

ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR

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Dear Supporter,

As we approach the end of 2018 I would like to thank all our wonderful supporters who have helped AWOL look after the animals in need in Luxor. Every donation is used to provide care and veterinary treatment for the poor animals of the rural west bank - with the occasional foray over to the more populated east bank when we are needed. Even if you can only donate £3 per month we are still very grateful as this can help alleviate the suffering of one, or more, animals.

We are especially grateful to those supporters who have donated regularly for many years due to their concern about the welfare of the west-bank animals. Some of our supporters have visited Luxor and have seen the suffering and pain of the sadly often-neglected animals and this can leave a lasting impression. When we see how many animals we treat at the AWOL centre and out in the villages during our mobile clinics though we are very grateful that we can help so many of these poor animals. Without AWOL hundreds of animals would be without care every month. We remain the only animal charity based on the west bank and receive patients from many miles around - often as far as Qena - a distance of over 40 miles. Proof, if it were needed, that the need for AWOL and our free veterinary care is very real and continues to grow.



Some of the horses above came from Qena for treatment at the AWOL centre. Horses are more highly prized than donkeys in Luxor, they are a form of status symbol, so they tend to be treated better than the donkeys and many of them arrive by truck. The poor working donkeys often have to walk a long way to the centre even if they are not well or injured.



Although a £3 donation enables us to provide soft dog collars for two or three dogs, or some new tack for one donkey, other animals need more extensive treatment and care. Inflation in Egypt is notoriously high, sometimes as high as 30%, so we are constantly having to increase our budget to keep up with the inflated costs of drugs, medicines and consumables such as webbing for the harnesses and collars, buckles and rings, dog food and food for donkeys. Many thanks to those supporters who are able to donate generous amounts to us to enable us to meet these needs. Unfortunately it's not possible to thank everyone individually but we do appreciate all the support we receive.



With the arrival of Zaazooa in November and 5 puppies rescued from Karnak temple we now have extra mouths to feed at the AWOL centre so we are buying large quantities



of donkey and dog food at the moment. The price of dry dog food has unfortunately doubled over the past 18 months so if anyone is visiting Luxor and would like to pop into Arkwrights store to buy any it would be very much appreciated. We would love to see you at the AWOL centre too but if you can't make it the food can be left at Arkwrights for us to collect.



We are happy to say that Zaazooa and the puppies have settled in well and the puppies are growing so fast it's difficult to spot Peggy in amongst them, (she is with guard Essa Darwish if you are not sure)!

Gergis makes hundreds of soft dog collars every month at the AWOL centre to avoid the local dogs suffering from sores and wounds to their necks so even a small donation can make a difference to these lovely animals. The dog pictured below came into the centre last week with a piece of hose being used as a collar and lead! This would almost certainly lead to sores developing on his neck so one of Gergis' lovely soft dog collars will minimise that risk.



This poor dog was already suffering from a sore neck and wounds caused by inappropriate materials. Plastic coated wire had been used as a collar which had cut into the dog's neck. He needed the fur on his neck trimmed off and the wounds cleaned after which antibacterial spray was applied.



After the wounds had been cleaned and treated Gergis chose the correct size collar from his store of collars he has made. Because of the wounds on the dog's neck the collar was wrapped with a soft cover made by one of our supporters. These covers are more often used to cover nose chains on donkeys but they are multi-purpose so a very big thank you to our supporters who make some of these covers for us.



We were happy to see many visitors at the AWOL centre this year. Many of them brought wonderful much-needed supplies with them and the AWOL dogs are always happy to have a little extra attention. In November we welcomed Maren and her mother to the centre for their second visit, the first being five years ago not long after the centre opened.



Maren and her mother were lucky enough to visit the centre just after the arrival of the puppies from Karnak and they were able to witness the great escape! The puppies decided they wanted to be with the AWOL dogs so they quickly tunnelled their way out into the neighbouring kennel, Dobby and Tufty were not quite sure of what to make of the little intruders!



Peggy has become great friends with the puppies and loves to run around the AWOL yard and play with them when the centre is closed. A big pile of newly-delivered sand makes a great playground as well. Although we hope to re-home the puppies after they are spayed and neutered we may have to keep one as a playmate for little Peggy; we're not sure she'll let us re-home all of them!



We are very lucky to have some supporters who give their time and effort to help raise funds for our work, and the animals, in Luxor. In November supporter Lorraine raised an amazing £680 via a Facebook auction. We would like to offer her our special thanks and also thank Prudence, Marion and other supporters for the wonderful items they donated to the auction. Special thanks also to Ros, Celia and Sue for their fundraising activities throughout the year which have been invaluable to AWOL. We look forward to seeing what they have planned for next year!



Thanks to funding from our supporters we have been able to continue regular mobile clinics into the rural villages and the surrounding areas as far out as the edge of the desert. We can pre-empt many problems by seeing the animals before any issues get too advanced. Small nose wounds on donkeys or neck wounds on dogs can be treated and soft tack and collars supplies and fitted before the wounds develop into large open sores prone to infection.



Our visits to the villages also enable us to let as many locals as possible know about the free treatment available at the AWOL centre by our vet Dr Mohamed. They get to know that we will give free veterinary care and medicines, provide suitable tack and collars and offer advice and help when needed. We often see owners bringing their animals to the centre later on once they are aware of the services available to them at the AWOL centre.



The centre is far from being fully equipped and furnished but we continue to make progress each year thanks to the support of people who care about animals from around the world. AWOL now has supporters from many different countries in Europe as well as further afield in Canada, the USA, Australia and African countries as well as Egypt. The more people who get to hear of AWOL's work the more we can help the animals in Luxor.

Thank you all for enabling AWOL to help as many animals as possible during 2018. We hope you will continue to support us during 2019 and the coming years so that we can continue to treat the animals in Luxor and expand and improve our services. Our running costs are kept to an absolute minimum in the UK so that your donations go to where they are most needed - the AWOL centre in Luxor - to enable us to treat hundreds of animals each month and alleviate the suffering of many, many animals.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our supporters



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).



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Thank you for reading this month's newsletter, I wish you a happy peaceful Christmas, *Angela* 🐾