

ACE newsletter

News of how your support is helping animals in Luxor



A Message from Kim Taylor

As we enter yet another scorching summer here in Luxor, the team at ACE would like to say how truly grateful we are to each and every one of our loyal supporters for everything you do to help us to help the animals and people here.

We are overwhelmed

by all your hard work, giving up your evenings, weekends and any spare time to fundraise or to make useful items for the donkeys and horses that are born to spend their entire lives working and supporting the family that uses them to survive the harsh environment. With your thoughtful help we are able to do so much to give them relief from their daily drudgery.

So from the ACE team please accept our grateful thanks for all you do and will continue to do in the future, we wish you every happiness in your lives and a peaceful year.

SAD NEWS

Charles Leslie Wartenberg, founder of the International Wildlife Coalition Trust-UK (IWCT), Animal Kingdom Foundation, Inc -Philippines (AKF) and Animal Kingdom Foundation -UK (AKF-UK) passed away at the age of 84 on December 18, 2016.

Charles is survived by his wife Julie Wartenberg an ACE Founder and Trustee, and 'Sweet', a dog he rescued from the dog meat trade in the Philippines.

Charles' contribution to animal welfare abroad and in the Philippines is undeniably significant. He started with the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) campaigning for the European ban on seal coat importation while protesting the killing of seal pups in Canada. He had gone to Rwanda helping the preservation of the Orangutans, to Spain protesting the drowning of young bulls and decapitation of hanged geese when cyclists pull on their heads. In the late 1990's he went to the Philippines after discovering in a newspaper article that the dog meat trade was prevalent there. He established AKF and began



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his campaign to end the dog meat trade through various rescue operations of dogs bound for slaughter.

In 2006 Charles made possible his dream of building a shelter to care for and rehabilitate the dogs rescued by AKF. He did not want dogs to be put down, he wanted them to enjoy what's left of their hard lives or be adopted by loving families. The shelter has become a haven for those who want to help out in caring for the dogs. Foreign and local volunteers and visitors claim it as a must-place to visit in Central Luzon.

With his boundless energy and unwavering resolve in rescuing slaughter-bound dogs and sending perpetrators to prison, Charles made possible - through partnerships with other charities, local animal welfare groups and the government - amendments to the improvement of animal welfare regulations. He was one of the main proponents of the National Plan of Action of 2006, whereby the Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare Division, The Department of Interior and Local Government and The National Meat Inspection Service collaborated and committed to establish a national mandate to implement the animal welfare laws towards the elimination of the dog meat trade.

Charles spearheaded the campaign to spread awareness in schools and local communities through passionate education officers, rehabilitate and re-home rounded up dogs from city pounds and provide free spay and neuter via community veterinary missions and events.

He was a dedicated and passionate animal welfare advocate and he loved the Philippine dogs. He may have gone ahead but his legacy lives and will be continued.



Egyptian Vet Students



Dr. Mohammed Hamdy

One of the initiatives that we are very proud of is our connection with Assuit University. We often have vet students come to spend time learning about equines and companion animals as our reputation for excellence in these fields has grown. One of the students that has spent time with us this year is Dr Mohammed Hamdy who is looking to specialize as a horse vet and was recommended that he come to ACE to gain vital skills and knowledge. We wish all of our student vets, both from overseas and from here in Egypt, every success with their important careers ahead.

Over the stable door . . .

Jingles the baby donkey was born in the middle of the night when the temperatures here in Luxor were very low and as a result he was suffering from hypothermia. He also has some confirmation issues that our vets are helping him with.

Jenny the donkey received a nasty gore wound from a water buffalo and our vets had to get inventive and make some trousers for her to help cover the wound and keep her warm as she was in shock. Here she is sporting her trousers and red coat. We are pleased to report that she made a full recovery.

When mares are admitted that are still feeding their foals, the babe gets to stay at our hospital too. This mare was admitted with a hock wound and we had just the right rug for her little colt. We have called mum **Suzi and her youngster Shadow.**



What We Do

Our hospital in Luxor sees thousands of animals every year. Many are treated for serious, life threatening conditions, often due to neglect or lack of understanding that animals feel pain. We have three clinics within our hospital:

Our walk-in clinic is where we first assess the patients. There is no appointment system as many people wouldn't know how to contact us or be able to before arriving. People sign in at our gate and then wait to be seen in the queue. Many animals come for routine treatments like worming and dentistry or they may have something much more serious and need surgery. Minor surgery can be done outside in the clinic, such as flushing an abscess, but major surgery is conducted in our large animal surgery. Our vets assess each animal, either treating them as necessary or referring them to the vets working on inpatients, who will work the case up from there.

Animals that are referred from the walk-in clinic are assessed by the vets and appropriate tests and treatments are given, such as x-rays. Typically the animal will need to stay in one of our stables.

They will stay with us until they recover. We write SOAPs (Subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan) twice a day which helps ensure we are monitoring the animals effectively and they get all their necessary treatments. Animals may stay just for the night or be with us for months. We take care of the animals while they stay with us. Once they are feeling better or are more mobile we allow them time out in our paddocks to help in their recovery.

While we predominantly treat working animals we also see hundreds of cats and dogs every year. Our small animal clinic has a consulting room where we assess and treat patients. We also do routine neutering for free. We can keep cats and dogs in overnight if they need time to recover and be monitored or receive further treatment. Our lab has basic equipment like a microscope, useful for skin samples and blood test.

Current Inpatients



Jingles



Jenny



Suzi and Shadow

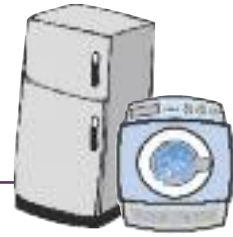
DONKEY FOCUS

In Egypt donkeys are really kept specifically for work. Most of the population that have donkeys are living in extreme poverty. Many families rely on their donkey to provide an income, but due to a lack of education, many of these animals do not receive the care and attention that at times they so desperately need. People also have to make the difficult decision as to who to feed - their children or their donkey. Medicines and vaccinations are costly, so as a direct result the donkey quite often survives on the bare minimum that they can afford.

At our hospital we provide free veterinary treatment and also preventative care such as dental work. As male donkeys are rarely castrated they can become very aggressive towards each other, especially when there is a female in season close by. Almost daily we see the results of these fights, and as a donkey's jaw is so powerful, bite wounds can at times be life threatening. Bites to necks and legs are very common and quite often have to amputate tails when they have been damaged beyond repair.

During 2016 we treated 9,336 donkeys (that's an average of 25 per day) for a variety of problems - bite wounds being just one of the challenges. Road traffic accidents are also far too frequent with many donkeys falling victim to some haphazard driving.

Of course we just would not be able to help these donkeys and in turn their families without your wonderful support... thank you all for donating so that we can continue to help them.



Washed Out and Melting!

Our washing machine recently reached the end of its life and we have had to purchase a new one. We are constantly using it for our vets' scrubs, blankets, towels - you name it we wash it! The new one cost us £300 and we will probably have to replace some other items this year too. If you could help us with a donation we would really appreciate your help.

One of our fridges is also nearing the end too, we hope that we don't get a third issue!

Thank you X

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