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Eseltriesrus Donkey Sanctuary - McGregor

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Hello folks! Although I don't live at Eseltriesrus Donkey Sanctuary, my friend Appels and I benefit directly from your generous support. You see, we now live with Anne and Dan in Franschoek where they care for us with SO much love! After years of abuse and neglect in van Wyksdorp, I was rescued and first moved to McGregor so that my poor painful feet could receive remedial farriery. There I literally sat on the post and rail fence - my feet were killing me! In May 2010 I met up with Appels, a donkey from the Cape Flats, confiscated by the Cart Horse Association, and here we are now in Franschoek - what a culture

shock! I have had repeated procedures on my hooves and have felt good enough lately to trot up to Anne! For the first time in my 15 years, I am loved, and feel peaceful and safe. We belong to the Eseltriesrus family, but receive special attention in our foster home. You help to cover the costs of the specialised procedures carried out on my feet - so "Thank You, all!" Love and donkey hugs from Toffee and Appels.

DONKEYS ELSEWHERE

Apart from caring for our 22 donkeys in McGregor, we monitor our donkeys in foster homes, and assist with exceptional veterinary or other costs. We encourage donkey owners elsewhere to provide best quality care, and recently we have been privileged to respond to queries from donkey lovers as far away as Tsumeb in Namibia, Gauteng, Bela-Bela, Barrydale, Paarl, St Helena Bay, Worcester and Riversdale. Part of our mission is to promote the welfare of all donkeys, and we enjoy researching solutions to questions - we continue to learn in the process!

ST FRANCIS DAY AND REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

Everyone who attended this found it to be very meaningful and inspiring, in spite of the wintry weather on the day! A regular guest at this event, Regie, has put a lovely slideshow on her blog - do look at it if you can! <http://namibsands.wordpress.com/2011/10/27/celebrating-st-francis-day-2011-with-the-donkeys-of-eselttriesrus/> Thank you to all who helped make it a special occasion. This is an opportunity for the Sanctuary to honour its friends and supporters, as well as being part of World Animal Day. Our donkeys were also blessed by a priest in Vienna who invited animal carers world-wide to join in his service by sending pictures of their animals to be blessed.

EDUCATION PACK FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Do remember our resource packs "Donkey Nibbles" and "Donkie Happies" for Primary School learners, and their teachers and parents! These are available as hard copies in a file, or on CD, so that you can make your own adjustments to the material. Home schoolers and parents also find these a fun way of covering work. Please contact us for more information about the packs, or see our website.

http://www.donkeysanctuary.co.za/resource_pack_for_educators.htm

End-of-year Festive Season gifts: here is your answer!

Hier is die oplossing vir die kwessie van geskikte geskenke kies - kyk wat bied ons alles aan!

The Sanctuary has the solution to the old problem of what to get the person who has everything. We have a variety of suggestions - take your pick!

A beautiful and unusual range of **sterling silver pendants and earrings** has been created especially for the Sanctuary by The Dragon Fly Studio. The jewellery is available at the Dragon Fly Studio situated in "the Frangipani" in McGregor. Do pop in and surprise a loved one - we have classic as well as fun designs at very affordable prices.



Only a few gorgeous **cuddly hand-knitted donkeys** are still available, created for us by Trudy, a loyal Donkey Friend in Queensborough - each one is unique and will bring a smile to your face! Available from us on request, at R50 only.



Funky tins, recycled and hand-painted by Claude, from Warmwaterberg, a keen supporter and adopter, featuring a fun donkey emblem, will hold your pens, small tools, or whatever needs to be organised, neatly in place. These are available at the Sanctuary at only R25 each - why not buy two?

We can arrange to post any of the above to you - packaging and postage will be a little extra.

What about choosing one of **our donkeys for an adoption gift!** This present lasts all year, as the recipient (and you) receive our quarterly newsletters, a six-monthly report on the chosen donkey, as well as a certificate and photo of the special donkey. We mail all this to the recipient - you can be sure that your overseas family will not have a duplicate of this gift! Contact us, or see our website for details. You choose the amount you want to donate, and we welcome you as a Donkey Ambassador.

Instead of receiving unwanted and inappropriate gifts yourself, why not suggest that your family/friends **make a donation** to the Sanctuary in lieu of a present for you?

Het u geweet?

Ons het kontak gemaak met menige Donkey Sanctuaries elders in die wêreld en beoog om gereeld te kommunikeer oor sake wat ons almal raak. Hulle is in lande so wyd verspreid soos Israel, Australië, Noord-Amerika, Antigua, Kanada, Nederland, Portugal en Spanje, om net 'n paar te noem. Ons lang-termyn plan is om 'n samekoms te reël vir dié wat dit sou kon bywoon - dalk nog op McGregor!

Visit us:

We are open from Thursdays to Sundays from 11a.m. till 4 p.m. Just after 4 p.m. every day you can watch feeding, when the herd gets hay and the geriatrics report in for their bowls of soft food.

Our Visitor Guides are also our Donkey Carers, and they work every day of the week, keeping each donkey immaculate and comfortable. Therefore there will be NO VISITOR GUIDES available during November - they have worked practically every weekend this year! During the December holiday period, some of them will be away visiting loved ones, so our December and January guiding will be curtailed at certain times. If you are an adopter, or coming to choose a donkey to adopt, please contact us before the time so that we can make arrangements to meet you and take you into the fields.

Of course, we never take a holiday from Donkey Care - the donkeys come first, second and third (to quote the late Dr Elisabeth Svendsen, who set the standards of excellence in Donkey Well-being). It is sheer pleasure to interact with each donkey daily, to monitor its health and happiness, and they do seem so grateful! Whilst we enjoy sharing the magic of donkey/human interactions with our supporters, the increasing number of visitors necessitates taking a break from contact visits from time to time. Thank you for understanding!

We are a registered charity, independent of the padstal and restaurant. Admission is by donation, which enables us to provide the best quality care for our donkeys. Thank you for understanding and caring!

The sanctuary is to be found on the road between Robertson and McGregor, three kilometers before McGregor and opposite the McGregor Winery. GPS reading is: 33°55' 58.42"S and 19°50' 56.56"E



You will hear from us again:

The next newsletter will appear during February, and reports to adopters go out during March next year. [PLEASE inform us of any address changes!](#)
Please let us have the names and emails of others who wish to join our mailing list.
Thank you.



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Warmest wishes for a very blessed Festive Season, from all at Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary! May 2012 be filled with pleasant surprises!

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