

ACE newsletter

News of how your support is helping animals in Luxor



Polly with her favourite inpatient Alaska

General volunteers needed... as well as vet students

Polly Lindsay volunteered with us during the summer and kindly wrote about her experience with us at ACE

“ I was keen to do some volunteering on my gap year and thought volunteering at ACE would be a great way to do something meaningful given that I adore working with horses and all animals. I went as a general volunteer for a couple of weeks. It was definitely one of the most rewarding things I have ever done!

Despite being primarily a veterinary clinic there was always something for me to do that didn't require any veterinary knowledge - whether washing horses and donkeys, helping the vets, handing out fluffy nosebands or feeding the resident cats and dogs. These are all things that the vets simply don't have time to do. It is so rewarding to see how much the horses appreciate a good shower in the 40° heat. It was also really important for the animals to have some human interaction that didn't involve any uncomfortable veterinary treatment.

I was also able to help out the vets a lot. The full time vets, vet students and volunteers were all so friendly, always happy to explain a case to me and let me help out a little. I was able to

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Bit Swapping

When we receive a donation of horse bits we do our utmost to swap them for the old ones that local people use, to make working equines lives more comfortable. Quite often children are willing to swap but the older generation can be resistant to change, especially if the bits have been passed down making the bit a family heirloom. Thankfully this horse's owner has made the right decision.

2018 Calendar COMPETITION

We are holding a competition for our supporters to have their photos taken at ACE included in our 2018 Calendar.

If you have a photo (or two) which captures a magic moment at ACE or is a great example of the hard work that we do, please email it to:
helen@ace-egypt.org.uk

Closing date for photo entries is 31st January 2017. If your photo is chosen we will notify you in March and you will receive a free copy of the ACE 2018 Calendar as a reward.

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help flush wounds, horse wounds, remove ticks from dogs and hold horses and donkeys that were sadly being put to sleep. I was even allowed to inject water up a urinary catheter into a dog with kidney and bladder issues - that was not something I could not have foreseen doing!

Of course a lot of what I saw at ACE was emotionally taxing. Given that it is a hospital, almost all the animals are ill and/or injured and in some cases they are sadly put down. Despite everything everyone managed to stay so positive and friendly. We had an ongoing water fight with the vets and the stable workers, which was not only fun but also a refreshing relief. It was also great to relax after work with the other volunteers and vets either at ACE or in Luxor. I definitely made some really close friends when I was there - not only of the furry kind!

As someone who loves travelling and exploring different countries I was also looking forward to visiting Luxor. Everyone at ACE was happy to show me around the city, try Egyptian food and see some of the sights. I explored the Valley of the Kings and of the Queens, as well as Karnak and Luxor temples. A highlight was going horse riding in the desert at dawn, despite the 3am start!

Living within the yard at ACE really helped to make the experience all the more special as it made us feel close to the animals and able to check on them overnight. It also did feel very secure. I never saw any signs of unrest or unease in Luxor. Nevertheless, it was nice to be able to lock the gate in the evenings when we got back from a meal out and know that there were two surprisingly motherly night guards looking after us!

All in all it was a great experience and as someone who loves spending time around any animals, it was perfect. I really felt as if I was making a difference to the lives and comfort of the animals, as well of course to their owners who depend on their animals for their livelihood. The work that ACE does really is invaluable to the working animals and as an extension their owners and the whole community. I just wish I could have stayed for a little longer! ”

Thank you for all your help Polly

If you are interested in volunteering with us at our hospital in Luxor please email **kim@ace-egypt.org.uk**
More details are on our website.



Felix

It's your long eared friend Felix the donkey here! I just want to thank you all for all the support you show us all here at ACE. I am so grateful to you all and I am happy to be making so many friends on Instagram! As many of you are aware I can be naughty. I try to be good but sometimes a donkey's got to do what a donkey's got to do. Here is my latest poem:

*I'm a naughty donkey,
With friends both near and far,
I send to you some donkey hugs,
No matter where you are!
I've tried to be an angel,
But mischief follows me,
I'm a naughty donkey,
And am cheeky as can be!
My long ears like to wiggle,
A glint is in my eye,
A chance to be a naughty boy,
Will never pass me by!*

Love Felix X

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We would like to thank our wonderful team of vets that have been working so hard throughout the sweltering summer months.

RIP SOL

We are devastated to announce the passing of our beloved resident dog 'Sol'



Sol was found unconscious in his garden. Our vets quickly gave him all the care and help they could but unfortunately Sol lost his battle for life a few hours later. He passed away with Kim hugging him on her office floor whilst trying to reduce his temperature and other symptoms. Dr Hana diagnosed his problem as either a venomous snake bite or a deadly scorpion sting.

Sol will be very sadly missed by Kim, her family, the team here at ACE, the many volunteers who have hugged him and of course the hundreds of supporters who have met and even been barked at by Sol. Arriving at ACE is just not the same without him barking his head off to announce each arrival to our visitors centre.

We have decided to set up a JustGiving page in Sol's memory as we know that he was loved by many people who would like to make a donation in his memory.

Ways that you can help us to help them...

Giveacar.co.uk

Did you know that you can give your old car to Giveacar, who will then it into a cash donation for ACE? If it's time to get rid of your old banger then please consider using your old car to help the animals in Luxor.



Give as you live

Shop online via Give as you Live at over 4,000 retailers and you'll turn a percentage of your total spend into a donation for us at www.giveasyoulive.com/join/aceegypt



Our ACE Ebay shop

Buy and sell items online and you can donate the funds directly to ACE.



Charitable Bookings

Download the app on to your mobile. When you make a booking at your favorite restaurant £1 is donated for each diner.



WowGive - a new way to donate

We have just signed up to a new application that is available to download on many types of mobiles. Please sign up today and make it easy for you to give.



WOWGIVE

If you would like more details or assistance with any of these initiatives please email helen@ace-egypt.org.uk

Fundraising News from our wonderful supporters...

RSPCA Open day

Tina MacDonell, Jo Thornton and Bonnie the dog from the Healing Animals Organisation, kindly ran an ACE fundraising stall for us at this event and together they raised £70. Thank you Ladies.



Brooksby Melton College

More thanks go out to Donna Lord Lecturer of the Animal Care Course at the Brooksby Melton College in Leicestershire and her lovely students who have been busy supporting ACE this summer and have raised £57.

Moyles Court School – Ringwood

ACE Supporter Kara Sue Turvey's eight year old twin daughters, Portia and Victoria, wanted to raise money for ACE, so they decided to do a drink & cake stall at school during play-time. What happened next? Drinks and slices of cake were 50p each. Two other little girls of 8 and 9 helped as did their respective mums. Together they managed to raise £101. Thank you to Mr Milner-Smith Headmaster of Moyles Court School and all of the teachers and parents who kindly made donations and assisted the girls in making this event a great success.



ACE Dog Agility

Our lovely supporter Sue Sewell from Oxon held a fun dog agility event this summer and raised £249. Thank you so much Sue and all of the participants who made this such a great success.

ACE Artist

An amazing artistic supporter Lynn Heald has been busy helping ACE in various ways including making some beautiful fused glass decorations which we have been selling to raise funds. Thank you so much Lynn from the ACE Team.

Hurrah for Russ - He did it!

ACE Supporter Russell Akehurst has completed the London to Brighton Walk to raise funds for ACE. Our gratitude goes out to Russ, he has raised the amazing sum of £842.31 to help the animals visiting our hospital. Here he is at the finishing line where his lovely dogs were waiting to greet him. The Lab on the left is Lenny, the Patterdale Terrier on the right is Poppy and the little Jack Russell in the middle is Button. What super friends Russ has.



Well done everyone, from all of the team at ACE X

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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