

## March Donkey Newsletter

A warm welcome to our two newest rescues Chica and Ambrose who arrived late on a bitterly cold evening after a long 6 hour drive from Alicante.

Chica is 2<sup>1/2</sup> years old she has a gentle nature and is five months pregnant. Ambrose is nearly one, he treats Chica like his mother but they're not related, we're expecting Chica's foal in August. Thankfully we have recently homed some donkeys and built some extra pens giving us enough free space to offer them a safe home for the birth.

When they arrived they were a little afraid of the dark and were reluctant to step out from the security of the trailer but with a few



carrot treats and some some gentle coaxing they were safely in the sanctuary.

As they walked to their new pen all the donkeys peered through the dark at the newcomers their eyes reflecting our torchlight. Chica and Ambrose passed our vet's inspection and have settled in really well, they are best friends and love to run around in the back field during siesta time.



After last month's successful homings of Trevor and Iggy we have found homes for two more donkeys with just the inevitably complicated Spanish paperwork holding them up from reaching their nice new homes.



Two more, much smaller arrivals who will hopefully soon be homed are piglets *George* and *Mildred*, born in the sanctuary in February and cared for in a foster home they are now big enough to return to us so we can find them homes. They are an unusual mix of Vietnamese pot belly, Spanish pig and wild boar. You can meet all the new arrivals at our Nerja sanctuary between 10-2 and 5-6pm we are open to visitors every day of the year. In the summer we open longer hours please check the website for the latest times.

We are no longer able to accept dogs or puppies in the sanctuary but we still have two dogs desperately seeking new homes; Sampson and Blanca. You can come in and walk them any day, mornings are best as they really appreciate the extra attention. If you can help with homing our two final dogs please come and see us in the sanctuary or call us on the numbers below.



Visitor numbers picked up as the weather improved and the rain finally broke to give us a week of sunshine that dried up all the rivers, puddles and hoof-holed patches and ironically allowed us to build some new roofs although this time more in preparation for the heat of the summer. Finally just to keep us on our "hooves" the coach trips from Torremolinos bringing 50-100 visitors every Tuesday are back up and running after cancelling due to the rain and 50 school children from Marbella came up to meet the donkeys and learn about caring for animals.

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the recent flurry of vets visits and our regular farrier visit. This time the farrier visited on a particularly windy day which wound up the donkeys and made some of them a little less cooperative than usual. Thank you also to all the volunteers who kept the sanctuary as clean and dry as possible by mucking out the pens through the wet winter, the sanctuary looks better than ever thanks to your efforts.

# How you can help

We often get asked what people can bring us to help out, besides the obvious like donations we are also eternally grateful for the following items

Carrots! - Large black sacks for the bins - unwanted tools; hammers, screwdrivers and wheelbarrows - Large black bins! (Ours keep breaking and we can't seem to find them easily in Spain) - Fly Spray - getting to that time of year again. Frontline spray for the dogs, bric a brac for the car boot stall...

Any leftover food/condiments/spices/tea bags - these are very useful for our woofers who live on site and often are skint (have no money) Also any food left in rental apartments is now thrown away when you leave, health and safety madness, we can give it a good home.

Especially tea bags and carrots, did we mention we need carrots!

## Branston and Feliz

Visitor numbers are still desperately lower than last year and the rainy weather seriously impacted our donations. Your online support is vital in this difficult period. Please remember [online adoptions](#), [donations](#) and [adoption renewals](#) are extremely important for the survival of the sanctuary. Adoptions make great presents and we aim to dispatch every online adoption within 24 hours. Check out our **new** postcards available on [zazzle.co.uk](https://www.zazzle.co.uk)



# Donkey news

**Chalkie** has almost recovered from his fungal infection but treatment is ongoing we hope to be able to move him to his nice new foster home in the coming weeks

**Connan** and **Woody** love their new roof

**Derek** was in a good mood for the farrier's visit thankfully.

**Farry** had a bit of a fall out with **Feliz** and had to be moved to a



separate pen to chill out. **Petra** is enjoying her daily wanders in the visitor area now that there are a few more people to meet and greet. She is also slowly but surely getting a bit of a haircut anyone got any spare clippers suitable for a donkey?

**Leo** ran away from the farrier and took 6 volunteers and a long time to catch him. **Flash** also wasn't particularly keen on the farrier but **Bolera** was a good girl. **Chocky** has had a bit of a break from the disabled riding due to the incessant rain. **Iggy** has found himself a girlfriend and a nice new foster home in Frigiliana. **Hilary** is now much happier and is venturing out into the visitor area again.

**Paloma** gave us a bit of a scare when she seemed to be having trouble with her vision, she was checked out by the vet that same afternoon and given the all clear.

The **babies** have been naughty as usual although better behaved now that **Trevor** has moved to his foster home.

**Thanks to** - everyone who supported the sponsored walk especially Patricia for organising the event. A huge thank you to Jackie Todd for raising our piglets. Dustin, Brad and Louis for their hard work. Walter for bringing Chica and Ambrose safely to us.

### **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

For more info call Rory on (+34) 664 558 133. Rescues call Harriet 618 467 575  
You can donate in Sterling or Euros with cheques payable to Nerja Donkey Sanctuary.

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Where possible we home our residents to foster homes so they may not be in the sanctuary when you visit.