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Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary

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Message from Popeye

Three working eyes with eight sensitive feet...

Greetings to all our Donkey Ambassadors!

I have now spent a happy 18 months at Eseltjiesrus. We get excellent daily care, tasty food and so much love from the Eseltjiesrus people and our visitors.

I live in a special field at the Sanctuary with my best friend Bella. We help each other along every day. Between us we have three working eyes (*Bella's aren't so good and I only have one*). We also have eight sensitive feet but life is good. I get medicine for my feet when they ache and even had my teeth treated recently. What more could a donkey want?

Huge hairy hugs to all you kind people who care about us. Thanks to you I am lucky to have found my forever home.



Popeye is a very gentle donkey. He was rescued by the SPCA and came to us from a foster home. He is in his twenties.



With my BSF Bella

Did you know?

Donkeys instinctively care and support each other. They often groom each other and form life-long friendships.

Outreach & Advocacy

Advising, and advocating to help donkeys

We receive the most interesting requests for information and love to help where possible. We advise on using donkeys as guardians of small stock (*we are not in favour of this*), caring for foals, the advisability of shoeing donkeys, correct feed, and, recently, even about trimming the feet and tusks of a pet pig!

- EDS participated in a radio interview on the export trade in donkey skins on RSG Monitor. (*Visit our FB Page to listen to the interview*).
- We assisted journalists with an article on the skins trade for Vrye Weekblad.



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Events

'Music for All' concert creates harmony

In September our concert *Music for All* featuring the Cape Philharmonic Youth Orchestra was a resounding success.

Around 800 people have fond memories of this uplifting musical event showcasing the young talent from the Western Cape Province.

Apart from the funds raised and the generously sponsored seats for less privileged children and adults, more people are now aware of the work Eselfiesrus does.

Our sincere thanks to the orchestra, our sponsors, and all our staff who made this event such a success.



Die volgepakte kerksaal tydens die konsert.

Animal Welfare Day celebrated in McGregor



A furry friend with her human at the Animal Welfare celebration.

To honour St Francis Day and the memories of deceased loved ones, we joined forces with the organisation **Friends of CARE** to present the first McGregor Animal Welfare Celebration.

This was augmented with presentations and readings by four regional animal welfare societies, the soothing sounds of the Winelands String Quartet, a gentle walk and a delicious buffet.



People came from as far as Cape Town for the event, accompanied by their loving furry friends.

Dit is 'n voortdurende prioriteit om ons jeug in te lig

Ons het onlangs die Graad 4-wiskunde- en wetenskapklub-leerders van die Touwsrivier Primêre Skool verwelkom.

Ons gidse besig om aan die leerders, van wie baie nog nooit 'n donkie aangeraak het nie, te verduidelik hoe om hierdie liefdevolle diere behoorlik te versorg.



Information

CPD accredited workshops planned for 2020

Eseltjiesrus has received funding from The Donkey Sanctuary (UK) to present four donkey welfare workshops in 2020.

The funding enables us to travel further afield in South Africa. This training is for all animal welfare workers, donkey lovers and people passionate about correct animal care, and includes a component on Humane Education.

The workshops are accredited for CPD points for professionals registered with the SA Veterinary Council, and can also be adapted according to local needs.

Our appreciation to The Donkey Sanctuary for making these workshops possible. Please contact us at info@donkeysanctuary.co.za if you would like us to visit your area.



A workshop guide as developed by Eseltjiesrus is available in the library section at - www.donkeysforafrica.org

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Donkeys for Africa is an independently funded initiative promoting communication about donkey welfare throughout Africa.

The bi-monthly newsletters feature organisations, projects, conferences and the current situation regarding donkey welfare. This enables organisations and individuals

across Africa to keep in touch with developments elsewhere on the continent and assures them that they are not alone in the challenges they face.

The reference library features a selection of research publications and manuals about harnessing, pack-saddles and other practical matters.

Het jy geweet?

Daar is vier geregistreerde donkie-slagpale in Kenia met 'n gesamentlike kapasiteit om 1 000 donkies per dag te slag.

Die velle word uitgevoer na China. 'n Ontstellende vooruitsig: teen hierdie tempo sal donkies in Oos-Afrika teen 2022 uitsterf.

Sponsorships

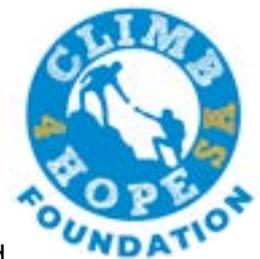
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Our donkeys send hee haws of appreciation to Feedtek for sponsoring our Traceblock Mineral lick blocks. It is so important to have a balanced diet and these blocks meet any shortfalls in nutrients. Thank you, Feedtek!



Climb4Hope SA Foundation

One of our adopters, Tony Lourens, is not only a true Donkey Ambassador, an accomplished mountaineer and rock climber, but also founder of the Climb4Hope SA Foundation which reaches out to help people and animals in need by raising funds for various charities.



The recent inaugural hiking and climbing event held at de Bos Guest Farm in Montagu resulted in a magnificent donation of R8 500 to Eseltjiesrus, as well as to two other charities. Thank you to all the sponsors, organisers, participants and supporters. May you continue to climb and hike safely and happily!



The ideal gift

At this time of the year we enjoy spoiling our loved ones with gifts. However, crowded shops, no parking and tight finances all create stress in what should be a time of thanksgiving.

It is also often difficult to choose an appropriate gift for relatives living far away.

Why not give a meaningful, personalised gift that will last all year, always be the right size and colour, with no wrapping required and purchased from the comfort of your own home? AND get a tax rebate! Sound too good to be true?

Adopt a donkey for loved ones (or for yourself).

We take care of it all:

You choose how much you want to spend, once-off or monthly, fill in a form and we do the rest.



You will hear from us again: our next newsletter will reach you during February 2020 and your updated donkey reports in March 2020. Please let us know if your contact details change by emailing info@donkeysanctuary.co.za.



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We appreciate ANY level of support.

- R50 buys carrots and apples as training treats.
- R100 buys a bale of lucerne or a hoof trim.
- R500 covers supplementary feed for an elderly donkey for two months.

You will also receive all the reports and quarterly newsletters that go to the lucky recipient.

Contact us at info@donkeysanctuary.co.za or go to <https://www.donkeysanctuary.co.za/how-you-can-help>

Holiday Times

During the holiday season the Sanctuary and Bistro will be open as usual from Thursdays to Sundays from 10am till 4pm. We will be open on 26th December. Please let us know in advance if your group is bigger than 6 people.

We are dog-friendly, please keep Fido on his lead. On very hot or busy days we may suspend visits in the fields for a while. Please go to the Visitors' Centre and chat to the Guides on your arrival at the Sanctuary to see what the situation is.

Thank you for understanding!

Join us on social media by visiting our website at www.donkeysanctuary.co.za



Almal by Eseltjiesrus wens u 'n ryklik geseënde feestyd en 'n rustige vakansietyd toe!
All at the Donkey Sanctuary join in wishing you a very blessed, meaningful and safe Festive Season.

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