

SAFE HAVEN FOR DONKEYS
IN THE HOLY LAND



SPRING 2003

Spring is in the air!

Lucy's letter from Israel

A warm and ever grateful hello to you all from myself and now, 53 donkeys!

So much has happened in the past 4 months that it is difficult to know where to begin. I will start by saying that it never ceases to warm my heart that SHADH's supporters are so loyal and caring; both towards the work that we do and even to me personally. My Mother sends me your letters and poems and she tells me about your kind donations. I can tell you from my heart that your caring words of encouragement and generosity really keep me going. I know you are with me in spirit in this increasingly difficult environment and I keep that thought with me always...

At the risk of sounding negative but completely honest it has been a tremendously difficult time to say the least. Not just because of the unusually constant heavy rainfall which has reduced our land to little more than a muddy mire; also from the aspect of feeling so overwhelmed by such a great ocean of suffering before my very eyes.

On one hand I feel sorry for our donkeys because they have not been able to run and frolic outside as they do in dry weather. Then again, after having been to Gaza

recently and witnessing the enormity of the donkey's suffering there it made me realise just how lucky and fortunate our little donkeys are. Still, spring is finally in the air and our new 500 square metre shelter that we were able to construct just in time for winter has been such a blessing! It has afforded the donks plenty of space and shelter in order to keep warm and dry.

In fact I really shouldn't say that they haven't been able to run and frolic because they have; only inside instead of out!

The ground inside the shelter consists of sand and the donkeys simply love rolling in it! Our family of donkeys is ever increasing and we are almost 100% sure that our Celia, Lily and Lila are going to give birth any day now - They didn't conceive here at Safe Haven - as you know the vet castrates all our male donkeys.

I've mentioned before though that the gestation time for a donkey is between 10 and 14 months so a donkey who came to me a year ago may have already conceived before I rescued her!



NEW FRIENDS: Lucy introduces newcomer Saffy to Beanie the cat!

Since Christmas I have taken in another five donkeys! Maggie, Flo, Gerry, Black Zak and most recently little Saffy.

All had sad, abusive backgrounds but are now safe and happy and are already settled here. Saffy is about the same age as our other little orphan - Chico - whom I'm sure you already know!

During the first few days he seemed to take her under his wing though I've noticed now how old Tao seems to have quite a bond with Saffy; she in turn accepts his nudges and nuzzles quite happily.

It is very heartwarming to watch the pair of them together, rather like an old grandpa with his little granddaughter...

Two very tragic events have occurred recently and as I write this I am filled with emotion. A few months ago our dear old Sally developed a very nasty abscess on the side of her face - the vet said it was the result of a snake bite... We tried so hard to treat the deep wound but it kept expanding and her health, probably due to her age, rapidly deteriorated. She just became weaker and weaker until the vet advised me that the kindest thing would be to put her down. It was heartbreaking to let her go but to watch her suffer was intolerable...

Then just last week my vet and I decided, with great sadness, that it was time also to let dear Mabel go (the poor, old donkey whom we rescued from Hebron 5 months ago - see my father's article last issue). She had suffered abominably throughout her life but when she came to me at least she'd had a chance to rest safely and peacefully. She experienced human compassion, entire love and friendship with others of her kind.

Unfortunately the cold, damp weather had taken its toll on her and she spent more and more of her time lying down, sometimes unable to stand at all. This caused, much as it does in an elderly person, terrible pressure sores and arthritis. Her poor old legs began to get covered in abscesses and as fast as we would try to treat them they would re-inflate. Since she had arrived she had been on a special weight gain supple-

ment yet she never really gained any weight.

It was a difficult decision to make but for Mabel's sake it had to be made. Part of me wanted to wait until the summer, to give her a chance once the weather became warmer but that would have been selfish. I would have felt better but Mabel's deep suffering would have continued.

I sat with her for an hour before the vet arrived, feeding her ginger biscuits, fresh green grass, her beloved carrots and cuddling her. Once the vet arrived Mabel went so quickly and peacefully. The vet said that perhaps Mabel had been ready to go and that she must have had a very weak heart. Mabel is now buried close to the house and I have planted a lemon tree in her special memory - The Mabel Lemon Tree. She really personified all that I do...

Another bitterly difficult time was back in December when we awoke one morning to the terrible realisation that the sanctuary had been broken into. Three donkeys, Harry Potter, Silvy and poor, crippled Celia had gone... You can probably imagine what I felt - my worst, most feared nightmare had come true.

All our padlocks and chains had been cut and I was completely heartbroken, but my adrenaline and subsequent anger drove me to do everything in my power to get my donkeys back! First I went to the Israeli police to

report it. I know they have plenty of serious concerns to deal with but my report was treated with humorous scorn, if there is such a thing! Next I went to every Arab village in the area even crossing borders into Palestinian controlled areas in my efforts to determine the fate of those donkeys. I alerted the Israeli army, Israeli border patrol police, the security on the Moshav where we live and finally, three days later the hard work paid off.

Late at night the security guard of our village knocked on the door and told me that the border patrol police had stopped a man in an Arab village a few kilometres away. He was seen trying to load two donkeys into his truck and the police had remembered a "woman" reporting stolen donkeys. They stopped the man to question him and now they were asking for me to ID the donks! I've never kicked off my slippers and got into my wellies so fast!

Sure enough, there was dear Harry and Silvy - so happy to see me. A little worse for wear and Harry

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Lucy and the donks outside their brand-new shelter

had a bad limp and both were tired and hungry but otherwise alright. But where was Celia? Unfortunately it was late at night, so dark and it was raining - I resolved to go first thing the following morning and search for her.

We went the following day to the same place and drove off-road deep inside an olive grove where the mud was almost half a metre deep so in the end we walked...

The olive grove was big but something told me to walk in one direction which led me to a little stone shack. There inside was dear Celia sheltering from the rain...

I was so happy to have all my donkeys safely back home but determined to find a way never to allow it to happen again. The only solution seemed to be, apart



Emma, looking for her wellies!

from using stronger padlocks and padlock protectors, to install a high security alarm system to encompass the perimeter of the sanctuary.

For a total of £1300, a few days later we had the alarm installed. It really is a blessing - all the donkeys are now totally safe. When the alarm starts all the lights automatically switch on and the sirens are so deafening that I do believe if someone tried to break in they would surely have a heart attack!!!

Well, I must conclude for now but as always, a very, deeply heart-felt thank you to all of you. It is also really wonderful to know that thanks to the Los Angeles Times story, SHADH now has some lovely people in America supporting us too - a big thank you to you all in the USA. I know also that as a result of the Christmas Eve broadcast of my Radio 4 interview with Michael Buerk we have a few more wonderful UK supporters - a big



INSEPARABLE: Tao, with the adorable Saffy!

thank you to you too.

Thank you also to all those who help with the efficient running of the administration of the charity back home in the UK. Especially my Mother who voluntarily opens all your mail and pays your donations into the bank.

Thanks also to Stephanie Yaron, a friend and volunteer in Israel who helps tremendously with the book keeping/ accounts work - couldn't manage without them!

I pray that the war will be over soon and that the world will become a more compassionate place and will change for the better... for us and all our animals.

Thank you and God Bless,

small change - BIG CHANGE!

Thanks to the wonderful response to our winter appeal - we are delighted to announce the completion of the new shelter and installation of security systems. To help with future projects, if all SHADH supporters made a gift of just £2 a month, we would cover

70% of our monthly running costs! That means less advertising, less administration and less expenditure to meet the additional 30%.

With just £2 a month - that's only 6½p per day - we can reach more and more working donkeys in need. Please consider making this small

monthly gift. Remember, there are no other charities helping the donkeys of the Holy Land. If you would like to offer your support in this way, a standing order form is enclosed. Thank you.



Lucy's donkeys: LILY

This issue's donkey profile features "Lily"

You'll probably remember back in our summer newsletter an article entitled "The Lost Souls of Jisr Alzarka". It showed a picture of Lily standing near a rubbish dump with her poor chopped ears.

A few months after that picture was taken I managed to go back to Jisr Alzarka and rescue Lily and her little friend Lila. They now both reside peacefully here with me at Safe Haven.



Lucy with Lily



PEACEFUL: Gentle Lily, saved from a past life of abuse

Unfortunately Lily's scars go deeper than her poor ears. She continues to be very timid though not as severely as when she first arrived. She is almost constantly by Lila's side but has also made new friends with other donkeys.

I also believe she may be pregnant, having conceived before she came into my care! I don't know exactly when the foal is due but you'll hear about it once he or she is born. Lily's only young herself and I wonder

how she will cope with motherhood - perhaps Lila who is older and wiser will help a little here and there.

The main thing is that although Lily is justifiably very wary of humans - she is happy and safe for as long as we will exist and I believe that in time, she will learn to accept us as her true friends too...

You can adopt Lily using the adoption form in this newsletter, or go to our website at www.safehaven4donkeys.org

'Spot the Donk' winners!

Congratulations to our three winners who used their skill and judgement to spot Tao inspecting the new shelter with Lucy (picture, right)!

Janet Kingsmill of Shoreham-By-Sea collects her 1st prize of family membership to the Eden

Project in Cornwall.

Paul Morgan of Morgan Plant Hire, Buckinghamshire receives his 2nd prize MP3 player and **Elizabeth Phillips** of Deepcut wins her 3rd prize signed edition of "Eden" by Tim Smit.

Thanks to everyone who took part.



Malvern Equine Show 2003

Saturday 8th March - Sunday 9th March

SHADH attended the Equine show in the beautiful rolling countryside of Malvern in Worcestershire. We were lucky to have the wonderful support of regular volunteers, Ruth and David Sanderson, as well as Nick and Justine Terry.

Despite colds, flu and some very wet weather, we managed to raise over £500

plus 2 adoption sign ups! Well done guys and thanks so much again for all your energetic fundraising!

If you would like to help out at a fundraising event, or even better, hold your own event then please let us know (contact details on the back page).



(Left to right): Justine, Nick, Felicity, Max, Sam, Ruth and David

Buy a cookie - save a donkey!



Scottish-born Lennox Munro and her Los Angeles-based 4th-grade students have “adopted” Safe Haven for Donkeys as their charity Mitzvah (a good deed!) as part of this year’s class project.

Inspired by the article about Lucy in the LA Times, they raised \$185 from a recent cookie sale! Thanks to Lennox and kids for your support and well done for this deliciously-tremendous effort!

Cookie sale! - Lennox Munro with some of her American 4th grade students

Lucy makes a great ‘Choice’



Michael Buerk

BBC Radio 4’s long-running programme, “The Choice” presented by Michael Buerk invited Lucy to share some of the life-changing decisions she has made, the risks she takes and the everyday dilemmas she faces as part of her life in Israel.

Broadcast on Christmas Eve this half hour programme talked about Lucy’s reasons for starting the charity, and touched many people - as a result the charity received hundreds of letters of support and much-needed donations. Thanks again to everyone for their support.

Wall of Remembrance

A memorial plaque is being made and will be sent to Lucy in remembrance of Marjorie Dilys Malden Reynolds who bequeathed a legacy of £5,000 to SHADH.



Once completed, the plaque will be sent out to Israel and will be affixed to the sanctuary's brand new shelter, forming the first memorial on SHADH's Wall of Remembrance.

Add your voice

We have had many letters asking what can be done to stop the use of animals in human conflict after the recent bombing in Jerusalem, in which a live donkey, laden with explosives, was blown up, shocking people from all over the world.

Our report on page 10 talks about this problem in more detail but if you do feel strongly about animals and donkeys in particular being used as walking bombs, then you might like to go to our website and download a letter we have written to Palestinian

National Authority President Yasser Arafat, urging him to appeal to his followers not to use animals in their conflict.

Please go to the website address below, then simply print off the letter, add your signature and post it to the address shown. Thank you.

www.safehaven4donkeys.org/letter



A Passport to Peace

feel we should look to the future.

At some point Lucy will not have room to take in any more donkeys. At the moment she still has a long way to go until that happens but we know that it is one of the biggest problems that all animal sanctuaries face.

It is with great humility that we appeal to anyone who may be in a position to adopt a donkey from the Holy Land for real!

Obviously there would be shipping/transportation costs but no quarantine as this does not affect equines (horses, donkeys, mules).

We know this may sound like a tall order but the truth is simply that it is not possible to rehome donkeys in Israel.

The only people who have ever enquired are men with stories that just don't ring true, and Lucy has been warned many times to be wary of illegal "meat tradesmen".

If there is anyone out there who might be interested and is able to give a home to a little donkey from the war-torn Holy Land, please do let us know.

Thank you.

With more and more donkeys in need of our help and a safe home here at the sanctuary (and the seemingly impossible task of finding them an alternative good home here in Israel) we





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SHADH Report: Israel, March 2003

Lucy Fensom reports on the current state of animal welfare and conflict in both Israel and the Palestinian Territories

I know you are all aware of the current situation in the world in general - what will happen with the war in Iraq?

Here in Israel it only increases the tremendous pressures that I find myself working in, against and with. The effects this has on my life and work is teaching me more and more that I simply cannot plan anything ahead.

Regularly there are situations where I plan to go out to one of the villages or attend a meeting or just do a bit of shopping and it transpires that a terrorist has infiltrated into Israel and is

planning a suicide attack.

Because of our location, close to Palestinian cities, this means that every road and track that surrounds us is closed off. Sometimes I cannot reach my destination and sometimes I cannot even get home.

Sadly we are surrounded by the threat of violence and hostile activities.

I'm sure many of you have heard of the recent story of the poor donkey who was used as a living bomb by Palestinian terrorists against an Israeli army road-block. This happened near Jerusalem - no human casualties but



Israeli border patrol soldiers inspecting a donkey for weapons or explosives

that poor donkey - he had probably worked all his little life only to have to end it in such a cruel way...

It is very difficult to know what to do about this and other cruel practices involving donkeys. The people who do this are fanatics who have absolutely no regard for any form of life at all - who are willing to die for their cause themselves, so why not a donkey? All we can do is appeal to those in charge not to use animals in this war. We can only hope that they would give it some consideration.

The only other hope is to focus on the most difficult task ahead. To establish projects

inside Palestinian areas. A mission to help donkeys by working with donkey owners. To show them that someone considers a donkey's health and well-being important, and that we are there to help.

Gaza has to be our starting point. The abundance of donkeys there is vast and they suffer greatly from malnutrition and worm infestation, as well as pulling and carrying loads far beyond their capacity and tolerating unnecessary, constant, harsh beatings, blow after blow.. I know exactly what we need to do there - to purchase a vehicle that will serve as a mobile clinic and provide the necessary medication, medical



Donkeys are often used as a symbol of hatred between religious groups - this donkey is being kicked whilst dressed as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat

supplies and troughs to hold feed and water. To provide a salary for a local vet and an assistant and to start by giving these services free of charge at the weekly, Friday donkey auction in Gaza. I have already been to this auction and the need there is overwhelming.

I said earlier that I was in Gaza again a few days ago to attend a meeting with Dr. Seyam, a Palestinian vet from the Gaza Ministry of Agriculture who appealed for help for the thousands of working donkeys - there are over 7000 working donkeys in Palestinian areas.

This time when I visited Gaza, although I had arranged for a friend of mine to accompany me, it transpired that he could not enter Gaza due to a problem with his visa. This meant that at the last minute I had to go it alone - something I really hadn't wanted to do because of my need for moral support.

Once inside, Gaza was yet again like experiencing a totally different world. A few days previously there had been a lot of violence and attacks from both sides which had resulted in Israeli tanks rolling into Gaza

to destroy a secret Hamas ammunitions factory - hence the mood was one of anger and hostility.

Apart from the



As part of Orthodox Jewish ceremonies, donkeys dressed in elaborate costumes are used to celebrate the birth of a baby boy (as it was the donkey that helped the Jewish people escape from Egypt). Afterwards the baby donkey is discarded

usual heartbreaking scenes of the poor, harshly beaten, overloaded donkeys - I witnessed an anti Israel demonstration, activists wielding machine guns.... and there I was sitting in the back of a taxi watching it all in disbelief, in front of scenes one only usually sees on the news.

Everywhere I went, even in Municipal buildings, the walls were adorned with pictures of young Palestinian men, suicide bombers who had given their life to their cause.

After half an hour's

drive through Gaza, during which I even saw Sheikh Ahmed Yassin (spiritual leader of Hamas) sitting in a jeep

flanked by four heavily armed guards (!) we collected Kamal, my wonderful contact who works at the British Information Office in Gaza.

He had kindly offered to join me for the meeting with the vet, to offer support once he knew I would be attending on my own.

When I met Dr.

Seyam he seemed very serious and professional and we talked in detail about the needs of the donkeys in Gaza. I

need to raise the funds to do this and to recruit voluntary help from someone who perhaps works for an International organisation and who would be able to help me monitor the running of the project as well as accompanying on my entrance into Gaza. I actually have a meeting scheduled with someone when I am next back in the UK and I feel that he may well be able to help.

Unfortunately (even during more normal times, let alone at times such as these) Gaza is considered to be extremely high-risk, which makes my plans all the more difficult to achieve.

I know it is a tall order, but I am so determined to see this happen - both for the sake of the donkeys and for the sake of changing people's attitudes towards them.



CHECKPOINT: A military roadblock near to the sanctuary

'Brave Boy'

How one, small 'thank you' can mean so very much...

Last week I was visiting one of the local Arab villages, Qalansuwa, when I spotted a little donkey wearing a home made raincoat! He literally had a sheet of plastic wrapped and tied around his little body, and tied around his little body, which obviously meant that his owner cared for him, not wanting him to get too wet.

On closer inspection, when I went to greet him, I saw that although he wasn't 'hobbled' (the barbaric process of binding the legs together with ropes or wire to restrict movement) he was wearing a head halter, the nose band of which was a chain which had become deeply embedded into the bridge of his nose.

Later, I went to find that little donkey again with Jaber, our local Arab vet. We found the donkey with his owner Muhammed and explained that we had come to treat his donkey free of charge. Muhammed seemed pleased that we were there to help and told us that he'd had the donkey 14 years and cared for him.

It occurred to me that the



Lucy, 'Brave Boy' & Muhammed

injury to Muhammed's donkey was due to sheer ignorance.

Muhammed may well have thought to himself that the wound needed treating but how would he do it? Vets are expensive and I doubt that he would know how to treat it properly - the donkey didn't seem to show that he was particularly suffering because of it so perhaps he should just leave it? (Donkeys seem to have an unbelievable tolerance level when suffering and/or in pain).

When we carefully removed the chain from the donkey's face the stench of rotten flesh was appalling and the flesh itself had been engraved by the chain's links. It must have been agony for that donkey but he was so good whilst we treated him, bandaged him and injected him with antibiotics that I nicknamed him "Brave Boy"! We put one of our soft material head collars on him and gave Muhammed a strong protective sponge pad to enclose the chain and thus protect Brave Boy's face if he should use the chain again in the future.

Then, one thing happened that really meant the world to me. During the treatment, Muhammed, an elderly man,



PUTTING ON A BRAVE FACE: 'Brave Boy' after his treatment, still wrapped in his home-made plastic raincoat

looked at me with glistening eyes and in English said "thank you very much".

I can't tell you how happy that made me - I took his hands in mine and smiled to encourage him to really care for Brave Boy. It is wonderful when all the hard work is so openly appreciated, because the usual reception is a suspicious stare.

It makes it so rewarding and fulfilling to know that now Muhammed has my contact details and in the future should Brave Boy or any other donkey in that village need me, he only has to call.

Also during that treatment, a group of young boys gathered to watch, which guarantees that the word will spread that we were there, caring for a donkey. It is good to know that people will learn and be enlightened just by watching us (even if they *do* think we're mad!)

We left Brave Boy - with his little face all bandaged and plastered - looking *much* more comfortable. I will be going back to check on him soon and vaccinate him against tetanus.

Adopt-a-Donkey

How you can help

We would like to offer you the chance to adopt one of our donkeys for the price of £48 (\$72 USD) per year. You will receive an adoption pack of your chosen donkey which includes a photo, a certificate and a car sticker. If you prefer, you can always spread the cost, paying just £4 per month by standing order.



Barnie

We found Barnie abandoned by the side of a busy highway. He's not that old but suffers from substantial blindness. His ears have been mutilated like little Lily and Jordy. He's very fond of polo mints and will search relentlessly for them in jacket pockets! He has a very gentle nature and is also very vocal!

Lily

Lily is a young donkey, physically and emotionally scarred from her past ordeals. She's a beautiful grey colour with distinctive dappling on her nose. She tries so hard to become 'invisible' behind her dearest friend, Lila, but is gaining confidence slowly thanks to Lucy's love and patience.



Muffin

Almost fully grown now! Muffin was rescued along with his mum Molly at only a day old! He's grown into a strong, healthy donkey and has a full life ahead of him. As with the other youngsters, it's impossible to find loving homes for them in Israel. Can you offer him the chance of a life-long home? He has his passport ready!

Rufus

Son of Blackie and born at the sanctuary last year! He spends his time dashing around with Muffin and Chico! The three naughty amigos play-fight with the older donkeys but are soon reprimanded by Clyde if they go too far! Rufus cannot be re-homed in Israel, his only chance of a life free from burden and pain is to stay at the sanctuary or to be transferred to a new home in another country.



Adopt a Donkey

Many of our donkeys have suffered terrible abuse all their lives and have never known human kindness, until they were rescued and brought home to Safe Haven. Here, they can live out the rest of their lives in peace, no longer having to endure abandonment, loneliness or ill treatment.

All the donkeys at Safe Haven are lucky, but there are many others who desperately need our help. We can't bring them all to the Sanctuary, but we can educate the youths and children to be less brutal and more compassionate. That is our goal. Thank you for helping us.

**When completed, please cut out and send to: Adopt a Donkey, SHADH,
PO Box 2400, Hove, East Sussex BN3 4AL United Kingdom**

How did you hear about us?.....

If you have a supporter number, please enter it here.....

I wish to adopt (please enter Donkey's name)

(In the sad event of the loss of your chosen donkey, your adoption will be transferred to another donkey of Lucy's choosing and we will send you details of your new adoptee)

Your Details

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms First Name.....Surname.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....Telephone number inc. STD.....

Name to print on certificate (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE).....

(This is the name of the person the adoption is for, and not the name of the donkey!)

I enclose my cheque/postal order to the value of **£48 / \$72 USD for 1 year** (that's only £4 / \$6 USD per month!) made payable to **SHADH**

OR please charge my **MASTERCARD** **VISA** Card Number.....

Expiry date.....Cardholder's Signature.....



Your Letters

Dear SHADH,

I really enjoyed the winter newsletter. I cried my eyes out on reading Mabel's story, what a risky rescue but thank God they all returned safely. How wonderful to learn that Lucy's family are so involved, they must be so proud of her.

As a mother, I can really appreciate how worried they must be at times.

Keep up the wonderful work.

MARY PUNTER
Market Harborough



**BOYS WILL BE BOYS!
Amnon and Nubi play-fighting
at the sanctuary!**

Dear Ms Fensom

I heard you speaking on Radio 4 and was very impressed by your work. It's wonderful that people have a practical, sensible attitude to these problems instead of being sentimental.

I enclose a donation to a very good cause.

Regards,

L.WILSON
London

Dear Lucy & team

It was recently my grandparents' wedding anniversary and we held a party to celebrate. Instead of presents, they asked for donations. They have asked me to send you a cheque for £80 to help the future work of SHADH, which was raised on the night.

TANIA LEWIS
Slough

Dear SHADH,

Enclosed is a cheque for £15 after reading about your organisation in the BBC Wildlife calendar. I occasionally give talks to local groups & send the money I collect to a charity - yours seemed just the right one at this time of year.

SARAH HAINE
Leamington Spa

Dear Madam,

I have always had a lot of sympathy for the poor donkeys having seen how they are worked and the treatment they receive. It's my 79th Birthday so I thought I would help with a cheque for £100. Lucy is doing wonderful work.

MR C. GALLAGHER
Merseyside

Dear SHADH,

I have taken out a standing order to support the donkeys. The church to which I belong, St Columb's Cathedral in Londonderry would like to provide sponsorship for one year and I enclose £50.

Can we call "our" donkey, Columb?

MRS RAY MACE
Kilfennan, Londonderry

Dear Lucy,

I have been on the website and looked at the pictures - they are really cool! I especially like Rufus!!!

LUCY CALDICOTT
via e-mail

2003 Great North Run

Trustee Geoff Lewis has 5 extra places available for the 2003 Great North Run, Newcastle this October. If you are up for a challenge to raise £1,000 and run in aid of SHADH, please contact us.

Trustees Wanted

We are looking for more people to join our board of Trustees. Are you dynamic, innovative, energetic? If so, we would love to hear from you. Previous experience not necessary. Please send your CV and covering letter to Felicity Moore either in the envelope provided, or to the address below.



HOW DO YOU DO!: Local helper Eliran, introducing Beanie the cat to Chico (the donkey!)

Special Thanks

Special thanks to the following people for their ongoing fundraising and support:

Lisa Driscoll, of Slaugham, West Sussex who kindly donated tack, head collars and much needed saddle holders.

The staff & customers of Bubbles Hair Fashions, Ruislip, for their cheque for £38.

Thanks to Helen Strange of Hampshire, who raised £500 over Christmas with

the help of her 12 donkeys! And also to Abinger Common First School & Carolyn Smith, who together raised £15 when she visited the school with her donkey!

Finally, a thank you to Nancy Heitel of California for her cheque for \$400, raised with The Community Foundation of the United Jewish Federation of San Diego through the Brian C. Malk Family Foundation.

Once again, our sincere thanks to *all* our supporters.

Competition

If you fancy your chances of winning a magnum of champagne, why not enter our competition!

Instead of using your skill and judgment, this competition requires just your imagination and wit! Simply look at this newsletter's centre-

spread photograph of Charlie Brown and George sharing a little secret and let us know what you think they might be whispering to each other.

Send your entries - including your contact details and your age - to the address below before 31st May 2003.

Good luck!



An alternative prize will be given to winning entries under the age of 18



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