

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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As we suffer another wet and windy start to the summer in the UK the temperature in Luxor has reached 48 degrees centigrade. This is the official temperature taken at the airport whereas out in the desert and at the AWOL centre, surrounded by high walls, the temperature gets even higher. It is a very difficult time of the year for both animals and owners not to mention the staff working at the AWOL centre! The month of Ramadan also starts later in the month, on the evening of the 17th, so life becomes even more difficult as most of the Muslim population refrain from food or drink during daylight hours. It is particularly hard on the people when Ramadan falls in the summer months with the high temperatures so we are grateful that owners still bring their animals in for treatment.



This fluffy little baby came in with his mother who had a head injury caused by a disagreement with a male donkey. The mother should make a full recovery much to the relief of baby!



If the Great British summer ever gets under way it is a great time of year for fundraising. Remember every bit helps so don't feel you need to undertake some mammoth enterprise! Many village fetes and fairs will let you have a stall free of charge or at a reduced rate if you are fundraising for charity and it is a great way to meet people and have an enjoyable day out. Small fundraising events can be tailored to suit your own circumstances. If you are a gardener you could sell some of your excess seedlings outside your house or at a car boot or village fete. If you like to socialise you could have a fundraising dinner or garden party or even a film evening or pamper party; the list is endless! Every £5 can make a big difference to an animal in Luxor; animals like the poor little dog on the next page who could have been saved all his suffering with one simple AWOL dog collar. Please just do what you can to help.

This little dog illustrates why we need your help. It only cost a couple of pounds (UK) to fit this poor little soul with a collar and stop this kind of injury. This horrific wound is caused by using totally unsuitable material, a chain in this case, to tether the dog. We try our best at AWOL to educate the people who bring their animals into us and teach them about animal care so hopefully this owner won't let the same thing happen again.



The wound was treated and dressed and the dog was given an anti-inflammatory. We hope to be able to bring you photos of how much he improves if the owner brings him back into the centre. We try to persuade owners to bring the patients back in after treatment by promising them a collar or new tack when they return; otherwise as soon as the animal improves we never see them again. Sometimes it works; sometimes it doesn't!



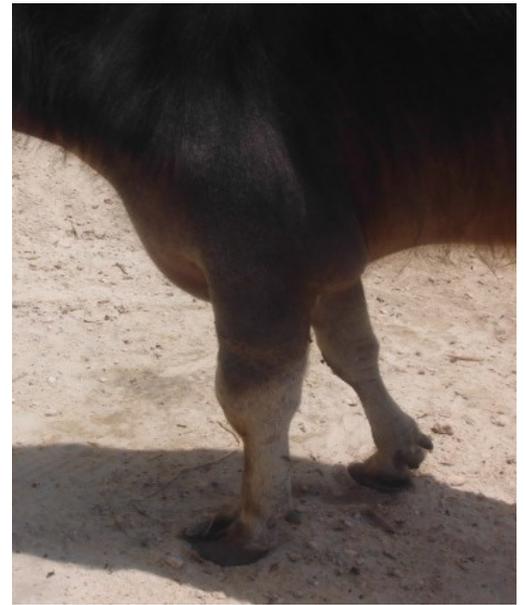
This is such a cute face! He had a severe tick infestation which was making him weak and thin. He was treated with an anti flea and tick injection of Dictomax so he should soon start to pick up and put on weight after his visit to the AWOL centre.





Patients arrive by all sorts of transport modes! Luckily the buffalo below arrived using a more conventional mode of transport and was loaded on and off of the truck using the ramp at the centre. It would have been a lot more difficult without it!

The buffalo had a large abscess on her front left leg and was finding it increasingly difficult to walk. Carrying so much weight on a painful leg must have been very uncomfortable for her. The abscess was cleaned out and she was treated with anti-inflammatory medication and antibiotics before the mammoth task of loading her back on the truck was accomplished. She has since made a full recovery and her owner is very grateful.



Livestock are a very important part of Egypt's agricultural economy, especially in the rural areas around Luxor, providing around 25% of the countries gross domestic product in the agriculture sector. Buffalo are the most important and popular livestock used for milk production in Egypt and the males are also used for meat production. This buffalo is a valuable animal to its owner, and is probably supporting a large family, who could not afford to pay for any treatment. The buffalo was given to him by a local charity called El Orman who gave 1000 buffalo to poor villagers in Luxor and Esna so they can support their families as they cannot afford to buy the animal themselves.



Animals are often tethered in an outbuilding adjoining the house or even in the ground floor of the house itself. Unfortunately this means that if there is a fire in the house they cannot escape the blaze. This was the case with this donkey who suffered burns in a house fire. After dressing with Sudacrem and treatment at the centre he should make a full recovery and thankfully it is not as bad as it could have been.



This donkey needed to have his teeth filed as the long canine teeth had become too long and were causing injury to the gums. After filing the mouth was cleaned and rinsed with an anti-bacterial solution. He should be much more comfortable now.

Our rasp at the AWOL centre is getting a bit blunt now so we would welcome any donations towards buying a new one.



This poor donkey arrived at the centre as I started to write this newsletter. He has been attacked by street dogs and has suffered multiple wounds to his back and legs. The wounds are very deep in places and cut into the muscle and ligaments. He is so badly injured we are not sure if the wounds will heal and if he can recover but he is being kept at the AWOL centre at the moment where he will be given the best of care and the best chance of survival. We will keep you updated on his condition.

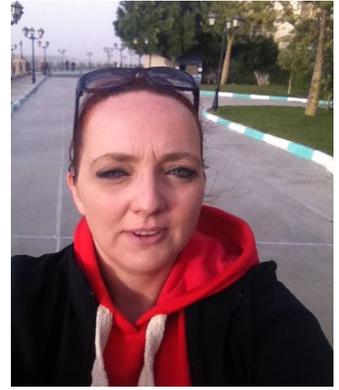


This little boy found the donkey abandoned on the side of a canal and insisted his father (pictured below with Ahmed Snr and Jnr) bring him to the centre for treatment. It's lovely to see a young child who cares about the animals; maybe he will grow up to be a vet!



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AWOL's Luxor-based trustee Lesley will be taking on the 24 peaks challenge later this year. This means she has 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.



There will be a supporters lunch on June 23rd in the Banstead area. Places at the lunches are limited and we need to confirm numbers so please email Ros on Ros.barrow@hotmail.com, call her on 07788 563701 or alternatively email Angela at AngelaAwol@gmail.com.

Ros will also be holding a Neal's Yard open day at her home, 7 Downland Close, Epsom, on Thursday 16th June, 2pm—7pm. You can buy lovely skin care, make-up and health care safe in the knowledge that none of it is tested on animals. Ros donates 20% of her takings to AWOL so please go along if you can. There will also be refreshments and a tombola so it will be a lovely afternoon out.

Our next Facebook auction will start shortly at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1429667187284781/> All monies raised go to AWOL and there are some interesting items for sale!

Looking ahead to July there will be a lunch on the 14th in Surrey. Contact details are as above.

It would be very useful to have addresses, or locations, for our supporters on our database. This means we can see where we have a few supporters living in the same area and we can then consider holding events or putting supporters in contact with each other in these areas. We have the addresses of some supporters but not all so if you are willing please email me on AngelaAWOL@gmail.com with your name and address. Thank you.



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