

EVERY PENNY COUNTS...YOUR DONOR \$\$\$ ALLOW US TO CARE FOR THE DONKEYS AND MULES

Buy-A-Bale Donor Program

provides the funds to purchase over 5,000 bales of specially formulated grass hay per year to feed the donkeys and mules. For a tax receipted donation of only \$10 per bale, Buy-A-Bale is an easy way for you to help care for the donkeys. Or, for an ongoing monthly donation of \$30 (less than \$1 per day) you can feed a miniature donkey for one year. (Standard donkey, \$45 per month. Mammoth donkey, \$60 per month).

General Giving Program

Some supporters prefer to give to the program and ask us to "use the money wherever it is needed for the donkeys". We are happy to oblige.

Planned Giving Program

We are so pleased to see a rise in bequests to the Refuge. As part of their Last Will and Testament, our amazing supporters are ensuring that the Refuge will continue its vital work far into the future.

Additional information on all funding programs can be found on our website or by contacting us.

Visit our Store!

Featured Item:

Our special Canada 150 T-shirts and Tank Tops can be order online through our web store or by contacting us. \$25 plus tax (and shipping if applicable)

Please Donate Today!

- ☐ Assist with Donkey Care. I wish to Sponsor a Donkey (\$50/Year) Donkey Name _____
- ☐ Become a Refuge Society Member Adult (\$25/Year) Youth (\$15/Year) Lifetime (\$250)
- ☐ Become a Bray-ve Heart Monthly Donor \$ _____/month (\$20/month minimum)
- ☐ Please Accept my donation of \$ _____ to support the care of the Donkeys.

Payment Options:

- ☐ I have enclosed my cheque made payable to: (Including post-dates for Bray-ve Heart) Turtle Valley Donkey Refuge Society
- ☐ Please Charge my Visa / Mastercard # _____ Expiry _____ / _____ Signature _____

Please also note that you can donate Online at www.turtlevalleydonkeyrefuge.com or by calling Shirley directly at 250.679.2778.

BrayVe Hearts Monthly Donor Program

helps with our regular operating costs and is a wonderful way to lend your support in an affordable manner. All tax-receipted donations under our BrayVe Heart Program are gratefully received as knowing that on the first or 15th of each month we can count on funds to pay the bills helps more than you can know. Regular donations can be set up through our website or by calling us.

Upcoming Events:

September 10th Annual Pancake Breakfast

September 13th Members Only Appreciation Day

October 8th Thanksgiving Day With The Donkeys

Details on our website!

Contact information:

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

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JENNY'S STORY

This is the story of how Jenny came to be in our care. She is a sweet, sweet little donkey that we love to bits and her human mom has kindly agreed to share her story.

"Finding our male donkey dead out in the back field was devastating for us as his owners but even more so for Jenny, his partner for over 20? odd years. To this day we are not sure what happened to Chico but there was a large black bear in the field not far from where we found Chico.

With this in mind there was no way we could put Jenny back out in her field. We kept her in the small pen at the barn and I slept in my car with her for 5 days, just to make sure she was safe. During those 5 days I began communicating with you (Shirley and Rob) about bringing Jenny over to the refuge. I didn't want to do it but Jenny came first and I knew she would be very well cared for, both physically and mentally, and she would be safe. Although I miss her terribly I know she is in the best place possible, without the Refuge taking Jenny in I don't know what I would have done. I don't throw my animals away so she wouldn't have gone to just anyone. I try to visit as much as possible and after seeing the care and attention that she receives at the Refuge I know I made the right decision. Jenny is considered a senior donkey and the amount of vet care that she is requiring now would have been way out of my reach so the refuge is a blessing for Jenny and all of the abandoned, abused and neglected donkeys that are there. Unfortunately the numbers seem to be rising, Jenny was #29 approx. 5 years ago, I believe they now have over 100 donkeys in their care. Sincerely, Barb Hillocks"

Thank you Barb for sharing Jenny's story...we remember the day that Jenny arrived into our care. A very teary and sad, but hopeful day. Thank you for your ongoing love and support for Jenny and her friends.



HEALING WITH PATIENCE, COMMITMENT AND TIME

Rita, a beautiful dark brown mule, is one of our first residents that after 17 months of residing at the Donkey Refuge has yet to feel the loving touch of any of her caregivers. She arrived with several donkeys that were rescued from the kill pens at an auction house by caring folks and immediately transported to us. When Rita arrived she was wearing a broken halter and dragging around a tattered lead rope.

Rita has endured many unsuccessful attempts of us trying to sedate her just so that we can give her a Health Check Up. She has received countless hours of time with her personal trainer with the hopes of her overcoming her fear of humans and allowing Jeanette to touch her. This Spring the halter finally fell off of Rita's head and we witnessed a change in her demeanour. She is not running away when you come around the corner and she is allowing the staff to get closer and closer to her as they clean the barns. Most importantly she is finally resting and sleeping with her friends and not getting up and walking away when Shirley takes her photo. Little steps yes but important ones as they display a growing trust in humans and that Rita is learning to relax in the environment around her. Thankfully Rita is staying healthy which gives us time to allow Rita to make the first step towards accepting the loving touch of a human here at the Donkey Refuge.



A VERY SPECIAL DAY WITH THE DONKEYS

The Turtle Valley Donkey Refuge is a permanent home for donkeys and mules that have found the loving care and safety that they so deserve. It is our pleasure to welcome guests to our facility in beautiful Turtle Valley, BC and we hope is that each visitor leaves with a new understanding of donkeys and mules, their unique care requirements and the importance of providing a refuge for their ongoing care.

As an animal welfare charity, funding generally comes from the generosity of the public who visit and fall in love with these amazing creatures. To this end we have created several funding programs, one of which is the Membership Program. For a small cost, the annual membership enables our supporters free access to the Refuge during open days and hours (except major fundraising events) as well as a say in the operation of the Refuge at the Annual General Meeting each year. This program is particularly popular with folks who may wish to visit the Refuge several times during the year for hugs and snuggles from the donkeys and mules. However, for the general comfort and safety of the donkeys and our visitors, donkeys and mules are on one side of the fencing and visitors are on the other.

UNTIL NOW.....

For one very special day only, on Wednesday September 13th, 2017 from 10am to 2pm the Refuge will be open to CURRENT MEMBERS ONLY. For 4 glorious hours, members will be invited into the barns and paddocks to spend a very special time with some of our donkeys.

Hugs, snuggles, brushing, photo ops, great stories....or just a cup of tea and a visit with fellow members ... does it get any better than that?

If you are a member with current standing, please mark this very special day on your calendar. If you are not already a member, please contact us or go to our website, www.turtlevalleydonkeyrefuge.com for details on how to become a member. If you are unsure of the status of your membership, please email us at aa.donkeyrefuge@gmail.com. This will be something never to be forgotten. It will make your heart happy!



MEMBERS ONLY APPRECIATION DAY

Date: Wednesday, September 13th, 2017

(closed to general public)

Times: 10:00 am. - 2:00 p.m.

Join Us for Tea and Donkey Snuggles

We suggest that you call ahead to book your donkey time.



FIND OUR DONKEY AMBASSADORS

K _ _ _

Big friendly boy with light brown hair and a dark cross on his back. He is trained for riding and can pull a cart. His mom is Ruby.

Hint: look in the mammoth herd



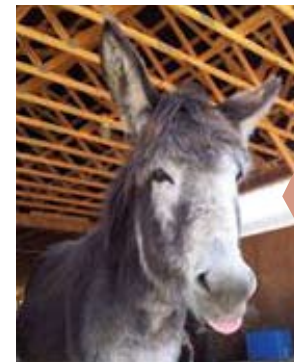
L _ _ _ _

She is a big brown donkey with a swayed back. She helps sad people feel much better. Her sister is Ruby.



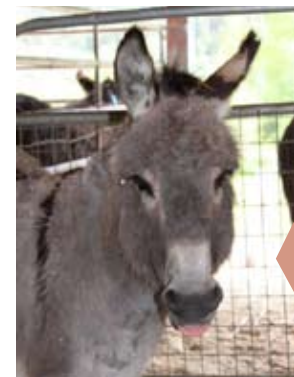
C _ _ _ _

Our tallest donkey with a very flat back. He is dark brown and very gentle and snuggly. His best friend is **S _ _ _ _** who is not as tall and lighter brown. They came from a field where they had been left all by themselves.



T _ _ _ T _ _

Our smallest boy donkey. Dark brown with fluffy white tufts in his ears. Loves to play with the toys in the paddock.



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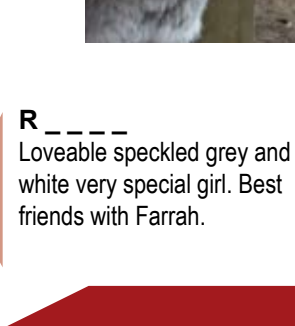
He is grey and white and is best friends with Jose who can't see very well any more. He can "shake a hoof" and bow. In a Refuge story book about him we call him "Chance".

Hint: look in the special needs



R _ _ _ _

Loveable speckled grey and white very special girl. Best friends with Farrah.



N _ _ _

She is a fuzzy little grey and white donkey. She came to the Refuge as a baby along with her best friend Julio. Her mama is a white donkey named Lady.



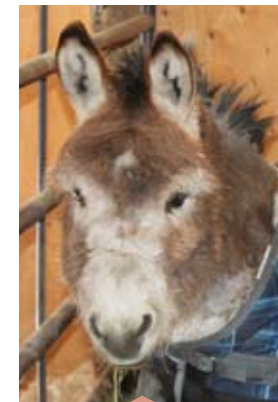
C _ _ _ _ _

He is a small grey donkey that needed extra behaviour training when he arrived. Now he is a good little guy with lots of friends.



G _ _ _ _ _

Tall brown curious boy donkey who hangs around with Whitey and the mules. Had a rough start to life and was rescued by some very loving ladies. Now has lots of friends and is a happy boy.



M _ _ _ _

Reddish haired boy with a white diamond on his forehead. The star of one of our Refuge story books.



J _ _ _ _

He is a young middle-sized grey donkey. He likes to play and carry the feed bucket. He loves his mama Fifi.



B _ _ _

Light brownish grey girl with a very pretty face. She is best friends with Franny. She has become a very loving girl since arriving at the Refuge.



R _ _ _

She is a beautiful dark brown mule that has had a very hard life and still is frightened to allow a human to touch her. She finally shed her broken halter and we hope she will let us into her heart very soon.



D _ _ P _ _ _

Tall, friendly dark brown and white mule. A nice man used to ride him all the time in the forest but now he lives here with his good friend Whitey.



M _ _ _ D _ _ _ _

She is a chocolate brown friendly girl who loves visitors. When she first came to live with us she was so afraid that she would hurt herself. Her two-legged friend is Rob.



M _ _ _ _ _

Our very first donkey. He is shy and loving and has a dark brown coat.

Did You Know That For a Minimum of \$50 You Can Sponsor One Of These Wonderful Donkeys for a Year?