

# ACE newsletter

News of how your support is helping animals in Luxor



## AT ACE

by Dilara Pataudi - Animal Healer & Reiki Master



“ At the centre they have both inpatient and outpatient clinics specifically for large animals. The outpatient clinic has several wash bays which are in constant use, two clinic spaces and a waiting area for diagnosis.

Inpatient full capacity is 30, but when needed the team 'double up' compatible patients in the bigger stables. There is a constant influx of coming and going. Outpatients are brought in between 8am-12pm then from 1pm-5pm. Any emergency patients which arrive after that are attended to by the vets who return to the centre from their homes.

The horses and donkeys are fed Alfalfa brought in from the local fields. It is very accessible and grows in abundance (for a large city!).

The horses all have to remain on the same diet they eat outside of ACE. As some of the cases are

**We would like to thank everyone for their kind support in whichever way you have chosen to help us and the animals receiving our care.**

in for a very short period of time changing their diets would not be the most productive approach. Feed consists of corn and chaff.

On average, 30 animals a month are put to sleep: one a day. This number of course fluctuates depending on the variables. During the eight days I was there six donkeys and two horses were put down. This is a testament to the conditions they are forced to live in. These euthanasia cases were from colic, neurological disorders as a result of spinal damage, and liver failure.

Medical equipment is VERY limited in Egypt. Certain vital drugs will suddenly, without warning be put into the black market making it more difficult for the team to get what they need. ACE relies entirely on financial and physical donations. Provisions obtained very easily in the UK (vet wrap, support bandages) and other developed countries must be brought into Egypt by those willing to donate and travel.

ACE is not a rescue centre with land to keep the patients for a long period of time. These are all working animals so if they are fit to go back to work post-treatment then they will, in order to make space for more to come in. In England we have entire organisations dedicated to the continuous intention of giving horses/animals a better life because, ultimately, we have the land and the money to do so. In Egypt this is not the case. The current economic structure means that the people are surviving just as much as the animals. In Luxor there is no space where they can be free and break from the working environment they are born into as they are seen as a necessity for the farmers and workers.

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In the 19 years ACE has been running it has grown considerably in popularity and respect for their work. People travel from as far as Cairo (656km: 7 hours) to have their animals treated. I find this incredible, that they know about ACE and take the initiative to travel so far.

Many animals who pass through the ACE gates are far beyond medical or alternative assistance. The best option for them (unfortunately) is to be put to sleep and find peace through that portal. However, property law in Egypt is very strict which means that if an animal is beyond help and in need of euthanasia there has to be a binding purchase contract in place first. ACE has to buy the animal (usually horses/donkeys) from them. (General price: 40 Egyptian pounds = 2 Euros.) There is an extreme need for immediate action to be taken to increase the education and awareness around animal welfare. The men rely on these animals to help produce an income which supports them and their families. The majority of owners attempt to medicate their horses themselves with often dire consequences. Abscesses from incorrect injections, improper drug dosage, infected sarcoids, neglected colic cases. The collective belief system around how

animals should be treated is at the other end of the spectrum to what we know in the UK. ACE works with the local schools to offer regular free talks on animal welfare to the children of the area. They have published their own 'Story book/Manual' for the children to take home with them and show their parents.

Change is happening. What I keep asking myself is 'How and where can we make the most impact?' 'How can we be compassionate with what we people know in the face of adversity against our own perspectives of what is right?' These people do what they know, as do we all. Unfortunately, the lives of many innocent beings are at stake because the people who make the biggest impact are not lifting a finger to stop it.

In Egypt  
there is a saying:  
"All things  
are in God's  
hands"

For me, this Egyptian saying removes our human responsibility from how much of an effect we do have! It ensures forgetfulness that our actions are divine. Ironic because Islam and Christianity state that all beings are God's creatures. This should mean that all beings deserve equal levels of appreciation, kindness and respect. ”

Let's create a new world and new earth where we unify our souls to create collective value.



## UPGRADING Our Small Animal Clinic



Thanks to our generous supporter **Pamela Isdell** we are overjoyed to tell you that we are now in a position to purchase:

- A Diathermy unit for surgery
- An operating table
- An Inhalation anaesthetic unit
- A stock of injectable anaesthetic

Thank you so much Pamela for making this possible.

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



# 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...**



Jenny

Whilst pulling a vegetable cart for her owner Jenny was unfortunately hit by a car. Her owner thankfully brought her straight to ACE where our vets Dr David and Dr Shady spent the next three hours debriding her huge laceration and 180 sutures were needed. We are hoping for a good prognosis for Jenny.



Sultan

Sultan was hospitalised with us suffering from a respiratory infection and he appeared to enjoy his recovery and time in our shady paddocks.



Oliver

Oliver has been with us for a couple of months whilst he receives treatment for an enormous sarcoid that was growing on the side of his face. It's almost gone now following daily treatment from our vets with their specially made homeopathic cream and serum.



Bob

Bob arrived on the back of a tuk-tuk as he was suffering from tetanus and unable to walk very far. He was immediately admitted for his treatment. Unfortunately, tetanus claims the lives of many equines here in Egypt if they are not treated quickly enough.



Ramses

Ramses' owner employed a local village 'vet' to give Ramses a de-worming treatment. Unfortunately, the uneducated 'vet' injected a drug that should only be used for cattle. Poor Ramses developed a huge abscess as a result. We asked Ramses' owner to speak with the 'vet' that had done this and to inform him of his error; we also offered for him to come and spend time learning from our fully trained team.



Sonia

Sonia received a nasty bite from another horse and the wound had become very infected before her owner came to us for help. We advised him that he must seek treatment as soon as a problem occurs because the infection may have been avoided if Sonia had been hospitalised with us sooner.

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email us at [supporter@ace-egypt.org.uk](mailto:supporter@ace-egypt.org.uk) or write to us at the address below.

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Jenna with her favourite inpatient Dianne

# AN ACE ADDICT

by Jenna Tonks

When I visited Egypt on holiday in October'18 I came home with very mixed feelings. What a fantastic place full of history, good weather, nice food and some of the friendliest people I had ever met. However, what tainted Egypt for me was seeing the conditions that many of the working animals here endure, as well as the number of stray cats and dogs that were struggling to survive on the streets. I came home and straightaway looked for charities helping animals in Egypt. This is when I found out about ACE. So, in January 2019 I arrived for six weeks at ACE as a General Volunteer.

I wasn't entirely sure what to expect but I was pleasantly surprised; ACE felt like this little bubble of tranquillity outside the busy town. Before the hospital opened in the morning there was a feeling of calm, I would sit outside and drink my coffee thinking about what the day would bring. The reality was that one could never begin to guess this; every day was different and came with its own challenges.

I love all animals, however, I am nervous around the larger animals and so I decided to start helping in the Small Animal Clinic. This is a growing area of the hospital, year after year they are seeing more and more small animals brought to them. Not only cats and dogs but also tortoises, other reptiles and sometimes even birds.

There are no appointments, the vets here spend their time split between the small and large animals and will be wherever they're needed. I was surprised every day with the creative ways owners transported their animals! From laundry baskets, cardboard boxes, pillow cases to just carrying their cats on the bus. The locals arrive with their pets and are seen in turn by one of the vets. Sometimes there is a steady flow of arrivals and other times they all arrive at once forming a long queue. The patients are checked over, diagnosed, wounds cleaned and dressed, x-rays performed, and surgery takes place if needed.

The owners are also informed about and encouraged to use the the free spay and neutering service that takes place here. It was fantastic to see so many locals bring in their pets, as well as strays, to have this small surgical procedure done.

It is not just medical needs that are addressed here but also husbandry issues; often the dogs would arrive with string or chains tied round their necks as makeshift leads and collars. It is ACE's aim to not let them leave like this and so soft flat rope is provided for free. The owners are educated about the importance of not using chains and encouraged to use collars instead.

It is impossible to fully describe the atmosphere and positive changes that are being made here. I am thankful to have been able to witness it.

**It is not a question of "IF" but "WHEN" I will be coming back!**

# amazon

## ACE AMAZON 'WISH LIST'

We have set up a 'Wish List' on Amazon to enable our supporters to purchase items for our charity. The various supplies will be delivered to Kim's mum's address in the UK and will be taken to ACE by Kim's family and friends when they visit Luxor. If you would like to buy us some much needed supplies please use the link or type in the following:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/3114FOQBVC00R/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_z\\_g\\_wb](https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/3114FOQBVC00R/ref=cm_sw_em_r_z_g_wb)

Alternatively, email [supporter@ace-egypt.org.uk](mailto:supporter@ace-egypt.org.uk) and we will be pleased to email the link to you. Thank you so much in advance.

## AMAZON SMILE

Our thanks go out to everyone that has been shopping online via Amazon and has nominated ACE as their chosen charity on the AmazonSmile scheme. Amazon has donated £171.32 to Animal Care in Egypt Limited as a result of activity between 1 Oct to 31 Dec 2018. If you would like to make use of this great initiative please use this link;

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1082679-0>

Please nominate ACE if you are purchasing goods from our 'Wish List' to help us further.

**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](mailto:helen@ace-egypt.org.uk)

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