

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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As we enter the month of July it is a time of celebration and festivities in Luxor. The month of Ramadan has now ended and it is time for the Eid festivities and holiday. During this time families gather together to exchange gifts and eat together after the long month of dawn-to-dusk fasting endured during Ramadan. It is a time to be thankful for family, friends and good health and for everything which sustains and nourishes.

Here at AWOL we are always very thankful for the invaluable support of our followers and supporters. Without your support we would be unable to treat the animals in Luxor in so much need of our treatment and help. We are always pleased to hear from people wanting to help so do not hesitate to contact us if you think you can contribute in any way.

This month special thanks go to Ros, Celia and Anna for organising a garden party in Surrey which raised valuable funds of our work and to Mary for organising another Facebook auction. Many thanks also to all our wonderful supporters who donate to AWOL on a regular basis.

Now that the month of Ramadan is over and the Eid holiday will shortly also be finished life in Luxor will get back to normal. The fasting month of Ramadan moves forwards each year so this year it has taken place throughout June; one of the hottest months of the year. Needless to say, it is very difficult for people to work in heat of almost 50 degrees centigrade without food or water so the pace of life during the daytime slows down but the people and towns and villages come alive at night after iftar (the evening meal which breaks the day's fast). Despite this, work has carried on at the centre but now that Ramadan is over it will be much more comfortable for the staff as well as the workmen who have been working at the centre over the past few months.

On the following pages you will be able to see the work that has been happening at the centre and we will be continuing improvements at the centre over the coming months.

Please note that page 4 contains some images of surgery which some people might find distressing. There was a satisfactory conclusion though so all's well that ends well!



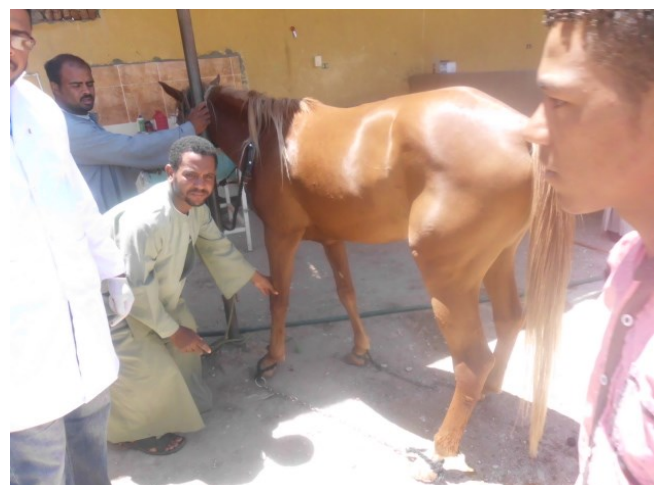
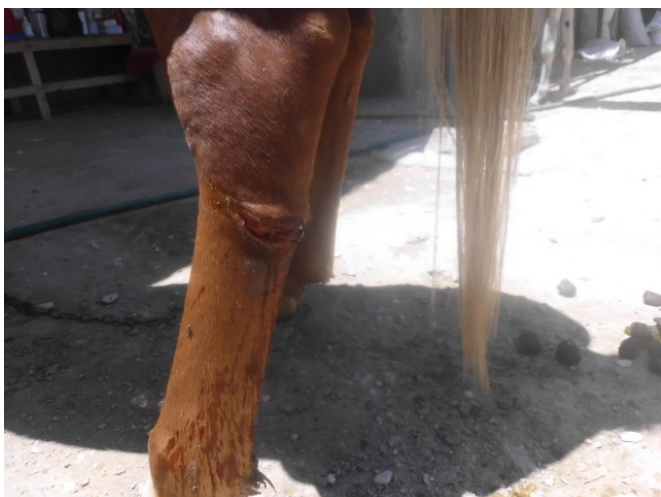
Eid Mubarak to all our Supporters
from the AWOL team

Before and during Ramadan we have seen an increase in the number of horses brought to the centre with injuries caused by racing. Many of the towns and villages hold festivals, known as moulids, to celebrate this time in Luxor and horse racing is a favourite event. Unfortunately these rather disorganised and sometimes chaotic races often result in falls and accidents.

Both of the horse pictured were suffering from cuts sustained during a moulid race but thankfully none of the injuries were too severe and after treatment they will make full recoveries.



There's always time for a nice cooling shower at the AWOL centre!





The injuries to this horse were not caused by falling or working but were the result of a disagreement with another horse. This horse sustained nasty bite wounds to his flank and neck which needed a course of antibiotics to stop any infection and anti-inflammatories to provide pain relief and bring down soreness and swelling. He has returned for a check-up and is doing well.

The other horse involved in this altercation has not been seen at the AWOL centre so we can only assume he came out of this tiff better than this poor patient!



This poor donkey had sustained a very nasty injury to his back. He was unfortunately hit by something sharp and heavy whilst he was working and this horrific cut to his back was the result. The wound has been stitched and he has been treated with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories. He has been coming into the centre every 3 days for check-ups and he is making great progress.





Once again we have seen another horrific injury sustained whilst these poor donkeys are working. This donkey had an extremely nasty injury to his testes which was severely ripped and torn after a very unfortunate accident. One of the donkeys testicles was so badly injured the only option was to remove it. This was done under local anaesthetic and sedation and the resulting loose skin was carefully stitched by Dr Mohamed.



Amazingly after the operation the donkey was able to stand and walk and after treatment with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories should make a full recovery.





Our naughty residents continue to keep us occupied! Sally shares a kennel with Lucky but has recently taken to digging her way out under the kennel to join Dobby and Tufty next door! As you can see she looks very pleased with herself following her successful tunnelling experience. Dobby and Tufty seem quite calm and unperturbed about the whole thing!



Despite Sally's best efforts to disrupt things work has been underway on the kennels. The height of the small run has been raised to try to stop her escape attempts into the rest of the yard whilst the centre is open.





As part of the kennel refurbishment we have installed a new kennel which has arrived on the back of a lorry and is now in place; ably displayed here by one of our night guards Noubi. Dobby and Tufty look on with varying degrees of interest!



We have now had a delivery of new leaflets in the UK so if anyone would like some to distribute or display in various places please do contact me for some.

Many thanks for reading this month's newsletter,

Angela.



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