

# ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR



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## February 2014

January this year saw the first anniversary of the opening of the AWOL centre. After many years of hard work by the original trustees Pauline and Graham Warren, Jan Bennell and Dawn Wallace to get the centre built it is great to see that the centre has successfully completed it's first year of operation. The centre is under the control of AWOL no. 7 and its trustees headed up by trustee and centre manager Nasser with Dr Mohamed in charge of animal care and welfare. To commemorate the first anniversary a small event was held at the centre to thank the Luxor staff for their hard work throughout the year and a small token of appreciation was presented to each member of staff.



In 2009 a buy-a-brick scheme was launched by the trustees to raise money to build the centre. In return for the more generous donations it was agreed under the terms of the scheme that this would be recognised with a plaque or mention in a dedication book at the centre. We are happy to say that this has now been achieved and the names of those concerned are now displayed at the AWOL centre.



A number of items including nose band covers and blankets which had been kindly donated by supporters Bev Cambra and Mary Stuart were delivered to the AWOL centre where they will be put to good use.

Unfortunately we had some sad news in January; AWOL resident Joe passed away after spending his last year at the AWOL centre. Joe was brought into the AWOL centre shortly after it opened. He was an old donkey who was unable to work anymore and his owners brought him in to be put to sleep. At the time he was very weak and was carried in as he was unable to stand.



Instead of euthanizing Joe Dr Mohammed and the AWOL team treated him and slowly he became stronger and was soon able to stand.

Joe continued to live at the centre as he was too old to be re-homed or work. He enjoyed a content life at the centre with his best friend Lucky and companions Dobby, Tufty and Daisy.



Although we are sad about Joe's demise we take comfort in the fact that his last year was a peaceful and stress-free time for him and he received care and attention during his final year. He was carefully and lovingly buried at his final home the AWOL centre.



There are always more donkeys in need of treatment at the AWOL centre. This patient was brought in with a very bad nasal tumour. This was a very deep tumour and was causing difficulties with the donkey's breathing.



The operation was a very long and difficult operation as the tumour had to be removed with all of its root. The nasal cavity was opened to allow access to the base of the tumour. After the tumour was successfully removed the wound was stitched and the donkey recovered from the anaesthetic.



This little dog was brought in with a very deep leg wound. As can be seen the wound was so deep the bone in the leg was exposed. Despite this the wound was treated and Dr Mohamed is confident the dog will make a full recovery.



## Meet Daisy replacement!

This tiny little donkey was abandoned outside the centre just a couple of weeks ago. He is missing his rear left hoof which has obviously very recently been ripped off. The hoof will not regrow but the foot will soon callous over and he will be able to walk and get around adequately but will not be able to



work so he will be AWOL's newest resident. As Daisy only left the centre a couple of weeks ago he is currently known as 'Daisy replacement'; this is not a suitable long-term name for a lovely little boy like this so he needs a new name and we would like to hear suggestions from our supporters. If one name is suggested by a majority of supporters we will go with that choice. He is very cute and tiny and deserves to be looked after at AWOL.

Email or write with your suggestions to the address on page one.



## VALENTINES DAY!!

AWOL Valentine's cards are now available. For a donation of £5 to AWOL we will send you a blank Valentine's card for you to send to your loved one. We can also send the card directly to your chosen recipient if you prefer. Alternatively in return for your donation you can receive a card for yourself with love from the animals in Luxor. Please specify which option you require when ordering.



AWOL gift certificates are available all year round. For a £10 donation we will send a personalised certificate to a recipient of your choice. There are a few calendars still available at £9 and mouse mats at £8.



## February events

8th February, 10am-12. Coffee morning at St Martins Church, Dorking, Surrey with supporter Sue Wood.

10th February, 12 noon. Supporters lunch with at the Woolpack Inn, Banstead organised by supporter Ros Barrow. One or more of the trustees will be attending. Valentine theme raffle and a small sale. If you would like to attend please either email [AngelaAwol@gmail.com](mailto:AngelaAwol@gmail.com) or contact Ros at [Ros.barrow@hotmail.com](mailto:Ros.barrow@hotmail.com) or 07788563701.

22 February. 10am-12. Supporter Sue Wood will be manning a stall at the Hamilton rooms, Betchworth, Surrey. Part of the proceeds will be donated to AWOL.