

# ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

I am writing this on return from a trip to Luxor where the temperatures are now reaching forty degrees centigrade making it very hot for the working donkeys on Luxor's west bank. This was a very short trip made with Georgie Hollis of Intelligent Wound Care (<http://www.intelligentwoundcare.com>) and the [Veterinary Wound Library](#) to visit a special little donkey at the AWOL centre. Georgie is a well-respected expert in the field of wound management and prosthetics and came out to Luxor to help AWOL with the problem of Hector's missing foot. Hector was dumped at the centre a year ago with one of his back feet having been newly ripped off probably due to being tethered by his foot with wire. We were reluctant to put him to sleep as he was otherwise in good condition and is such a sweet little donkey. After many months of searching for someone to help Georgie was recommended by Professor Derek Knottenbelt of the Liverpool University School of Veterinary Science. Georgie very kindly offered to fly to Luxor at her own expense to try to help Hector. A big thank you goes to everyone who contributed towards her medical and product expenses after our Facebook appeal. You can see more about Hector on the next page.



We continue to make progress on fitting out the medical centre; the shower area is almost finished; as we are not big payers we have to wait in turn for the builders to fit us in! The weather is really starting to hot up now so the shower will help cool animals down as well as helping with hygiene. We will soon be stocking up on fly masks from Giza to try to combat the unrelenting problem of summer sores and fly strikes as the heat increases.

In addition to the Facebook auctions run by Olly Jone we would also like to use Ebay to raise funds. If anyone would be interested in running this for AWOL please email me at AngelaAWOL@gmail.com.

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter. Wishing you a peaceful May and hoping the next bank holiday is a warm and sunny one!



After a week of intensive attention from Georgie and the AWOL team Hector is now standing on 4 feet again! Here he is - standing fairly squarely with his new foot. Due to the intense heat Georgie decided a removable prosthetic hoof would be the best way forward so the stump gets time to breathe. Hector will spend most of the day without his prosthetic hoof as he is in the stable during opening hours (8am-2pm) and doesn't move around too much but he will be fitted with the hoof every afternoon when he is let put into the yard so he can walk around comfortably on all four feet.



Gerges, pictured here at the sewing machine, has been a great help to Georgie assisting her with the necessary sewing. He has helped Georgie make up the prosthetic foot and will be able to make up new parts if needed.



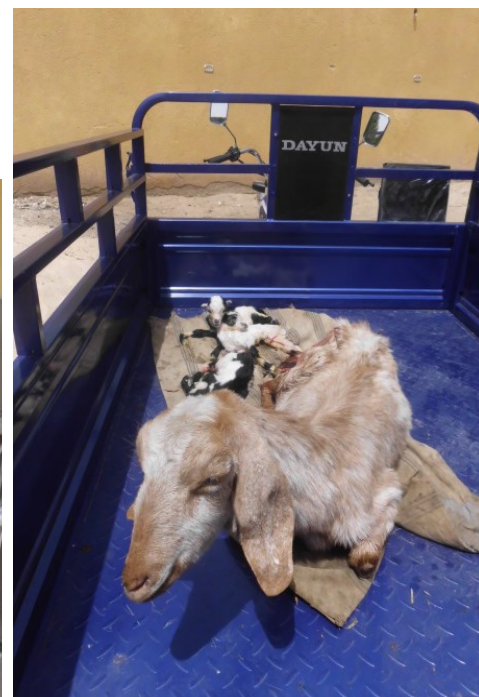
Georgie worked tirelessly throughout the week but thoroughly enjoyed her time at AWOL and we hope she will be back to visit again. In her opinion *"The prognosis will never be great as he's always going to have a stump that will be a risk forever. But he's completely happy, chilled little chap: Just a bit more balanced now. I'm sure he is in good hands, and the local children will learn what happens if you tie up a donkey too tight by its foot!"*

Hector will stay at the AWOL centre where he will have lots of visiting friends; he was already out and about in the yard on his new hoof making friends as soon as his hoof was fitted!





This poor goat was brought in earlier in the month experiencing severe labour difficulties due to uterine torsion (twisted uterus) and was in a lot of pain. She arrived as soon as the centre opened in the morning; there was no time to put on the white coat on this occasion! Two of her kids were successfully delivered but the 3rd one was not breathing and needed to be resuscitated by Dr Mohamed. We are really happy to be able to say the goat eventually left the centre with 3 healthy little babies and in good shape herself!



This donkey had a foot abscess; a common occurrence in Luxor due to the gritty dirt roads and lack of animal hygiene. He was also suffering from tendonitis. He was treated with antibiotics, and the abscess drained. He was also prescribed massage, rest and good food so spent a short time at the AWOL centre; he should now be up and about again.







This dog is the family's guard dog. He was targeted by thieves who put poison in his dog food in an attempt to kill him. He required a lot of treatment to save him. He was given anti-allergenic drugs to stop laryngeal oedema (inflammation of the larynx) and face swelling along with an antidote to the poison. He also had to have his stomach pumped to clear the poison from his stomach and was then given an anti-inflammatory steroid. The dog was saved but only after intensive treatment at the AWOL centre. The 3rd photo is taken when the family brought him back in a few days later and as you can see he is looking much better.



These 2 little puppies were brought in with severe tick and flea infestations. The first little one was too young to be given flea treatment so was washed with a flea shampoo and then combed to remove all the dead fleas. His skin is damaged by the infestation but he should recover now the fleas have been removed.



This lovely little puppy came in with a German lady from the west bank. He is totally blind but he is so lucky that the lady, named Martina, is going to keep him and look after him. We hope she will be able to send us more photos and information as he grows up. He is just so cute!







The new shower area is almost finished; just some coving to finish off the bottom of the wall. It is already one of Lucky's favourite places as the cement floor is cool but as you can see Tufty and Dobby prefer the shade of one of the trees!



Gerges has been an enormous help to Georgie whilst she worked on Hector's foot; he is pictured below at the sewing machine with Georgie and AWOL trustees Angela and Lesley. He is also pictured here fitting a new harness on a donkey at the centre.

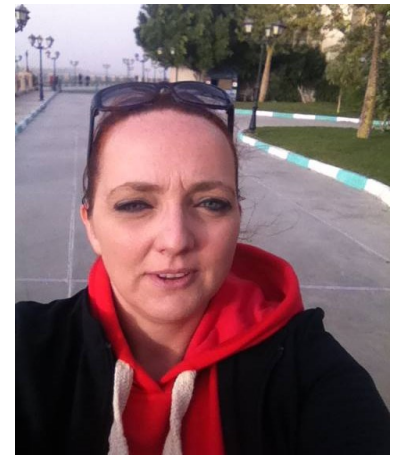


Ahmed (Snr) is also fitting a new harness to a donkey at the centre and never misses the opportunity to have his photo taken with a pretty girl!





AWOL's Luxor-based trustee Lesley will be taking on the 24 peaks challenge later this year. This means they have to complete the climb of 24 peaks in the UK in 24 hours! Money raised will be split between AWOL and Young Minds charity. You can find out more about the challenge on the website <http://www.outofshapeonahike.com/> Please support Lesley in raising funds for AWOL.



Supporter Ros is having a break from organising the AWOL lunches this month but there should be a lunch in June which supporters will be notified of at a later date. Ros enjoys organising the lunches for AWOL and says "it's for such a good cause and I enjoy meeting other supporters". Supporter Celia who often attends the lunches said she "enjoys meeting other people who care about animal welfare and it's a really nice day out".

Any supporter can organise a lunch in aid of AWOL. If you know a few friends or can find a few people who care about animal welfare why not give it a go? Coffee mornings are also a lovely way to meet up with a few people. If you would like any leaflets or other information just contact me on [AngelaAWOL@gmail.com](mailto:AngelaAWOL@gmail.com).

Help us to get the word out about AWOL! The more people who support our work the more treatment we can provide to the animals of Luxor's west bank.



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