

*Merry
Christmas!*



*And a Huge
Thank You!*

From Your Friends At



In 2018, We Welcomed Five Donkeys & One Adorable Puppy Into Our Hearts

Ester



DOB: 2002

Ester was an emergency surrender in June 2018. Ester's owner moved to a new residence and the new landlord advised that the donkeys were not welcome and needed to be removed from the property immediately.

Soda



DOB: 2014

Soda is the son of Ester. He arrived with his mom as an emergency surrender in June of 2018. Soda has received lots of love and care and is a real hug bug.

Sophie



DOB: 2006

Sophie and her daughter Izzy were surrendered by their Elderly Owners in June 2018. Sophie is shy and very protective of Izzy.

Izzy



DOB: 2015

Izzy was surrendered with her Mom Sophie. Izzy suffers with curvature of the spine and needs daily monitoring of her comfort level. Izzy is a super loving little donkey.

Sonny



DOB: 2000

Sonny was surrendered in October 2018. Sonny has lived a hard life but is a very gentle soul who loves people.

Sara



DOB: 2018

Sara is a Maremma pup in training as our new Donkey Guardian Dog.

*Thanks to Your Kindness and Generosity,
These Donkeys Have Found Their Loving Forever Home*

Dear Friends of the Donkeys

At this special time of the year as the snow begins to fall and the donkeys take their well-deserved winter hiatus, we take time to reflect on the past year. Our thoughts go immediately to the wonderful people who, through their amazing kindness and generosity, continue to make it possible for us to care for our beloved donkeys and mules. We are filled with gratitude for our visitors and our long-distance supporters, many of whom we have had the privilege of knowing for many years. And we are thrilled to welcome those who have newly discovered our wonderful world of donkeys.

Thank you for your stories that made us laugh and those that made us cry. Your love for the donkeys and other animals touched our hearts deeply and we are glad we were able to get to know you.

Thank you for your incredible commitment to donkey welfare. You not only provided the funds for the rescue and care for our donkeys but also encouraged your friends and family to share your love for the donkeys.

This past year we welcomed five wonderful donkeys and our new greeter Sara into our care Ester and Soda, Sophie and Izzy, and Sonny who arrived just a few days ago. Thank you to their owners for having the love and courage to release these donkeys into our care.

Thank you to those of you who visited us despite the often smoke-filled air and unpredictable weather. There is just something very special about spending time with the donkeys and mules. We call it Donkey Magic.

Thank You for sharing our love for the donkeys. Your participation as a visitor, a donor, a volunteer and an advocate for the donkeys has been amazing and we appreciate you more than words could ever express. We look forward to seeing you again next summer or meeting you for the first time when you visit us at the Refuge.

We wish you happiness and good health during this season of peace and joy and in 2019. And, if you can, hug a donkey. Your heart will be happy!

With love and gratitude,

Rob, Shirley, Chris, Sara and of course, the Donkeys and Mules

Christmas with the Donkeys!

Please join us on **December 23, 2018 between 3:30 and 7pm** for our very special **Christmas With The Donkeys** annual gathering. Rob is busy putting up thousands of Christmas lights in the barns, in the trees and in the yards. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate as you visit with the fuzzy donkeys in the barns. This year we are also serving up an optional reserved seating spaghetti dinner.

We are looking forward to seeing you. What can be better than a visit with friends and a snuggle with the donkeys?

Free Admission. We welcome donations of food items to Chase Food Bank. For more details, please visit our website at www.turtlevalleydonkeyrefuge.com.

Our Focus for 2019

Watch for more information for our 2019 initiatives. We will be focusing on making it easier for our donors to help with the ongoing care of the donkeys and mules through our BrayVe Hearts Monthly Donor Program and to ensure that their generosity and support continues into the future through our Legacy Giving Program.

2019 Calendar of Donkeys

Remember to mark your special dates and appointments on our 2019 Donkey Calendar featuring our own donkeys and mules. Available through our webstore or by calling or emailing us.



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PLEASE DONATE TODAY!

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- ☐ **Assist with Donkey Care**
I wish to Sponsor a Donkey (\$50 / Year)
Donkey Name: _____
- ☐ **Become a Refuge Society Member**
Adult \$30/Year • Youth \$25/Year • Lifetime \$250
- ☐ **Become a Bray-ve Heart Monthly Donor**
\$10/Month Minimum
\$ _____ /Month
- ☐ **Please accept my donation of:**
\$ _____ to support in the care
of the Donkeys

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- ☐ I have enclosed my cheque made payable to **Turtle Valley Donkey Refuge Society** (Including Bray-ve Heart post-dates)
- ☐ Please charge my **Visa or MasterCard**

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