

Wishing You Happy Holidays!



*From Your
Friends At*



Mission Statement: To provide a safe, secure and permanent home for abused, neglected and surrendered donkeys.

Benny & Dudley's Christmas Gift

Benny and Dudley were the new "kids" at the Refuge. They had lost their Mom and now they had left their wonderful Dad behind. They were sad and missed their Dad and Mom who loved them dearly and had given them a wonderful life.

Moving in with the other donkeys wasn't easy. A few of the boy donkeys were a bit jealous and pushed them around. Benny and Dudley were glad they had each other. After a while, everything settled down. It was winter and they were just getting used to snuggling in the barn with their new friends. They liked the warmth of the colourful new winter coats that the humans had given them and how their donkey friends included them in the circle of warmth each evening after supper.

One morning they awoke to a frenzy in the barn. The humans were up in the air, attaching sparkly lights to the rafters. And it smelled really nice, like the trees on the other side of the pastures. The humans were singing, some loudly and others quietly to themselves.

Whatever was going on, the other donkeys were very excited. Even Tiny Tim who had his head down and was walking around the barn as if he was looking for something very special.

They didn't know what was happening but thought it must be pretty great to get all the donkeys so excited. And they were right. A few days later lots of humans arrived in the barn. The humans were happy and loud and all of their donkey friends got hugs and pats, and even a few treats.

Benny and Dudley watched the others quietly but didn't go to the fence to get hugs. Their eyes kept shifting to the door where the humans came from. They loved getting hugs from humans but at this very special time there was only one human that could give the hugs they wanted.

And then they saw him. They rushed to the fence and their hearts were filled with joy and love. As Dad hugged them his tears mixed with theirs.

All was right with their world.



*At this very special time of the year,
our hearts are filled with hope, faith
and gratitude to everyone for keeping
the Donkeys in your hearts and minds.
Thank you for loving the Donkeys*

*Founders Rob & Shirley
Board Members Chris & Lisa
Staff & Volunteers*



Thank you for your donations that give the Donkeys...



**A Dedicated Team
of Donkey
Health Care
Providers**

**Nutritional Food
Including 4000 Bales
of Grass Hay and
Healthy Supplements**



**Healthy Pastures
Where Donkeys Have
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Exercise, Play and
Just Be Themselves**



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Moving Forward With Optimism & Gratitude 2020 - A Year To Remember

This year we all have faced challenges and fears because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Being "social" has taken on a new meaning and is stretching the limits of our imagination as we endeavour to keep our Family and Friends close while observing the safety precautions that keep us safe and well.

Here at the Refuge we honestly didn't know how deeply the constraints of the pandemic would impact us but we worked through the fear and stayed hopeful that we could survive anything for the sake of the donkeys.

We are eternally grateful to our Staff for their commitment to care for the donkeys. Through their dedication and hard work the donkeys have enjoyed a healthy and happy summer.

Most importantly, we have realized that we have the BEST donors and supporters for the donkeys and our work as we keep them safe, healthy and loved even through this difficult time.

Thank you to Everyone for keeping us in your hearts and doing whatever you were able to do to help us care for the donkeys over the past 10 months and into the future. We could not be doing this without you.

THE INFIRMARY AND SENIOR CARE BARN

In 2019 we realized that to continue to provide the best care for our donkeys we would need an additional barn to house an infirmary and barn for donkeys that were temporarily or terminally ill or had been injured and needed a quiet setting to heal. Our plan was to start the project in Spring 2021. However, the pandemic resulted in an increase in inquiries for surrender of senior donkeys. We also noticed a distinct growth in physical complications due to the aging of our current senior donkeys. The Infirmary and Senior Care Barn construction could not wait.

A handful of amazingly generous donors who shared our vision provided funding to get the project under way. We are pleased to report that:

Phase One – The Building Exterior has been completed enabling us to provide a basic home for any new donkeys that have needed our assistance.

Phase Two - The Interior is underway.

Phase Three – The Equipment Purchase and Installation will happen in the next few months.



"Sophie, Izzy & Nugget"
First Residents of the Senior Care Barn

We are so honoured to receive your continued support through these trying times. Thank you so very much.

LOOKING FORWARD

We hope that this coming year we will be able to welcome visitors to the Refuge as we, and the donkeys, missed your smiles and enthusiasm. But for now, we will concentrate on working hard on behalf of you, our amazing donors and supporters, to keep our donkeys safe, healthy and loved.

FOR SENIORS BY SENIORS PROGRAM

It is no secret that our Senior visitors enjoy their visits to the Refuge each year. To this end we have endeavoured to maximize access to the donkeys by providing all-mobility walkways, viewing benches and information signage to make their visit pleasant and informative.

In 2021 we will be launching our For Seniors By Seniors Program featuring Seniors only activities and tours that will include walk-about, art and craft classes, gardening, guest speakers, story-time (our favourite) and other scheduled activities that have been developed and will be delivered by Seniors in our communities.



To say we are excited is an understatement. It is our way of saying thank you to the wonderful folks that have not only supported the donkeys, but have led the way in making British Columbia the lovely, inviting place that it is.

More news to come...

Stay up to date on our activities as we share our news and stories on FaceBook and in our online monthly e-newsletter, eBRAY.

Please Stay Safe We Miss You!!!

PLEASE DONATE TODAY!

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I wish to Sponsor a Donkey (\$50 / Year)
Donkey Name: _____
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- ☐ **Become a Bray-ve Heart Monthly Donor**
\$10/Month Minimum
\$ _____ /Month
- ☐ **Please accept my donation of:**
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of the Donkeys

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- ☐ I have enclosed my **cheque** made payable
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(Including Bray-ve Heart post-dates)
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