

# ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

Hopefully everyone has had an enjoyable Easter despite the rather cold weather the UK experienced most of the Easter weekend. In Luxor the end of March and beginning of April saw the region, along with the rest of Egypt, suffer from sandstorms. Sandstorms sometimes occur in the spring in Luxor, usually in April but sometimes in March; they can vary from light to heavy but at least tend not to last too long. For a while everything is covered in a layer of dust and sand but soon the sandstorm passes, the sand is brushed away and the sun returns.



Luxor residents have just enjoyed a day's holiday for Sham el Nessim - which roughly translated means 'smelling the breeze'. It is a celebration of the start of spring and many of the residents in Luxor take to the town streets or the corniche to walk along the Nile and enjoy the fresh air.

Sham el Nessim takes place on Coptic Easter Monday. Coptic Easter was on April 8th and it is widely observed and celebrated by Luxor's Orthodox Christian community with the rest of the population joining in with some of the festivities. The happy atmosphere in the streets is tangible as both Christians and Muslims enjoy this time of relaxation and celebration. The traditional food for Sham el Nessim is salt fish which is very popular with the locals although it is a rather strong and acquired taste!

Somewhere under this huge load of fresh green barsem is our guard Noubi! Resident donkey Hector loves it when the fresh food arrives as do any other in-patients we have staying at the time.



Noubi also brings in the new supplies of dry dog food for our lovely resident dogs. We also hand out bags of food in the villages and feed the thin dogs treated at the centre.

Thanks to a donation from our loyal supporters John and Vicki we have been able to buy a simple washing machine to use at the centre. Now we can wash the dog bed covers, towels and Dr Mohamed's vet whites at the centre which is a huge advantage.

Gergis has made himself an ingenious foot pedal to help him operate the punch/rivet equipment he uses to make the dog collars! Now it's fixed securely to the new table it's much easier for him to use to produce the wonderful dog collars he makes.



We see so many cases of rectal prolapse in donkeys at the AWOL centre. Often caused by a poor diet or worms as is the case with this poor little donkey. If it is not treated promptly it can be a fatal condition so we are always pleased when the owners bring the animal



to us as soon as possible for treatment. This young donkey is in terrible condition, as you can see, and is desperately in need of help from the AWOL team. He should make a full recovery and with the multivitamins and worming treatment given by Dr Mohamed his over all condition should improve as well.



This beautiful little cat was also in need of treatment for worms as well as fleas and ticks. The young owners brought her into the AWOL centre and obviously care for the cat as it was generally in good health.



This poor donkey came to the AWOL centre with a very nasty deep wound to his neck caused by a bite from another donkey. The wound was so deep it reached the bones in his neck. Without the use of an X-ray it was difficult to see how extensive the damage was to the bone but Dr Mohamed could ascertain a small fracture.



Small fractures will often heal themselves especially if they are not in a weight-bearing position so we are confident this donkey will recover from his ordeal.

The wound needed closing and stitching and the donkey received antibiotics to minimise the risk of infection and anti-inflammatories to relieve the pain and inflammation.

The donkey has been back to the centre twice for the wound to be examined and re-dressed and Dr Mohamed is very pleased with his progress. His recuperation is progressing well and he should recover fully from the injury.

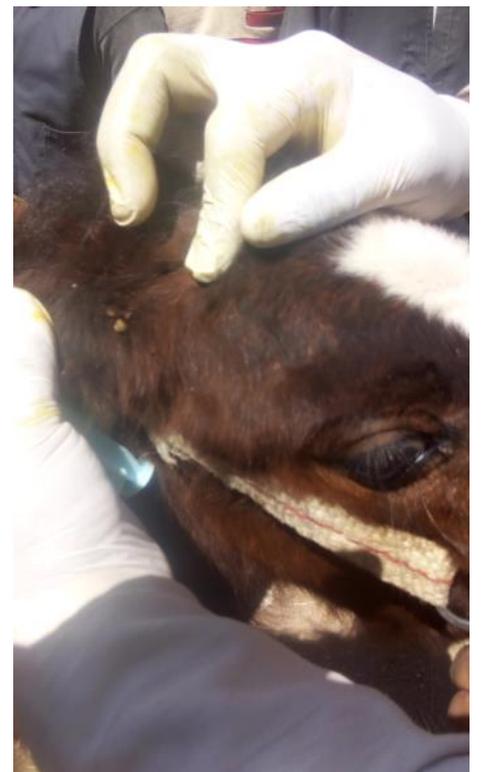




Out with the mobile clinic we visited a new area on one of our trips. The villagers made the team very welcome, bringing out a table and chairs and cold drinks for them. It's great to see the appreciation of the locals for the work AWOL does for them and their animals. As always it was a very busy day.



There seems to be mange everywhere we look at the moment. Dogs, donkeys and horses all suffer from this irritating condition. This young foal also had some ticks which needed removing.





There is never any shortage of donkeys needing new tack and dogs needing collars out in the villages. We take as much equipment as we can - dog collars, head collars, straps and saddle pads so we can help as many animals as possible.



This beautiful white dog was transported in style on a donkey cart to see Dr Mohamed for a check-up! Both the dog and the donkey belonged to the same owner and they are both well looked-after. The donkey already wears an AWOL head collar and has comfortable tack and the dog is clean and well-fed with unmatted fur and is an absolute beauty!



## UK news

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Those supporters who donate from outside the UK by bank standing order please be aware that HSBC have changed our IBAN (International Bank Identification Number). This unfortunately means that we have to ask you to change the details on your standing order at your bank. We are very sorry for the inconvenience this will cause but unfortunately we have no choice in the matter as it is due to new banking rules concerning the structure of banks in the UK. Depending on which country the donation is from this number might be called an IBAN, a SWIFT or a BIC. The changes are set out below; if you have any queries or problems please do not hesitate to contact me by email at AngelaAWOL@gmail.com.

Old BIC (BIC8) - MIDLGB22 is changed to **HBUKGB4B**

Old Branch BIC - MIDLGB2112G is changed to **HBUKGB4112G**

**New IBAN - GB73HBUK40202451621076 - This is the number that replaces the old IBAN number and the one you are most likely to need to use .**

Many thanks to our supporter and Surrey organiser Ros for organising the Surrey supporters' lunch in March and thank you to everyone who was able to attend. Illness and the bad weather depleted our numbers a little but everyone who attended enjoyed the lunch and we are very grateful for your support. Our next lunch will be in May - details will follow in the next newsletter.

We would like to pass on our best wishes to supporter Mary (Olly Jone on Facebook) as she recovers at home following her illness last year. We hope she continues to improve and makes a full recovery in time.



### This month's wish list

If you are travelling to Luxor the following items would be appreciated; Sudocrem, hoof conditioner for donkeys/horses, Vaseline, anti-inflammatory gels, dressings, gauze, pressure bandages, adhesive bandages, extra large surgical gloves, surgical face masks, old towels, dog worming tablets and flea treatments.

### Donations to AWOL can be made in the following ways:

By cheque (made out to Animal Welfare of Luxor), standing order, money paid directly into the AWOL bank account at any branch of HSBC or online, via Paypal (using email AngelaAWOL@gmail.com), by credit or debit card via Virgin Money Giving (click on the Virgin icon to take you to the site) or you can donate £10 by texting AWOL01 £10 to mobile number 70070 (please note we are not notified of the donors identity using the text method).



AWOL's bank detail are as follows: A/c name - Animal Welfare of Luxor, A/c number 51621076, Sort code 40 20 24. Cheques should be sent to the office address on page one.

Many thanks for reading this month's newsletter, *Angela* and the AWOL team

