

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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As another year draws to a close AWOL would like to thank its loyal supporters for their continued help and support throughout the past year. Despite very difficult conditions in Egypt AWOL has continued to treat the animals of Luxor's west bank and provide much needed assistance to their owners.

The social unrest in Egypt which led to travel restrictions and the almost complete absence of tourists has understandably had a negative impact on the donations received in Luxor. It is therefore so important that AWOL has loyal supporters in the UK, and other countries, who continue to donate and fundraise at this difficult time. It is because of true animal lovers who share AWOL's ethos and aims that AWOL is able to continue its essential work.

2013 has been a year of change for AWOL. The medical centre in Luxor opened in January this year after many years of fundraising and hard work by the original trustees Pauline and Graham Warren, Jan Bennell and Dawn Wallace. Jan and Dawn retired from AWOL at the end of 2012 and there was another change of trustees when Graham and Renee decided to leave in August and Cindy became our Luxor-based trustee in November; she joins Pauline, Angela and Jan in the UK.

AWOL, though, is not about its trustees. AWOL is about providing essential care for the hard-working animals of Luxor's west bank where there are no other facilities available. Without AWOL there is no care for these animals; we are the ONLY animal charity working on the west bank. AWOL has saved the lives of thousands of animals over the years and there are thousands more in need of treatment. AWOL not only benefits the animals; the owners also benefit. Many of the donkeys we treat are the family's only means of earning a living; without a healthy working animal they do not have the means to buy food or clothes for their families. So by supporting AWOL you are aiding not only the animals but also their owners, their families and their communities. This is the reason for AWOL's existence and we thank all of you who appreciate this.

All the AWOL team, in Luxor and the UK, would like to thank our supporters for ensuring that AWOL is able to provide the care Luxor's animals so desperately need. We appreciate all your contributions, no matter how small, as we understand that many of you would like to give more but are unable to. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to your continuing support for 2014.



Part of the AWOL team with happy customers.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING

December 18th, 10.30am-12midday. Coffee Morning at 7 Downland Close, Epsom Downs, Surrey hosted by supporter Ros. Mince pies, games, small Christmas raffle in aid of AWOL. Ros has agreed to run an AWOL Surrey Supporters club so please do go along and support her and AWOL. If you would like to be involved with the Surrey Supporters Club please email AngelaAwol@gmail.com or phone or write to us using the details at the end of this newsletter and we will put you in touch with Ros.

30th November - 8th Dec AWOL has a tree at the Charity Christmas tree festival at St James Church, Southrepps, Norfolk. 11am-4pm. Refreshments available, arts, crafts and charity Christmas cards for sale.



One of our younger supporters, Becky, raising money for AWOL at her school fair in Kelowna, Canada.

Children love fundraising and we are always happy to provide leaflets and small posters so get your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews involved!

There's still time to order your AWOL calendar or mouse mat but don't leave it too late as we have limited stock and it will soon be too close to Christmas to re-stock. Lots of photos of Luxor and AWOL animals.



AWOL gift certificates are also available in multiples of £10. Your chosen recipient will receive a personalised gift certificate showing how their Christmas present can benefit the animals in Luxor.



NEWS FROM LUXOR

This little puppy was brought in with an abscess under his eye. Dr Mohamed successfully lanced the abscess and the little chap went home with his owner much happier.



3 lovely little puppies brought in with their parents for their initial worming treatment and check-up.



This horse has been suffering from chronic diarrhoea and is now severely dehydrated. Here the owner is helping rehydrate his horse under Dr Mohamed's instruction.



This donkey had a very nasty injury to his face. After cleaning and stitching the wound the donkey was hooded to keep it calm before returning home. He will return for a check-up in around a week.



Children bringing their dogs in for treatment, check-ups and free replacement collars and other supplies. They are given instruction on the suitability and correct use of collars and the unsuitability of wire, nylon rope and other means of restraining their animal.

Dr Mohamed with possibly our smallest patient this month! In for a check-up, worming and flea treatment with his young owner who is watching Dr Mohamed intently!





You might remember this little dog who had her back feet run over by a car whilst searching for food; she has been rehomed and has recovered well from her accident. She often pops into the AWOL centre with her owner for a visit.



Little Lucky who was rehomed last month has been back to Dr Mohamed for his worming and flea treatment. He has changed from a terrified little puppy who hid in the back of the AWOL kennels to a happy healthy little dog.



We will leave you with a photo of a fairly unusual dog to find in Luxor. Looking distinctly like a Springer Spaniel this pretty dog was brought in with her puppies for a check-up. It's not easy to tell what her puppies will look like when they grow up but it's unlikely they are going to look like the usual brown or black Egyptian variety judging by their appearance at the moment!