

2025 IMPACT REPORT

A Year Of Care, Growth & Gratitude



LETTER FROM THE FOUNDERS

Dear Supporters,

2025, our third as Donkey Dreams, was a year full of urgent rescues, long days, late nights, and more donkey needs than we could have ever been prepared for.

Most days, our focus was far from fundraising, newsletters or spreadsheets. It was on feeding, healing, and making sure every donkey was safe before the sun went down. Through it all, our amazing supporters showed up.



Your continued support reminded us that we weren't carrying this work alone.

Because of you, our sanctuary is filled with thriving donkey families, healthy and playful babies, safe and happy mamas, and seniors retiring with the care they deserve. This haven for donkeys does not exist without you.

From the bottom of our hearts, and from every smoochy donkey nose at the sanctuary, thank you for believing in us and our labor of love. We are endlessly grateful to be on this journey with you.

With gratitude,
Edj and Amber

A Growing Donkey Family

* Our sanctuary family grew by 26% — that's **29 new loves!**

- **10 total donkey families** call Donkey Dreams Sanctuary "home"

- **Two entire donkey families rescued**, ensuring they will stay together forever

- We have **14 donkeys under the age of two**, from playful youngsters to brand new babies



Safe Spaces to Rest and Grow

FOUR new shelters and **ONE expanded shelter** including:

- a dedicated space for pregnant mamas to safely give birth and nurse newborns
- new enclosures for the Dragon, Angel, and Pegasus herds
- a new area for intake
- a new area for medical care



Custom Made With Love

- **14,600 specially prepared meals** made to meet each donkey's unique needs
- **7,300 individualized supplement and medication blends** for seniors and special needs donkeys
- For Gabriel: **200+ daily bandage changes** and **3 one-of-a-kind prosthetic legs**, custom-designed just for him!



Favorite Highlights of the Year

Three New Babies! Dusk, Celeste, and Star



Xander's survival was nothing short of a miracle! After being saved from a slaughter auction, we found him a year later at a rescue in Texas. We adopted him, and reunited Xander with his girlfriend and his 2 boys who he met for the first time at Donkey Dreams!

Xander reunited with his family



Moses reunited with his mama, Nelly Belle

Originally at a rescue, **Moses was separated from his mother and adopted out.** We were able to adopt his mother, Nelly Belle. After some efforts, we found and adopted Moses! Now, they have a permanent forever home together.



Gabriel and his "magic leg"

Once a stray and alone, Gabriel was found with a severed leg when he was just a few months old.

Today, he walks with a prosthetic "magic" leg and is a cherished adopted member of the Brave herd family.





All Made Possible by Your Love and Compassion

We are deeply grateful to our donors and sponsors.

Your support allows us to provide daily care, nutritious food, medical treatment, and safe shelter for every donkey who calls our sanctuary home.

We are equally thankful for our 10 dedicated volunteers.

Your time, hearts, and loving hands support our donkeys every single day. The donkeys received **3,421 total hours** of your donated care!

What It Means To Love Donkeys: A Volunteer's Story

"Volunteering at Donkey Dreams has become a meaningful part of my life.

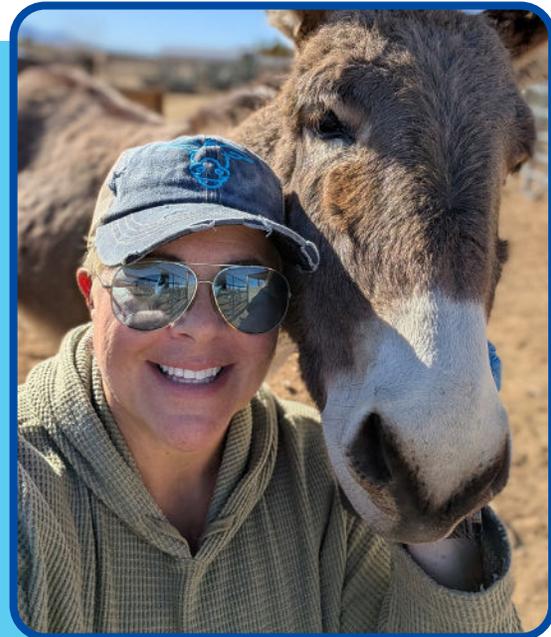
Donkeys are often misunderstood animals. They are gentle, intelligent and deeply emotional beings. They have different histories and came to the sanctuary for different reasons. Being able to show them consistent kindness feels like giving them back a piece of the dignity they always deserved.

"Every time I walk into the sanctuary, I'm reminded that healing doesn't happen overnight.

It happens in small, quiet moments- a donkey who once kept their distance finally accepts a head rub or a brushing, or one who used to flinch if you touched them now leaning in for an embrace. Those breakthroughs are powerful. They remind me that patience and compassion can rebuild trust, even after hardship.

"I volunteer because these animals matter. They teach me to slow down, to listen, and to appreciate the simple joy of connection.

The sanctuary isn't just a place where donkeys recover – it's a place where people do too. Being part of their journey gives me a sense of purpose and a deeper appreciation for the resilience of all living beings."



~ Keri, a Donkey Dreams volunteer

Donkey Dreams Sanctuary provides wild burros and rescue donkeys a forever home in a donkey family where they can heal and find happiness, peace, and joy for the rest of their lives. Donkey Dreams Sanctuary is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization EIN 81-3650509. Mailing Address: PO Box 951, Littlefield, AZ 86432

