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ACE newsletter

News of how your support is helping animals in Luxor

Kayleigh Cook and Kim Davies

BEVA

We would like to thank the British Equine Veterinary Association for their ongoing annual assistance. Over the last few years they have been extremely supportive in sending two experienced equine vets to Luxor, to assist our team in their caseload and provide continued personal development to our own vets.

Welcome and thank you to this year's volunteers, Kayleigh Cook and Kim Davies. A special thanks to Leaya Slater who works hard to make this happen for us!

Blind

This poor pony is completely blind in both eyes. She trudges the streets of Luxor for hours each day pulling her cart.

Her owner's life is no better - a young boy who you can see in this photo, is rummaging in the rubbish bin for food and recyclables that he can sell on for a meagre living. Can you imagine this being your life? No hope of an education either.

Please help us to provide free vet care to the hardworking horses and donkeys that these impoverished people rely on for their own existence.

A regular donation of just £3 a month makes a BIG difference

We are excited to tell you...

Following our Autumn newsletter, we have been able to purchase the Electrosurgery unit for which we ran an appeal.

Thank you so much... your generousity made this possible.

Monthly donations

We really need more supporters to set up a monthly donation for our charity hospital.

It would be wonderful to be in a position to know that our monthly expenses like the vets' salaries were being covered in this way. Unfortunately, we often have to utilise our reserve funds to cover these costs, and they won't last forever! Even a regular donation of just £3 each month can help us to continue our mission to provide free vet care.

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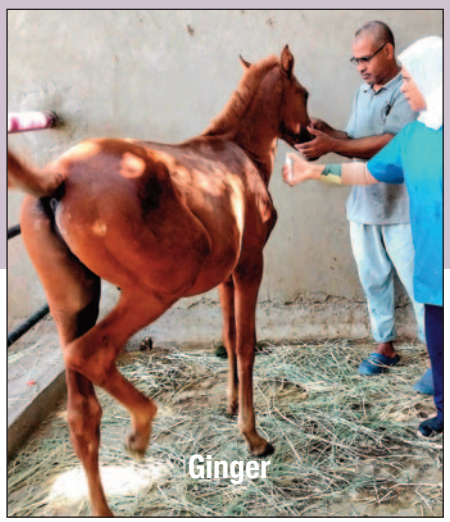
Over The Stable Door

Some news about a few of our recent inpatients

Sally was caught up in a stable fire. She has already spent three weeks with us receiving daily care, having her wounds cleaned and dressed. Sally is healing well and will spend a few more weeks under our care.

This gentle stallion is suffering from an infected wound and chip fracture on his carpus (knee) - the result of being bitten by another horse. Sam's wound is flushed out daily. His opposite leg has been bandaged to help support his weight as it has an increased burden.



This youngster is being cared for in our isolation area. An ultrasound examination revealed abscessation in the lungs caused by a bacteria called rhodococcus. We have two more foals suffering from the same condition and they are making good progress.

Unfortunately, we often treat donkeys with wounds caused by their owners striking them repeatedly to pull their heavy loads. Educating owners about kinder ways to treat their animals is a daily occurrence. We hope that Billy's owner now understands as Billy has been hospitalised and unable to work. Billy has received skin grafts from his neck to assist the healing process.

Hugo arrived with skin lesions on his neck caused by a threadworm called onchocerca cevicalis. This is transmitted by flies - their larvae causing the lesions. Hugo gets daily topical treatment and had ivermectin which is an anti-parasite medication.

This pretty mare was in a road traffic accident and has a wound over her radius area. She has been given anti-tetanus, antibiotics and pain relief. Her wound is cleaned daily and she will spend around another two weeks with us until she is healed.

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

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Tetanus donkey

Here at our charity hospital we are regularly faced with the challenge of treating horses and donkeys suffering from tetanus. This bacterial infection is also known as' lockjaw', as the toxins attack the nervous system resulting in the equine not being able to drink or eat. Unfortunately around 80% of equines that catch this disease worldwide usually have to be euthanised.

The spores of this bacteria are widespread and can easily enter a wound. The damage starts when the toxin enters the brain. Early signs of tetanus include the third eyelid being visible, walking stiffly and becoming very sensitive to sounds. The earlier a case of tetanus is brought to our hospital the better chance we have of successful treatment with the anti-toxins and muscle relaxants which are part of their care.

Our veterinary team constantly educate the local people about looking out for these signs and also how to best avoid this in the future.

Elizabeth Johnson

Volunteering at ACE

As a veterinary medicine student at the University of Surrey, I have to undertake placements to gain experience of the role of the veterinarian. When I discovered that ACE accepted veterinary students to assist their team of full time vets, I jumped at the chance. I have visited ACE three times now and always have an eye-opening and enriching experience.

The day begins by reviewing and treating the inpatients which is juggled with the constant inflow of walk-in cases. No day is ever the same as a steady stream of cases and emergencies arrive constantly and need to be triaged immediately.

The vets are brilliant and involve me in every stage - discussing diagnosis, prognosis and appropriate treatment options. Whilst at ACE I have encountered veterinary conditions that I have only read about in textbooks, seeing these cases brought to life and successfully treated has been a hugely inspiring experience.

Seeing animals in very poor condition and often with a life threatening diagnosis is challenging, but I feel I am making a meaningful contribution through volunteering at ACE.

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Bernard Returns

We were overjoyed to welcome back Bernard Duvernay from the Flying Anvil Foundation in late September. Bernard first came to us earlier this year. He promised to return to further build on the knowledge and skills that he had shared with the farriers working in the local area.

During the workshops, that he held at our hospital, the team that were working under Bernard's supervision worked very hard. A total of 104 horses and 73 donkeys had their hooves trimmed and shod.

The goal of the Flying Anvil Foundation sits alongside our own... helping to improve the wellbeing of equines and to help communities and professionals improve and assure their own sustainable economic progress.

Our thanks to Bernard for his amazing support and we would also like to thank our kind supporters who provided funds for this project.

Young Falcon

Ahmed works serving refreshments on the long distance coaches that travel to Saudi Arabia from Egypt. He was on his way back to Luxor when he spotted this young falcon lying on the tarmac desert road. He urged the driver to stop and realised that the falcon couldn't fly away.

Ahmed decided to rescue the young bird and brought the falcon to our hospital for treatment. Once the falcon has recovered and his wings are strong enough, Ahmed will return him to the wild.

Money Saving Tip

We are so pleased that Kim's daughter, Michelle, is now working for the Utility Warehouse, or UW for short. Michelle has teamed up with charities to raise up to £150 per customer sign up. Every supporter/potential customer will deal directly with Michelle for everything.... she will figure out if she can save you money by switching your current provider. If she can, and you are happy to proceed, then Animal Care in Egypt will receive between £25 and £150 in return.

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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