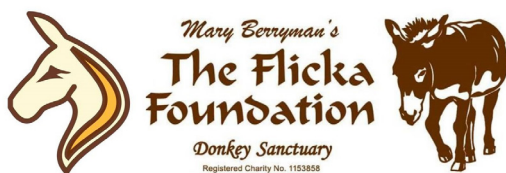




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It's Summertime! Greetings Flickaholics



*Here again already, unbelievable.
Does time go faster, or is it relative to age?!*

We hope you all had a really good, warm and peaceful Christmas and that you were at long last able to see your families. Of course, we here at Flicka have been fortunate to be amongst our four-legged family throughout all the difficult times, they brought us joy, companionship and comfort.

The beginning of the year brought storms in the shape of exceptionally strong winds and three different names to go with them! We were very fortunate here at Flicka, to only lose some roof panels, guttering and a few other broken items, but nothing major compared to so many around the country. We hope you all kept safe.

Now, at the time of writing this we are faced with a tumultuous world, it is very sad. So much conflict, so much hatred. Let us all pray that one day there will be peace throughout our beautiful planet.

Onto Flicka news in our tiny corner of the world... starting off with some very exciting sanctuary news.

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The Flicka Foundation receives Sanctuary Accreditation!

Sometimes in life we all need to know we are doing something right, doing something well. That's why we have exams, get degrees, diplomas, pass our driving test, win medals and trophies. Or even a pat on the back when for a personal achievement, playing an instrument or working hard to perfect that dance. Certificates on the wall are the final piece of paper that tell a very long story, and let us know we made it, we reached a goal, although there's always more to do, this challenge was successful, until the next certificate.

As an animal sanctuary we follow our hearts; our morals, passion and compassion tell us we are doing the best we possibly can for the animals that, for one reason or another, find themselves in need of our help. It is a challenging lifestyle with tough and sad times, but the rewards are immense. Of course, in an ideal world there would be no such thing as charity, sanctuaries would not be needed, but it is a sad reality. A plaster on the cruelty of life.

But we too have felt for some time we needed to know that Flicka is doing it right in a recognised way; not so we can puff our chests out and take praise or glory, but because we needed to know if Flicka is a good sanctuary, a professional sanctuary on the world stage of animal sanctuaries. After all, you wouldn't go to an unqualified doctor or dentist or a solicitor without those all-important letters after their names. It gives kudos and credibility. We felt it would be so good to have a professional body tell us "You're doing ok".

One of our main reasons to try and get endorsement from a worldwide governing body was to set the bar high, to continue Mary Berryman's ethos and vision which was handed to our current Directors, Judy and Laurie. Now they want to ensure high levels of commitment, ethics and drive and of course professionalism, when someone else picks up the mantle.

For the last few months, we have been working diligently behind the scenes, not just saving lots more precious donkeys, but also for an application to the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries to try and obtain Verification. It was such a red-letter day when we had completed all the requirements for Verification, Flicka was then invited by GFAS to apply for their highest accolade, Accreditation, they must have thought we were quite good!! So off we went again with more legalities, documents and requirements to get us over the line. We felt this will tell all our supporters that when you visit Flicka, when you



donate to Flicka, when you fundraise for Flicka, when we save donkeys, you can believe in us to do the right thing. You can always trust us to put an animals' welfare at the top of our priorities and we will live our lives for them.

At this point we must thank the whole Flicka team, without you none of this would be possible. A special thanks to Claire Turnbull, your patience, diligence and hard work meeting ridiculous deadlines, has been second to none, putting up with umpteen emails and phone calls at midnight and beyond!

So, we know, and hope, you will be as delighted as we are. In fact, we are beyond thrilled that on the 15th February, after months of hard work and a stringent inspection, we had the most wonderful letter from one of the Program Directors of GFAS:

Hi Judy,

Congratulations!

The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries Accreditation Committee met today, Tuesday, February 15, 2022, and reviewed the Flicka Foundation Donkey Sanctuary's application for Accreditation. The Accreditation Committee commends you and your team for your commitment to helping equines in need not only in the United Kingdom but other countries as well. The Committee was particularly impressed with the high quality of care you provide these animals and your attention to their safety and wellbeing. In addition to providing excellent care, your dedication to non-profit management best practices and humane education is the mark of an organization that truly wants to make a difference in the lives of animals.

The Flicka Foundation Donkey Sanctuary met or exceeded all standards for GFAS Accreditation. As part of the Accreditation process, GFAS would like to issue a press release on your behalf.

Thanks so much and again, congratulations!

There is always so much work to do, but now The Flicka Foundation is Accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries, our high standards must be maintained. Going forward into the future, whoever is at the helm must follow our vision. It gives us a little bit of comfort, after all none of us are immortal...!

Sorrow is how we learn to love. Your heart isn't breaking, it hurts because it's getting larger. The larger it gets the more love it holds...

~ Rita Mae Brown ~

New Arrivals and Rescues

Once again, our news is packed full of new arrivals and rescues, quite an unprecedented amount this time... we cannot be sure whether this is due to the end of lockdown or/and the new transport legislation since Brexit, which means so many poor donkeys, already in a poor state, are facing even longer journeys from Ireland. Because of border controls, they are now travelled from Southern Ireland all the way up to Northern Ireland, then across the sea to Britain, where they are herded into meat markets and then, for those that survive, the real long journey begins.

We have had many through our gates since last November. Our foster homes are even more vitals to us now with so many donkeys needing help.

Topaz, Wispa, Wilfred & Taffy

In our December 2021 newsletter we had just saved these four poor donkeys, the worst body condition was a tall beautiful girl called Topaz, she was painfully thin and very depressed. Topaz, Wispa, Wilfred and Taffy, were like so many, brought by dealers to the UK from southern Ireland, to then face the horror of transport to the continent.

As usual, they received all the vital vet screening and received treatment accordingly, teeth, which were particularly bad, (especially Topaz who had a sheer mouth so the teeth angles were extremely steep, how she managed to eat anything we'll never know), x-rays for their feet and blood screening.

Temporarily we had to relocate Topaz to a different area of the centre so she could receive more intensive care, feed and supplements. Topaz improved, but it soon became clear to us she would do better in a private home.



Topaz on arrival

The fabulous news is that Topaz has been reunited with Wispa, Taffy & Wilfred plus two more Hector & Mavis all in the same amazing foster home who have given lots of special attention to Topaz and she is beginning to thrive, put on weight and is so much happier. Six very happy rescued donkeys, whose were destined for unthinkable paths.



Taffy



Topaz



Wispa, Wilfred & Taffy

Ivar & Rosebud

Ivar and Rosebud arrived on the 29th November after our Christmas newsletter had already gone to print and, as is the story we tell all too often, their lives had not been happy or healthy ones, both destined for overseas transport... We are delighted that Ivar has joined Clarence and Casper for a new life in a wonderful foster home (read on for an update on the three boys!), but we are still unsure if Rosebud will be a long-term resident or will find her forever home outside of our sanctuary, as she remains under health assessment. It is very sad to see the extensive veterinary care so many of our donkeys require when they arrive, uncared for and unloved, but we are hopeful that, with a little TLC and nurturing, Rosebud will thrive and grow and begin to trust us. She is currently living with Juliet, Hettie and Lolita - they are getting along really well and play together a lot (after a little adjustment period for Rosebud when Lolita was introduced into the group!)



Ivar & Clarence



Rosebud



Rosebud

Juliet

Pretty young Juliet arrived on the 13th December. She had found herself taken from her mother at just 5 months old, sold at market, loaded onto a lorry, shipped across the water to be sold at another market and left isolated and alone at a holding pen before being sold on for breeding or meat. Juliet arrived in a shocking condition, a



complete bag of bones and is only just now starting to gain some weight. She also had very long feet and kept her tail clamped down from fear.

Juliet has now begun to turn a corner; we see glimmers of a cheeky personality emerging as her confidence grows daily. She is such a sweet young soul who has suffered so much in her short life, but she looks to other jennies for her mother-comfort and spends a lot of time with Rosebud. We think she will grow into quite a big stunning girl and we're sure she will become more trusting and friendly with the passing of time.

Heather

The sadness of Heather... Heather found herself at Flicka, a strange place with lots of donkeys, after living with her human soul mate for over 20 years. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Roger, Jean and Averil, lifelong friends of Shirley Rowe who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly, leaving behind her beloved donkey. We brought Heather to the sanctuary in February – a little senior lady who hadn't known the world beyond the safety of her paddock and the love of her human Mum. She arrived and was introduced to our Twilight Herd, four other senior ladies, but was still clearly worried and anxious, looking for human companionship.

Heather had to have some major dental work with a tooth that was cutting into her soft palate removed, which made her more comfortable, but, after several different donkey introductions, poor sweet Heather seemed to be indifferent to her own kind, but was constantly seeking out people... Sometimes, sanctuary is not the answer and not always the best environment, as some donkeys prefer one to one company and this was clearly the case for Heather. Luckily, Sue (one of our team here at Flicka) fell utterly in love with Heather and it soon became mutual! Sue has already fostered Applejack and Arthur, originally of the Herd of Hope and tentatively asked us if Heather could come and live with her with a paddock, stable and sand area all to herself, within sight of the boys in case she wanted to chat to donkeys.

There was no question, this seemed the perfect answer for Heather's happiness and she has since settled in wonderfully, Sue said she cannot imagine life without her. Perfect result!



Chalky (pictured on front cover)



Chalky now



In March we were contacted by one of our supporters who was extremely concerned about a donkey she had seen regularly for the last couple of years, alone on a patch of muddy ground, always lying down and having never seen anyone with the donkey. The photos she sent us sounded off very loud alarm bells and we knew we had to do something fast.

Thanks to your incredible response with donations for Chalky's rescue and through the diligence of Chalky's rescuer who tracked down the 'owner' and removed Chalky to her own paddock, we were able to initially assess Chalky together. The poor boy had shockingly overgrown feet; he was crippled and wanted to lie down constantly, so we quickly arranged a vet visit, x-rays and a farrier assessment.

After he was deemed fit for travel on a thick bed of shavings, Chalky arrived at Flicka! Despite his years of neglect and loneliness, shockingly overgrown feet, lice, rain scald and the fact he could barely walk properly, Chalky was very friendly and unbelievably bright and interested in his new surroundings. Along with his x-rays, he had a full vet screening, bloods, body assessment and our farrier worked from the x-rays to attend to Chalky's poor feet. The result was miraculous! Chalky's blood results did show a few parameters outside of the normal, but this was

considered to be due to his malnourishment and dehydration.

Just a couple of months on and this gorgeous boy has come so far. He is living his best life amongst friends and a Flicka family who love him dearly, he is really friendly and affectionate and we hardly recognise him from the poor donkey who came off the lorry. Chalky loves saying hello to our visitors and is a sociable, happy boy – where he came from and his condition is fading like a distant memory now...



Clarence, Casper & Ivar

Another two boys destined for the meat market arrived at Flicka. All the usual issues we see constantly, overgrown feet that twist and become deformed, skin bacterial infections, lice, neglected painful teeth and underneath dirty matted coats are ribs showing through.

After weeks of rehabilitation, feet, teeth, blood screening and assessment. Clarence and Caspar joined Ivar to travel to their new foster home in early spring and they have all settled in wonderfully. They are playful happy boys and Ivar particularly enjoys all the love and one-to-one attention he is getting!



Myrtle, Hector and Mavis

We had heartache with one of our rescues in November; our work goes on behind the scenes every day of the year, rescues and welfare are a priority and we finally saved a very small, young grey jenny called Myrtle, so sweet and so gentle, but



after the euphoria of finally getting her out of her situation, she was so poor we had to take her straight to the hospital. Devastatingly, she did not survive the extent of her ailments and condition is too upsetting to write about. We didn't need to mention her, but we wanted you to know about her so there is a memory of her short life. With all our supporters reading this, you will have read her name and made her real and alive.

Myrtle touched our hearts even though we only knew her for a matter of hours. God bless you Myrtle, we wish we'd had more time with you... rest peacefully sweetheart.



The other two who were removed at the same time stayed at the hospital for a couple of days, Hector had a nasty infection from an unprofessional gelding operation. Mavis, thankfully had no urgent medical issues, but was in very poor body condition.

Tulip, Trixie, Marigold and Milly

In January we rescued Tulip and her foal Trixie, along with Marigold and her foal Milly. For discretionary reasons we cannot give too much detail about these four, but theirs was not a happy life, the conditions they lived in and their future was very bleak. As you know, many of our donkeys arrive in poor health and require months of rehabilitation or lifelong sanctuary care, but we are happy to report that these girls were able to go directly to a wonderful foster home, they received all their necessary veterinary screening, had the dentist and farrier and are now blooming with health and enjoying a life of luxury just as every donkey should!



Tulip



Trixie



Marigold & Milly

Five more donkeys... Jasmine, Jacob, Frieda, Elsa & Hettie

In January, we heard about another 5 donkeys in appalling conditions, would you believe at a place where owners had been banned from keeping animals for life!!

Jasmine and her son Jacob arrived on the 19th January and Frieda, along with her daughter Elsa (a tiny ball of fluff at just a few months old) and Hettie arrived



Hettie

just a few days later on the 24th. They were all underweight with long, mal-formed feet and very nervous, we dread to think what they had been through and the path their lives were destined for.

They needed immediate veterinary treatment and farrier attention, which we carried out very gently and slowly due to how worried they were. When Elsa arrived, she was so frightened she shook and hid behind her Mum, but we soon saw little traces of personality emerging as she quickly realised, she loved to be cuddled and



fussed! Frieda loves her food, so she was easily won over with a gingernut biscuit, but is still getting used to having people around and being handled. Jasmine and Jacob were the most nervous of the four, but they have all come a long way in just a few months and they have just been transported to their new foster home! Little Elsa remains confident and friendly and Jacob has also turned a corner – transforming into a cuddly and inquisitive little chap. It will take Jasmine and Frieda some time, but they are much more relaxed donkeys now, finally realising they can feel safe and enjoy life.

Hettie is still at our sanctuary, but happily living with Rosebud, Lolita and Juliet. Unsurprisingly, due to her sad past, she still has moments of nervousness, but she seems to take everything in her stride and is generally a very laid back, relaxed donkey! We have our strong suspicions she may be in foal??

Dusty



A little donkey like dear Heather. Dusty only spent a short time with us, as she struggled to bond with any of our existing resident donkeys and just wasn't as happy at the sanctuary as we knew she could be. We always want the very best for every donkey we rescue and treat every individual donkey as just that - a unique, one-of-a-kind character, so we found the perfect solution for Dusty in the form of a wonderful foster home with another donkey who had just lost her companion and was unsurprisingly lost and lonely. Dusty's new human tells us they are both very happy donkeys now and it's like Dusty has always lived there, she fitted straight in and is loving life - now that's what we call a happy ending!

Pans People

Some of our long-standing supporters may remember back in May 2013 Flicka was involved in a very sad and lengthy welfare case, the first two donkeys rescued were Polly and Heather. Over the course of the next three to four years we managed to save eight of the nine donkeys who needed to be removed. We are quite sure all girls are possibly related. We had Polly, Heather, Olive, Pansy (hence Pan's People for those of you who remember the 70's dancers??), Diane, Esmie, Tilly & Pippin (who became Flo).

Esmie was the last donkey we were able to remove, it broke our hearts to leave her behind alone, but the 'owners' were having none of it. We waited and regularly liaised and visited over the next eight months until finally she was relinquished into our care. We are so sorry we could not save the ninth girl, but sometimes in these cases, 'owners' are unpredictable and do not care about the welfare or future of the animals under their guardianship.



We were thrilled when a wonderful foster home opened their arms to take firstly four girls, then came back for another two, until finally they decided to have Polly and Heather which would bring the girls back together.

As always in life, things happen, curve balls are thrown at us and sadly for the girls, after almost eight wonderful years, their human foster family had to ask us to bring them back to sanctuary. These things happen and it was tough for everyone, our wonderful foster carers were heartbroken and we were for them and the girls. It was quite difficult to orchestrate eight donkeys back into the fold, but we have managed so far and hopeful there may be another home just around the corner....

Lolita



Beautiful Lolita is a young Poitou who we have been entrusted to look after... She is so gorgeous and a very special donkey who arrived at our sanctuary in April from a special breeding-programme for the conservation of the rare Baudet de Poitou donkey breed. We were delighted when we were asked to be Lolita's guardians and it is an honour to have her as part of our sanctuary family. She is just so sweet, so cuddly, so friendly (we're sure she would sit on your lap if she could!) and a divine little soul who we love to bits. At the time of writing, she is only 9 months old, but she is already a wonderful ambassador for her unique, special breed along with our other stunning Poitou donkeys; Big Bertie, Molly, Hermine and Dannette.



The fabulous news is that our gorgeous, inquisitive, cuddly, fluffy little Lolita is now officially available for virtual Adoption! Please consider adopting Lolita to form a special bond and help us care for her – your support means so much...

Visit www.flickafoundation.org.uk/adopt-a-donkey.

Health Updates

DANNETTE



In March, our big, beautiful, gentle French Poitou rescue, Dannette, gave us quite the scare when she started showing initial signs of mild colic., Never ever taking chances with colic, we got the vet immediately and, after a thorough examination, she was medicated. We kept a close eye on her throughout the night, but by the next day she had not improved, in fact she started to deteriorate. It was not looking good. We kept Dannette segregated from the herd in the donkey barn so she could still see her friends, in particular Hermine. Many of you who visited saw her, it is quite distressing to see a big animal lying flat out, clearly uncomfortable and not happy.

Once again, we called the vet who carried out several procedures and administered injections to help Dannette. Following which, all we could do was wait and watch. She was not improving. After much soul searching, we decided she couldn't carry on and made the upsetting decision to get the vet back. During the call to the vet however, Dannette miraculously got up and ate a carrot that was offered to her. So, we rewound our conversation with the vet and, once again, monitored her all through the night.

We were beyond thrilled and relieved that she turned a corner and improved throughout the day the following day. Phew! That was very a worrying and heart stopping time, but our beautiful girl is doing just fine.

We had a very busy and anxious time with hospital visits in April, when miniature ponies Shona and Grace, along with Maisy donkey had to be admitted with worrying health concerns...

SHONA



You may remember that Shona had her left eye removed at the end of last year, as she was blind in this eye and it had begun to cause her pain. The surgery was a great success, but unfortunately Shona developed a persistent ulcer on her 'good' eye. We didn't want to take any chances of her becoming completely blind, so, at the beginning of April, our senior lady (of around 40 years old!) went

to the hospital with her bonded friend Hazelnut for a lengthy stay.

An ocular lavage system was put into place to medicate the eye directly and constantly, to try and cure the ulcer. Initially results were promising, but sadly after about two weeks the eye began to deteriorate. We were left with a very uncomfortable decision, the eye was causing Shona pain and her vision was limited, if there was any vision at all, apart from shades of light. Shona's best chance at her great age was to remove the eye under local anaesthetic.

The surgery was very successful, after just 24 hours post op Shona came home, she and Hazelnut were kept in their warm dry barn for three days, we also put a soft bell around Hazelnut's neck to help Shona.

Our hopes were guarded about Shona coping, but at the time of writing this, Shona has been home for over four weeks and doing all the things ponies do, eating, rolling, grazing and mutual grooming. We have created a smaller paddock for the two senior ladies, Shona has become to rely upon Hazelnut and listens for her gentle bell. We did not take this surgery and situation lightly, she is monitored with vigilance daily, so far it is all good.



GRACE

Grace, at only 5 years old, became very lame and x-rays revealed arthritis of the shoulder, which could sadly be due to her horrific life when she was just a foal. We had three options; surgery with no guarantee of success, cortisone injections (usually a temporary fix) or stem cell injections (a pioneering treatment!). The stem cell therapy was a lot more expensive, but with the potential for a more positive outcome, we opted for that. Grace was taken to the hospital with her friend Jenny to have the injection we are hopeful the injection will work, but it is early days yet, she remains quit lame at the time of writing, we will keep you posted.

MAISY



Maisy was a puzzle... She went off her food, dropped weight rapidly and became a little distressed, no sign of colic, but something was clearly not right and there was ventral oedema under her tummy, usually a sign of inflammation somewhere. Two vet callouts didn't shed any light on the problem and poor Maisy was clearly 'not right', so off to the hospital with motherly Florence (Nightingale).

We think our donkey lorry knows the way there without a driver now!

After two weeks of veterinary treatment, medications, blood screening and observation with no real definitive reason for her malaise, Maisy started to show signs of improvement, it would seem she had some kind of inflammation virus. One of those things we may never know why or how, but we were very concerned about her, this sort of illness can quickly turn into a critical situation in a donkey. Poor Maisy has dropped a considerable amount of weight, but is so much better and behaving more like her old self, feisty and friendly and busy making up for lost time with all her extra feeds!

SILVER



We noticed a small growth developing in the corner of Silver's eye. After a vet visit, it confirmed what we suspected and worried it would be... a sarcoid. Sarcoids are bad enough, but around the eye can be dangerous. There are different types of sarcoid and 6 broad classifications for equine sarcoids; occult, verrucous (warty), nodular, fibroblastic, mixed and malevolent. No two sarcoids are the same and sarcoids are definitely not textbook, so individual tumours may contain characteristics of several different types. If left to grow and develop, sarcoids can cause serious complications to internal organs, as was the case for poor Myrtle (who we wrote about earlier in this newsletter).

Silver will have a course of injections by the vet administered over several weeks.

RESCUES AND LONG-TERM CARE

We have had so many donkeys seeking sanctuary at Flicka over the last 12 months, you our wonderful, amazing Flickaholics have helped and ensured we can save them, we couldn't possibly do what we do without you. We are entering tough times; everyone is affected by the ever-increasing prices of 'all' things.

As a charity it is always a worry when vet fees, dentist, farrier, feed and bedding prices go up, feed prices have gone through the roof!! Saving a donkey is the beginning of a lifetime of our commitment to them, their life, well-being, comfort and care, these costs are completely out of our control. Please stay with us through the hard times if you can – we need you.

“...sanctuary, not just a place, but a promise...”

Supporter Spotlight!

Our wonderful Auction Ladies have been at it again and raised an amazing £2,538.66 from their latest online auction! So, we have to say thank you again to Pauline, Julie, Angela, Lisa, Jo and family for their brilliant efforts and continued, dedicated support for our charity.

The Family Fundraisers for Flicka Team had this to say: “Thank you, once again, to all our amazing supporters, we, as a local family raising funds to help our favourite local charity, could not do what we do without you! THANK YOU!”

Every Day is a Donkey Day...

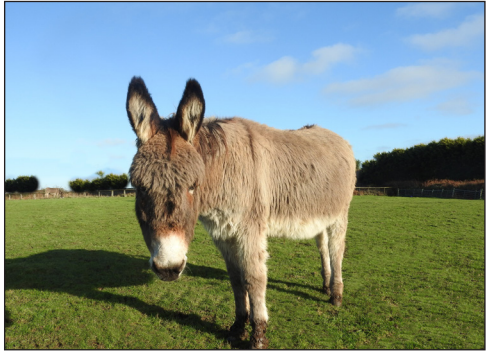
We celebrated World Donkey Day on the 8th May and it got us thinking how we celebrate what incredible, unique, beautiful animals' donkeys are every day here at our sanctuary! But we must also bring awareness to their plight and the inhumane treatment they suffer worldwide. So many of our donkeys have been rescued from situations of abuse and neglect; over-worked, exploited for breeding, stolen from their mothers, denied basic veterinary care, sold into the meat trade or simply abandoned... They are all safe, loved and cared for now, but we get so many calls about donkeys in desperate need. We will always do our very best to help, but we will always need your help too. Please see the insert in your newsletter for how you can help us help more donkeys...

OTHER NEWS

Our Herd of Hope a Year on...



Beatrix



Dorothy



Strawberry



Snowdrop



Arthur & Applejack

We can't quite believe it's over a year since you helped us rescue our beautiful Herd of Hope from their appalling situation. They all needed extensive, remedial farrier work due to the state of their feet and it took many months of specialised and gentle care to help them recover physically and psychologically, but, month by month, they have continued to make amazing progress and they are all doing so well.

Applejack was so thin and both he and Arthur were terrified when they arrived, but they are now living the best life in their forever foster home and their new family absolutely adore them.

Strawberry arrived along with Snowdrop and her condition gave us particular cause for concern - her feet were some of the worst we had ever seen and she was emaciated, covered in lice and had severe infection in both eyes. She was so crippled from her overgrown twisted hooves, that months later she still walked with an odd gait to compensate for the distorted growth. Physically, Strawberry is now a different donkey and blooming with health. Snowdrop was probably in the worst condition of the whole group and had to go to the veterinary hospital to see an eye specialist after we noticed her vision seemed to be significantly impaired. Sadly, it is not something that can be treated, so she is permanently partially sighted and will remain at our sanctuary with her friends so she will always have the special care she needs.

Beatrix has also come a long way from the thin, frightened donkey who arrived with the most appalling overgrown, twisted feet - she is only about seven or eight years old, but has developed into a very stoic and wise lady with the most gentle and kind nature. Despite Dorothy's poor physical health on arrival (she also developed an 'awkward' walk to accommodate the deformation of her hooves), she was not as timid as the others and she remains quite confident and friendly in comparison! She enjoys living with her friends at our sanctuary and seems to be the mother figure of the four jennies - they all love her and seek out her company.

We will never forget little Mouse of the herd who we were sadly unable to save, but 6 beautiful donkeys, their lives forever transformed, thanks to your amazing support...



Beatrix

Monica, Minnie, Hope and Angus...



You may remember we saved these four little donkeys last year - they arrived painfully thin with overgrown and twisted hooves and x-rays showed worrying, severe acute changes and deterioration in Minnie's feet, this would mean a lifetime of management, however long or short that life may be. Monica's feet were not good either, but not on the scale of Minnie's.

They were so frightened, especially young Angus who we just couldn't get near... Fast forward to much essential treatment and veterinary care and enter Harriet and her family who stepped up to foster all four donkeys. They have found their forever 10* home and live the best life ever. We receive regular updates about their progress - they have completely changed since being part of Harriet's rescue family and are happy, loved beyond words and have every luxury imaginable. Their tennis court has even been requisitioned into a rubber and sand area for the fab four! What lucky donkeys and what a happy ending - we love our fabulous foster homes!

Pedro, Pablo & Trilby



Remember these three boys who arrived at Flicka? Their condition like so many was sad to see and they were clearly depressed, unloved and neglected.

Jason in Northampton who has these three gorgeous donkeys has turned their lives around, we hardly recognise them. Jason loves them unconditionally, they have every luxury bestowed upon them, but more than that, Jason spends so much of his time with them, which the

boys love. This is what it's all about, saving donkeys and giving them the most wonderful life! Thank you, Jason.

Willow's Barn

We have now completed the conversion of Willow's Barn and what a transformation! All the old stables have been taken out to create one big, donkey-friendly, open space. It now has specially-made, large windows that we can open and close depending on the weather, so it is much lighter than it was and it won't get too hot or too cold like it did before. Importantly, the donkeys have let us know they approve the new space and that's the only approval we need!

Humphrey's Parc

You may remember we completed a large area of hardstanding next to our Marybelle Barn, which has made a huge difference for the donkeys this past winter... Donkeys are very susceptible to foot diseases when they are kept on wet ground in climates like ours, but it's really beneficial for them to still be able to go outside when we have to shut them out of their paddocks - they absolutely love it and have made fantastic use of the space!

A Donkey Gift Shop!

At the time of writing this newsletter, we have exciting work starting to extend our on-site gift cabin into something a little grander! As many of you who have visited our sanctuary will know, our current Gift Cabin is full of goodies, but a bit on the cosy side, so we want to be able to offer a larger space for visitors and our local supporters to come along and browse all the lovely items for sale to benefit the donkeys. It will also offer much-needed extra storage space and of course means we can expand our catalogue of donkey merchandise we have on offer... Watch this space!

The Sparkles Easter Excursion!



Tinsel and Sparkle, our gorgeous, charismatic miniature donkey duo joined the Palm Sunday service at Truro Cathedral this year. Everyone was delighted to see them and waited for tiny Tinsel and Sparkle to walk up the middle of the Cathedral. The girls behaved impeccably and we are so proud of them. They just love people and are the perfect donkey ambassadors for Flicka.

WILL YOU BUY THE DONKEYS A GIFT FROM THEIR WISH LIST?!



We always have lots of items we desperately need for the donkeys on our Bailey's Wishlist and we would be so grateful if you would consider gifting our precious residents some special feed or bedding. We spend a massive £1000 per week on feeding the donkeys and prices are skyrocketing... Just visit this link at Bailey's Country Store to order and your gift will be delivered

straight to the donkeys: www.baileyscountrystore.co.uk Thank you for everything you do for them!

Your Next Newsletter

Just a quick note to let you know that your next newsletter will be due to arrive in December 2022! In the meantime, don't forget you can follow us on Facebook (The Flicka Foundation) or Instagram (@Flickadonkeys) and if you have any questions about your special donkey or pony email supporters@flicka.org.uk for an update!

Leaving a legacy to The Flicka Foundation – Make a Difference for Donkeys

Would you consider leaving a gift to the donkeys in your Will? Legacies mean we can continue to be here for the donkeys who live at our sanctuary and the others out there who desperately need our help - now and long into the future. You can find out more about making a Will and why it is so important on our website: www.flickafoundation.org.uk/a-gift-in-your-will

Don't Forget to sign up for Donk-E-News!

We would love the opportunity to share more updates on our wonderful residents with you, as well as news about our charitable work, special appeals, events and more - simply visit this website link to sign up to start receiving Donkey News in your inbox! www.flickafoundation.org.uk/sign-up-to-our-e-news



Flicka's 2023 Calendar

The Flicka Foundation 2023 Calendar will be on sale from the end of August with pages and pages full of gorgeous rescued donkeys. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and Online Gift Shop if you want to get your hands on one!

Adopt a Donkey

A Donkey Adoption makes a wonderful gift for all ages and also makes such a difference to our work caring for and rescuing donkeys in desperate need. Our Adoption packs are presented in a lovely glossy folder with a welcome letter, personalised certificate of adoption, donkey story and photograph, newsletter, Flicka car sticker, your unique Adopter card and other Flicka gifts! Just visit our website to choose who you would like to adopt for yourself or a loved one – a gift that really does make a difference...

www.flickafoundation.org.uk/adopt-a-donkey



ONLINE SHOP



Our Online Shop has new stock! Please take a look at all the lovely donkey merchandise and donkey-themed gifts, stationery, homewares and sweet treats we have available. The perfect place for some of your Christmas presents this year and it will help the donkeys too - it's a win win!

www.flickafoundation.org.uk/shop



If you have any Queries or Questions

Please remember - if you would like to know anything about your adopted donkey/pony or have any questions about Flicka, just drop us an email at supporters@flicka.org.uk. We try to respond to emails as quickly as possible, but please do allow us up to a week, as we are always so busy here! If you don't read anything about your special friend for some time, remember the rule of thumb - no news is good news!

Our Special Thanks to...

We are not going to do a list of names here; it has been highlighted to us that this is something we must be very careful about due to data protection and with the best will in the world we couldn't possibly list everyone that we are so grateful to for all the amazing support you give Flicka. We hope that each and every one of you will have received our own personal thank you.

Your wonderful, ongoing support through your donkey adoptions, kind donations and gifts purchased from our Wishlist mean everything to the donkeys who live at our sanctuary, as well as the others out there in desperate trouble who we hear about all too often... On their behalf – thank you so very much. There aren't enough words to express our gratitude to you all – your support and caring means everything!

Thank You...

Two small words that just don't seem enough for the dedicated and unwavering help we have from you all, we and the donkeys, love you all...

xxx

Have a great summer everyone, come and see us if you can.

Lots of love, from all the donkeys, ponies, horses and Team at Flicka

See you in December 2022! x

Data Protection Laws

You may be receiving our newsletters because you have shown an interest in our work by donating, adopting a donkey, becoming a 'Friend of Flicka' or you were bought a donkey adoption as a gift by someone else. We hope you enjoy receiving our newsletters and updates, but if you no longer want to receive them, you can opt out of receiving direct mail from us at any time by contacting us via email, post or phone. If you still want to receive our newsletters - don't worry, you don't have to do a thing! If you would like to find out more about how we protect your personal details, you can view our Privacy Policy here:

www.flickafoundation.org.uk/privacy-policy