

ACE newsletter

News of how your support is helping animals in Luxor



Kim and all the team at ACE would like to thank each and every one of our supporters who have assisted us during 2017. You have helped us to treat so many animals, from donkeys suffering with tetanus to working carriage horses that have been involved in a road traffic accident on Luxor's busy streets.



You have also played a vital part in assisting us with our education programme that we run here at our hospital in Luxor. During 2017 we taught over 500 children that animals are sentient beings and should be treated with kindness. Quite often these children are responsible for looking after the family's donkeys and other animals and we are seeing a gradual change in attitude as a direct result. For example, the number of local children visiting our small animal clinic with their family's cats and dogs has also risen, and the care they take of them has improved.

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Education Grant!

FANTASTIC NEWS! After lots of hard work, we have been awarded a grant to publish an amazing book made especially for Egyptian children about animal welfare!

"Abdallah, Bondoq and Other Animals" centres around the story of Abdallah, the puppy that he rescued from torture, his family and their other animals. The book is in English and Arabic and it's jam-packed with great illustrations, fact boxes, exercises and crafts to educate the children in a playful way. We're very excited to be adding it to our educational programme - all the children who visit ACE will be getting their own copy to take home!

The book was produced by Iris C. Meijer and a dedicated team of volunteers. We will of course update you once we have had it printed and in use.



We would like to wish all of our supporters Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year!

Luxor's Carriage Horses



The decline in tourism since the Revolution back in 2011 continues to have a huge impact on the welfare of the working horses of Luxor and in turn the families that used to earn a living from providing tours around the city in the back of their 'hantours' (carriages). During this year there has been a slight increase in overseas visitors but nowhere near as many as in the pre-revolution days.

This year the local government re-introduced the carriage licence system which is a step in the right direction but these people still struggle to earn a living and many are faced with the heart-breaking decision to feed their horse or their children at the end of the day.

These poor horses stand for hours on end waiting for a fare and as the fuel prices have greatly increased this year many local people have turned to this cheap form of transport but they are unwilling to pay more than a pittance for the ride. 'Well it's better than nothing' some drivers tell us when they bring their horses to our hospital for free treatment.

We often go out on the streets to talk to the drivers about their horses' welfare, remind them about our hospital and give out nose band covers that have been kindly made by our supporters.

Many carriage drivers have given up and sold their horses in the hope of finding alternative employment but there are just not enough opportunities to find jobs locally, especially when you have not been lucky enough to receive an education.

Egypt's Ministry of Antiquities recently announced the discovery of a New Kingdom tomb that belongs to god Amun's Goldsmith, Amenemhat, and a burial shaft housing the mummy of a woman and her two children.



Let's hope that this gives tourism a much needed boost and that the local people will return to being employed in the many hotels that have been under occupied for such a long time now.



OVER THE STABLE DOOR

Some of the many horses and donkeys that you have helped recently...

Clive

Clive was on the receiving end of a nasty bite wound on his leg from another donkey and it became infected. Following daily treatment and a course of antibiotics he was able to return to work.

Henry

Henry arrived at our hospital with a huge haematoma which had formed after he was kicked by another horse. In Luxor many horses are kept in close proximity and if there is a mare in season nearby, the stallions will fight to get to her. Henry made a full recovery following daily treatment from our vets.

Mundy

Mundy has been a regular visitor to our out-patients clinic and his owner is very proud of him and takes good care of this young horse. He calls in at least once a week to use our wash down facilities and to get advice from our vets about Mundy's wellbeing.

Mary

Mary the donkey had a foreign object in her eye and was hospitalised with us for a couple of weeks until her eye was fully healed.

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Ways that **YOU** can help the animals...

Recycle 4 Charity

Recycle your empty inkjet cartridges to help protect the environment and raise money for ACE. It's so easy. All you have to do is register and nominate Animal Care in Egypt as the recipient. You will receive freepost recycling bags and can send back up to five cartridges at a time or desktop recycling boxes for larger volumes.



Ebay

You can sell your unwanted goods on eBay and donate part or all of the proceeds to ACE. We have an ebay shop that you can utilise to do so. www.ebay.co.uk/egw/ebay-for-charity/charity-profile/Animal-Care-in-Egypt



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Say goodbye to your old car when it has reached the end of the road by donating it through Give a Car. Not only will you help ACE, but you will also be saved the problem of disposing of your car in an environmentally friendly way.



Work in progress...

We are currently making some modifications to our hospital and extending the shady areas to enable our equine patients to take cover from the sun whilst waiting to see our vets.



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