

Supporters Fundraising

We are truly blessed to have such a great network of ACE Supporters, here are some updates on how they have been raising money for ACE...

Karen Tuke of Equicash Essex has been raising funds for ACE by selling donated items of tack via her business. Karen and her daughter Imogen have spent hours upon hours cleaning bridles. They raised £265 during October! In September Karen undertook a personal challenge to raise even more funds. Thankfully the sun shone as Karen kayaked an amazing 37 miles from Sudbury to the sea and raised £236 for ACE! What an amazing lady. Well done and thank you Karen and Imogen.

Maggie Fowler, Sallianne Parker, Liz McMillan and Margaret Stevens have been avid ACE supporters for 14 years now!

They make up our busy ACE team in Deal. Most weekends they run stalls at different venues, raising funds at car boot sales and even setting out stalls on their driveways! They try to visit ACE twice a year and always fill up their suitcases with items from our ACE Wishlist, from hoof picks to cat sticks and home-made equine nose band covers etc. They are a fantastic group who recently raised £188.77 at Deal Town Hall. Kim Taylor our Manager and Co-Founder could not resist springing a surprise 'thank you' visit as she was in the UK at the time. Well done ladies and thank you so much for your time and commitment.



Ann Spencer is another long-time supporter who has visited us in Luxor a few times this year. On this occasion she arrived with her daughter Tessa. They never come empty handed and 'flooded' the ACE office with donated items that they have been collecting, along with the help of Riseholm Feeds who have been encouraging their customers to donate items. Thank you so much Ann & Tessa.

Throughout 2014 we have had many supporters running different events. Thank you to all of you, without your hard work we would not be able to provide the level of care to our patients that we do. Thank you each and every one of you.

Introducing Helen

Helen Collins, a long time and active supporter who has regularly volunteered in Luxor has recently taken on the vital role of Fundraising and Supporter Care Manager at ACE. Helen replaces Pat Wilder who has moved on after a fantastic couple of years with us. Helen brings with her business and equine knowledge, experience and skills which are second to none and we are thrilled that she has become a key member of our team.

Should you wish to contact Helen, please email her at helen@ace-egypt.org.uk or call her on +44(0)79 7986 5352. She'll be delighted to hear from you!



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News of how your support is helping animals in Luxor



URGENT APPEAL

A few weeks ago the transformer that links our electricity supply from the grid was vandalised and the copper wiring within it stolen, leaving the hospital without power.

When ACE was first built there was no electric supply to this area so we had to pay for this equipment to be installed. As soon as the transformer was connected to the grid, it then became the property of the electric company.

When it was damaged beyond repair the electricity company wanted us to pay £4,700 to get the transformer replaced. This is on top of the £1,100 to replace the vaccines and medication that we had stored in refrigeration. Despite our appeals for help to the electricity company, Local Government and other Egyptian officials, we have had no luck and therefore have had to foot the bill ourselves.

Despite being without electricity for a few weeks the Vets and Staff at ACE continued their great work with the animals of Luxor. We have paid the huge bill and the transformer has been replaced, but we would really appreciate your assistance.



Update on our Angel

You will remember the tragic story featured in our last newsletter about the 'sole survivor', the grey mare recovering from terrible burns after being in a fire on a farm. Here's her ups and downs in recent weeks...

Jeanette Elliman, a volunteer, named her Angel due to her sweet personality. She was on the road to recovery until her owner came to ACE and demanded her back. Unfortunately, as she was his property and despite the advice given by our vets, the owner took her away. A few days later we sent a stable boy to check on her and were horrified to discover that she had been sold!

We don't usually buy horses but we felt that Angel deserved a better life and had the perfect temperament to help develop our education programme. Therefore, we tracked her down and struck a deal with her new owner.

We are very pleased to say that Angel is now back at ACE, still recovering, and she has put on lots of weight over the last few weeks. Her back is still very pink but she is doing really well. You will be overjoyed to hear that once Angel is fully recovered, she will be assisting us in



educating the local children and owners. She will be used to demonstrate animal husbandry such as grooming and picking out hooves, as well as being our 'model' to show the children where various anatomical structures are located.

'Sponsor an Angel'

Therefore, we are looking for supporters to 'sponsor an Angel' to help us meet the cost of around £60 per month necessary to make sure that she is never worked again, never feels hunger and never feels pain.

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

DONATE through our website, using PayPal or Credit/debit card. Or you can post any donations to: Animal Care in Egypt, 10 Stretham Road, Wicken, Cambridge, CB7 5XH.



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THE HEARTWARMING STORY OF ZIK & ZAK

Am Hassan, one of our stable staff, is always the first to arrive in the morning, in spite of living the furthest away. One morning as Am Hassan was approaching ACE on his motorbike, he spotted a suspicious looking box near one of the gates. He went over to investigate and almost jumped out of his skin when he saw the cover of the box moving. Afraid that it was rats scavenging for food, he stamped his feet to scare them off, but instead he heard whimpering coming from the box. Upon lifting the cover, he was relieved to discover two cute fluffy puppies.

He took them inside the small animal clinic and gave them some milk. The puppies must have been abandoned during the middle of the night as they lapped up the milk with gusto. The puppies then fell asleep, exhausted but with full stomachs.

As soon as the vets arrived, the puppies were given a full health check, worming tablets and a medicated bath as they were covered in fleas. Fortunately they were in very good health. Both boys who were named Zik and Zak by Zakia, one of our housekeepers.

So now we were left with the most important issue: where and when were the puppies going to go? Luckily, Am Hassan readily solved the problem saying that a neighbour, who was also his wife's Uncle, was looking for a dog to keep on his small farm. Am Hassan rang the Uncle to make sure he was going to be happy with two dogs and fortunately he agreed.

The bad start to the life of Zik and Zak turned into a happy ending. After Am Hassan finished his duty at the hospital in the afternoon, the Uncle came to collect them. They were put in a pet carrier on the back of his truck and were driven towards the West Bank and their new life.

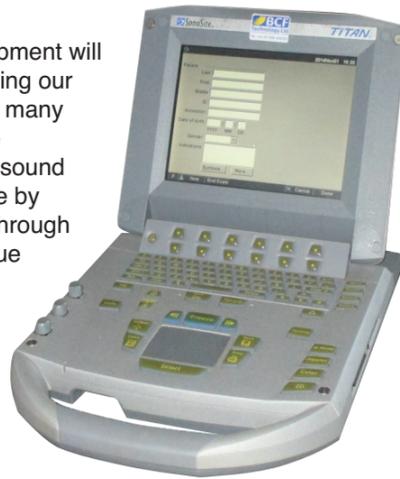
A NEW SCANNER

kindly donated by Darley

Everyone at ACE is overjoyed with a recent donation of a portable ultrasound scanner from Darley.

This versatile piece of equipment will benefit our patients by helping our veterinary team investigate many different conditions that are presented to them. An ultrasound scanner produces an image by transmitting sound waves through the tissue and any soft tissue can be examined. The vets will use it to examine swellings, abscesses, wounds, lameness cases, abdominal problems and much more.

This piece of equipment really can mean the difference between life and death. Darley is HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's global thoroughbred breeding and training operation, which operates in six countries around the world. Its headquarters are at Dalham Hall Stud, located within the historic home of racing, Newmarket, UK, and also home to their Thoroughbred Rehoming Programme. If you would like to see their beautiful stallions then have a look at their website: <http://www.darley.co.uk/about-us/introduction>



We really appreciate this very generous donation from Darley. Thank you.

Sponsor A Stable Programme

We are continuing this popular initiative during 2015.

If you would like to assist the donkeys and horses in this way then please email Kim@ace-egypt.org.uk for further details. We are looking for either Personal or Corporate sponsorship for a minimum donation of £1000 per year. A plaque with your details will be put on an especially dedicated board in reception for all to see in the visitors centre.

A message...

from Kim Taylor and Julie Wartenberg

Further to the letter you received from Colin Rogers, we wanted to reassure all our loyal supporters that despite a change in the Trustee board, nothing has changed here at the ACE hospital. We are still as committed as ever to our task of helping as many animals as possible in Luxor and its surrounding areas.

As you know, ACE was originally founded by us (two crazy English women) and we are still here. As you have kindly given us your generous help and regular financial support, we now have our own wonderful hospital and are able to help many thousands of animals each year.

We are sure that you would like to join us in extending our sincere gratitude to the former trustees for all their hard work and dedication.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us on kim@ace-egypt.org.uk. Thank you again for all your continued support, we could not do this without you.

Julie and Kim



Donkey's Lament

*Burning sun. No water. No food.
Please let my master be in a good mood,
perhaps today he'll lighten my load.
Perhaps today we'll walk one less road.
The wound on my back is scraped bare of skin
doesn't he care how the chain cuts in?
When will he learn to fit proper shoes
instead of cutting my poor tender hooves?
I dream of a field all grassy and green
where my life would be so good, so serene.
People would rest me and feed me with love,
I pray every day to the angels above.
So, till then, see the blood on my face
and take me for help to the kind vets at ACE
where they'll teach my master to care for me better,
and the word will be spread in the ACE Newsletter!*

BY LINDA JACOBS

ebay for charity

Did you know that we have an Ebay Charity shop?

<http://www.ebay.co.uk/egw/ebay-giving-works/non-profit-profile/ACE---Animal-Care-in-Egypt/44079>

Perhaps you have some items that you can sell on Ebay for us? It's an easy way to raise funds for ACE, from the comfort of your own home. For help and advice on placing items please do not hesitate to contact us.



*Seasons Greetings to all of our supporters
and wishing you all a Happy New Year.*

**Remember
your loved ones with ACE**

We have recently devoted a special place in our visitor center as a 'Wall of Remembrance.' If you would like to remember your loved ones in this special way through a dedicated donation, then please contact: kim@ace-egypt.org.uk for further details.

