

ACE newsletter

News of how your support is helping animals in Luxor



Village Brick Donkeys

CAN YOU HELP?

There are many items that are just not available in Egypt. We have a lovely group of people who regularly visit us from the UK and who are happy to pass on donated items both for our hospital and charity shop in Luxor.

Please take a look at our 'Wish List' on our website and if you can help please email

helen@ace-egypt.org.uk

who will be pleased to advise who you can post items on to for delivery at our hospital. Thank you so much for your kind support.



All over Egypt there are villages and whole areas that are dedicated to producing bricks that are fired in kilns for the construction industry.

Conditions are very harsh both for the people and the donkeys that complete this hot and gruelling work. Most of these types of villages do not have access to proper sanitation and wells are usually dug to provide water; an electricity supply is considered a luxury. The people are paid a pittance for the bricks that they produce and if they can't work, they don't eat.

Their donkeys are used to transport the bricks, and if they are lucky it may just be around the local villages and within the production area. Donkeys are generally overloaded and working with their owners for hours on end without water to quench their thirst. Many of their owners are simply living in poverty.

There are a few of these brick production areas surrounding Luxor and we are keen that our education programme will help make a difference to their harsh lives and will deliver some of our books to the villages once they are available.

Over The Stable Door

Just a few of the working horses and donkeys that have received care at our hospital thanks to **YOU**, our wonderful supporters...



Jade

Jade received a nasty bite on her nose from another horse which resulted in a hole into her nasal cavity. With daily care from our team of vets, we are pleased to tell you that Jade made a full recovery.



Harry

Harry arrived having fallen in the street whilst pulling his cart. His knees were in a terrible state as a result and when he was examined our vets discovered that he also had a respiratory infection. Harry stayed with us for a few weeks whilst he healed and recovered.



Chicago the donkey

Our Manager, Kim Taylor, received a phone call from our friends at Chicago House in Luxor, who produce photographs and line drawings of inscriptions and relief scenes on major temples and tombs, for publication.

A small donkey had wandered into their gardens and was clearly unwell. As the donkey was young and quite small we managed to get her on the back seat of Kim's car and took her back to ACE for examination.

We have named her Chicago, for obvious reasons, and despite a respiratory infection, mange and overgrown hooves, she had a good prognosis. She was probably dumped as she is too young to work. Some people here just cannot afford the expense of keeping a donkey without any return on their investment.

Once Chicago was out of the car she really perked up at seeing other donkeys around and suddenly found her appetite. At the time of writing this newsletter our friends at Chicago House have already found a new home for Chicago who has completely recovered from her problems.

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

Amelia was suffering with colic and following successful treatment and a stay at our hospital she was ready to go home. We think she enjoyed having some time off from work once she had recovered.



Mr Grumpy

This donkey arrived in our outpatients' clinic to have his bite wound assessed. Our vets decided to admit him as Grumpy needs daily care for the deep wound on his face that was inflicted by another male donkey. As the working equines here in Egypt are rarely castrated this is an all too common problem as males will fight for domination, and for females of course.

Sophie

We admitted new mum Sophie as she is anaemic and as she has a young foal, Sam, he was admitted alongside his mum. Sophie has a good prognosis and should make a good recovery under the care of our vets and, of course, regular feed and water will go a long way too.



Raphael the Egyptian Tortoise was brought to our small animal clinic by his vigilant young owner Kareem who spotted a skin problem. Our vets diagnosed a vitamin D deficiency, as Kareem told us that he keeps his tortoise in his bedroom. We persuaded Kareem to leave his tortoise outside in our tortoise garden for a few weeks. Kareem is keen to learn more about his pet and will be visiting Raphael. We will see if Kareem will let us keep him for good, as these tortoises are now endangered due to the high numbers that were exported to Europe as pets.

PARVO VIRUS



Having tackled a huge outbreak of flu amongst the horse and donkey population at the start of the year, we are now faced with an upsurge of canine visitors to our small animal clinic.

Parvo virus is highly contagious and can result in death if not treated quickly, even then poorly dogs may not recover. This virus causes problems in the dog's intestines which means that they cannot absorb nutrients and that, combined with vomiting and diarrhoea, leads to dehydration. Also, this virus can survive on the ground for six months which means that many others can become infected. With vaccinations being very expensive here, the general population cannot afford this preventative treatment and at times it is difficult to fund by ACE too.

OUR FIGHT against parvo will continue...

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.

Animal Care in Egypt, 10 Stretham Road, Wicken, Cambridgeshire CB7 5XH

Registered Charity no. 1082679 Registered in Egypt Society #2 Luxor

General Volunteering...



by Sophie Bell

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Having visited Egypt on holidays I knew exactly the condition of many working animals in Egypt. So, when I met Ann Spencer at my local tack shop, collecting for a small charity trying to make a big difference in Luxor, both my mum and I donated items for her to take out to ACE.

Years down the line, part way through my equine degree, I spent three months volunteering at that very charity. To mine and Ann's surprise we bumped into one another at ACE on my very first day! Making it a very joyful reunion with the very woman who introduced me to the work of ACE.

During my time in Egypt I saw and helped with a whole range of animals from horses and donkeys to camels and an ostrich! It was an incredible experience that I can't even begin to put into words. I would encourage anyone thinking about doing a placement or wanting to volunteer... ACE is the place to go. You can really make a difference to the animals, and the community which build its lives on the backs of those animals

Helping the animals was a huge part of this adventure but what really made my time special was the people who dedicate their lives to saving an incredible number of animals every day, and I cannot wait till I can return.

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If you are passionate about animal welfare and want to help us to make a difference, become a volunteer. There are many ways that you can help us at our hospital in Luxor. For more details please email helen@ace-egypt.org.uk

Trewirgie Junior School

A few months ago we were contacted by Lindsey Tong, a year 4 teacher at Trewirgie Junior School, Redruth, Cornwall.

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£900

Lindsey explained that the children were doing a project at school about ancient Egypt and had decided to design a jute bag for life to sell to help raise funds for ACE as well as another charity. They gained several sponsors whose logos were printed on one side of the bag and on the other was the winning child's Egyptian design relating to their ancient Egyptian topic.

With a target set of selling 500 bags the children were out and about during December last year selling the bags and raising awareness about the work that we do. We wanted to share this story in our Spring Newsletter, but we missed the printing deadline.

Jane Sargent the Headteacher told us, *"It has been an amazing experience for our children going out into the public and selling their bags. They were able to really engage with the public and tell them all about your charity too."*

We would like to thank Jane Sargent, the Headteacher of Trewirgie Junior School, Lindsay Tong and the other members of staff for all the hard work that they have put in to help make this happen. Our thanks also go out to the children and their parents and to everyone who purchased a bag and helped raise the amazing sum of £900.



FOR MORE INFORMATION or for a fundraising pack (most information can be found on our website) please contact Helen on: +44(0)79 7986 5352 or: helen@ace-egypt.org.uk

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