

November Donkey Newsletter

This month we start with the rescue of an abandoned mare, the arrival of Feliz the happy donkey and the return of Branston.



Branston and Feliz have been living at our rescue site in the Alpujarras and so have arrived in good condition which sadly was not the case with our latest horse rescued from Vélez-Málaga and temporarily named Rubia. She had been dumped by her owner in a patch of waste ground next to a stagnant stream after she developed a hoof problem and he no longer had a use for her. She was in an awful state, Harriet negotiated with the owner and was able to secure her release into our care. A huge thank you to everyone at Horsin' Around riding stables for helping out with the rescue and to Aylene for reporting this neglect.



Rubia tired but safely in the sanctuary

Feliz was named in a competition organised by our Facebook group and we're sure he will be very happy with us. Branston is back to his old ways and has started nipping at unsuspecting helpers so keep your eyes on him.

Feliz arrives



With these three arrivals plus another horse and a donkey expected soon we are rapidly running out of space. The sanctuary is almost full, we can no longer take in dogs or puppies CAS are helping to home our remaining dogs. If you can help by homing one of our final four dogs please let us know. CAS have kindly made a [page on their website for our remaining dogs](#).

Xmas parties and Winter hours. You can support our rescue service and the donkeys by attending our donkey disco at the The Boatyard Bar on Playazo Beach on the 12th of December and why not come and meet our newest additions at our Christmas open days on the 19th and 27th of December carrots and mince pies welcomed.

Don't forget the second Punta Lara Christmas Fair on December the 5th the first one was well supported and there were lots of great stalls there including our own of course. A great place to support the donkeys and stock up on Christmas presents and food with some of the stalls selling winter veg and homemade pies and other treats.



Opening hours - We have had to tweak the opening hours slightly as it is getting a bit to dark in the afternoons to stay open to visitors until 6pm so for December and January we will be open from 10am-2pm and 4-5pm. For Christmas day we will be open to visitors between 11am and 12pm.

Our donkeys made it onto television screens again when Canal Sur cameras came in to record a piece about our disabled riding program and donkey therapy.



They were particularly keen to see how we use the donkeys in the therapy process so this time Chocky our special riding pony got to watch as the kids rode on Farry.



We were also visited by the Frigiliana primary school who came to meet the donkeys as a follow up to our in-school talks on animal

welfare and caring for equines. Donations are vital at this time of year or we will not be able to continue these therapy and educational sessions through the winter. Details of how to donate are on the website where you can also set up a regular donation using PayPal. Please remember [online adoptions](#), [donations](#) and [adoption renewals](#) are extremely vital for the survival of the sanctuary. Adoptions make great presents and we aim to dispatch every online adoption within 24 hours.



Farry was fantastic carrying the kids for the tv cameras

Flash had a sore hoof which required special treatment



Donkey news

Petra had a nice bath thanks to the kids club and Annelise who organised them all



Chocky was a bit annoyed he missed out on being the tv star this time

Paloma and Leo love their treatball check out the video on [youtube](#)

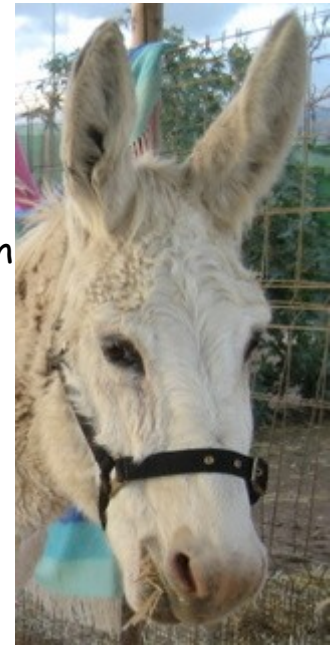
The **babies** ([Ziggy](#), [Stardust](#), [Pinky](#), [Perky](#) and [Trevor](#)) have broken yet more fences so we are looking for more cost effective and stronger ways of keeping them in the right place!

Here's Branston and Feliz shortly after arriving at the sanctuary



Branston and **Feliz**

More from these two soon, you can see them in the background of the [Paloma and Leo video](#) posted here



Volunteers are always welcome, we are usually quite short of helpers in December so if you'd like to help out why not pop in to the sanctuary or give us a call. Not all of the jobs are messy or hands on with the animals as we always need people to meet and greet visitors and show people around.

Thanks to - Colin and Susan for their 500 Euro donation. Thanks to Bernd Fischer for translating our site into [German](#). Martin for asking for donations to be made to the donkeys instead of birthday presents. Thanks to Carmen, Mark for driving diggers and the rescue truck, Dave for improving our disabled access, Pam, Richard, Claudia, Vee, Judy, Peter, Sheila, Self Storage Nerja, Valerie, Dax, Annelise and everyone who has helped us out through what has been a particularly difficult year we wish everyone a fantastic Christmas and happy new year.

The important money bit

Donations via direct bank transfer are the quickest and best way to donate money to the donkeys and also incurs the least charges.

Our charity bank details are:- **Banco Popular Nerja No:** 0075-1458-25 060-00108-86 **IBAN** ES3700751458250600010886 **BIC** POPUESMM

You can find out more about us, adopt a donkey or donate by card or PayPal at www.nerjadonkeysanctuary.com email: kate@donkeyaid.com

Information about volunteering, school visits or opening hours call Rory on (+34) 664 558 133. Rescues call Harriet on 618 46 7575. Fund raising or helping at the car boot stall call Irene on 690 047 350.

You can donate in Sterling or Euros with cheques payable to Nerja Donkey Sanctuary.

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