



# TURTLE VALLEY DONKEY REFUGE

We're the Turtle Valley Donkey Refuge, and we're working to end donkey distress by rescuing and rehabilitating donkeys and mules in Western Canada.

**WE'RE A REGISTERED  
CANADIAN CHARITY ON A  
MISSION TO PROVIDE A  
SAFE AND PERMANENT  
HOME FOR NEGLECTED,  
ABUSED OR UNWANTED  
DONKEYS.**

With the help of our donors, we rescue and support the donkeys in our care by providing a safe, clean, healthy, and comfortable forever home.



## WHY DONKEYS?

Donkeys are equines similar to horses but are often not treated with the same kindness and respect that horses receive. Donkeys are highly intelligent, gentle, and social animals that thrive when given a proper environment and a herd to support their mental well-being. We not only rescue and rehabilitate donkeys, but also actively work to educate Refuge visitors about animal welfare.



"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

MAHATMA GHANDI

We now have over 100 donkeys in care, but it all started with a mother named Maria and her son Maximo. When donkeys are unwanted, they are often neglected and can develop chronic health issues that can quickly become expensive and difficult to manage.

Maria came to us as a senior donkey and we began to learn what it takes to manage chronic health issues in equines.

Today she is survived by her son Maximo, who grew up on the Refuge happy and healthy.



When donkeys have access to a large area to exercise, clean water, healthy food, vet and farrier care as well as an opportunity to socialize with a herd, they do not develop many of the chronic issues that our rescued donkeys experience.

When we know better, we do better. All animals deserve to have a happy and healthy life. At the Refuge, we are working to educate people about what that life looks like for donkeys and mules. We believe when we treat animals with the respect and kindness they deserve we all benefit.

We're working for a better future for donkeys and mules, but we're not working alone.

We've worked with many incredible people and organizations over the years. These are just a few of them:

