



SUMMER 2017

SUMMER NEWS

The Donkey Sanctuary of Canada



Dear friends of the animals,

Lesley visits with one of our new mules, Kingston.

>> Summer is a beautiful season at the Sanctuary. Flowers are in full bloom, turtle eggs are hatching, our pond is full of geese and other waterfowl, and donkeys are sunbathing on the rolling green hills. It's a popular time for animal lovers of all ages to visit the Sanctuary, and we've had a busy season so far.

Two of our major events, Donor Appreciation Day and Donkey Day, were held on picturesque, sunny days in May and June. Our visitors were able to enjoy the Sanctuary at its best. The donkeys came out of their shelters, happy to experience the warmer weather and visit with our guests. Our newest Sanctuary residents were

a bit shy, but quite curious about their new home and the people stopping by from time to time.

A large number of donkeys and mules have joined us since the Spring Newsletter, some of whom would not be alive had we not intervened. Leo and Kingston, the newest additions to our mule family, are the largest equines at the Sanctuary now. Unfortunately, at the farm where they lived formerly, their feral behaviour made them difficult to handle and so they received little to no veterinary or farrier care. Kingston is settling in well but Leo's health is precarious due to his club foot and complicated dental issues. He is being monitored closely by our veterinarian.

Other new residents include brothers Sherlock and Watson, bonded pair Beans and Burrrito, Petunia, our beautiful new female mule, and Waldo, our mule who likes to wander. Thanks to your generous donations, these animals have a safe place to rest their heads, food in their stomachs and the love of staff, volunteers and visitors.

Our sincere and heart-felt thanks to you, our donors, for making this possible.

Warmly,

Lesley Bayne

Lesley Bayne,
Executive Director



Above: Beans (left) and Burrrito (right)



Waldo



Watson (left) and Sherlock (right)



Lovely Petunia



Kingston (right) and Leo (left)

On the cover, our handsome youngster, Flint. Photo by Martina Brown. Thanks to Kathy Gerry, Martina Brown, Laura Dinnarr and GWD Photo who have donated the wonderful photos in this summer's newsletter.



A wonderful 24th annual Donkey Day! Above left: Wild Bird Rescue. At right, Sabrina enjoys some admiring pats. Below, our wonderful volunteers answer visitors' questions about the animals in our care. At front is Miss Jenny.



Visiting the Sanctuary

Our Open Days on Sundays and Wednesdays continue to be popular visiting times for people of all ages. We've seen young families, groups of teens, couples on their first date and work friends visit during this eventful time of year.



Kevin smiles for the camera.

At the first ever Open Day "Celebrating Seniors" on June 21st, we had a quiet, lovely day in the country. Our next Celebrating Seniors Day will be held on September 13th and we invite all seniors to join us at the Sanctuary. If you live in Toronto

and would like to attend, you can reserve a spot on our shuttle for this day only. The combined cost of the bus and entrance to the farm is \$50. Pick-up will be at 11am at the Tim Horton's on Dundas Street, near Kipling Station in Toronto, and the return bus will leave at 3pm. To reserve your spot today, please call us at (519) 836-1697 or send an email to laura@thedonkeysanctuary.ca.

August marks the 25th anniversary of The Donkey Sanctuary of Canada and we'd like to mark this milestone with our visitors - of course! On Wednesday, August 23rd, the farm will be decorated in style, and we'll have celebration cake for everyone. We hope you can come for a visit and help us celebrate!



Our first Open Day "Celebrating Seniors" was a lovely day in the country. Join us September 13th for our next one!

Some special thanks: Board members, volunteers & sponsors

The term of service has ended for two of our dedicated board members, Bill Smith and Sharon Rice. Both Bill and Sharon have been instrumental in the direction and growth of the Sanctuary over the last eight years, and their insight and guidance will be missed. We'd like to thank them for their leadership throughout their time as directors of the DSC Board and wish them the best in their next endeavors.

Thanks to the generous donations of two of our long-term, regular volunteers, we were able to build a manure pad near the lower barn to help improve nutrient management on the farm. Our gratitude to Bob and Judy Taylor, who made this possible. As a result of their generosity, the animals in our lower barn will have more room to roam in a clean, well-managed space.

We'd also like to thank our partners and sponsors for their generous donations on Donkey Day and throughout the year: Jensen Trailers, CJOY Magic, Main Street Animal Hospital, Guelph Tribune, Perk Print Solutions, Connect Equipment,

Pet Value (Paisley location in Guelph), Kitchener East Home Depot Store, Shoppers Drug Mart – Clair & Gordon, Linamar, Lockwood Leasing, and Guelph Tent Rentals. Our thanks also to Cox Construction and Capital Paving Co., for their help building the manure pad.

A special thank you to the Canfel Foundation for their continued support of The Donkey Sanctuary of Canada's Humane Education program. With their help, we've developed a meaningful animal welfare program that promotes compassion and the interdependence of all living things.

We'd like to especially thank our donors, who along with passionate volunteers and dedicated staff, make this life-saving work possible.



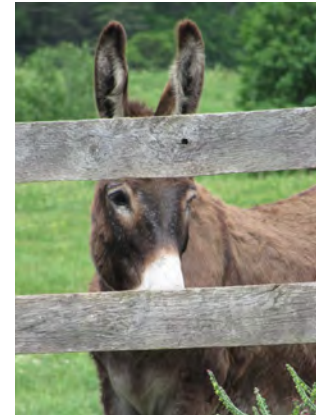
Reno accepts some excited attention.



Bob and Judy Taylor empty the inaugural wheelbarrow into the DSC's new manure pad. Thank you Bob & Judy!



The CanFel Foundation continues to support our Humane Education Program. Kevin (at right) approves.



Our trailer helps us to more easily rescue and transport donkeys and mules. Our everlasting thanks, Jensen Trailers.



Join us for our 5th annual **PACE for the Donkeys 5K Trail Run/Walk** on **September 24!**

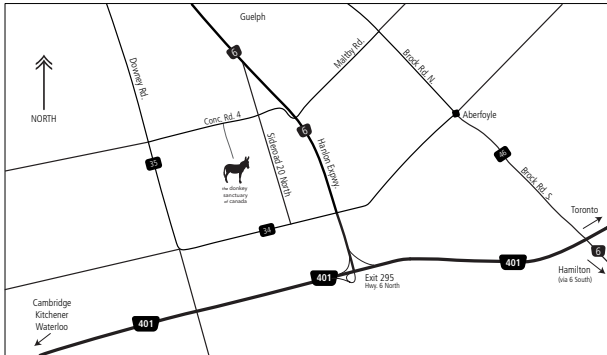
Register for the race at paceforthedonkeys5k.com. All proceeds go to help the animals.



The Donkey Sanctuary of Canada is a not-for-profit licensed charity. Our Mission is to provide a lifelong home to donkeys, mules and hinnies that are unwanted, neglected or abused and we promote the responsible stewardship of all animals through humane education. We Envision a world in which the dignity and worth of all creatures are recognized and respected.

Would you like to sponsor a donkey? Visit www.thedonkeysanctuary.ca/help-us/sponsor today!

DSC Open Days: **Sundays:** May 7 – October 29, 10 am to 3 pm.
Wednesdays: July & August only, 10 am to 3 pm.



How to get to the DSC:
 From Hwy. 401, take Exit 295 (Hwy. 6 N). Go north to the second road, turn left on Puslinch Concession 4, and proceed to #6981.

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