

# ACE newsletter

News of how your support is helping animals in Luxor



## Education MATTERS

We are so pleased to welcome visiting veterinary students from South Valley University in Qena come to visit our hospital, to see the important work that we do.

No doubt most of them will apply to spend some time improving their skills and knowledge with our team over the coming months.

## Hoof Help

'We often call upon a local farrier to provide much needed hoof trims or remedial work for our inpatients. Here in Luxor a hoof trim cost us 50 Egyptian pounds for a donkey, which is currently less than one British pound. It costs 100 Egyptian pounds for a horse. So, a donation of just £3 helps us to provide hoof care to three horses or four donkeys. Adding shoes costs extra.



**JUST £3**  
can pay for the  
hoof care of 3  
horses or 4  
donkeys!



## A Beloved Friend

This man travelled all the way from Aswan which is around four hours' drive from Luxor. He was advised by a vet there to bring his lovely dog to our hospital in the hope that we could save him. His dog was called Ambesa which means friend in Nubian.

Ambesa was 12 years old and had a very aggressive cancerous tumour on his leg that had grown suddenly in the last three months. Our team took x-rays and unfortunately discovered that Ambesa was riddled with cancer in all of his internal organs. Due to his extremely poor prognosis his owner agreed to euthanasia. He was very upset but did not want his friend to suffer any more. He had lived with him from a puppy and had been very much loved. A heartbreaking end but completely the right thing to do.

We hate to think how long his suffering could have continued without our charity hospital being here. This is all thanks to the kindness of our supporters who help us to make a difference.



## Cute Colt

This colt donkey was brought in to us by his owner to get a vitamin injection, but he is far too young for this. So, Dr. Mena made sure that the mother will have the vitamins needed and advised the owner to increase the protein in her food. This way the colt will receive the goodness via his mother's milk.



## Lucky Dogs

Here in Luxor at our British charity hospital, we provide free vet treatment for the animals owned by the impoverished people of Luxor and the surrounding area. We also feed many street dogs every day but the costs are rising.

Here are a few recipients of our care that live outside our hospital. Tuta, one of our resident rescues likes to go and greet them each morning. We check them over for any problems such as ticks, and we neuter the females to prevent further puppies adding to the pack.



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# Over The Stable Door

Some news about a few of our recent inpatients



Silver

This stunning mare travelled for two hours to receive care at our hospital. Word of mouth about our terrific vets has spread far and wide. Silver had a nasty infected wound on her hind leg which is being treated daily.



Millie

This jenny donkey gave birth to a dead foetus due to a uterus infection and further complications. Sadly, the infection had spread into her blood stream and she was anaemic. A PCV (packed cell volume) test showed her red blood cell count was only 20%, it should be at least 27%. Dr. Hana gave Millie a blood transfusion with 1.5 litres donated by Cloudy, one of our resident rescue donkeys. Dr. Hana carefully monitored the procedure. Her progress will continue to be checked whilst she is hospitalised with us.



Ginger

This young colt managed to get himself entangled in the rope that he was tied up with. His panic caused a massive rope burn to his hind leg which became infected. With daily care at our hospital he has a good prognosis.



Sahara

Sahara was suffering from uveitis, where the uvea layer of the eye becomes inflamed, caused by a bacterial infection. Her eyes were examined by applying medication which enlarged her pupils. She will be treated with antibiotics. As her eyes are so sensitive they will be covered with a fly mask during her stay with us.



Billy

This poor donkey has formed a nasty abscess following a bite from another male donkey. He also has a bite wound on his leg. He is healing well with the daily care provided by our hardworking team.



Anubis

This jack donkey has a bite wound on his left carpus from a fight with another male. Here in Egypt stallions are never gelded due to cultural beliefs and also economic ones as their value would drop considerably. Dr. Pola treated the wound and admitted him into our hospital for further treatment.

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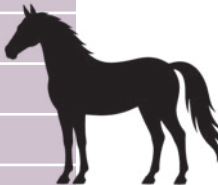
# Our Tortoise Garden

Here at ACE we have been given many tortoises over the years, mainly by owners who keep them on their balconies as most people here don't have gardens. The most common problem is a vitamin D deficiency due to being kept in an area with no access to sunlight. Once our vets explain this, people are happy to let them live their lives in our garden where they can roam freely and have a varied buffet to eat.

## A Snapshot: July 2026

Just an idea of the number of animals that were treated at our hospital in the month of July 2026.

**In our outpatients clinic we treated 1378 donkeys and 733 horses. Broken down as follows:**

|                                             |      |                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Internal (colic, deworming, dentals)        | 1079 |     |
| Surgery                                     | 4    |                                                                                      |
| Respiratory infections (incl strangles etc) | 611  |   |
| Lame (incl farrier used)                    | 163  |                                                                                      |
| Skin disease                                | 159  |                                                                                      |
| Eye conditions                              | 89   |                                                                                      |
| Fractures                                   | 6    |                                                                                      |
| Admitted for ongoing care - Donkeys         | 32   |  |
| Admitted for ongoing care - Horses          | 21   |                                                                                      |
| Assisted to 'rainbow bridge' - Donkeys      | 7    |                                                                                      |
| Assisted to 'rainbow bridge' - Horses       | 3    |                                                                                      |

Of course all of this is made possible by our amazing supporters who kindly make monthly donations. But each month we have to dip into our savings as our expenses are greater than our income. So please help us to continue to help the many animals brought to our charity hospital. Thank you all so much from the bottom of our hearts.

make your donations go...  
**25% FURTHER**

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## horse facts did you know?

*A horse's heart is around 13 times bigger than a human's?*

*In the wild the herd is usually led by a strong mare with a stallion on guard.*

*Ideally, they require five to ten gallons of water each day.*

*Horses can sleep standing up as they have a 'stay apparatus' in their legs. They only lie down for two to three hours of deep sleep, though many never lay down to sleep at all.*

*Horses (and donkeys) cannot vomit or burp! They have a strong cardiac sphincter which acts as a one way valve, making them susceptible to stomach upsets.*

*Their vision is almost 350 degrees allowing them to detect predators, but they have two blind spots which are directly in front and behind them.*

*Being herd animals they are very social and will graze together for hours.*

**Such majestic animals that enrich this world.**

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