Winter 2026

ACE newsletter

News of how your support is helping animals in Luxor



Charlotte Hewitt-Dedman and Alice Scott

Two weeks at ACE with the BEVA Trust

We were fortunate to volunteer at ACE, funded by the British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA). This Trust supports equine veterinary projects in the UK and overseas, helping professionals share skills to improve equine welfare through practical treatment, education and training.

Our mornings at ACE began with inpatient care, treatments and surgeries. Afternoons were spent seeing walk-in cases. These ranged from routine worming and dentistry to emergencies such as colic, and many wounds.

One of the most memorable cases was a donkey whose tail had been bitten off by another donkey. He was brought in two weeks after the incident. A shard of coccygeal vertebra was exposed and the surrounding tissue was very necrotic. We debrided the wound, resected the shard of bone at the articulation and bandaged the area. We then admitted him for ongoing care and pain relief. After a week the wound looked very healthy, but full healing will take a long time. This gave us an insight into the injuries that can occur when many donkey stallions are kept in close proximity.

Education has long been at the forefront of ACE's work which we saw first-hand whilst working alongside the Egyptian vets. Key topics include nutrition, handling, correct use of tack and routine health care such as worming and dentistry. Owners are taught when to seek veterinary attention: sooner is always better! We also enjoyed teaching the ACE veterinary team. We gave lectures and ran a practical nerve and joint block session to help train the more recently graduated vets. It was rewarding to see their confidence grow as they put techniques into practice. We learned so much from their questions and experience.

We are so grateful to the BEVA Trust for making the trip possible and to the whole ACE team for their warm welcome and the animal care they provide every day.

Please Help

Please sign and return our Gift Aid form today.

We employ six amazing vets and many wonderful support staff at our hospital.

We would really appreciate some assistance with our monthly wages bill. Each vet is paid the equivalent of £2,000 annually. This is a BIG expense for us. As the costs of feed and medical supplies rise, we are hoping that some of our supporters would be kind enough to set up a monthly payment of just £10 to help contribute towards the costs of the salaries.

Thank You

As always we would like to say thank you to our kind supporters who continue to donate monthly to our charity. You are **AMAZING** and very much appreciated.

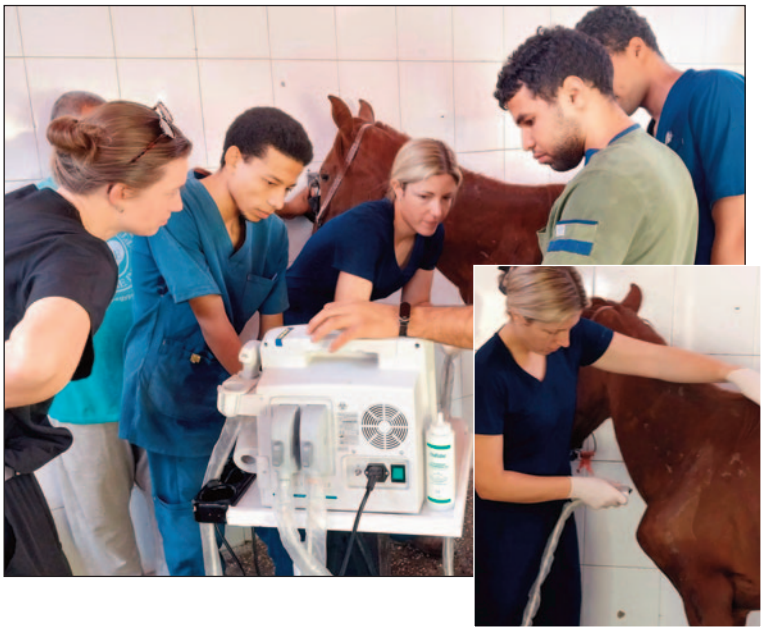
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As we have many power cuts during the summer months at our hospital in Luxor, we made the decision to install solar panels.

We take this opportunity to thank our loyal supporters **Kathy and Tom Staly** from the US for their kindness in providing the funds to enable this. We also want to thank **Moira Czuczman** from the UK for her generosity in assisting us with purchasing some of the battery packs needed to store the electricity generated by the solar panels. Moira has kindly made this donation in loving memory of her dear parents, **James and Margaret Hardman**. Moira visited ACE some years ago with her parents and they supported us for many years. James and Margaret's names have been added to our 'In Memory' tree on the wall of our hospital.



Sad Story

This chestnut foal was badly kicked by his mum. The left shoulder was visibly swollen and injured. Dr. Mena shaved off the youngster's fur on the damaged area to prepare for an ultrasound which Dr. Charlotte performed, and the veterinary team discussed their findings.

Unfortunately, the ultrasound revealed that the shoulder was fractured and chips of bone were found in several places. To confirm the diagnosis, an x-ray was taken. The vet team agreed that the damage was far too serious and the best course of action was to set him free from his pain, so he was assisted over the rainbow bridge.

Noseband Covers Made with Love

The main 'ingredient' for making nosebands is LOVE!

Thank you to our many supporters who kindly make noseband covers for us to give to the equines that visit ACE.

We are always in need of noseband covers for the hardworking horses and donkeys of Luxor. Often the headcollars used here have a chain noseband, which can cause sores on the soft tissue of the poor equine nose. Also, in the summer months these chains become extremely hot and very uncomfortable.

If you have a sewing machine and would like to make a few for us, we would really appreciate it.
For instructions on how to make them please email:
supporter@ace-egypt.org.uk

We value your support and would like to keep you informed about our

If you do NOT wish to receive further information from ACE, please

Over The Stable Door

Some news about a few of our recent inpatients



Millie arrived very lame as she had a septic fetlock joint. She has made good progress during her hospitalisation with us and will soon be ready to go home.



Road accidents are far too common here. Young Brandy unfortunately fell on the street whilst pulling a heavy cart. He has damaged both of his knees and will stay with us for daily treatment until he has recovered.



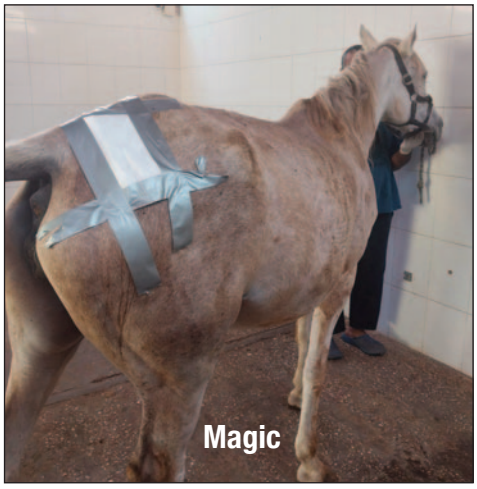
Poor Stripey is suffering from colic, an abdominal pain caused by a variety of reasons, including poor diet. Donkeys here are owned by the poorest communities who often let them graze in the rubbish. We are providing pain relief and medication for Stripey but unfortunately he has a poor prognosis.



This poor lad arrived as an emergency after he became entangled in the rope that he was tied up with in his stable. In his panic, he received rope burn wounds, sores and badly damaged his eye which our vets sadly had to remove. Horses cope remarkably well with just one eye and we will ensure that his overall body condition will improve during his long stay with us.



This poor donkey had tetanus - a neurologic disease caused by the toxin of Clostridium tetani, a bacteria found in soil and manure. The toxin travels through nerves and causes widespread muscle rigidity and painful spasms. This can often lead to death but with our care this lad is recovering.



Melanoma in horses is a type of skin cancer arising from melanocytes, which are the pigment producing cells in the skin and hair. We mainly see this on grey horses as they get older. Because the tumours are more aggressive in non-grey horses our team decided that it was best to remove it. Charlotte from BEVA kindly performed the procedure.

animal welfare work and fundraising activities either by post or via email.

email us at supporter@ace-egypt.org.uk or write to us at the address below.

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Nile Egyptian School and appeal for funds



Can you help us to replace our old laptop?

We were overjoyed to have a visit from the Nile Egyptian School in Luxor.

It is extremely important to educate children about animal welfare to facilitate change. Following a classroom session the children were eager to have a tour of our hospital and facilities. The current laptop we use during our education programme is very old and unreliable. We are looking for kind donations to help us towards the cost of replaceming the laptop and the cables which will be around £500. Any assistance would be much appreciated.

ROSSDALES Veterinary Surgeons



Holly Blackburn and Rhiannon Oliver

Every November we are lucky to have the continued annual support of Rossdales VS who so kindly send members of their team to assist our vets. This year we welcomed vet Holly Blackburn and vet nurse Rhiannon Oliver who were great assets during their stint with us. As you can see, they brought an amazing haul of vital donations for our hospital with them. We would also like to thank Annalisa Barrelet who organises this and provides her assistance to us in the UK.

Snapshot: October 2026

We are pleased to report that during October we carried out the following treatments here at our charity hospital…

Outpatients Clinic	
Number of donkeys treated	1,256
Number of horses treated	850
Small Animal Clinic	
Routine treatments for dogs	772
Routine treatments for cats	1,815
Cats neutered	48

Coming to Luxor?

We always need old **cotton sheets** and **pillowcases** which are very useful in covering wounds on the horses and donkeys. **Towels** are also wanted as we get through so many. So if you are coming to Luxor please pack any of the above items as we will put them to good use. Thank you.

FOR MORE INFORMATION or for fundraising info (most information can be found on our website) please contact Helen on: +44 (0)7880623807 or: helen@ace-egypt.org.uk

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