him in a terrible state with an absolutely horrific leg injury. In addition to the injury infection had started to set in.

We do not know what happened to the dog to cause such a severe injury but the poor animal must have been in so much pain. The leg was intensively damaged with broken bones and his paw split open and crushed. It's possible that the leg was run over by a heavy vehicle to cause such horrific and severe injuries.



The only option for this poor dog was amputation of the lower leg. The damage was too great for any hope of repair.

The operation was done under anaesthetic and the injured paw and lower leg was successfully removed. Antibiotic treatment and an anti-inflammatory treatment was also given.

The owner obviously cares for his dog as he wanted to stay with him and didn't want to leave him at the AWOL centre preferring instead to bring the dog in on a daily basis for check-ups and wound dressing. We are very pleased to say the dog is doing well. The leg is healing well and there is no more sign of infection.

It will be difficult for the this poor dog for a while but he will get used to only having three legs and will soon be able to get around again.



Another bad injury on a dog - this time caused by neglect rather than an accident.

This poor dog had been chained up as a guard dog using a heavy metal chain. It is unbelievable that the owners either hadn't noticed, didn't understand, or didn't care, about how much pain this dog must have been in.



The chain had been in place for so long it had become deeply embedded in the dog's neck and had caused a very deep and nasty wound. The dog had to be heavily sedated before any attempt to remove the chain could be made. Dr Mohamed was able to carefully remove the chain from the dog's neck before the wound could be cleaned and dressed. Antibiotics and anti-inflammatory medicines were given to avoid infection and reduce pain and swelling.



Unfortunately these two women refused to let the dog stay at the AWOL centre as they felt they needed a guard dog as there was no man in the house. We are hoping they will bring the dog back for a check-up and new dressings and we have been out to the village they left as an address but so far they have appeared to be rather elusive.



Two thin horses we have treated at the AWOL centre recently. The first horse belongs to a scrap dealer and had a number of cuts and abrasions from a fall. We would have liked the horse to stay at the centre for a rest and some better food but the owner needs him for his work so we reluctantly had to let him go home. We will be targeting the village he lives in on our next mobile clinic and taking some food with us for this horse and others which may be in need of some decent nutrition.



This thin horse came in with her foal as she was not producing enough milk for the baby so they were both hungry.

The mother was given a multivitamin injection and a supplement to boost her milk production and both the mother and the foal were given worming treatment. They should both start to improve but could do with a better diet.



A couple of better-looking after horses we have seen recently - one at the centre and one in the villages. The lovely grey horse had some very pretty plaiting in her mane but needed a nose band cover to stop any injury from the nose chain. The village horse already has a soft head collar and is in good condition. We particularly like the heart-shaped white patch on his forehead!





One of the common problems we see with donkeys at the AWOL centre. This small sarcoid had the potential to grow into something more substantial so it was removed under local anaesthetic and the wound dressed. We usually see good results and expect the donkey to fully recover.

Such adorable little kittens! These little beauties are generally well looked after and in good health - they even arrived in a cat carrier which is quite rare! They all needed treatment for conjunctivitis but were otherwise well and healthy.



Treatment with eye ointment will soon sort these little ones out and they were all given multivitamin injections and treatment to increase their general well-being and boost their immune systems.



A rather more unusual patient came into the AWOL centre recently! This small bird of prey had an injured leg and a nasty wound which needed treatment. Cleaning, dressing and antibiotics should help this beautiful bird heal.



We are delighted to report that back in July our wonderful supporter Lorraine raised a magnificent £1186 for the animals in Luxor! Many, many thanks to everyone who donated to Lorraine's walk and made it such a huge success.

Whilst we are absolutely thrilled at this result we have to keep raising funds as the animals continue to need treatment every month. Our regular donations do not cover our monthly costs for animal care so fundraising is extremely important to us. Simply telling your friends and family about AWOL and our work and passing on our website address can help. If you can help us to find new supporters we would be very grateful. We have huge appreciation for our supporters who have enabled us to keep treating the animals in Luxor and thank you all very much but the more we can spread the load the better!

We desperately need more items to be donated to our Facebook auctions. If you can find anything to donate but don't use Facebook you can still help by sending the items to Lorraine and she will list them for you. We will be having an auction prior to Christmas so please start rummaging NOW! Ask friends for items and BEG! Beg any local retailer you think might be able to donate something to raise funds. They will get a mention on the Facebook auction page, the main AWOL page and the Christmas newsletter. We don't want to inundate Lorraine with items so if you do use Facebook and can send photos of the items yourself please try to do so.

Don't forget if you are reading this in Luxor, or will be visiting soon, donations of both cash and dog/cat food can be made at the amazing (and famous) Arkwrights store on St Joseph Street in Luxor town thanks to the generosity of owner Yasser Shankle.



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.

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