



Founders Notes

Welcome to Peaceful Pastures Donkey Rescue's second newsletter! We intend to keep our rescue family updated on happenings at PPDR and provide useful information to help ensure your donkeys are living their best lives.

We were very busy since the last edition of the newsletter! We attended several events and had a large one of our own. We also took in 35 new animals including 21 surrenders, 9 from kill pens and 5 from auctions. We adopted a few out and have several potential adoptions in the works. We continue working diligently on stockpiling hay, but that proved difficult with the end of summer drought conditions. We are still looking for hay and working on getting it here.

Our Haunted Forest Hayride and Donktoberfest was a great success. We were excited to educate on what's happening with donkeys and how they are exploited and mistreated. We also are happy to say that we brought in enough for nearly half our winter hay. These funds are a huge help! It was so great to see everyone, some new to equines and some not, enjoying the donkeys and getting comfortable being around them. We also made new friends that are eager to come volunteer and get more involved. We cannot wait for our next event to welcome both old and new friends back to hang out with the donkeys.

Next up is Thanksgiving and Christmas, the seasons of giving. We are going virtual for these holidays. More on that later in the newsletter. We hope that you will participate and help us make this year the best Thanksgiving and Christmas of the donkeys' lives.

As always, if you have any questions or need further information on opportunities to volunteer or donate, don't hesitate to contact me via Facebook messenger, the webpage or via email at: peacefulpasturesrescue@gmail.com.

Best regards,
Beth Hakala



Have you heard?

PPDR was awarded one of the 2022 Top-Rated Nonprofits in Missouri animal welfare organizations. Thank you to those who wrote reviews of your experiences at our organization. You can read inspiring stories about us and add your own at <https://greatnonprofits.org/org/peaceful-pastures-donkey-rescue>.

Little Studly Update:



Studly has recovered! After 2 surgeries and countless days on antibiotics, Little Studly has recovered and is back to his sweet self. Studly is our dwarf mini horse who had new molars come in the size of regular horse teeth. As a result, he developed severe sinus infections that had to be surgically drained and the teeth extracted. Thanks again to the MU Equine team for their fantastic work! Studly will be back to visit with everyone at the next event.



PPDR 2 Year Strategic Plans and Goals:

We created our strategic plan and goals around the acronym **SAFER**. The following explains in more depth our key foci for the upcoming year.

Share: Share the emotional and intellectual benefits of spending time with donkeys by hosting workshops. Through these adaptive learning programs, those in need will learn coping mechanisms and other life skills by caring for and having one-on-one time with donkeys. It benefits the individual personally, the community at large, and helps the donkeys advance socially. This plan is a win-win situation for all.

Adopt: We continue to adopt out donkeys and horses to carefully vetted homes. Our comprehensive screening process ensures that the adopter has the financial means to care for the animal. We require that potential adopters explain their intentions with the animal and share information about the property, shelter and other animals in the household. We view pictures of the location where the animal will stay. There is an adoption fee and a contract prohibiting the animal from being taken to auctions or kill pens and requiring he/she be returned to PPDR if for some reason adopter is unable to provide adequate care.

Fundraise: Our goal is to make PPDR self-sustaining. We believe this can be achieved via tours, camping opportunities, fundraisers, campaigns, endowments, donations and grants. We are looking to construct camp sites on the property for people to extend their visit. While we are currently fundraising for winter hay and grain. We also recently submitted a grant to help build a pavilion that can host community events and educational tours. Keep your fingers crossed with us!

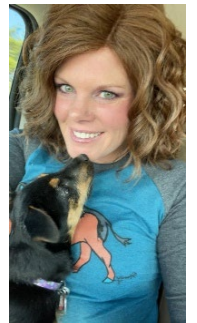
Educate: Our events and other public appearances are viewed as opportunities to educate the public about donkeys, the donkey trade and global crisis, why we rescue, what the animals experience once at the rescue, and how we train the animals. Thus far, we had an Open House Donkey Day that was well attended, and we continue to give tours. We intend to participate in the local Cole Camp Fair parade next weekend, and our next Open House is in October. Eventually, we would like to produce written material on the treatment and rescue of donkeys to distribute.

Rehabilitation: We continue to focus on providing medical, nutritional, and emotional support for our rescued equines. We castrate all males prior to adoption. We established a special pasture area for quarantine, uncastrated males, moms and little babies, and minis, and other areas are dedicated to the elderly sanctuary animals.

Welcome Kendra!!



We would like to welcome Kendra Bench to our Board of Advisors. Kendra is a lifelong equine lover and an awesome farrier. She not only does amazing things with the donkeys' feet here at the rescue, but she also dedicates a lot of time and efforts into helping us with events. If you were at Donktoberfest, you maybe saw her giving tours. If you were at the hayride, she probably was part of your nightmares that night. We are so excited to add Kendra to our Board! She brings lots of knowledge and ideas that are sure to help the rescue grow. Thank you Kendra for joining us and for all you do for the donkeys.



Kudos!

We were humbled and excited that our founder and Executive Director, Beth, was recently nominated for Central Bank of Sedalia's Unsung Hero of the month. She was invited to do a radio interview, where she discussed the rescue and why it's needed. Thank you so much Amanda King for nominating Beth and for the kind words. You can read more about this and hear the interview at: <https://awesome923.com/hakala-is-named-central-bank-of-sedalias-unsung-hero/>.

Post-event report!!



We had a fantastic event! We welcomed about 450 participants between the nighttime hayrides and the daytime Donktoberfest event. We educated on the issues facing donkeys, why they need rescued and what we do at the rescue. We had games and activities for the kids and families and provided lots of donkey meet-and-greet time. At night, the rescue transitioned into a haunted forest with wagons pulling people through the nearly half hour hayride. Screams echoed throughout the woods as wagons moved through the trail. We are already planning the hayride for next year and expect it will be bigger and better. We raised roughly \$5000 dollars after expenses, which is enough to cover a little less than half our winter hay. We are so thankful to all the sponsors, donors and participants who helped make this event a success!



Donkey Daze for the scouts



The weekend of October 21 we hosted a Donkey Daze weekend organized by Cub Scout Pack 33 and Boy Scout Troop 533. Scouts from Lincoln, Cole Camp, Sedalia, and Marshall camped out and spent the weekend learning about donkeys and helping out around the rescue. They attended programming to help earn badges. In the evenings, they played games and had fun at their camping area. It was so fantastic to see the kids getting comfortable around and



enjoying the donkeys and also enjoying the grounds. All their parents should be very proud of how they helped out, especially the older kids that really took time to clean up the field and stalls. The little kids worked hard collecting firewood and cleaning up Tiny Town and the OB area. The kids and the Scout leaders and volunteers did a fantastic job! I love the pictures and had to chuckle at the one of them playing tug of war with the ground to get the bale netting out. I can relate to that struggle. We can't wait to have them back!



Recent Adoptions:



We recently adopted out a couple young jennies to a wonderful family in Illinois. Dolorass and Petunia (gotta love the names) are doing fantastic and getting lots of love. Dolorass was Deb's baby when they arrived from auction. They were among the 22 malnourished and ill donkeys we got at the Cuba auction months ago. Luckily, these 2 were not ill and did not catch anything. Deb weaned Dolorass a few months back. Petunia was part of a mom/baby pair sent to us from Texas a few months back. Neither her or mom were friendly. Mom weaned her shortly after they arrived, and she was starting to put on weight. Petunia was a handful to catch, but look at her now. She loves her new family and all the attention she gets.



Flynn (aka Willie) was adopted into an awesome family who enjoys horseback riding, but had a horse that got lonely when they were riding. They quickly learned that Flynn loved to go with them on the trail. He is doing fantastic in his new home and getting lots of love and fun experiences. Flynn came from the Springfield auction and was on the verge of going to a kill pen buyer where he would have undoubtedly got ill with something he may or may not have recovered from. He is living his best life now!



Bitty and Seymour were adopted into a very loving home with kids they can call their own. They are spoiled rotten and loving life. Their new family grows a garden just for them and the goats and chickens and just adores them. Bitty came to us late last year in a group from Bastrop. They were all sick and skinny. She had a baby at that time that did not make it through the illness. Little did we know, she was bred back and is expecting a baby any time. Seymour was a surrender that came to us over the summer. We are so happy to see them living happy lives!



Due to the extensive time commitment involved in the Halloween events, we had to delay a few adoptions. We are now in the process of adopting out a few and will have more to report on them in the next edition. Stay tuned.....

New opportunities

We are happy to announce another opportunity where you can come have a blast with the donkeys while supporting the rescue. We started an airbnb experiences tour that gives you a guided trip through the rescue. You will learn about donkeys and the rescue and enjoy ample time with them. If you are interested in the full description and/or reserving a spot, use the following link:

<https://www.airbnb.co.za/experiences/4161708>





Hoof care with Kendra

Let's talk about thrush in our donkey friends. The most common sign of thrush in our donkeys is the nasty smell noted when cleaning out their hooves. Thrush is caused by an anaerobic (survives without oxygen) bacteria or fungus. An infection such as this can affect the heel bulbs, the frog as a whole, and the frog commissures. If left untreated, this infection will penetrate deeper into the sensitive tissues of the hoof causing lameness.

What causes thrush? Environment: wet, unsanitary conditions where the donkey is not able to stand on clean ground; sometimes poor hoof conformation or hooves that are too soft can provide the perfect breeding grounds for thrush; and lack of frequent farrier care and hoof cleaning can also contribute to thrush.

How do we treat thrush? Prevention is the best treatment. If thrush is found, the first thing to do would be to clean the area to the best of your ability with a disinfectant and apply a thrush-specific product. As a farrier, my go-to for thrush application is Thrush Buster. Have your farrier out to properly clean all of the diseased tissues so the application of medicines is more effective. Iodine is another application that is used. You'll want to pick the hooves twice a day, at minimum, and apply thrush applications per the direction from your vet or farrier for the duration of the treatment protocol. This can take a while to clean up so stay consistent. Your donkey friend will thank you.



Antique Tractor and Farm Show

In late September, we were invited to bring a couple donkeys to meet local school kids and communities and talk about the rescue. We take every opportunity possible to educate on what is happening to donkeys globally, and that sounded like a super fun show. Of course, Ashley and Amy, my donkey children, were the 2 logical ones to go. They hopped in the back seat of the truck and off we went. It was a gorgeous day out! When we weren't meeting people, Ashley decided the grass need mowed. Amy, on the other hand, felt it was a great day for a nap. We had a blast and have next year's dates on the calendar.



Homeschool tour

We recently welcomed a local Homeschool group to come learn about and hang out with the donkeys. We love seeing the kids enjoying time with the donkeys. The donkeys love the attention also! We are now offering tours to school/homeschool groups as part of our tour and education program. If you are a teacher or parent of a school-aged child and would like to take a fun, hands-on field trip, please contact us and we can work out the details.



Merchandise



Imprint colors:
White, Black, Steel Grey
on light blue
White & Steel Grey
on black
Imprint locations:
Left Chest
Full Back



Would you like to show your support for the rescue with some PPDR wear? We have a good inventory of long- and short-sleeved shirts, hoodies and a few hats available for purchase. The hats we have available are all we will be getting, so when they are gone that's it. We also have an inventory of our adorable PPDR stuffed beanie donkeys that are sure to be a favorite. These items would make fantastic Christmas gifts while helping support the donkeys.

Pricing (shipping not included):

Short-sleeve shirts:	\$20	Long-sleeve shirts:	\$25
Hoodies:	\$35	Caps:	\$25
Beanies:	\$15		



Karaoke fundraiser

Thank you to Barb, Deb, and Bucknaked for holding a Karaoke fundraiser for the donkeys. We had a blast and were amazed and excited with the support that we received from the community. Through the 50/50 drawing and the donations, we collected about \$200 to help with the winter hay!



Cole Camp Parade

To increase awareness and have a little fun, we rode a float in the parade at the Cole Camp Fair this year. Both Fri and Sat nights, we hoisted Ashley, Amy, Buttercup, Junebug, and several humans up on our trailer to ride through the crowds. The donkeys were so good and seemed to be interested in the whole experience. None of them tried to jump and they all calmly stood there taking in the surrounding crowd. None of the humans fell off the trailer either, so that was a plus. We had a great time and can't wait to do it again next year.

Upcoming events!

Alright everyone, we are trying something new! Wait....how is that different from our norm? Well it's not, except we are going virtual! We want to make sure the donkeys, mule, hinnys and horses have a fantastic holiday season! This Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are going to have virtual events dedicated to showing the animals how much we love them. The best part about going virtual is that all our rescue friends can join us from around the world! We could use donations and volunteers to make this the best ever! See below and let us know if you would like to help. Celebration updates can be found on our Facebook page or by sending us an email at: peacefulpasturesrescue@gmail.com.

PPDR DONKEY THANKSGIVING FEAST

We are planning a feast for the donkeys, mule, hinnys and horses to show them how much we love them and are thankful they are alive and here with us!



We want all our rescue friends to be part of the fun! Sooooo, we are going Live from the barn. We want everyone to have an opportunity to join us, so we are planning the event for **Friday, November 25 at 5 pm**. Don't worry, we will have a game on the barn TV so them and you will not miss this tradition.

Would you like to help? As you can imagine, making a meal for 150 donkeys will be no easy task. We could use some help with precooking and serving prior to letting them to the dinner troughs, and definitely donations to help cover the cost of the food.

Let us know if you would like to help! We are excited!



PPDR DONKEY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

No one can argue the importance of the donkey to the Christmas. Donkeys gave back to their owners and continue to work for them and serve an important role in the lives of many today. In this season of giving, we want to give back to the donkeys!

Do you have a favorite donkey or several at PPDR? Or would you like to give a special treat to a donkey that is less social and kinda hidden in the masses? We are calling all our supporters and friends of the donkey to help us give the herd a special Christmas.

We are accepting gifts and donations for gifts! Please consider adding one or more of the donkeys to your Christmas shopping list.

We are accepting donations of treats, blankets, hay, grooming tools, shampoo, fly spray, gift certificates, cash donations and anything you would like to gift to them. You can mail the items or send the money for us to pick up. Just make sure you tell us which donkey you want to get the gift.

We will go LIVE on Christmas morning and will share each donkey's gift and gifter with viewers.



Welcome to the Herd – Recent Rescue Additions



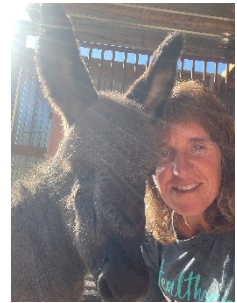
Jack is a very sweet donkey that was a surrender from Potosi, MO. He was just castrated about a week ago, and we are happy to tell you that he has healed and is out and about making new friends. Those who were at the Halloween event got to see how silly and friendly Jack was when he was still recovering and getting used to the other donkeys in the stall. He was pretty anxious when he arrived, but now fits in with the others and made a couple good friends.



Lucky, a fitting name, wandered into the yard of a nice family recently. He was injured, extremely malnourished, and his feet were awful. The family quickly got him medical treatment, a farrier and food. They are unable to keep him long-term and they wanted him to have a great life, so they called us. We continued antibiotics, wound care, and started him on a feeding program. His wound is nearly healed and he is putting on the pounds. He will stay stalled for a little longer until his weight is better and his wound completely closed. He is such a sweet boy!



Well what have we here? Deb was pregnant for so long, I was beginning to think maybe she wasn't. Then one day, there was little Jimmy. Jimmy is such a sweet boy and immediately liked people. Deb is pretty protective and would only let me in with them at first. She is relaxing now, though, and is accepting visitors. She is such a great mommy! Deb arrived with a baby earlier this year that she since weaned and was adopted into a fantastic home in Illinois. She is such a beautiful and friendly girl, and it looks like her babies follow in her footsteps.



Say hello to Dempsey the giant mule! Dempsey came to us from Stroud Kill Pen and was not far from boarding the slaughter truck. A generous and kind soul paid the money required to "bail" him and he was sent here. Dempsey is an absolute sweetheart! He leads well and is well-mannered. He is also quite beautifully colored and has to be the tallest mule I ever saw. Dempsey just got out of quarantine and has some interest. Let's hope we are talking about his new loving family next time.



We recently welcomed a herd of 17 of the sweetest donkeys ever! Those of you who came out to tour or for our events definitely met at least a few of them. They are the first ones to greet you and love to follow you around. This group came from a fantastic home, but situations change and they needed another place to call home. We absolutely love them! We are still learning their names and bonded pairs, but almost have them all down.



Our two newest are Rosa and Pedro. These sweethearts came from a fantastic home, but the owners are getting up there in age and it was getting difficult to care for them. We are honored that they entrusted us to provide a new home for these sweet babies. They arrived to us very recently, so we are still working on getting to know them and making them comfortable.



How you can help:

There are a number of ways in which you can help us save and care for the donkeys. Monetary donations, no matter how much, help us provide medical care and feed for the donkeys. But there are other ways to help as well. Does your employer encourage community service? Some employers recognize and donate funds when the employees volunteer at a nonprofit organization. Others establish a matching gift program. Is your employer a manufacturer or supplier of a product that may be useful for the rescue to further our mission?

We have several dream projects to help the rescue become more self-sufficient, including: a pavilion with picnic tables and a permanent bbq grill for events and tours, an ADA compliant path around the rescue to ensure that everyone who wants to participate in activities is able, and development of a camping area for individuals and groups.

We are always in need of fly spray and masks in the summers and blankets in the winter. We also buy our food from MFA Producers in Lincoln, MO and have an account that can receive donations. Their number is: 660-547-3621. We could always use halters and lead ropes. Additionally, we are desperately in need of feed bunks.

We also could use volunteers to help with cleaning stalls, raking the fields and definitely on farrier and wormer days. We are also looking for those with unique talents who would like to donate some time to the rescue. We are in the process of creating committees to tackle several important areas. We need help with writing grants, webpage design and updates, event planning and coordination, grounds development and maintenance, public relations and marketing and fundraising as a whole. If you support and believe in our mission and goals, please consider helping. Your active support for the donkeys would be greatly appreciated and is needed to help us provide the best care for them.

Our Gratitude and Thanks:

So many have and continue to contribute time, talents and treasure to allow us the opportunity to save these animals and provide them the lives they deserve. They say it takes a village to raise a child. It also takes a dedicated, caring and compassionate group of people to make a rescue successful. We appreciate you all and are extremely humbled and thankful for all you do to make PPDR what it is today.
