

DBS NORTHERN JUNIORS



HELLO JUNIORS!!

Just in case you are trying to find something to do, as the weather is so rubbish, here are some activities just for you! We know that you are all sorts of ages, so there are three sections!

MINIS for members 2 – 5 years

PRIMARY DONKS for members 6 – 10 years

SECONDARY DONKS for members 11 – 15 years

MINIS . . .



*We must teach our children to smell the earth, to taste the rain, to touch the wind, to see things grow, to hear the sun rise and night fall – **to care.** (John Cleal)*

Have a look at this donkey mare and foal

- ✚ What do you think their names are?
- ✚ How old do you think the foal is? Why?
- ✚ The mare will have to do all sorts of things to keep her foal safe and to help it to grow – what do you think she will have to do? Why?

Protective Parents, tough babies . . . how does the mare ‘talk’ to her foal? How does the foal communicate with his mother? How do human mums and toddlers talk to each other? Why? How do parent animals protect their babies?

Can you . . . build a shelter for an animal (you can do this inside or outside!) and collect food (pretend or real)? What sort of animal are you creating a shelter and finding food for? Is it a real one? Is it a made-up animal?

Why don’t you . . . send pictures of your shelter to Colin the Donkey for his column in the Spring newsletter? Send to northerndonks@gmail.com and I will make sure that Colin sees your pictures.

PRIMARY DONKS . . .

Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened. (Anatole France)

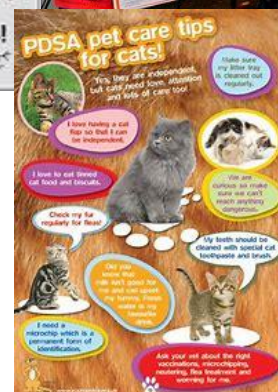
Looking after our animals . . .

Donkeys, cats, dogs, alpacas, sheep – whatever our animals we have a responsibility to look after them properly. So, we need to know what they need to be safe, well fed and watered.



Create a brilliant poster to show good food, grooming, a clean home, fresh water, health care, love, play and exercise for your chosen animal.

You might even wish to create a blog, video or booklet! If you would like to take photos of your poster and send it to northerndonks@gmail.com we can share it with other DBS members and perhaps even display it at regional events!



SECONDARY DONKS . . .

Love of animals is a universal impulse, a common ground on which all of us may meet. By loving and understanding animals, perhaps we humans shall come to understand each other. (Louis J. Camuti)




Discuss!

However, some people do not love or understand us and our animals when we are out and about on the roads. Help to get people to SLOW DOWN for horses, donkeys, dog walkers using the roads by a) creating a video message to camera, b) writing a letter or email to your local paper, c) designing new signs that relate to donkeys, d) designing car stickers that relate to donkeys.



If your designs are particularly amazing, perhaps we might have them turned into actual stickers that we can sell and put in our own cars??!!

We have a duty of care to keep our donkeys as safe as possible. Can you think of other areas of care that you could explore and create posters, persuasive leaflets, videos, blogs about? Here are a few ideas to start you off:

-  Travelling by trailer or box
-  Fencing
-  Poisonous plants

Send your completed designs, or details of how you have helped to create a safer environment to northerndonks@gmail.com and we can display your work at our travelling stands, at shows throughout the summer.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DONKS . . . don't forget the following exciting National Awards and Projects. To find out more go to the DBS national website. Here's a taster:

Proficiency Certificates and Badge Awards We have a series of awards designed to assess practical knowledge of donkey care and management, ranging from an Introductory Test which can be taken in stages from six years of age up to seventeen years. Certificates and themed badges are awarded at the conclusion of each stage.

Special Trophy Awards There are Calpurnia Trophies which are awarded in the regions and a National award called the Barnabas Trophy is awarded to one junior, nominated by adults, for exceptional contribution in one year.

Pleasure Riding Award Scheme This is a scheme where you can enrol and log your riding hours for rosette rewards.

There is a similar scheme for driving miles which can be accessed from the Driving Page.

The Donkey Breed Society encourages Junior members to consider the best ways to meet the needs of their donkeys through active participation in a range of user-friendly staged management accolades (DBS Proficiency Awards). These have evolved to meet the needs of Junior members, starting in simple terms with how to approach and handle your donkey through to the complexities of case studies, stallion management, breeding, feeding and health requirements in the gold award.

Anyone wishing to apply for the gold award scheme should contact the E&Y Committee Chairman.

Also, don't forget to send us pictures of your Easter activities!!

Until next time, have fantastic fun with your donkeys and other animals!

Northern Juniors x