ACE newsletter

News of how your support is helping animals in Luxor

Dear friends,

I hope these pictures of the beautiful sunset and the Nile, encourage you to think of us here and to brighten your day.

There is no doubt that Luxor is a beautiful and fascinating holiday destination. We are so happy to finally see tourism picking up, because the economy directly affects the welfare of the working animals.

Thank you so much for your continued support through the recent pandemic. We are here thanks to your kindness and generosity, working every day to provide a veterinary hospital for Luxor's most vulnerable animals.

With love.



Appeal For Your Help

Our vet supplies, utilities and other costs have increased radically over the last year and we find ourselves in the position that we need to ensure that we have regular monthly donations so that we can meet our monthly outgoings. Whilst we do have funds in reserve it is prudent to ring fence these in case of an unforeseeable expense or event. The covid epidemic has had a very negative effect on our fundraising activities and as we have experienced a lack of tourist visitors to our hospital this has had a detrimental effect on our income too. We really appreciate your kindness and hope that you can help us.

Thank you

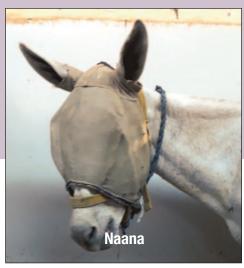
Over The Stable Door

Some of the patients that have received treatment thanks to...

YOU our wonderful supporters



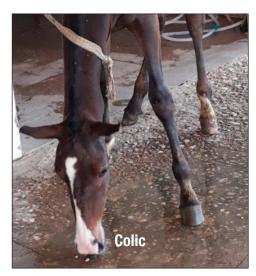
This young mare escaped and was hit by a vehicle as she ran along the street. Her owner immediately brought her to our hospital for help. We are treating her nasty leg wound.



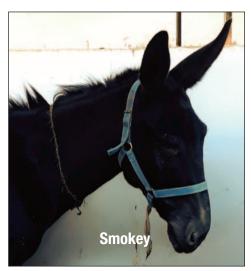
Naana arrived here with an eye trauma. The mask that she is wearing helps keep the area clean and free from flies.



Sarcoids are a type of skin tumour common in horses and donkeys. They can grow very large and can be invasive. Our vets have made a natural cream from local plants which has proved very effective in tackling these nasty growths.



Colic can result in the death of a horse or donkey. The sooner it is treated the better the chance of recovery. This young mare's owner brought her to us as soon as our doors opened one morning.



Smokey received a nasty bite in a very delicate area and was in a lot of pain. He is now well on the road to recovery but he may have to stay away from the ladies for a while!!



This poor mare was admitted with sores caused by her ill-fitting harness. We have asked her owner to bring in ther harness so we can make some alterations and add padding where needed.

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



Volunteering at ACE

We are so pleased that the FCO Travel guidance to Egypt is now Green, provided that you are fully vaccinated. Please do spread the word as we are always in need of volunteers here at our hospital.



This article was kindly written by one of our wonderful volunteers. We hope it will inspire you to help too...



In 2008 my husband and I travelled to Luxor, Egypt to see the archaeological sites including the tomb of Tutankhamen. Our taxi driver, Radwan, was friendly and enjoyed chatting with us as he drove us around the sites and he soon learned of my concern for the animals that we were seeing in the streets. Many of them were seriously underweight and some had wounds but were still pulling carriages for tourists or carts of vegetables and other goods. That was when Radwan told me about Animal Care in Egypt, ACE (a British charity), and suggested I visit.

This visit was one of strong and mixed emotions. On the one hand I was heartsick at the sight of such dreadful wounds on the horses and donkeys but at the same time I was amazed at the care they were receiving. One gray mare was recovering from cellulitis and had a section on her shoulder covered with skin grafts. I had never seen skin grafts on horses and I was in awe over the level of care the mare was receiving. I was crying as I saw the wounds and injuries the animals had whilst the volunteer was showing me around and explaining the various procedures that are

performed. She told me that I shouldn't be crying because those were the fortunate ones; their owners had brought them to the hospital as they knew the animals would receive thorough free care. At that moment I knew in my heart that I would become a forever sponsor to this amazing organization. That such a facility could exist there on the outskirts of Luxor is extraordinary; it is an oasis of good care and kindness not far from the barren desert. The admiration I feel toward the founders and all of the employees and volunteers who carry out this work is infinite.

After my initial visit I began donating on a monthly basis. I saw first-hand that the money is spent on supplies, medications, and salaries. There is no waste or frivolous expenditure in this organization. I shared with my husband my desire to come and volunteer when I retired; we would be able to come in January/February when the weather was more suitable. Tom was all in because he likes Egypt and the Egyptian people. Whilst he would not work with animals he would do maintenance work which he likes very much.

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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.

Our experiences volunteering have deepened our admiration for the Egyptian people, their culture and history. We have visited many places along the southern parts of the Nile and find the archaeological sites fascinating and beautiful. Each trip we make we know that we will return. I have gained insights into poverty and people making do with what they have and being happy, and that is an inspiration to me. I have become less of a consumer and more of a giver to those who are in need.

On a typical day our driver would pick us up at about 7:45am and drive us the 15 minutes to the animal hospital. My husband would go right to work on his many projects, usually with an employee working with him. Tom would often need to make trips to the hardware store, just like his projects at home. So, he would be off and running with his work. I liked to go round the equine in-patients and give small pieces of carrots to each. This is a big treat as Egyptians don't typically give treats to their horses or donkeys. The animals would come to recognize my voice and know that a bit of carrot was arriving. Some of the donkeys were very shy of people and would stay in the back of their stalls, but enjoy the carrot tossed their way. 23 animals are housed in covered stalls and there are also five large outside tree-lined shady pens for recovering patients as well as a small isolation block. Then I would check out the tortoises and sometimes chop up food for them - they received plenty of food like carrots, cucumber, lettuce, oranges, apples, melon, tomato, and dandelions. It is fun to see these small adorable creatures hustling to get to the food plate as it is arriving. What a great way to start the day! There are Egyptian and Greek tortoises and they are separated by a low partition. There are plenty of places for them to hide in the shade or sunbathe.

There are many resident cats living their best life (all spayed or neutered) and most have their favourite areas. You always know where to find which cats, and they are known by name and personality by everyone. There are a few resident dogs which are kept in a large garden area. They are walked frequently by volunteers and send up loud greetings when visitors arrive. As with house pets, once they know you and you call them by name they settle right down and are full of wiggles and greetings. At night, when everyone has gone home, they are allowed to roam the fenced grounds.

During the pandemic, in order to help the employees, we have given them monetary gifts at Christmas time and in June. This is money we would have spent on airline tickets and it feels good to give to hardworking people who will use the money to help their families.

If you are interested in helping this wonderful charity please visit their website **WWW.ace-egypt.org.uk** They are always in need of supporters and volunteers.

Kathy Staly X

Well done Portia and Victoria!



In July two of our young supporters held a Tombola at their summer school event called Fun in the Forest. Portia is quite an artist and also raised funds by providing face painting and glitter tattoos. Together they raised a total of £175 for ACE and we are extremely proud of their great achievement.

Thank you both, we really appreciate your on-going fundraising.



