

Nerja Donkey Sanctuary September Newsletter



Over the years not all of our rescues have meant late night call-outs, adventurous 4x4 driving and drawn out discussions with vets, police and uncooperative owners.

Thankfully less and less locals are abandoning their animals as they are finally realising we'll take in and care for their unwanted donkeys.

Our latest arrival is a mule called Tordo who arrived from Salobreña in Granada province late one August evening. His previous owners rescued him from a farmer who was working him too hard.

They had given him a good life since then but sadly were no longer able to care for him so they turned to us for help. He's a lovely mule and we hope to be able to find him a home very soon although this often proves difficult (as with most things in Spain complicated paperwork is involved).



Tordo has breathing problems which cause him to wheeze very loudly especially when eating hay.

He has a ventolin inhaler just like someone who suffers from asthma might have.

We have found the best way to give him his medicine is through a specially adapted empty bottle which we can fit over his nose to administer the medication.

Tordo has settled in very well and due to a sudden unexpected influx of new rescues he has had to mix with the other animals bit faster than normally would have happened but he is getting on very well with everyone.



Photo – Tordo looks on as the piglets come to see where their breakfast is. Early morning in the sanctuary on Tordo's first day.

Sanctuary co-founder returns to visit

Last month saw not just the arrival of a mule, a goat, two chickens and six kittens but the return of **sanctuary co-founder Jim Horne** who was here visiting a year and a half after serious illness left him confined to a wheelchair.

Jim founded the sanctuary with Harriet back in 2004 his enthusiasm for the project he started and his love for animals is unbowed, it is a tribute to him that the sanctuary is going from strength to strength six years after he started out with just an "empty"* field and six abandoned donkeys. *It was completely overgrown with grass and brambles but the donkeys soon made short work of that.



It was fantastic to have Jim back in the sanctuary and wonderful to see so many people come down to wish him well.

Lola the goat was found living in an urbanisation. Her owner was traced but he said he had no use for her any more so the Police asked for our help.

She is very friendly and is enjoying her new home.

The six kittens were dumped at our gates and have since found homes or now live in the sanctuary, we always need a few agile hunters around.

We are not able to take in dogs any more and after Blue successfully went to a new home in London we are happily down to just two dogs needing homes.



When will I, will I be famous?



Baby David inspects the front page of Streetwise magazine who made him their cover star

Visitor Hours

Our opening hours for the rest of the year until July will be 10-2pm and 5-6pm please call and double check if we are able to open during periods of heavy rain.

From the first of this month we are expanding into the field next door so **please do not block the access road to the field**. We hope to add in addition to parking spaces an enlarged exercise area which can also be used for the disabled riding and a new storage area, we hope we have already secured the planning permission for this too.

Donations needed

Just 5 adoptions a day help keep the sanctuary up and running.

Your online support is vital in this difficult period:

[Online adoptions](#), [donations](#) and [adoption renewals](#) . Adoptions make great presents and we aim to dispatch every online adoption within 24 hours. Check out our postcards available on zazzle.co.uk

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:-

**Association account details:- Banco Popular Nerja No: 0075-1458-25
060-00108-86
IBAN ES3700751458250600010886 BIC POPUESMM**

Thanks to – big thank you to all our volunteers and woofers who helped us out through the hot summer months. Thanks to Bar Okey, Coach and Horses, Bar Victoria, El Bosque and their customers for their ongoing support. Thanks to Matt and Ana, Dan and Kate.



Baby donkey meets Tordo for the first time

Contact us

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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Photo – what not to do to a horse's back. On the right Shaggy and on the left Silver who was ridden too young and has had to live with his back problems for 27 years

The Nerja Donkey Sanctuary is a registered Spanish not for profit charity no.7502
Please be aware not all of the animals in the sanctuary are available for adoption. Where possible we home our residents to foster homes so they may not be in the sanctuary when you visit.