

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR



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Dear supporter,

First of all I would like to express my sincere thanks to those of you who sent me get well cards and messages of support over the past few weeks. They were completely unexpected and all very much appreciated. I'm still undergoing physiotherapy for a painful right arm but there has been a significant improvement and I'm hopeful for further improvement over the next few weeks. Luckily I have discovered how to use voice recognition software which has made this newsletter possible!

I would also like to thank trustees Lisa and Georgie for attending our recent trustees meeting. It was a very productive and pleasant meeting and all trustees brought their own ideas and input to the meeting. We are all looking forward to new initiatives in the coming year which we will of course keep you informed about in due course.

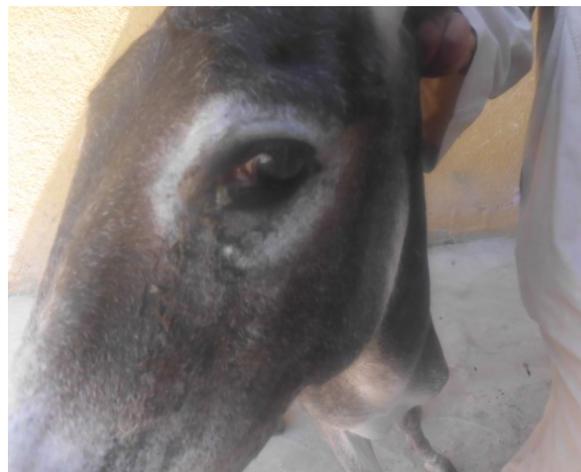
Work has continued as usual in Luxor at the AWOL centre. We continue to treat hundreds of animals each month which is made possible by the generosity of our supporters and fundraisers. Economic issues both here in the UK and also in Egypt seem to suggest that the coming year may be challenging. Funds collected in pounds Sterling in the UK are transferred to Luxor in US dollars and over the last two months the exchange rate has plummeted from around US\$1.5 to the Pound to US\$1.2 to the Pound therefore we must spend more money each month to send over the same amount of dollars. In addition the Egyptian pound has now been floated on the international money exchange markets by the Egyptian government and has settled at a rate of around 15 Egyptian pounds to the US dollar as apposed to the 8.8 Egyptian pounds last week. Although initially this means we will get more local currency to each dollar in Luxor, the local currency buys less on the international market and imported goods therefore rise in price - we have already seen some evidence of this. Fuel has risen by as much as 47% in the last few days and there are reports of pharmacies being unable to stock imported medicines.

Under circumstances such as these it is very important to set a realistic, sensible budget to work to and to have effective financial controls in place. Our regular monthly income is not enough to cover our basic outgoings and therefore we are not able to absorb substantial price rises so careful planning and budgeting and a solid reserves policy is essential at this time. These issues were discussed at our trustees meeting last week and I'm pleased to say that all trustees agree on the importance of prudential planning for the year ahead. Many thanks to our supporters who already donate to AWOL and who are responsible for enabling our work to go ahead; to all those people who receive this newsletter each month but do not donate to AWOL may I please ask you to consider donating £5 each month? If everyone who received this newsletter did this we would be able to meet the cost of our essential expenditure each month and be able to focus on bringing in additional income to continue to refurbish the medical centre and consider how to increase and improve our animal care going forward.

Don't forget—we can't do it without you! Help us spread the word about AWOL so we can continue to help the animals in Luxor.



We see a lot of donkeys with tumours at the AWOL centre. They are often found on the legs or face but they can occur anywhere on the body. This poor donkey was unfortunate enough to have tumours in both eyes with the left one being the largest and almost completely obscuring the donkey's vision. The tumours were removed under local anaesthetic and he was treated with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories. He went home with a new head collar and a fly veil to keep the flies off his eyes.



The donkey returned to the AWOL Centre for a second visit and Dr Mohamed was very pleased with his progress. He is now able to see unhindered and will be a lot more comfortable without the tumours in his eyes.



This donkey also came in with a tumour—this time on one of its forelegs. The tumour was removed by Dr Mohammed under local anaesthetic and we expect the donkey to make a full recovery following the procedure. This donkey was also fitted with a new collar made by Gergis (pictured) at the AWOL centre.

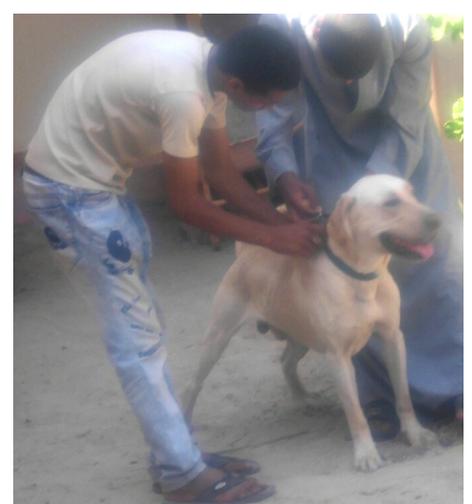


Tumours of the sort seen in these two cases (sarcoïds) are thought to be caused by the bovine papilloma virus (BPV) but the specific cause cannot be unequivocally stated. Research has yet to determine the way in which the virus is transmitted but it is thought that skin which has been wounded previously is more prone to development of sarcoïds. It is also possible that flies spread the virus from one animal to another or that sharing contaminated tack or equipment between infected horses and other animals might transmit the virus. Sarcoïds are much easier to remove if they are treated when small but we often see large tumours at the centre which require more invasive surgery to remove them. Most of the animals treated make a full recovery and suffer no long-term effects although the tumour will sometimes regrow in the future.

Much of the work we do at the AWOL centre is of a routine nature but this does not make it any less valuable in relieving the suffering of the animals of the West Bank. Hoof care for donkeys and horses is paramount and replacing unsuitable tack with new more suitable equipment is something we do nearly every day at the centre. Soft cushions to go under the wooden bridges on the donkeys backs and new harnesses and breaching straps make the animals much more comfortable. All these things are made at the AWOL centre by Gergis. Collars, also made at the centre, replace unsuitable ropes or chains often seen on the dogs that come to the centre. Many locals do now bring their dogs in for free and tick treatment before the problem gets too bad and we are always pleased to see these owners bring their dogs in for pre-emptive treatment at the centre.



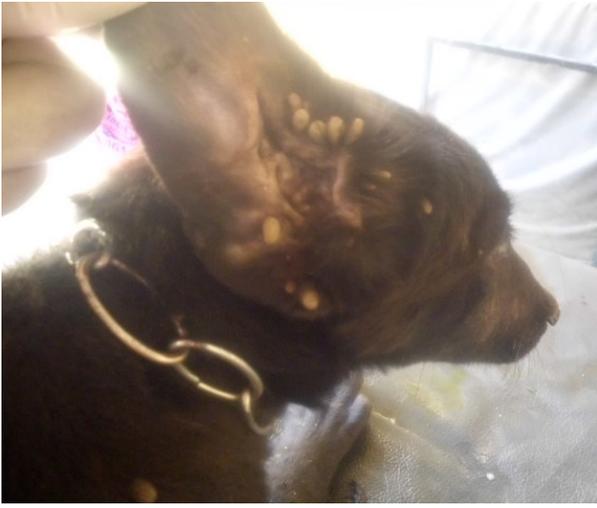
Little Peggy continues to do well at the centre.



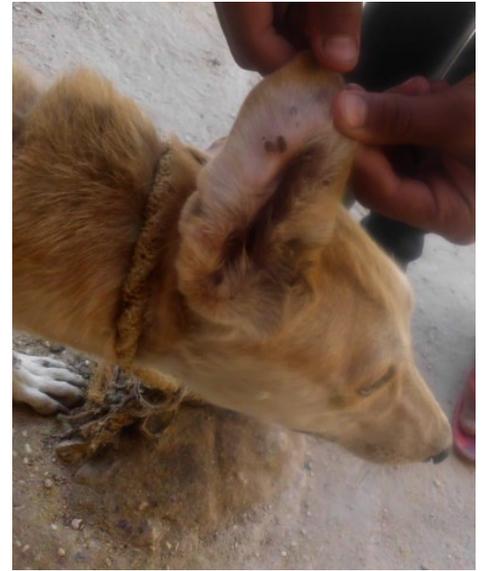


This poor dog was brought to the AWOL centre just in time to prevent a tragedy. He had been tethered using a hard collar, possibly of metal, and the owner had 'not noticed' the terrible wounds on his neck. The dog's neck was badly cut on all sides and the dog may not have survived much longer without treatment. Thank goodness we were able to afford a general anaesthetic for this poor boy as the matted fur and rotten skin was removed from his neck. He was then treated with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories and the wound cleaned and dressed. Whilst he recovered from the anaesthetic in the trailer the other dogs he came in with were treated for fleas and ticks.





These are the other dogs which came into the AWOL centre along with the poor dog with the bad neck wound. They were all treated for ticks and fleas and given check-ups. Their unsuitable neck tethers were replaced with new soft collars made at the centre. Luckily these dogs have been treated before they get to the same sad state as the other dog in the family.



We saw the dog with the neck wound for a second time a few days later and his wound was re-dressed. There is no sign of any infection and he is making good progress but it will take some time to completely heal.



Forthcoming events

Our next supporters' lunch is on December 1st at 12.30pm at The Beefeater, Tattenham Corner, Epsom. This is an informal get together where you can chat with other supporters. Choose and pay for your own lunch and take part in a small tombola to help us raise funds for the animals in Luxor.

There will be a Christmas supporters lunch on Monday 12th December at Toby Carvery, Old Malden Lane, Worcester Park, Surrey. Raffle and Christmas gifts available.

PLACES ARE LIMITED AND WE NEED TO CONFIRM NUMBERS AT THESE 2 LUNCHES SO PLEASE CONTACT ROS ON 07788563701 OR ROS.BAROW@HOTMAIL.COM TO BOOK.

Our latest Facebook auction, expertly run by supporter Mary, is currently under way. If you use Facebook do take a look at the items on offer to raise funds for AWOL. You can find the auction page by clicking [HERE](#).

AWOL will also benefit from some of the proceeds of a Facebook 50/50 draw which you can find by clicking on this link [FACEBOOK 50/50](#) Many thanks to Yvonne for choosing AWOL as a recipient of this draw.



Christmas Presents!

You can order fabulous ETHICAL and ORGANIC presents from Neal's Yard. All products are 100% vegetarian and NOT tested on animals. If you order from supporter Ros she will donate 20% of the order value to AWOL You can find Ros's online shop by clicking on the image. Let Ros know you would like the 20% to go to AWOL and she will organise it. You can contact Ros on 07788563701 or Ros.Barow@hotmail.com. If you would like to pass the web address onto someone else it is <https://uk.nyrorganic.com/shop/RosBarrow/> DON'T FORGET TO MENTION AWOL!



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It is also possible to donate directly through your company's payroll; just talk to your payroll department or administrator.



[Easyfundraising](#) is an easy way for you to raise funds; just register online and remember to log in to your easyfundraising account when you shop online. By shopping online at over 2,700 top retailers you can raise funds for AWOL at no extra cost to you! It's very easy; you just need to open an account with Easyfundraising and log into their website before you shop online.

Many thanks for reading this month's newsletter *Angela*

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