



LANG-OOR NUUS - DONKEY TAILS



Esel tjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary - McGregor

Newsletter/Nuusbrief # 15

PBO 930028734

Patron: David Kramer

August – October 2010

NPO 056-575

The Sanctuary has experienced an extremely busy three months, with all its ventures to date being blessed with positive results!

Looking back

The three-day **Book Fair** at the end of May was the culmination of months of preparation and the efforts of a team of 40 volunteers. The magnificent sum of R70,000 was raised! Thanks to all who supported this – and enjoy your reading!



A large proportion of this amount was immediately put to use for a **family of five donkeys** rescued from a petting farm near Franschhoek. Two mares each with a young foal, and a young stallion were signed over to the Sanctuary after delicate negotiations with the owner. Treatment by a team of vets and farriers followed and the “Franschhoek Five” are now happily ensconced in a temporary home with daily loving care, under the management of our representative there, Anne Stone.

Esel tjiesrus then had a stall at the **Bastille Festival** in Franschhoek, ably manned by Robyn and again a team of volunteers who traveled across during the weekend. Hundreds of folk now have our brochures and are aware of the need to provide correct care for donkeys.



Without the support of the Franschhoek donkey-loving community all this would never have been possible – the culture of caring is spreading its wings! Sincere thanks to all!

Still in Franschhoek, we have **Appels and Toffee** fostered there by Anne Stone. Toffee needed major specialized veterinary attention after a few setbacks from internal foot damage as a result of years of neglect, and is now progressing well. He had a general anaesthetic to enable accurate trimming based on X-rays, with corrective shoes being made and fitted. The hoof wall is now growing down healthily and he has been able to discard the shoes. After a few more months we will see how well the delicate internal hoof structures have regenerated. Little Appels keeps him company and lightens his mood. We hope that they will soon be able to play games as two healthy donkeys should! A huge Thank You to Anne and all the professionals involved – we salute you!

Advance notice

Special Summer Book Fair!!!

One day only – Saturday 20th November 2010
in the new Community Hall, Voortrekker Street, McGregor
New stock! Vars nuwe boeke!

Due to ongoing generous donations we are able to offer a Special Summer Book Fair!

Kom doen vroegtydig al jou Kersinkopies hier!
Duisende boeke teen ons gewilde lae pryse, net vir EEN dag!

Diarise now and do your gift shopping all in one go!



Hello, I'm Coco and the herd has nominated me to write in this newsletter!

I too have had recurring hoof problems: this is a very delicate part of our anatomy and neglect causes us agony. Imagine walking on your fingertips, with overgrown fingernails with splinters under each nail. However my feet are much better now, thanks to our gentle farrier Michael.

My close friend Ounooi started to feel very weary a few weeks ago. She was too tired to walk much and lay down and slept most of the time. We all realized that she was embarking on the final chapter of her life here on earth, and we supported her with our calm concern. She was not in pain, and the kind vet kept her comfortable until she stopped eating and made it clear that she was ready to leave us.

She slipped away without pain or fear, surrounded by our loving human friends from the Sanctuary. We miss her but know that her final years were her best. We are all blessed to be here where our time, too, will draw to a close.

Thank you for caring about us, and making the Sanctuary possible!

Lots of donkey love and hugs, Coco and friends. RIP dear Ounooi.

St Francis Day and Remembrance Service - Sunday 3rd October 2010



Join us to celebrate all creatures great and small, and memories of loved ones.

A meditative walk through the vineyards will follow a short ceremony and blessing of the animals. You may wish to place a stone on our Memorial Cairn in memory of departed loved ones.

Please invite your friends.
Companion animals on leads are most welcome.

[See poster on next page.](#)

(Priest blessing the donkeys at previous St Francis Day)

A little rest for the humans at Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary!

The Sanctuary will be closed to visitors from Monday 9th August, re-opening on Thursday 19th August, to give our staff a short breather. Of course the donkey care will continue!



We are open to visitors from Thursday till Sundays, 11am till 4pm.

On Saturdays and Sundays our guides are available to take you into the fields to meet the donkeys.

We are a registered charity and admission is by donation.

You will hear from us again:

The next Newsletter should reach you during November, and if you are an adopter your six-monthly Donkey Progress Report will arrive during September.

Please contact us if you are missing out on any of these communications.

Adopt-a-donkey

This provides the funds for the daily care of the donkeys. An adoption is a perfect gift for special occasions, and provides an "anchor" for friends or relatives living overseas. Details from us, or from our [website](#). ANY level of support is welcomed!

Bequests and donations

The Sanctuary is a long-term commitment and we are constantly extending our work. Please consider the Sanctuary when you draw up your will! Do consult us if you have any questions in this regard. The Sanctuary is a registered Public Benefit Organisation, so donations and bequests are in most cases exempt from tax. We provide tax receipts on request.



Follow us on Facebook!

You can follow us on Facebook by joining as a fan of 'Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary'. We already have over 289 fans. Become a Fan today!

CONTACT DETAILS:

PO Box 29, McGregor, 6708 - Tel: 023 6251 593 - Fax: 086 614 7777

Email: info@donkeysanctuary.co.za

Web: www.donkeysanctuary.co.za

Skakel gerus met ons in Afrikaans

BANK DETAILS:

"Donkey Sanctuary" Standard Bank, Robertson Code 050413, Account no 2882 444 19

Warm wishes from all at Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary

We thank Jimmy and Anne at Mulberry Studio for their continued generous support in designing our newsletters.

[Unsubscribe](#)

U WORD HARTLIK UITGENOOI
YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED

ST FRANCIS DAY & REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

at

Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary, McGregor

on

Sunday 3rd October 2010 at 11h00

Celebrate all creatures great and small and memories of loved ones
Join us for a short ceremony followed by a meditative walk

Companion animals are welcome - on leads at all times please