

ACE newsletter

News of how your support is helping animals in Luxor



SCORCHING HOT!

This summer we have had the usual challenges that arrive along with the unbearably hot days (up to 48°C) and we have seen on the weather reports that some European countries have experienced a few days of record-breaking temperatures too.



The long, hot summer months start with a vengeance in April/ May and continue through to October when it starts cooling down to around 35°C. This heat brings many challenges to both man and beast. Power cuts in Luxor are regular as the infrastructure cannot cope with the surge in demand, so cooling down can be a challenge and the lack of electricity can also affect the water supply.

Unfortunately, each summer many people die from sunstroke and dehydration and with global warming this will increase. Educating the local people about the importance of looking out for the wellbeing of their animals is part of what we do. From advice about not walking dogs in the heat, to treating a horse or donkey that has collapsed with sunstroke is a daily conversation, repeated often. We treat many dogs' paws where the owner has taken them for a walk along a street and the tarmac has burned into their pads.

To give you some idea as to how uneducated some of the people here are... an old man arrived with his donkey that had a swollen leg due to cellulitis (bacterial infection). The man believed that his donkey had drunk too much water and that his leg had filled up. He wanted our vets to cut the leg open to release the water!

Worryingly, he is not the first person to believe this.

Our ACE Charity Shop

You will be pleased to learn that the charity shop that we set up in Luxor three years ago has been very successful in helping us raise funds for our hospital. It also gives the local people the chance to buy good quality clothing that they would not be able to purchase otherwise.

We do, however, need a constant supply of stock, so if you can assist us with this we would be very grateful. Please email us and we can give you the postal address of a volunteer that would be happy to carry items in their suitcase to Luxor for us.

We are pleased to tell you that we now have a collection point in Sharm El Sheikh if you are holidaying there.

Please email supporter@ace-egypt.org.uk if you can help.

Over The Stable Door

Just a few of the
thanks to YOU



Smokey

This male donkey suffered a nasty bite wound to his knee which became infected and, thankfully, his owner brought him to our hospital for treatment.



Star

Star the carriage horse was given a poor quality cattle wormer by an ill-informed vet outside of ACE, perhaps the needle used was a dirty one too. As a result, a huge abscess formed in his neck. Our vets had to drain and pack it daily until the infection cleared up.



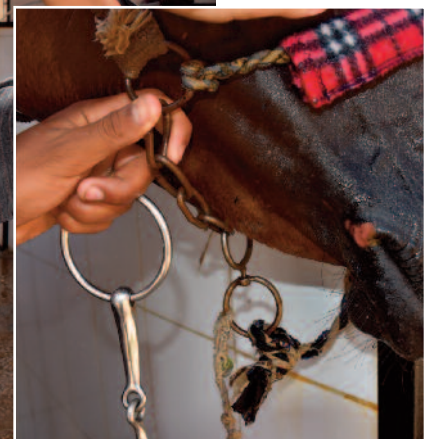
Sony

Sony was admitted covered with infected sores and wounds which had been caused by his ill-fitting harness. He will stay with us whilst his body heals, and we will refurbish his tack before he goes back out to work pulling his vegetable cart.

BIT EXCHANGE

We send our thanks to our supporters who kindly bring bits for the working horses and donkeys, which enable us to exchange them for the crude locally made ones.

This horse had a bit that was far too small for his mouth and was causing a sore; it must have been very uncomfortable. His owner was glad that we helped his horse and was very keen to do a swap.



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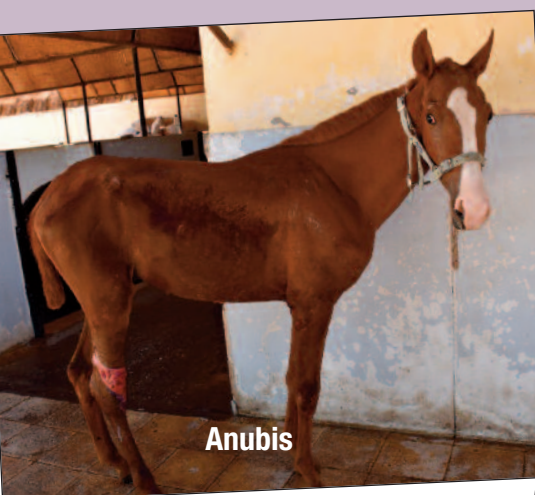


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working horses and donkeys that have received care at our hospital
, our wonderful supporters...



Anubis

Anubis is less than a year old and he managed to get his hind leg entangled in his tether. When he panicked trying to release his leg, the rope quickly tightened and caused a severe rope burn.



Bebo

Bebo suffered a shoulder trauma when he was hit by a car as he was pulling his cart along the road. His owner was quick to arrange for him to arrive on the back of a tuk tuk and thankfully he had no broken bones but was very badly bruised and sore.



Veronica

Another victim of an ignorant vet who treated her with the wrong type of injection to which she severely reacted. Her body and leg have become infected and she will remain at our hospital for some time as the damaged tissues repair. We always talk with the owner when we see avoidable injuries and infections and explain when it has been caused by a 'vet'. We encourage the owner to ask that person to spend some time with us to learn about the correct medicines and treatments.

Don't let them die on the streets...

Luxor, like all towns and cities, has a problem with the overpopulation of dogs and cats. Most puppies and kittens born on the streets will endure a life of suffering and many will die at a young age particularly as poison is put down by the government/contractors to control numbers. Here at ACE we constantly remind owners about our free spay and neuter services and we are now carrying out these types of surgeries on a daily basis due to our success in education on this matter.

Please do assist us in continuing this vital work as we are making great progress and need to have funds available to continue.



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

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HELPING Luxor's Rubbish Dump Donkeys

Most of the donkeys here in Egypt have a very hard and miserable life.

The donkeys owned by the desperately poor people that collect rubbish to be recycled are probably worse off than many as they help their owners earn a pitiful amount of money despite the long hard hours that they work.

The summer months are even more challenging as there is little shade to escape the burning sun. Some donkeys graze on the putrid rotting matter that is dumped as well as plastic bags and other rubbish to fill their hungry stomachs.

We stop and speak with their owners whenever possible and remind them about our hospital at ACE. We explain that we can provide de-worming treatments, soothe their sores and owners can wash down their tired bodies at our facilities (both owner and donkey).

Many donkeys are treated at our hospital for colic which is often brought on by their poor diet and lack of water. We also often treat them for prolapses that are the direct result of them having to pull much too heavy loads.



The Miss-Adventures of Dr Assma!

Dr Assma had an unfortunate accident when she went on a mini-break to Hurghada with Dr Hana and their families. On the very first afternoon they went quad biking in the desert and Dr Assma fell off her bike resulting in a badly broken collar bone! Dr Assma chose to travel to Assuit, which is a four-hour drive from Luxor, to have an operation as there were no suitable surgeons available locally. At the time of writing this Dr Assma is undergoing physiotherapy. We hope that she makes a speedy recovery.

Get well soon Assma!

WOODCHIPPER APPEAL

We like to provide wood chips as bedding for our inpatients. At times it can be hard to come by as we purchase and collect it from the floors of the carpenters' workshops. It would be more cost effective to 'make' our own bedding and this will also guarantee us a constant supply. So, we are looking to purchase a second-hand wood chipper and we need your help with the cost.

Donations towards this would be greatly appreciated.

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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