

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Happy New Year from AWOL!

AWOL would like to wish all our loyal supporters a very Happy New Year and a peaceful and prosperous 2015. We thank you for all your support throughout 2014 and look forward to your continuing support for the coming year.

In Luxor the sugar cane season is upon us so we are seeing more animals coming into the centre with work related injuries. This is the start of a very busy time for AWOL and a time when our services are badly needed. Injured or sick donkeys are of no use to a farmer when he needs to harvest and transport his crop. Now the AWOL medical centre has been established for nearly 2 years the local owners know where to bring their animal for treatment before it gets too sick to work rather than working him into the ground because there is no money available for treatment. The free veterinary treatment from AWOL provides the animal with the best chance of a good recovery; best for the animal and his owner.

The beginning of 2015 brings some good news and some bad news for our vet Dr Mohamed. The bad news is that he suffered a car accident in December which has resulted in his car being taken off the road. Dr Mohamed was luckily not too badly injured, although it was a serious accident, and has now fully recovered. Unfortunately as AWOL does not have a vehicle of its own this has caused some inconvenience as you might expect. Cars are expensive in Luxor and there is no insurance available so for the time being he is managing with lifts from other staff by car and motorbike.

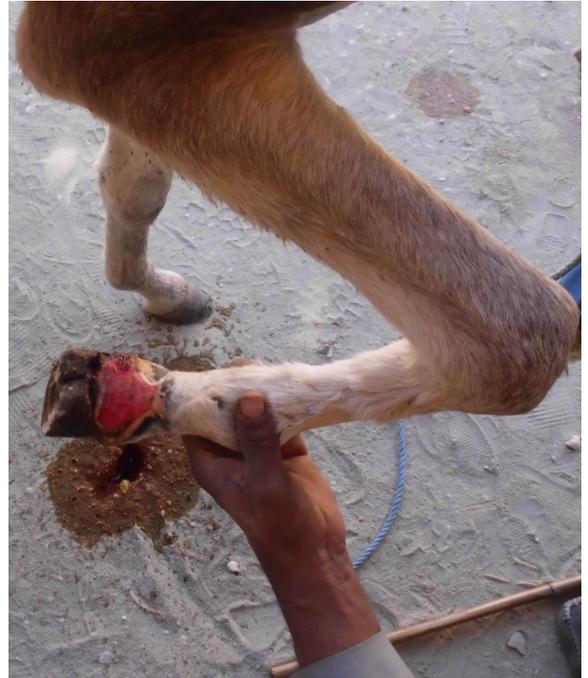
The good news is that in December Dr Mohamed's wife gave birth to a healthy baby boy! This is their first, long awaited, child and we are delighted for them. Everyone at AWOL wishes them all the best for the future. Any messages of congratulations from supporters will be passed to Dr Mohamed upon request.



At the start of this new year we would like to thank those supporters whose special efforts have helped AWOL through 2014. Huge thanks goes to Alison MacKinnon for managing the website, Simone Walls for her outstanding efforts with the dog show, Ros Barrow for organising regular lunches and coffee mornings, Georgie Hollis for taking on the challenge of Hector's hoof and Mary Stuart (Olly Jone on Facebook) for running the Facebook auctions. Thank you to all of you for giving up your time to help AWOL help the animals in Luxor. Thanks also to everyone who has donated to AWOL, both large and small amounts, it all helps and we are very grateful. This newsletter goes out to around 400 people; if every person who receives this newsletter, but doesn't yet donate, could just give £5 each month we could double the number of animals we treat. There are plenty in need of treatment on Luxor's west bank so please help us to help them.

Finally, I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter but I feel I should warn you that on page 3 there are some fairly graphic photos of a donkey with a rectal prolapse. Those of you of a more sensitive nature might wish to avoid this page! It is all part of the essential work of AWOL though and this donkey was undoubtedly grateful!

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful 2015.



This donkey had a nasty abscess on his foot. It was very sore and made walking painful for the poor animal. Imagine having to work pulling and carrying loads with a painful abscessed foot! Abscesses in the hoof are a common cause of lameness in donkeys; they are most often caused by small stones or other matter penetrating the weakest part of the foot, the junction between the wall and the sole (the “white line”). Bacteria and other micro organisms are also introduced. The white blood cells trying to eliminate this infection accumulate as a build up of “pus” between the hoof wall and the internal sensitive tissue. The pain is often intense and gets worse unless the pressure from the build up of pus is released. The donkey will often prefer to lie down and walk only slowly trying to bear the least possible weight on the affected foot. Not always a option when you are the family’s means of earning a living.



After draining and cleaning the abscess the wound was dressed and the donkey was treated with anti-inflammatory medicine and antibiotics. He should make a full recovery and will be able to walk without further pain.



This donkey was also suffering from an abscess, this time in the eye, probably caused by dirt or grit. Similar treatment was given; the abscess was drained and treated then the eye was securely wrapped to protect the eye.





This unfortunate donkey was suffering from a rectal prolapse. This occurs when part of the animal's lower intestine protrudes outside the anus. It can be very dangerous to the animal if left untreated. Here, Dr Mohamed relocated the intestine back into the anus and then stitched the anal opening to stop the prolapse recurring.



Some more nasty wounds which were treated at the centre recently. Wounds like these are often caused by accidents at work or by fighting; donkeys can be a little temperamental at times, especially if there is a member of the opposite sex around!



Now for some rather more attractive photos! All these puppies and cats were brought in for check-ups, flea/tick treatment and worming. The cat also had his claws trimmed and is looking very healthy and well-cared for.



UK News

There are still AWOL 2015 calendars available at a cost of £10 each (plus £2 postage). £7 of each calendar's purchase price goes directly to help the animals in Luxor (the rest is the cost of production) so if you haven't got a calendar as yet please buy an AWOL one!

Tuesday January 20th, 12.30. Supporters lunch at the Woolpack Inn, High Street, Banstead, Surrey. If you are planning to come please let us know by emailing Ros at Ros.barrow@hotmail.com or call her on 07788 563701 or alternatively email Angela at AngelaAwol@gmail.com.

Tuesday January 27th, 11.30am. Coffee morning and raffle with Ros at Mrs Smith's café, 45 Nork Way, Banstead, SM7 1PM. Places available for up to 10 people so please contact Ros on 07788 563701 or email her at Ros.barrow@hotmail.com

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