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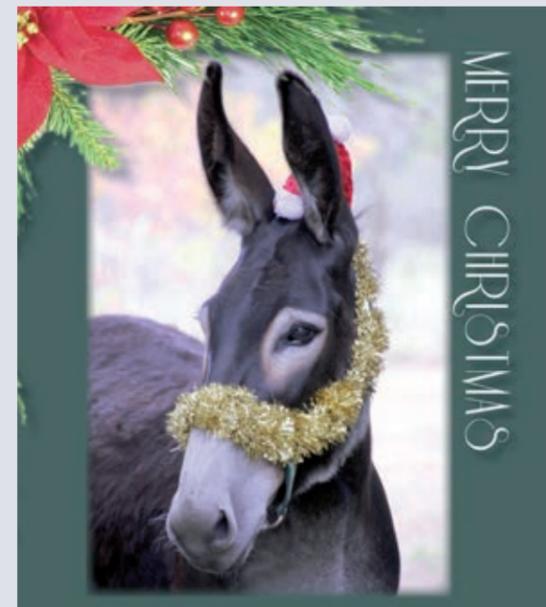
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As I sit in my office typing this, I look out the window and see the donkey paddock with its Poinciana tree bursting with dinner-plate sized tropical red flowers. Beautiful and cute as they are, the donkeys have no hope of outshining this majestic tree. In the skies, I hear the Storm Bird warning of impending weather changes. He's often wrong but this time? A cyclone is reforming off the north Queensland coast bringing with it storms and rain to Brisbane later on, news reports say. Thank you, Storm Bird. Time to get out the candles and oil burners in case power outages strike. Everywhere I look I am constantly reminded that this is Christmas in Australia. It's not snowy and white. It's sticky and hot – where I am anyway – but the celebrations stop at nothing.

I hope you and your family and friends enjoy the holiday season. Flicka, pictured above, is getting into the Christmas spirit. She would like to decorate her stable but unfortunately little brother Elvis tries to eat the decorations as soon as they are put up. He's so naughty even the threat of Santa refusing to come down his chimney doesn't faze him. He always chooses to act in an attention-seeking manner rather than following the pleading advice of 'just this once'.

Elvis has developed one habit that I find amusing. For some reason, he seems to know when we are expecting visitors and positions himself in a paddock next to the front gate. When a car pulls in he starts braying and the occupants of the car get an unexpected earful. It's like a very loud doorbell but it's not melodic like Flicka's. It reminds me of a foghorn or a teenage boy whose voice is breaking. The funny part is once he winds up he can't stop even if he wanted to. The looks on visitors' faces are priceless.

We all love our longears and we all have the best donkey in the world, don't we? Why not splurge for summer and give them a new toy or edible treat to occupy those crazy little minds? We have some great suggestions on Page 10 to get you thinking.

Have a wonderful festive season and all the best with making those New Year resolutions for donkey activities in 2019.

Happy Trails

Christine

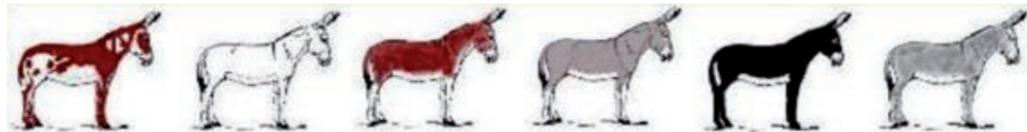
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Arabian Nights come to Royal Geelong Show. Fiona Nelson and her donkey Sugarberry Outback Ned in spectacular disguise win the Fancy Dress class. More from Geelong on Page 12.

Photo: Mane Memories



## Registrar's Roundup with Kerrie Haynes-Lovell

Registrations	Registration no.	Owner
Eagle Rock Eeyore	Transfer from colt to gelding 18/023GE	Jen Dalitz
Eagle Rock Sandy	Transfer from colt to gelding 18/024GE	Jen Dalitz
Eagle Rock Atlas	18/2/71CA reregister 9/20	Jen Dalitz
Eagle Rock Rupert	18/3/72CA reregistration 8/20	Jen Dalitz
Eagle Rock Sydney	18/4/73CA reregister 9/20	Jen Dalitz
Eagle Rock Marty	18/025GE	Jen Dalitz
Eagle Rock Courtney	18/030JE	Jen Dalitz
Eagle Rock Shelly	18/031JE	Jen Dalitz
Eagle Rock Sapphire	18/032JE	Jen Dalitz
Eagle Rock Ava	18/033JE	Jen Dalitz
Eagle Rock Pippa	18/034JE	Jen Dalitz
Eagle Rock Eugenie	18/035JE	Jen Dalitz
Eagle Rock Beatrice	18/036JE	Jen Dalitz
Eagle Rock Dusty	18/037JE	Jen Dalitz
Zippy Valentino	18/026GE	Michelle Thomson
Zippy Cadbury	18/038JE	Michelle Thomson
Zippy Golden Princess	18/039JE	Michelle Thomson
Zippy Coco	18/040JE	Michelle Thomson

Transfer #	Name	Registration #	From	To
18/015	Hawaiki Bobby Sox	15/004JG (Mule)	Fiona Mottram	Vesna Iskra
18/016	Hawaiki Sandy	14/005JG (mule)	Fiona Mottram	Vesna Iskra
18/017	Keysoe Sandon	17/014GE	Ruth Walker	John Guidice
18/018	Keysoe Shane	18/019GE	Ruth Walker	Fiona Mottram
18/019	Keysoe Mathoura	18/020GE	Ruth Walker	Fiona Mottram
18/020	Awapuni Black Majora Maya (Imp. NZ)	18/003JE	Sarina Caccamo	Ann Bennett
18/021	Fangorn Archer	18/022GE (10/005JA)	Sarina Caccamo	Elizabeth Poultney
18/022	Eagle Rock Kevin	10/011GE	Jen Dalitz	Katrina Rowlands
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18/024	Eagle Rock Sassy	17/023JE	Jen Dalitz	Katrina Rowlands
18/025	Eagle Rock Grace	18/014JE	Jen Dalitz	Katrina Rowlands
18/026	Eagle Rock Harry	18/012GE	Jen Dalitz	M & R Conacher
18/027	Eagle Rock Bobby	12/012GE	Jen Dalitz	M & R Conacher
18/028	Eagle Rock Bonnie	18/013JE	Jen Dalitz	Tony Dixon
18/029	Eagle Rock Freddie	17/2/70 CA	Jen Dalitz	Katrina Rowlands
18/030	Eagle Rock Goblin	18/010GE	Jen Dalitz	Katrina Rowlands
18/031	Eagle Rock Sophia	18/016JE	Jen Dalitz	Katrina Rowlands
18/032	Eagle Rock Frangipani	18/015JEq	Jen Dalitz	Katrina Rowlands

### ADSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Affiliated Donkey Societies of Australia (ADSA) held its Bi Annual General Meeting on Wednesday November 14, 2018 via Skype.

It was pleasing to have all nominated Affiliation Member delegates attend: QLD Carol Stephens, Julia Byatte; VIC Pat Streefkerk, Fiona Mottram, Leanne Davey, Ruth Walker; SA Helen Robertson; WA Dawn Maton. With the addition of Kerrie Haynes-Lovell our Registrar and Christine Trotter our Administrator. Unfortunately, our Donkey Digest Editor Christine Thelander sent her apologies.

The audited financial summary for 2018 was a deficit of \$981.81 and Net Asset base of \$3027.34. Agreement was reached on Affiliation fees effective from July 1, 2019.

Delegates thanked Kerrie, Christine Trotter and Christine Thelander for their hard work and we're very happy that they have agreed to continue in their respective roles for the ADSA.

## India's punishment for plant-eating donkeys: Jail Time

**W**hat happens in a northern Indian town when you rip up someone else's plants and saunter away?

You go to jail. Even if you're a donkey.

News that eight donkeys had been jailed for four days for eating expensive saplings went viral in India, drawing a mix of ridicule and good-hearted laughs.

The Indian government has been on a cleanliness kick, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has vowed to build tens of millions of toilets and clean up garbage in cities. According to the authorities, the donkeys were making a mess.

"We had warned the donkey owners a couple of times, but they didn't pay heed," said R.K. Mishra, a police constable, according to an interview that was broadcast on an Indian news channel.

Television footage showed the donkeys, in the town of Orai in Uttar Pradesh state, plodding out of a scruffy jail, walking single file, heads bowed.

Police officials in Uttar Pradesh accused them of eating young plants that had been put near the jail as part of a cleanup campaign. The plants were worth almost \$1,000, the authorities said.

Many were quick to mock the authorities. "Dear UP Police," one person wrote on Twitter, using the abbreviation for Uttar Pradesh. "How about arresting real criminals instead of donkeys?"



The 'offending' donkeys leaving the jail in Orai, India.

The donkeys' owner, identified only as a young man named Kamlesh, had no idea at first what had happened to his animals and went on a frantic search, according to The Times of India.

When he learned the donkeys had been incarcerated, he pleaded with police officers to release them. The officers refused.

So Kamlesh did what many people do in India when they hit a sticky spot with the law: He found a politician.

He persuaded a local leader from Mr. Modi's political party, the B.J.P., to accompany him to the jail, and this time the outcome was different.

All eight donkeys were set free. Police officials said Kamlesh signed a statement that "from now on he will not allow his animals to roam in residential areas or places of public importance."

## Queensland helps working donkeys in need

**P**erth-based charity Animal Aid Abroad (AAA) continues to benefit from support by the Donkey Society of Queensland. Their latest donation has been used to buy transport carts and harnessing for working donkeys in Bukombe, northern Tanzania. The cart and harness pictured is 100% kinder and more efficient for donkeys to pull than the cruel yoke carts often seen in use. Janet Thomas from AAA reports that education is making a positive impact on how donkey owners treat their donkeys but, of course, there is so much more to do!



Find out more about how you can help donkeys way less fortunate than our own on Animal Aid Abroad's website and Facebook page.

# A Mule and a Shire walk into a ring at U.S. Dressage Finals

Spectators were treated to something unusual at the recent U.S. Dressage Finals held in Lexington, Kentucky. According to *The Chronicle of the Horse*, you would have seen a Shire completing his training level test while a mule warmed up for a first level ride.

Behold The Desert is a 14-year-old mule owned by Carol Ray-Delfino of Bakersfield, California, and ridden by trainer Laura Hermanson of Austin, Texas. They scored a 65 percent in an open first level test, which they used as a warm-up for their championship class.

Carol bought "Beasley" as a 3-year-old.

"We always went to Mule Days—it's a massive mule convention in California—and finally I said I just have to get one," Carol said. She scoured the internet and found Beasley from a breeder in Ohio. Carol then put Beasley to work training in all kinds of different disciplines.

"He jumps; he's done reining; I've done showmanship with him. He does it all!"

Laura Hermanson had already gotten a bit of media attention for competing aboard the mule Heart B Dyna.

"I told Carol I think he (Beasley) has nice gaits and could really be competitive in dressage," Laura said. "So we took the leap!"

Laura fell into mule fandom by accident—she's been a dressage rider all her life and a professional.

"About 15 years ago now someone brought in a mule they wanted me to train, and I loved it," Laura said. "They're so smart, and they're really, really willing as long as they've learned to trust you, and you're fair to them. You can't force a mule to do anything."

While riding a mule down centerline certainly turns heads, Laura has found the dressage community to be quite welcoming.

"There is a lot of misconception about dressage being elitist, and you have to have a certain breed, but it's really not. People are receptive," Laura said. "People see us walking around at shows and are super happy and love coming to say hi. In my experience showing mules I think the dressage community has been super welcoming."

Also competing and turning heads in the dressage arena was Saltsprings Shires Sir Teddy Bedivere, a name almost as big and awesome as the horse is.

"Teddy" scored a 65.75 percent in the U.S. Dressage Finals Training Level Championship with rider Catherine Brown of Scottsdale, Arizona, for owner Tiffany Goldman of Loveland, Colorado.

"Shires are a rare breed, so we're campaigning the breed and really getting them out there, because they're actually rarer than pandas," Catherine said. "They really are athletic horses; they can be deceiving. You see how big Teddy is, but he can go out there and do the movements."



"Look at those long ears," said spectators at the U.S Dressage Finals. Photo: Ann Glavan



Laura Hermanson & Behold The Desert compete at the U.S. Dressage finals. Photo: Ann Glavan



Catherine Brown and Saltsprings Shires Sir Teddy Bedivere. Photo: Ann Glavan

# Feeding and Grooming with the NRG Team . . .



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## A zonkey, a rare cross between donkey and zebra, is born in England

**B**aby Zippy, an ultra-rare crossbreed between a zebra and a donkey, known as a zonkey, was born on a farm at Somerset, England.

Farmer Kristine Turner said Ziggy, the six-year-old zebra mum shares the paddock with nine donkeys.

Baby Zippy is only Britain's second zonkey. He looks very much like a zebra-donkey mix - with the stripey legs of a zebra but with a donkey's face.

Ziggy was bought from Germany and found a new home at the farm in South Barrow. Turner paid 10,000 pounds (\$19,547) for the six-year-old zebra who shares the fields with nine donkeys including his father Rag.

Ms Turner said that Zippy's arrival was a complete surprise to her as she didn't realise that Ziggy was pregnant.

"Last month I opened my bedroom curtains, which look onto the farm, and I just saw this little foal sitting up staring my way," she said. "I was in complete shock. I ran downstairs in my PJs, put a coat on and went over to see him.

"He is a right little character and has had a personality from day one."

She added: "He's half a wild animal so he'll nip and kick me a tiny bit but in a cheeky way. Then he'll dash off. He has quite



Zebra mum, Ziggy watches on as Kristine Turners plays with Zippy, the 'zonkey'.

a fitting name really. He's calmed down a bit now as he lets me brush him. Ziggy has really taken to motherhood and she's a great mum. He's never out of her sight. They wander round the farm and do everything together. Rag tends to keep out the way.

"It was a completely natural process. It wasn't as if I forced them together and was trying to engineer it. I bred Rag on the farm four years ago so I had years thinking it was never going to happen - despite really wanting it too.

"I'm just so happy. Zippy is just a little miracle."

While zebra-donkey hybrids are relatively rare, there have been other births in recent years. Britain's first zonkey is named Zambi and lives at a donkey sanctuary in Shropshire.

Meanwhile in 2016 and 2011 two were born in China, in 2013, there was one in Italy; and in 2014, another in Mexico.

## Greece bans 'overweight' tourists from riding donkeys

**G**reece has banned "overweight" tourists from riding the donkeys on the popular island of Santorini, after activists complained that they were suffering spinal injuries.

Sightseers often pay to ride donkeys up steep slopes from the shore to the island's main town, but transporting heavier travelers has taken its toll on the creatures and prompted anger from campaign groups.

People wishing to ride the donkeys will now have to weigh less than 100 kilograms (220 pounds) -- or one-fifth of the donkey's body weight.

The animals "should not be loaded with a weight excessive in size, age or physical condition," the Greek Ministry of Rural Development and Food instructed.

The travel guidelines were circulated to island regions after the department received "multiple complaints and publications on the living conditions and well-being of domestic animals" over the busy summer.

Santorini has steep terrain, and donkeys are often required to travel through pathways too narrow for cars. Activists have also complained about the treatment of donkeys and mules by their owners.

Footage of overweight tourists riding the animals prompted a backlash on social media, and a petition calling for an end



to their use as transportation received more than 100,000 signatures.

Animal rights group PETA believes the move is a "throwaway" gesture which "won't prevent the daily suffering that these donkey endure".

"Donkeys can still be forced to carry a person weighing 15 stone 10 pounds (100 kilograms) up more than 500 steep steps four to five times a day," said Mimi Bekhechi, PETA UK's director of international programs.

Santorini, which sits atop a spectacular dormant volcano caldera and is renowned for incredible sunsets, has seen tourism increase dramatically in recent years, thanks to its popularity with cruise ship tourists.



## Get travelling!

Jo Kasch with mules Carter & Jackson.

### Pack Saddling Australia Workshop Report by Fiona Mottram

**T**he annual Pack Saddling Australia workshop has been run at the Narbethong Victoria property of John and Joanne Kasch for several years in November. Jo and John have built a business from initially trying to learn and develop the best tips for pack saddling on their own pleasure outings. They now train people to pack saddle, provide pack saddling holidays and take on pack saddle transport contracts for remote areas that require animals to carry gear. They run the workshop to help people get pack saddle skills easier and faster than they did, for sharing the enjoyment and improving safety. As the Kaschs are located on the Bicentennial National Trail near the southern end and are volunteer trail section managers, they meet a lot of people starting and finishing the BNT. Consequently, they see the varied skill levels and different gear and approaches used by many people travelling the trail with equines and are aware of difficulties that can occur.

Experienced friends join the Kaschs in presenting the workshop. Each speaker talks about their own preferred pack gear, advice and animal selection to the attendees. In addition to the Kaschs, pack saddler and harness driver Pam Brookman from South Australia, saddler/trainer Noel Wiltshire and a farrier/pack saddler spoke at the 2018 workshop. New and secondhand gear was also available for sale throughout the weekend. There were horses, mules of all sizes and one donkey at the workshop. (The Kaschs own horses and two mammoth-x mules). The donkey and one pony mule arrived on the Friday afternoon with Max Watkins who has now walked down the BNT from Cooktown twice. He will be walking back again and eventually plans to walk around Australia.

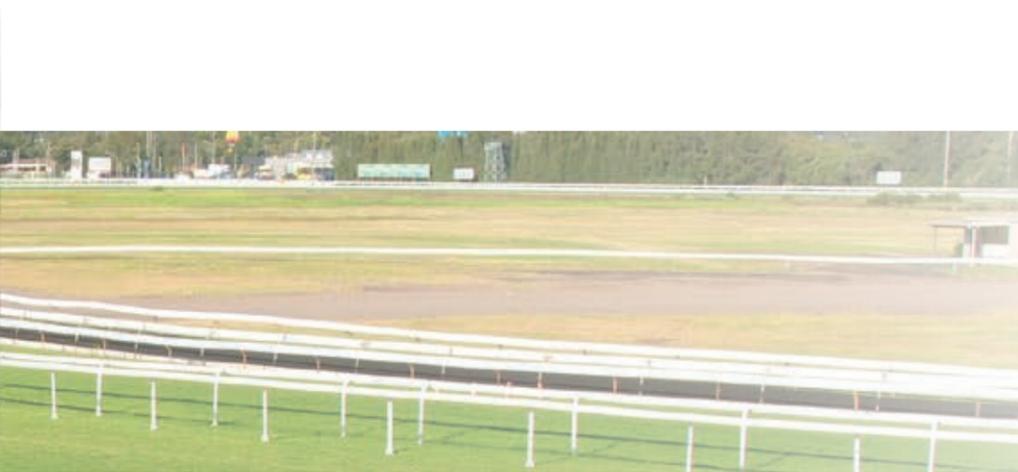
All levels of pack saddling were supported and discussed respectfully. Topics ranged from travel by day /meet float at night through to short trips and three-week packing holidays right up to endurance packing, which is independent travelling with a pack animal for many months or longer, whether riding or walking. The appropriate level of gear, pre-planning, skill, fitness and back up was outlined. The conclusion was that personal preferences, safety, research, planning, practice outings, environments to be encountered,



Pack saddling: Adjusting the pack bags on Carter.

budget, multi-purpose function gear and appropriate animals were key factors. They determined what to take, how to carry everything, when/where to travel and journeying successfully, including coping in unexpected, even disastrous situations and getting on with travel companions. No-one has the "right" solution, gear or breed of equine. Some people adapt bush walking or long distance cycling gear, some make their own, some buy Australian and others import from American specialists. There was lots of gear shown and practical advice, from mohair girths and water bottles with filter devices to tech gear for communicating and navigating to medical supplies suitable for people and equines. There was even an explanation on how to humanely euthanase an equine if required. Numerous types of pack saddles and panniers/bags were displayed. Their pros and cons were explained. Theory on how to pack for differing weights, bulk and balance was covered then practised on the Kaschs' mules Carter and Jackson. Attendees also shared their experiences and dreams with each other.

If you are interested in packing, I highly recommend these workshops. It was friendly, inclusive and addressed a wide variety of interests. The cost of attending the weekend was a reasonable fee for full catering. Accommodation is BYO and many participants bring equines along. I booked my attendance via the Pack Saddling Australia website at [www.packsaddlingaustralia.com](http://www.packsaddlingaustralia.com)



*Bully is too young to be ridden but he's not too young to don the horse racing gear to promote The Everest, the world's richest turf race at Randwick, NSW. Maybe he'll compete in a couple of years' time?*

## Bully: the donkey who thinks he's a racehorse

He might be pint-sized but Bully is one little donkey who's full of attitude

He's been on the TV show 'Sunrise' and a few weeks ago, Bully starred with Dr Harry Cooper on 'Better Homes and Gardens'. Bully, the miniature donkey, is head honcho at Mark and Kim Waugh's thoroughbred property 'Mahtoum Lodge' at Wyong, NSW.

During his TV appearance Bully showed Dr Harry around Mahtoum Lodge and also took him for a tour around the Waugh household - showing him the kitchen and lounge room, his usual hangouts!

Kim Waugh is a highly-respected racehorse trainer who happens to be married to famous Australian Test cricketer and TV commentator Mark Waugh. So where does a donkey fit into the picture and why would you have a donkey in the middle of 50 acres filled with flighty thoroughbred racehorses?

"It happened all by accident," said Kim. "He was rejected by his mother when he was eight days old and I couldn't stand seeing him at our neighbour's place."

Being a self-confessed 'crazy, mad animal lover', Kim didn't think twice about trying to save him and even committed to feeding him every four hours.

"He was only 15 kilos, wasn't very well at all and we didn't really know if he would make it because he was quite weak."

The plucky little donkey pulled through and now, as a yearling, thinks he's king of the property. He's even captivated social media since Kim introduced him early in October 2017.



*Sporting greats: Kim & Mark Waugh combine thoroughbred racing, Test cricket and, of course, Bully into their busy lives at Wyong.*

Bully the donkey may be a social media sensation but he's also accidentally becoming an integral part of Kim Waugh's stable.

You often hear stories of racehorses having unusual companions and while young Bully has thrust himself upon his thoroughbred stablemates he's been a welcome addition.

"Everyone loves the donkey, he's so cheeky," Kim said. "He follows everyone around, bites people on the bum and has everyone in stitches. The horses really like playing with him. He gallops through the barn and they don't even care, they are fascinated by him."

Bully - so named because he likes to be the boss - hasn't reached race-day companion status yet, though he does sleep in a stable every night.

As the videos of Bully galloping around Waugh's property and invading the house illustrate, he's thriving and has quickly taken to his second chance at life. And it seems his fame has spread quickly too - as Mark Waugh found out when the Ashes series kicked off.

"Everyone loves animal photos, and we love Bully and found him so cute, so we put him on social media not really knowing what would happen," Kim said.

"When Mark was at the first Test in Brisbane he came home and said, 'Bully's famous'. The cricketers and their wives were asking how he was, everyone knows him."



*Kim uses a treadmill to keep her racehorses fit but before she does Bully has to inspect it for maintenance issues.*

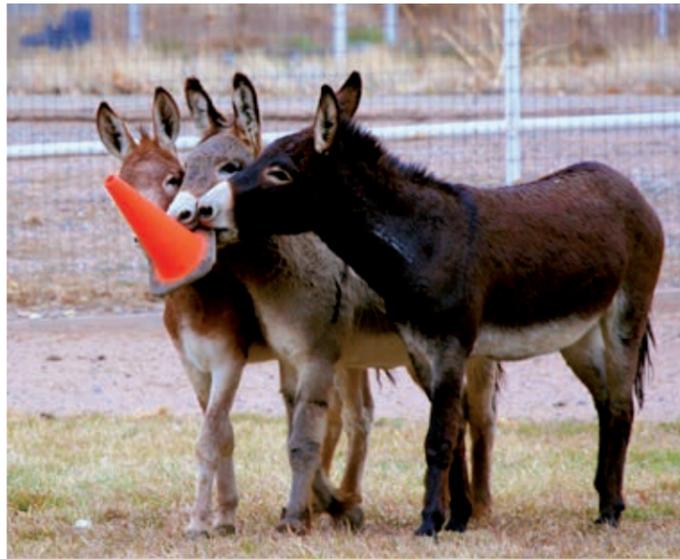


*TOP: Kim nurses a pint-sized Bully after he came to live with her at Mahtoum Lodge.*

*ABOVE: The thoroughbreds love Bully & take no notice when he gallops past them.*

*RIGHT: Bully thinks he's a racehorse and even sleeps in his own stall at night.*





# TOYS 'N' TREATS

*Donkeys are very much the clowns of the equine world, sticking their noses into everything that doesn't concern them. Why not keep those razor-sharp minds stimulated and occupied with a couple of new toys for summer?*

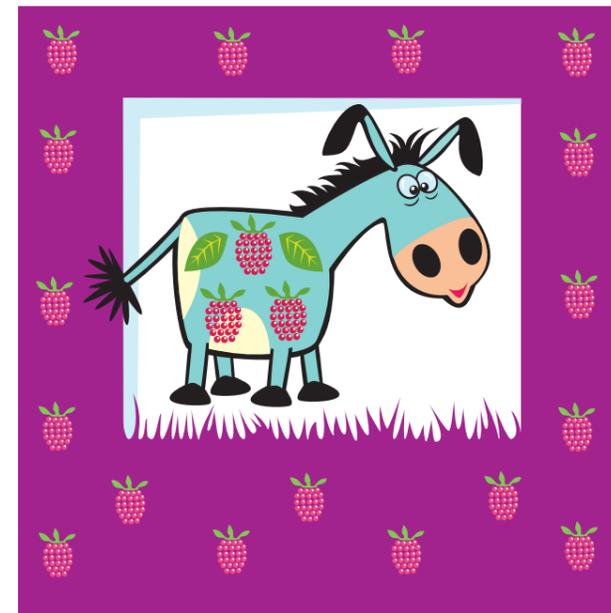
**Story:** Christine Thelander

**A** new toy doesn't necessarily mean a trip to an expensive store to pick up something the little darlings may or may not like. Chances are you've got lots of interesting bits and pieces on hand already that would make good play things for longears.

There's no doubt rubber bowls and orange traffic cones are perennially popular but also consider these toy ideas:

- Stick. Yes, a simple tree branch can provide hours of fun as the donkeys jostle for prime position carrying the stick around the paddock. Be mindful to keep the size of the stick or branch proportionate to the donkeys' sizes.
- Sweater or Tee Shirt. Not your good ones, something worn out with the arms tied in knots.
- Long Socks. Again, worn out and tied with a knot or two.
- Length of old garden hose or old washing machine drain hose. Remove metal fittings first.
- Inner tubes from cars/lawn mowers/tractor/bicycle. Remove valve stems and give different sized tubes to different sized donkeys.
- Older, soft rubber such as worn out soccer balls, basketballs, Jolly Balls (partly deflated so they can pick them up in their mouths).
- Old heavy rope with lots of knots (not the bristly kind).
- Plastic children's bowling pins (found at garage sales).
- Stuffed animals. Large and old, with eyes or any other small loose plastic bits removed.
- Swimming pool noodles. No, not for dog paddling in the dam but for carrying around. Leave them straight or tie in knots for added interest.
- Dog tug toys. You can get an infinite variety of these secondhand or indulge in some retail therapy at your pet store where you're bound to find lots of ideas.

This is by no means a completed list. Most donkey owners will already know the sort of toy their animal really goes for. And lastly, don't worry if your donkey takes no notice of the new toy. Sometimes the toy can be completely ignored then, inexplicably, the toy will be played with non-stop. Don't forget to keep your camera handy to capture the shenanigans.



## DONKEY TREATS

**W**e all know that we're supposed to spoil our donkeys with love, not treats. But it's hard to resist those big brown eyes and impossibly sweet faces, let alone a very loud 'I want it now' bray. However, we have to remain strong and remember that donkeys started out as desert dwellers, adapted to survive on little more than woody plants and shrubs. They have extremely efficient digestive systems and can extract every last bit of nutrition from what they eat. This means that snacks suitable for humans and even for other equines, are often not suitable for donkeys – no matter what your donkey tells you!!!

We can still give them treats though but stick to the healthy options. Fresh fruit and vegetables 'plated up', as they say in the TV cooking shows, a little differently. In most parts of Australia, summer is unbearably hot and we humans always enjoy a cooling ice-cream. So, let's treat our donkeys to the same.



Chop up carrot coins, apple slices, watermelon cubes or any other vegetable or fruit in season. Cover them with water and freeze. Then either hang them on a string where the donkeys can lick the swinging treat to their heart's content. Or place the frozen treat in a rubber feed bucket so that all thawing moisture will not be lost. The good part about this last method is that you are ensuring the donkey receives an extra dose of liquid on a hot day.

Another fun thing to do is to make up a donkey apple bobbing bucket. Use any fruit or veggies cut into non-choking sizes, put them in a bucket of water and watch the donkeys chase them around. I personally have not tried this but I'm sceptical it would work with my donkeys. I have a gut feeling they would just dive in with their noses, very accurately eat all the goodies in 30 seconds and then look at me expecting more.

A word of caution: never give too much in one go as this can cause colic. Also, beware pips in stone fruit, cherries etc. The golden rule is everything in moderation.



# ROYAL GEELONG SHOW

**Story:** Pat Streefkerk

**Photos:** Mane Memories

**Event:** 21st October 2018

We are again grateful to have donkey classes at this Royal Show. There were 11 donkeys and 1 mule competing at this show in front of judge Rachel Hart of Geelong. Rachel was assisted by stewards Jan Murray and Lorraine Black. Our sincere thanks again go to our sponsor, NRG Products who have been supporting the classes at Royal Geelong Show for something like 20 years. It is great that we were on the main arena this year and thus attracted lots of interest from the general public. With the donkeys tied up inside the arena fence, people loved getting up close and personal with the donkeys.

Turnout was won by Fiona Nelson with Sugarberry Outback Ned, Champion Miniature Donkey was Shane Carey's HHAA Black n Blue, Champion English/Irish Donkeys was Kim Dalton's Western Downs Merrill and Champion Australian was Fiona Nelson's Sugarberry Outback Ned. There were no Mammoth or Part-Mammoth entries this time. Champion Mule was Tanya Carbery's Willow and Supreme Champion Donkey was HHAA Black n Blue. Then followed the performance classes with the obstacle course, standing jump and long reining. Sadly, there were no entries this year in the ridden and driven classes, which also meant no Donkey Derby for the first time after about 30 years. Champion Performance Donkey was Kim Dalton's Western Downs Montana. We only had one fancy dress entry, but Fiona Nelson and Ned were, as usual, spectacular.

We appreciate that people go to a lot of work to present their donkeys so beautifully and come to compete. The donkey classes at Geelong have been going for well over 40 years and the show committee is always keen to have us there and is very helpful. It certainly is wonderful promotion for our lovely longears.



Judge Rachel Hart ties the blue ribbon on Sugarberry Outback Ned, driven by Fiona Nelson to win the long reining class.



Carol Blake's 21-month-old 100% mini, Ashby Manse Cristobel behaved like a true pro to take home ribbons in the led & performance classes.



John Barton's Pickles was Reserve Champion Australian Type Donkey at his first show.



Shane Carey's imported stud jack HHA Black n Blue, known at home as 'Bruise', was Champion Miniature Donkey & Supreme Champion Donkey of the show.



Team Dalton - Kim & sister Rhonda Morris - showed a number of animals including Western Downs Montana, Champion Performance Donkey.



Under all that hair is Kim Dalton's 9-month-old woolly wonder, Western Downs Merrill who was sashed Champion English/Irish Donkey.



Christine Trotter's youngster Ashby Manse Greystone was Reserve Champion Miniature & won the Performance Encouragement Award.



Tanya Carbery's pony mule Willow took home Champion Led & Performance Mule ribbons.



Xavier & Ayla Carey spent more time giggling than grooming Penny (Quarter Moon Penny Candy, imp USA).



The kids did well, however, because Penny went on to win her led class for dad, Shane Carey.



Andrea Barton's Jack was Reserve Champion English/Irish Donkey.

# EAR'S A TIP...

Our friends across the ditch have got floating sorted.

## THE EASIEST WAY TO GET YOUR DONKEY ON A FLOAT

Our New Zealand donkey friend Andrea Thomson tells us that this method was shown to Barbara Jones of Motukawa Donkey Rehoming Centre by an old Clydesdale man.

"It is simple and what is more it works!!!!!! I do not know why it is not widely known," says Andrea.

You take two lead ropes and put one on each front foot around the fetlock clipping the clip on to the rope. With a rope in each hand you pull one foot forward at a time. You also keep pressure on the lead rope attached to the halter.

The donkey will come onto the float one step at a time. The beauty of this method is that you can do it on your own, you do not need to get someone to help you load.

You are pulling them forward gently but with direction, not pushing.

Andrea says she has tried the method and it worked getting two donkeys on the float on her own. However, she found it didn't work when she tried it with an unhandled jack a few weeks ago who subsequently took an hour to load. She also added that this jack did not lead and was uneducated.

Reprinted from the Donkey & Mule Protection Trust NZ newsletter

### Step 1



Take two halter lead ropes. Put one around each front foot & clip to its own rope.

### Step 2



Stand on the ramp of the float & using one rope at a time, guide the feet up onto the ramp.

### Step 3



Taking one step at a time, the donkey will come forward.

### Step 4



Eventually – success & all done calmly by one person.



Dianne Bentley's Zeeba shows business acumen from a young age by organising Float Loading Classes for Donkeys. Here, attendees listen carefully as Zeeba explains the science behind horsefloats.

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# OUT & ABOUT with Oliver

## My fellow donkeys,

I am being tortured daily by the humans in their relentless training routine; one of them is only five years old so what chance do I have? She climbs on me as soon as she hits the place and rides me (anywhere I want to go, of course, because she has no control) but sometimes they put a saddle and bridle on me so she has some control so I just walk a few metres and stand there eating. You know what the mongrels have done now? Given her a bloody stick to beat me with!!!! Such cruelty on a defenceless donkey.

I have been learning some tricks so as to entertain the pencil necks at shows which we attend. I already know a couple of tricks but don't do them very energetically because, after all, I am a donkey; but now the five-year-old professional trainer has taken over and not only has she got me doing the tricks but now she is riding me onto the trick apparatus and making me perform, I might add without a stick. I hate to lower myself to this just for a milk arrowroot biscuit but sometimes a donkey has to do what a donkey has to do.

I starred at a country fair a few weeks ago. Hundreds of people took selfies with me and all was going well until the five-year-old professional trainer came along so she demonstrated riding me, standing up on my back, riding backwards and making me stand on the pedestal. With treatment like this, especially by a five-year-old, I think I am letting the donkey name down but the upside is that the said five year old will be going to school next year so what a wonderful thing the education system is.

Last week I took part in a Christmas parade through the main street of a town. There were probably ten thousand people lining the route. This was my first Christmas parade but Benny and one of the shorteared drongos have been going in it for twenty years. The town crier gave me a wrap up at the end of the parade, I was all done up with Christmas decorations and the five-year-old nemesis rode me. They were going to put Benny's old suit of lights on me but thankfully they ran out of time so I went naked. Benny used to do some street parades with flashing lights all over his body and harness; the electric donkey. I think they are going to do me up with the lights so they can take some photos for my fans so I will have to make myself scarce most nights till Christmas is over.

Who is Jenny Craig? I have been relegated to live in her paddock which is as sparse as the Sahara. The reason given by the cruel humans is that I am putting on weight!!!! Have they never seen a six pack? Anyway, all you donkey (and humans)



*I don't need a stick to ride the rocker but I don't see the point of it at all.*



out there have a very Merry Christmas and a Donkey New Year. I hope your humans get a couple more donkeys for Christmas or even a scabby shorteared pony so you can have a bit of rest after working for twenty minutes or so once a week. **Donkeys rule!!!**



*It's me under the Santa disguise with the five-year-old control merchant about to go in the town Christmas Parade.*



*Now Abbey's got a stick to get me up on the pedestal. I'm phoning the RSPCA.*

*Oliver's personal assistant is Bob Pankhurst, Celebrity Donkey Management, Somersby, NSW.*



## Ty Evans Mulemanship Clinic 2018 – What a fabulous experience!

**Story:** Fiona Mottram

**Photos:** Fiona Mottram, Pat Streefkerk

Participants from three states were over-the-top delighted with the training skills they learned at the three-day Mulemanship Clinic given by Utah, USA mule trainer Ty Evans. The Clinic was held at Howlong (located between Albury and Corowa) NSW at the end of November. Ten mules, two donkeys and four horses including novices, young animals and widely experienced individuals attended the clinic. Their handlers ranged from the very experienced to those new to mules and with no formal education with equines. The transformation in the skills, confidence and behaviour of both equines and handlers was amazing. The owner of Banyandah Naturally, the property where the clinic was held, reckoned that Ty was the best of the very many trainers she had observed running equine clinics at the venue. High praise!

Although Ty is younger than the oldest mule which attended the clinic, he taught a very clear, consistent, compassionate and practical training method. He loves all types of equines but specialises in mules and grew up in a family business training mules. His training approach blends the experience in observing mules he began learning from age 8, with the minimal contact/maximised willingness training style acquired from mentors such as Brad Cameron. Ty was endlessly patient, and urged us to be persistent and to see opportunities for success with every repetition required. It is also vital not to give up before achieving the desired outcome and to try and finish a session on a success. He happily used his own mistakes – both from the past and on any occasion at the clinic – to illustrate his messages.

Every day, a three-hour groundwork clinic was held in the morning. After lunch, a three-hour saddle clinic was run in the afternoon. Individual lessons were available for an hour per handler afterwards. Each step was repeatedly demonstrated and broken down into simple positions



*Leslee working Daisy.*

(hands, feet, eyes) which could later be put together into sequences. Ty encourages the equine to look for the answer being asked by the handler rather than becoming a desensitised, automatic responder. In turn the handler 'asks' (offers a good deal) with the least effort before moving to any firmer application of the request and must be ready to respond with a 'release' reward the moment the desired behaviour is given.

Time was regularly given for the animals to 'soak' (think and absorb the learning) for a few minutes and for caress rewards. (Due to Ty's accent, Pat Streefkerk was quite puzzled for a while as to why he apparently wanted the animal time to 'sulk!') Somewhat amusingly, Ty often gave an imagined commentary of what the animal would be thinking or putting down in its 'little mule/donkey/horse notebook.' "No mom, I move your feet, you love me and feed me, and that's how it is" or "aha, I can make you back up when I do that". Understandably, the equines initially resisted having the pattern of leadership changed, but it didn't take long for the change to occur. They also became calmer once the handler had taken consistent leadership. As it is in the equine's survival interest to test (possibly daily) who has the leadership, it is normal for the equine to challenge the control



Rob & Polly cross the creek.



Anita riding Shamus.

in case the leader reaches a point of not being capable. The handler must be alert for challenges.

The aim of the training is to have a willing, happy, flexible equine with the handler to be the leader who moves the animal's feet and gives the animal confidence it is being looked after. The herd leader, whether human or animal, has power to move the other animals' hooves. The style encourages a very 'soft' feel on the reins (no hauling or yanking on reins); to give signals of what is about to be asked and to use the rider's body before using the reins. (Although I have had a minimal amount of training in this style before, I found that Ty explained it in a very clear way that made it easier to recall what had to be done.) Individual help was given to every equine handler. Questions were invited from each participant and the spectators before, during and after each session. The resulting discussion was extremely helpful to everyone. Ty believes the training method applies equally to mules, donkeys and horses, and this was borne out at the clinic. Ty noted his pleasure that the clinic attendees were using snaffle bits, which is apparently less commonly found in America. He also commented that Australian participants "work hard and don't just sit around chatting".



Sometimes the mules try tactics to avoid the training. Callie lay down 3 times under Fiona Mottram.

Ty travels North America for nine months annually, giving training clinics with his wife and business partner Skye Pincock-Evans, their two young daughters and their mules. This was his first overseas clinic, with sufficient enthusiasm generated for potentially one or perhaps two clinics in Australia next November or December. The 2018 clinic organiser Pam Brookman is keen for anyone interested in attending a clinic next year to contact her,

and to advise where you are located and whether you wish to participate or fence sit. Preference for participation will be given to handlers with mules and donkeys but vacancies can be filled by horse handlers. If you can go, I highly recommend it. Pam would also appreciate hearing from anyone who can organise a clinic in an appropriate location at a good venue (for example Tamworth vicinity would be viable) that preferably has an undercover arena so that rain does not interfere with the training. Pam can be contacted by email at [pambrookman@westnet.com.au](mailto:pambrookman@westnet.com.au).

The 2018 Ty Evans Mulemanship Clinic was attended as follows:

Clinic organiser Pam from The Range SA with experienced saddle and pack mule Reilly. Ty used this mule as his clinic demonstration equine.

Anna from Michaelago NSW with teenage Irish donkey Harry.

Cheryl from Adelong NSW with 20-month-old mammoth donkey Sam (Southern Skys Gideon).

Rob from far SW Victoria with newly acquired green ridden mule Polly (Rob also recently bought a large mule Ellie from the Echuca sales).

Robert and Garry from Tumut NSW with half-sibling yearling mules Ivan and Miss Kitty.

Anita and John from Strathalbyn SA with recently saddle trained mules Shamus and Angus. (Hayley from Cessnock NSW borrowed Angus for two of the groundwork clinic sessions as her mule unable to reach the clinic due to vehicle issues on the way).

Rosemary from Boolarra Vic with (approx) 38 year old former feral mule Sparrowhawk.

Fiona from Foster Vic with green saddle and harness mule Callie and experienced harness mule Daisy. (Daisy was loaned to Leslee from



Cheryl practising the reversing under chin squeeze on Southern Skys Gideon.



Rosemary & Sparrowhawk tackle the creek crossing.



At the Finish on Day 3 everyone has ridden across the creek – foreground Fiona Mottram with mule Callie, background (L-R) Leonie on Nugget, Amanda on Cody, Ty Evans on mule Reilly, Skye Evans on Moon, John Kasch on Nevada, Rosemary on mule Sparrowhawk, Rob on mule Polly and Anita on mule Shamus.

Bathurst NSW for the groundwork clinics as Leslee's car broke down en route and her mule was unable to be brought along.)

John and Jo from Narbethong Vic with horses Nevada and Moon (Moon loaned to Skye Evans for the clinic; Nevada recently purchased) but are also owners of mules Carter and Jackson featured at the previous weekend's Pack Saddling Australia event.

Leonie from Katunga Vic with young Clydesdale horse Nugget.

Clinic fence-sitters (spectators) included Max from Queensland who has recently arrived (for the second time) at the south end of the Bicentennial National Trail walking with his pack donkey Stormy and mule Jasper, DSV

member Pat Streefkerk who imported Cokely Major Leo the first mammoth jack in decades to Australia for breeding large donkeys and mules; DSV member Julie Duperouzel who has bred a Peruvian Paso Fino-x hinny; and Kotupna (Vic)-based saddler/trainer Noel Wiltshire of Wiltshire's Horse Works, who has specialised in heavy horses, packing and mules. Sadly three lots of booked-in participants were unable to attend at the last minute and a further two who came were unable to bring their mules.



Yearling mules sired by standard Australian jack: Ivan the mule with Robert & Miss Kitty with Garry.

## At the clinic we learnt....

- Halter driving – moving the equine where you want it to go, and not having the animal push, lean, nudge or shove with any part of its body or alternatively move away when not requested.
- Half circles and circles (not lungeing) with stops. These were later used to position the equine quietly against the arena fence or a mounting block for the purpose of practising backing and mounting.
- Backing up directed from both the ground and the saddle.
- Moving each hoof separately whether front or rear, left or right, from the ground and the saddle.
- Keeping the equine's focus on the handler and not on other herd members or environmental distractions; requiring the equine to stand still when being mounted.
- Keeping the equine centred between legs and hands when riding. In practice this helps the handler when going through obstacles – from float loading to crossing water.
- Gentle, head lowered, bridling technique.
- Ridden clinic wading across a fast-flowing small watercourse.

# South Australia

by Leanne Christie



It was a lovely surprise for Margaret Reichardt to be honoured with a nomination for life membership at the AGM. Margaret has been a dedicated member of the society since its commencement in the early 1970s and as Welfare Officer for many years she has helped a multitude of donkeys (and owners) in need. I have fond memories of a forest trail ride with Margaret in 1998 when I needed a riding buddy to accompany my new donkey. She is always happy to lend a helping hand and has so much knowledge to share.



Long-time member & loyal supporter of the Donkey & Mule Society of South Australia, Margaret Reichardt, pictured here with Coco, was awarded a Life Membership at the AGM.

The Callington Show this year was blessed with perfect weather. Only two donkeys attended but still drew an enthusiastic crowd of spectators. Stephanie Blesing and Keith came away with Champion Donkey and Champion Handler but Kristin Adkins and Ursa were only 3 or 4 points behind. I had my first attempt at stewarding which was very enjoyable although I think it could become a challenge with a larger group of donkeys!



So many ribbons we've run out of neck: Keith & Stephanie Blesing.



Kristin Adkins shows off Ursa's standing jump skills at Callington.



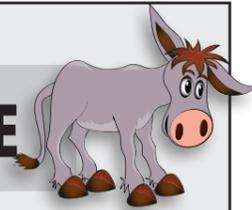
Smiles & ribbons show Kristen Adkins & Ursa had a great day.

Next year is looking promising for the SA Donkey Society with new committee members, more events planned and hopefully more new members and donkeys to meet. We wish everyone a merry long-eared Christmas!



Myrtle the donkey belonging to Elspeth and Peter Morgan spread Christmas cheer at this year's Angaston Christmas Parade. The Angaston Vet Clinic needed animals for their float entry so the Morgan family came to the rescue. Pictured left to right are Daisy Howell holding a duckling, Mary, aka vet nurse Sue Baxter, Zelta Morgan holding the lamb, Felix Morgan, the little shepherd face at the back of Myrtle the donkey, and Peter Morgan dressed up as Joseph.

## DONKEY FOR SALE



If you are selling a donkey or mule, why not include a Donkey Society membership in the purchase price?

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# Archer goes west

Sarina Caccamo said goodbye (for now) to her beautiful stud sire Fangorn Archer, as he made the long journey to his new home in Western Australia. Sadly, Sarina's Fangorn Donkey Stud in New South Wales is no longer breeding and the newly-gelded Archer is now king pin at the Poultney family property.



Fangorn Archer & Sarina Caccamo.



Fangorn Archer grazes peacefully, unaware of the big adventure he is about to go on.

calm and positive manner, knowing he'll be in good, experienced hands for his long journey to WA.

## Fangorn Archer's Farewell

by Sarina Caccamo

I was up bright and early that Friday morning, surprisingly calm and at ease with the situation at hand. I'd had a little time to mentally prepare for this day...and knowing that Archer was heading towards such a beautiful, loving family with wonderful and exciting adventures ahead of him warmed my aching heart.

The horse transport company which was organised for the first short leg of the trip, was originally due to pick up Archer at 1pm in the afternoon but was pleasantly delayed (from my perspective anyway) until around 5pm instead. I'd been thrilled to have had the opportunity to share a little more precious time with my beautiful boy. We'd had such a lovely day, just "hanging out" together and taking lots of photos, even dabbled in taking a couple of "selfies".

Around 5:30pm RB Horse Transport arrived - this is when my heart sank...this was it...

Kerry the driver/equine handler was so very lovely, calm and patient though. Archer had initially been a bit wary and a little reluctant but he was allowed the time to think about walking up onto the truck. With gentle coaxing and lots of encouragement Archer walked up the ramp and into the truck in no time at all - I was so very proud, such a good boy!

I was so grateful to have had the opportunity to see Archer off in such a



Archer takes a good look before calmly walking on to the truck.



All aboard & ready to go: Perth here we come.

## Fangorn Archer's Arrival

by Elizabeth Poultney

After the devastation of losing Diggy to colic, as soon as I spotted the ad saying that Archer was for sale, I let out an 'ahhhhhh' and verbalised aloud to myself 'he is magnificent'.

I immediately phoned Sarina and I asked her many questions about Archer and his personality. We chatted a few times over the next few days and then, it was decided, that Archer would come to live in WA and be my donkey.

Archer was gelded and when healed sufficiently he made the huge journey to Perth. Ramsay's horse transport, kindly dropped him off to Helen McIntyre's property where I knew it would be easier for me to get my trailer too. When Archer first stepped off the truck there was no doubt that he was even better looking in person. He grazed for 30 minutes at Helen's before we loaded him on our trailer and began the 2 1/2 hour journey to his new home on our Pingelly farm.

Once there, you can imagine Archer's relief to finally be back in a paddock and sniffing in delight as he discovered his new surroundings. It was funny hearing the groans of pleasure as Archer found a new roll pit and rolled around there 3 different times before deciding that job was complete. Our 3 donkeys were introduced to Archer over the fence and then individually brought into Archer's paddock. Tama was a little reluctant but Tane' and Donovan were instant buddies with Archer.

The second morning when I greeted the donkeys for their feeds, Archer came up to the fence and happily put his head on my shoulder and stayed there for ages for some serious smooching. He was almost making a braying noise which showed he was delighting in the cuddle as much as I was. I am already loving Archer's gentle nature and willingness to have me in his personal space. He is a total delight and I already love him to bits. It is like he was always meant to be here with me.

Archer is 13hh, the same as Tane' and my challenge now is to train Archer to be ridden and driven because as Sarina's breeding Jack, he was never introduced to these joys. I love the fact that I have plenty of time to do this in as I have Tane' who can be ridden, carted etc already so this process can be done lovely and slowly.

So lucky, lucky me. Not only do I get to own the most beautiful soft, gentle natured Archer but I have met Sarina whom I have established an instant rapport with and I know we will be friends for life too. I hope that one day, Sarina can come and visit Archer at our farm to see how he has settled in and meet my family in person too.



'My dream donkey'; Elizabeth & Archer meet for the first time.



After settling in on the farm, Archer is enjoying accompanying Elizabeth & Tane on ponying rides.



Archer has been so good, Sarah decides to hop on. It won't be long now until Archer is a fully-fledged saddle donkey.



Archer arrives safe & sound in Perth.

# FOR THE BOOKWORMS

## Donkey Dreaming

Author: Eliza Allan



Ten is a particularly significant number in the lives of Eliza Allan and her daughter Zaydee. While working overseas, Eliza found herself constantly daydreaming about riding the entire Bicentennial National Trail (BNT) when she got back home to Western Australia. These were sizeable daydreams. After all, the BNT is Australia's premier long distance, multi-use recreational trekking route, stretching an extraordinary 5,330 kilometres from Cooktown in tropical far north Queensland to Healesville in Victoria.

It took 10 years for this dream to become reality co-incidentally when Eliza's daughter was 10 years old. The plan was to spend a year on the BNT with only horses for company. Snag one. Where to find Zaydee a reliable pony who could cope with all the rigors ahead? Eliza already had Fly, an ex-racehorse who was highly unsuitable for the trail. Tall, flat-footed and leggy, he was everything a trekking horse was not. Snag two. Where to find Eliza a reliable horse who could cope with all the rigors ahead?

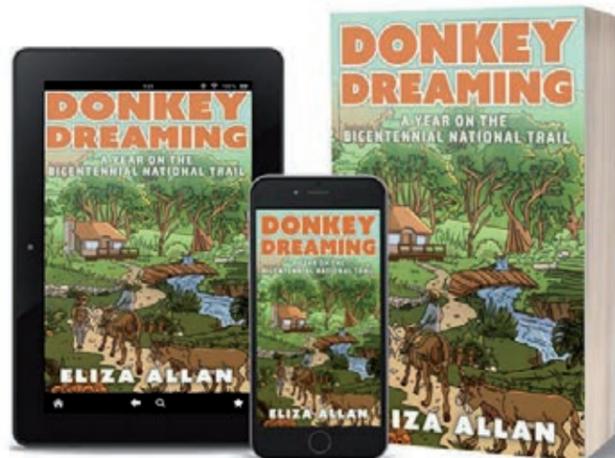
After much trial and disappointing error, it was decided to stick with the devil you know; Fly, at least, could be relied upon as Zaydee's mount, while another packhorse could carry everything else alongside a trekking Eliza. Through a funny set of circumstances, the packhorse idea became two donkeys carrying packs. Bought sight unseen, Basil and Jasmine were the Allan's introduction to the world of longears and their unique differences to horses. And so the fun begins.

The trail picks up on a lot of pioneering history as it snakes its way through old droving routes, rugged fire trails and forgotten country by-lanes. The Allans soon discover they are truly in the hands of the elements, as they deal with drought, snow and everything in between, all the while coping with the responsibility of finding feed and water for the 'bubs', not to mention camping digs for themselves.

I am reluctant to relay more for fear of spoiling surprises for the reader. Suffice to say, the party of five – Eliza, Zaydee, Fly, Basil and Jasmine – are now members of the exclusive 5000k Club, bestowed to those who make it from one end of the BNT to the other and live to tell the tale!

Donkey Dreaming is an entertaining book as much as it is informative. Anyone who likes adventure, horses, donkeys, people, scenery, camping, personal challenges and did I mention adventure will enjoy reading Eliza's account of the trials and tribulations that come with life on the trail.

A 350-page paperback, Donkey Dreaming is also available as an Ebook. Both are perfect for gifting to special friends or even yourself. Checkout all details on the website [www.donkeydreaming.com](http://www.donkeydreaming.com) If you're thinking about doing some or all of the BNT yourself, there's lots to interest you on this website.



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