

# ANIMAL WELFARE OF LUXOR



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Dear Supporter,

Now that the holy month of Ramadan has finished and the Eid celebrations have been completed it has become busy again at the AWOL centre. The donkeys are working long hours out in the fields and villages even though the heat in July can be unbearable at over 40 degrees. At the time of writing the temperature is 46 degrees centigrade (115 Fahrenheit) with no breeze or rainfall to help relieve the intense heat.

In this heat the showers at the AWOL centre are a very welcome facility for the donkeys and horses. The AWOL residents are lucky enough to have access to showers and fresh water every day and Tufty is glad to cool down a bit with the help of Ahmed, Gergis and Gaballa. We are happy for anyone to bring their horse or donkey in for a cooling shower - they don't need to be a resident or a patient to enjoy the experience!



Other animals in Luxor's agricultural areas find their own way of keeping cool! These water Buffalo are moved onto the islands in the Nile for the lush grazing available.

One of our first patients after Eid was lovely little Panda who you might remember from last month's newsletter. After initially being cared for at the AWOL centre and by local resident Melinda he has become very comfortable at his foster home with Joanne. Joanne brought him to the centre for a check-up and vaccinations and we are so pleased to see he is in excellent health and growing into a lovely young dog. He is clearly relaxed and confident with his new house-mates!



Another lovely little puppy brought to the centre is not quite as lucky as little Panda with his air-conditioned home. The little one was very hot and dehydrated by the time he arrived at the centre and with a queue to get in and see Dr Mohamed our guard Gaballa took him some food and water and then climbed up onto the cart to keep him company.

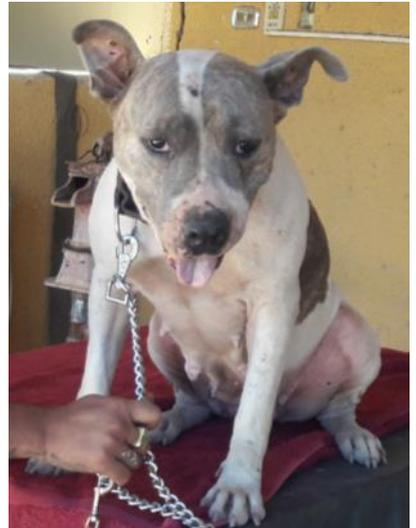


Once he got to see Dr Mohamed he was treated for ticks and worms and then fitted with a new soft collar. Without the parasites he will, at least, be able to grow stronger and healthier.



A few more of the dogs treated for fleas, ticks and worms at the centre recently. They may not generally be thought to be life-threatening conditions but along with the poor diets these dogs have they can have a serious impact on the animal's health and can result in death in old, weak or young dogs.

Some of these dogs did, at least, have a relatively comfortable ride to the AWOL centre for treatment; we don't see many dog or cat carriers at the centre!



Out in the villages dogs also arrive on foot, by tuk-tuk, on trucks and on motorbikes to see Dr Mohamed at our mobile clinic. All in need of flea, tick and worming treatment to help them be as healthy as possible. We can't say we approve of some of these methods of transport but if the alternative is a long walk on very hot roads these options are preferable. It is also obviously much better than leaving the dogs uncomfortable and suffering with ailments and illnesses without receiving any treatment. These dogs would not be taken to a local vet for any treatment because the owners can't afford it so however they arrive we are happy to see them at one of our mobile clinics or at the AWOL centre.





This lovely dog was suffering from mange in many areas of his body which would be very itchy and sore and almost unbearable in the high temperatures Luxor is experiencing. He was treated with Sudocrem to soothe and keep dirt out of his sores, given an anti-parasitic injection, a steroid injection and a multi-vitamin injection along with some shampoo to help the mange. Mange is very common in Luxor but can be difficult to eradicate hence the multi-treatment approach. The steroid will help to reduce the inflammation and itching and the multi-vitamin will boost his general health and make him more able to fight off infection and parasites.



As always we have been treating wounds on dogs caused by poor collars and tethers. This poor dog had a nasty wound caused by the heavy chain used to tether him. After a check-up by Dr Mohamed Gergis fitted him with a new soft collar he made at the centre.



Mange affects many animals in Luxor - dogs, donkeys, horses, sheep - none are immune to this horrible uncomfortable condition. This entire family of horses was affected and needed treatment. Sudocrem to sooth and keep out infection and anti-parasitic injections are the standard treatment and usually do the trick.



This donkey came to the AWOL centre with a large haematoma. A haematoma is a large collection of blood located outside of the blood capillaries, small ones are often called blood blisters but this one was much larger.

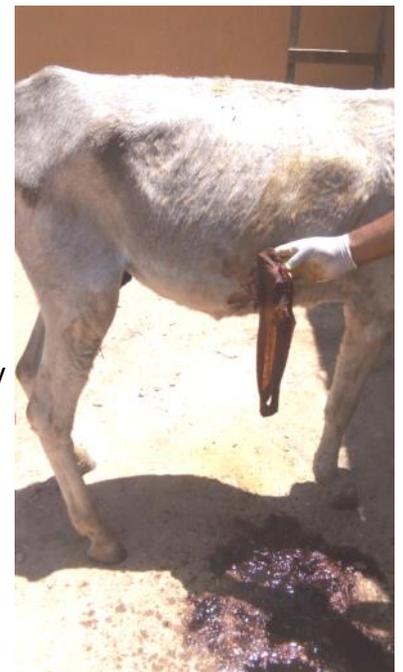


Haematomas are frequently caused by injury or trauma; they are similar to a bruise but as the blood collects in one area they can become quite large and swollen. If the skin is not broken they are sometimes left untreated and absorbed back into the body.

This particular haematoma was caused by a fall by the donkey when carrying a heavy load. The skin was broken and the haematoma was already infected so it needed to be treated.

Antibiotic treatment and anti-inflammatory treatment was needed and the wound was also treated with antiseptics. A large quantity of blood was secreted when the haematoma was drained by Dr Mohamed.

To ensure the donkey received the necessary treatment he stayed at the AWOL centre for three days where in addition to the medical care he also had a nice rest and some good food! After three days at the centre the donkey was very much improved and was able to be returned to his owner. We're sure he would prefer to stay at the centre for a longer holiday but unfortunately that was just not possible!



Another donkey with horrible wounds sustained during his work. These were caused by a badly-fitting wooden bridge - which owners put across the back of the donkey to support the load the donkey is carrying - and unsuitable breeching straps. Unfortunately the bridges are often made of rough wood and may have nails sticking out or the fabric used underneath for protection may not be adequate to prevent injury.



The donkey returned every three days for treatment with antibiotics and anti-inflammatories. He was also given multivitamins to boost his immune system and strength and the wounds were cleaned with a local antibiotic spray containing gentian violet. He is not fully recovered as yet but he is making very good progress and when he is fully recovered and fit to work he will be fitted with some new soft tack made by Gergis at the centre.



## UK news.

Many thanks to our supporter Lorraine for running our latest Facebook auction. The auction raised an excellent £293.50p for AWOL. Along with items donated by supporter Prudence and sold on EBay the items donated by supporters raised £430.79. Huge thanks to all who donated items and put in bids!

Thanks also to the Surrey supporters group who raised £129 at the May lunch and through other fundraising efforts. A lovely lunch AND funds raised for AWOL - well done to all who helped and attended. Thanks also to new supporter Margaret who raised £33 with a plant sale. Plus, of course, many thanks to EVERYONE who has donated this month!

Our next lunches have all been scheduled for the second Monday in the month and are as follows:

Monday July 8th 12.30pm at The Mint, Park Road, Banstead SM7 3DS.

Monday 9th September 12.30pm at The Cricketers, Stamford Green Road, Epsom KT18 7SR.

On Sunday 21st July supporter Lorraine he will be doing a 5km walk carrying weights to raise money for AWOL. Last year she raised £429 for AWOL so please support her fantastic effort this year and see if we can beat last year!

This year she will be accompanied by her two young nieces. Tia and Kaiya who are 11 and 12 years old respectively and who will be carrying hand weights. Lorraine and her friend Stacey will be carrying 10kg each and Lorraine's partner Simon will be carrying 15kg AND will double the walk so will walk 10km! The weights are to represent the loads working donkeys carry in Luxor during their working day. Many donkeys walk more than 10km to get to the AWOL centre for treatment as well as carrying loads so this walk represents just part of the working day of a donkey in Luxor.



If you would like to support Lorraine and her team in their fund-raising you can donate to the fundraiser using the following link:<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=LorraineStockings&pageUrl=2> You can use a credit or debit card to donate this way or you can donate using all the usual methods; if you mark up your donation 'walk' so we know it is in support of Lorraine.

Remember, all our help and care for the animals in Luxor is possible only with your help; every bit helps. 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).



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.

AWOL's IBAN number for receiving international payments into the AWOL bank account is GB73HBUK40202451621076

Many thanks for reading our newsletter, *Angela* <sub>7</sub> and the AWOL team. 