

Donkey Sanctuary

newsletter

McGregor, Breede River Vally & Little Karoo, Western Cape, South Africa

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The "New Year" is already not so new any more - but we do hope that it will be a happy and fulfilling year for all our friends, long-eared and short-eared!

Donkey News



All our donkeys are doing well at the moment, and those with behavioral problems such as excessive fear, are learning to trust humans by modeling on the more confident donkeys. Most of them can now be brushed, patted and hugged, and have their feet cleaned and trimmed. Our reserves of patience have certainly also grown with experience! We currently have 19 donkeys in our care, and we have managed to find new homes for three other donkeys this year, whose owners approached us for help.

You, our visitors, are a constant source of delight and pleasure to us and to the donkeys! We are able to take you into the shelters on hot days without the donkeys fleeing, and the hours spent brushing, chatting and loving them are heart-warming to all! We cherish comments like:

The visit surpassed my expectations.....the donkeys are amazingly loving and trusting and affectionate.....we will be back!

YOU remain our best Donkey Ambassadors!

We are open

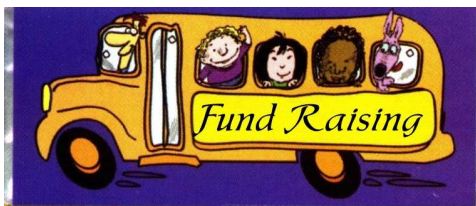


We are open to visitors on Saturdays and Sundays, from 11am till 4pm, and on Thursdays and Fridays by appointment, with pleasure.

On weekends our friendly guides, Patricia and Robyn, will take you to meet the donkeys and tell you about them whilst you may choose to brush and pat them.

If you wish to bring a group, please contact us in advance so that we can make special arrangements to show you around.

Fund raising...



Please remember that we are a registered charity and we do all our own fundraising. We derive no financial benefit from the padstal / nursery, run as a business by the Naude family, or the Country Kitchen restaurant run by Debbie and Jimmy.

A few of our small souvenirs are on sale at the restaurant only, and those proceeds go entirely to the donkeys.

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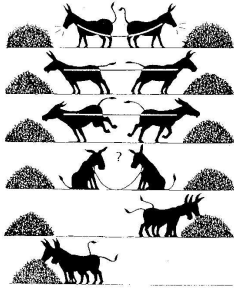
Our single big fund-raising event, our THIRD Annual Book Fair!!
Die DERDE jaar.....'n fees vir almal wat lief is vir boeke en winskopies!

29, 30 & 31 Mei 2009 in McGregor

Ons is alreeds druk besig om boeke, CDs, en DVDs te ontvang en hierdie jaar gaan daar baie meer, beter en groter winskopies wees om almal se winter-leestyd besonder genotvol te maak!

Any donations of clean, saleable books, CDs and DVDs will be gratefully received! Contact Johan at 023 6251 593 to donate, or to volunteer your help. The next three months are crucial for receiving, sorting and pricing. Diarise the dates and details will follow in the next newsletter.

Education Projects



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We hosted a group of Junior SPCA Volunteers who came to learn more about donkeys and their care, and to become aware of what to look for when they see equines. Patricia is working on a teachers' pack and possibly a DVD for use in schools, using donkeys as a theme in teaching life skills, and compassion for all living creatures.

An appeal for assistance



An appeal for assistance: Microsoft Access Software - to streamline our admin! Please contact Tony at adopt@donkeysanctuary.co.za if you can help with applying this programme.

AGM



Annual General Meeting

Thursday, 23rd April 2009, at 7p.m., at the Hall at Vrolijkheid. Not your normal, tedious AGM but always a surprise or two! You are warmly invited to share a drink and light snack and to catch up on our progress. We value our supporters!

Adopt-a-Donkey - http://www.donkeysanctuary.co.za/adopt_a_donkey.htm



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 grand-children living overseas. Details from us, or from our website. ANY level of support is welcomed!

Bequests and Donations



Please consider us when you draw up your will. We have a registered Trust in place, and will gladly provide details. The Sanctuary is a registered Public Benefit Organisation, so donations and bequests are exempt from tax. We provide receipts on request.

Communications



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You will hear from us again: during March if you are an adopter (your six-monthly Donkey Progress Report), and the next Newsletter should reach you early in May, with details of the Book Fair! Please contact us if you are missing out on any of these communications.

Website



Our website is being reviewed and updated, so please bear with us, as this task gets squeezed in after all the hands-on donkey care, admin, book-keeping, site maintenance, visitors.....

Het u geweet?



Het u geweet: “Donkie-lugreëling!” Die bloedvaatjies in ‘n donkie se ore is baie oppervlakkig, en gevolglik word die bloed effens verkoel en dit help om die dier se liggaamstemperatuur te reguleer.

Think about this..... Many people say they talk to their animals - unfortunately not many listen to their animals.

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“Have you got any Hip - op?”

We thank Jimmy and Anne at Mulberry Studio for their continued generous support in mailing our newsletters, and wish Jimmy well with his hip operation.

To all our valued donkey-loving friends: without your support, enthusiasm and interest the Sanctuary could not function. All the grateful donkeys, and the humans at Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary, thank YOU from the bottom of their hearts. You are improving the lot of working equines far wider than you can imagine, both here at the Sanctuary and through our educational outreach programmes.

We salute you!

Warm wishes from Johan, Annemarie and helpers.

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