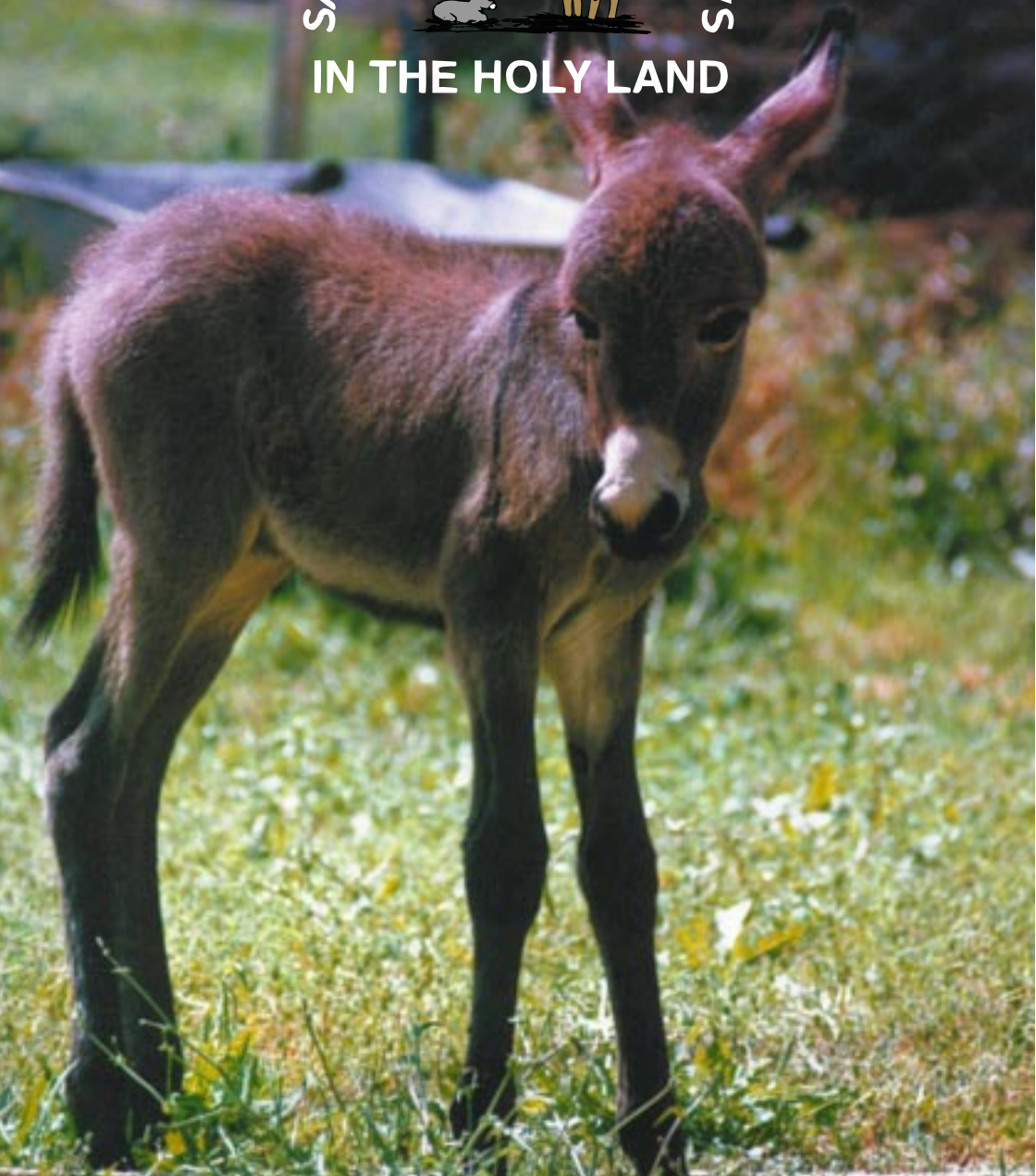


SAFE HAVEN FOR DONKEYS
IN THE HOLY LAND



WINTER 2002



Winter Wonderland!



Lucy's letter from Israel

I want to start by saying "Merry Christmas" everyone from me and the donks! We are thinking of each and every one of you, never forgetting that it's only thanks to you that we are here...

For some reason this year I'm longing for Christmas! Perhaps it's because I'm not home in England seeing and feeling the exciting pre Christmas atmosphere... but I do keep playing my Bing Crosby "Winter Wonderland" CD so that helps!

I've also decorated my living room and two trees outside for the donkeys with Christmas fairy lights! Of course, as you probably know, Christmas is not really celebrated in Israel so that's why I'm missing it.

I'm thrilled to tell you that the donkeys will have a wonderful present for Christmas! You'll remember in my last letter I told you that the time had come to expand our sheltered area in time for winter. Well, rather than start adding bits to our existing shelter, I decided that as we have one large paddock (approx 25m x 15m) with a lovely sand base, I would get a quote for building a shelter (roof and walls) over that paddock. I had three quotes

in all and one of them was very reasonable and much cheaper than the others but still from an extremely professional, reputable person.

It will cost £10,000 to construct but it is so desperately needed to get the donks comfortably through the winter. Not only are they going to be lovely, warm, cosy and dry but they will also have plenty of room to stretch out and sleep on nice, soft sand! The great thing is that we will be able to house about 150+ donkeys in there.

The construction has begun and I can't wait to see the donkey's faces when they walk in for the first time - they'll be mesmerized I'm sure! They've already been looking very inquisitive during the building work! In fact it brings a lump to my throat thinking about it because the donkeys always have a little look on their faces as if to say "Is all this really for us? Thank you...!"

They'll also be getting another early Christmas



CHRISTMAS DINNER! Lucy Fensom with some of her hungry mouths to feed

present - to be re-united with their beloved carrots! Unfortunately for the past two months the poor old donks have been deprived of them. My suppliers simply didn't have any (apparently they were out of season) but I've just been informed they should be ready for me to pick up again sometime this week!

Talking of the donkeys, I think the last little donkey I told you about was our "Chico" the orphan boy we had to hand rear. He, like all the others at the sanctuary continues to do very well. Since he came I

have taken in another five donkeys.

There was dear old "Tao" - a very frail and elderly white boy. After Tao came "Amnon". The first donk to have an Israeli name. He came to us as a stallion but was soon castrated and is now living happily in the Bad Boys Gang!

Recently, I had a call from an elderly Israeli lady - Miriam - who had heard about my work and wished to make a donation in memory of her late husband, Amnon. She told me the story of how her husband, in his younger days when he joined the army, had been ordered by his Officer to throw a grenade into a deserted Arab farm. Deserted, that was, except for a small donkey! Amnon, who was a great animal lover, refused the order and was sent to his Commander to explain his refusal. His Commander agreed with him and it was the Officer who got into trouble instead!

The great thing was that the incident brought about a new law in the Israeli Army, not to practise military exercises on or near live animals (I should think so too!) Miriam asked me if I would name my next male donkey "Amnon" in memory of her husband and his love of animals... So, shortly after that, Amnon the donkey came to live with us.

Incidentally should any of you wish to have a donkey named in memory of

someone you loved, please let me know and I'll see what I can do.

Next came Mabel, also named in memory of one of our dear supporters, Mrs. Mabel Dallimer. You can read all about Mabel's extraordinary rescue story in a separate article written by my dear father, Michael. After Mabel, Philip and Henry's ex-owner, Neil, from Jerusalem called me to ask if I could possibly take another donkey that he'd found close to Bethlehem. Of course I said yes.

I decided to name her "Bianca" as she's white and unbelievably tall (she towers above the rest of the herd!) She's so sweet and old and thin but we're working on that! The last donkey I took into care is "Victoria". Another fairly young, white female.

She had belonged to Bedouins in Southern Israel and they hobbled her back legs so badly that her left back leg was terribly mutilated. Part of the bone was protruding from just below the hock area surrounded by gangrenous, rotten flesh and there was no hoof or fetlock....

I have quite a few donkeys who have had similar injuries and it is so difficult to know what to do in these situations. For the donkeys it is usually an old injury and because of their stamina they have learnt to cope and manage very well with it. Safe Haven gives them another chance - only

without the abuse, cruelty and starvation that they would have to face if left on the street or at their original surroundings.

In Victoria's case the vet removed the sharp piece of bone and rotten flesh, stitched the leg and now she manages just as well as Cachou, Ewen, Chloe and Celia.

As you can hear with so many little donkeys needing us and coming to live at Safe Haven the new shelter is crucial. Yet, even though so many donkeys are being rescued one just cannot help thinking of all those still out there suffering so barbarically - it hurts to think of the ones I'm *not* saving and what they are having to endure.

But, we have to hope and continue to struggle on - saving donkeys and changing people's attitudes and working hard to elevate the donkey's status.

Continued overleaf



NAMESAKE: New arrival Amnon

I have a meeting scheduled soon with the Head of Education of a nearby Arab village and I'm praying that it will result in an in-school programme which is the ultimate goal.

Also there is currently a wonderful exhibition running for six months in the Guttman Museum in Tel Aviv dedicated to the Donkey. The museum is named in honour of the late artist, Nahum Guttman who had a soft spot for donkeys and painted many a picture of them!

The museum's staff travelled all over Israel to film donkeys and research information about them and their behaviour and study the way they are treated in various societies. Of course, they found me! They did

some fantastic filming at the sanctuary and an interview with me which is shown at the exhibition and I can honestly say it really warmed my heart to see it.

Firstly, because finally something cultural is taking place, honouring donkeys with the respect and recognition they deserve.

Secondly, because watching the film brought tears to my eyes - seeing my beautiful donkeys playing and frolicking and rearing up, filmed in superb slow motion - I felt tremendously proud!

Publicity like this really does help our cause but unfortunately the vital development work we have undertaken has swallowed up much of our savings. Our initial goal when we started out was to have a safe

haven for our donks. Now we have that, we desperately need to secure their future.

Our current situation is that we have enough funds to last, at best, the next six months, after that we will really be struggling. Please continue to help us into 2003 and beyond.

Well! all that remains for me to say is, as always... Thank you, thank you, thank you for your consistent, loyal support and for caring about us. Please try to come out and see us in Israel...

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a truly happy New Year! Take care everyone,



Winter Appeal

As the sanctuary seems to go from strength to strength, never turning away a donkey in need, our funds have been depleted and we are now in a desperate situation.

We are still a very small charity, we do not have huge reserves in the bank like some of the other big animal charities. Because our work is in Israel, we find it impossible to get additional funding from other charities in our field of work. Most have a presence in

Arab countries and this is seen as a conflict of interest with our operation in the Holy Land.

We are very much on our own. Despite the efforts of our small team working hard to publicise the charity we are in danger of disappearing, being a small voice amongst so many other worthy causes.

We ask you to help us in any way you can to raise the profile of SHADH. Call your local radio station (particularly at this time of year when so many Christ-

mas Appeals are made), if you are a member of the WI, Round Table or a PTA please consider holding an event. The more our voice is heard, the more chance we have of surviving.

If you have not already done so, please do consider making a monthly contribution, even £5 a month will make a huge difference to our funds. A standing order form is enclosed. As always, thank you so very much for your continued help and support, we really *couldn't* do it without you.

The Great North Run 2002

Back in the summer newsletter we mentioned that four of our supporters and one of our trustees, Geoff Lewis were taking part in the Great North Run in aid of SHADH.

We are delighted to announce that they all completed the run and raised over £2,240 with sponsorship money still coming in.

Thank you very much to Geoff, Lee, Mark, Julien and Derek for your wonderful efforts and for no doubt inspiring others to follow suit!

A special thanks also goes to Mark's mum, Pamela May for braving the autumn floods to collect the sponsorship money!



ALL WINNERS: From left to right, Lee Clarke, Derek Townsend, Julien Price and Mark Cook

Every year Newcastle-Gateshead and the whole of Tyneside welcomes over 36,000 runners, their friends, families and supporters for the Great North Run, the

world's largest half-marathon.

Since it started in 1981, around half a million people have completed the 13 miles and 192½ yards run from Newcastle to South Shields.

Lucy awarded Samaritan Medal

In September, Lucy was awarded DISASTER! Magazine's Samaritan Medal - only one of four people in the world who have so far been honoured. The magazine's editor, Stephen Tomajczyk, describes the award;

"The Samaritan Medal was established by DISASTER! Magazine to celebrate a new century - and a new millennium - of altruistic endeavours. The Medal is bestowed upon deserving

men and women who promote human welfare and/or the advancement of social reform in a given community or nation, or in the world as a whole."

Recipients of the Samaritan Medal are announced each year on September 11th, in memory of those who died in the terrorist attack against America.

For more information, please visit their website at www.disastermagazine.com



Disaster Magazine's Samaritan Medal

Mabel's Story

Michael Fensom reports on how Mabel was rescued

Friday 30 August 2002 - 9.20am Heathrow Airport. Our flight to Israel takes off and my wife Bella and I begin yet another adventure to visit our wonderful daughter Lucy in the Holy Land. She's late as usual meeting us at Ben Gurion airport in Tel Aviv. But it's so lovely to see her smiling face.

After about an hour's drive, we arrive at the sanctuary, halfway between Netanya and Hadera. What a transformation since our last visit there almost one year ago. That was when we helped her move from Kibbutz Gezer. Now she has 49 donkeys and every-one of them a little gem. We spend the next half an hour being introduced to them as well as Lucy's co-workers, Tzachi and Rami.

Tuesday 3 August – we wake to another lovely day and over breakfast Lucy tells us about a donkey she's been trying to rescue in the Palestinian town of Hebron. She had received a call from a member of the International Observation Force who kept

seeing the same abandoned donkey in a terrible state, never given food or water. Lucy tried to rescue this donkey, waited 2 hours at border control before being told it is absolutely forbidden to take animals out of Palestinian territory and import them into Israel.

Lucy then called the chief vet of the ministry of agriculture in Israel. Her mobile phone wouldn't work because it's an Israeli phone working on an Israeli network so she had to borrow a phone from one of the Arabs on the border to make the call! Her contact, she found out, was in Nablus and couldn't get out because it was under curfew! She would have to try again, this time her mum and dad would join her!

After hitching up the trailer we set off over the hills to Jerusalem on what could only be described as a "slightly dangerous" mission! During the climb to Jerusalem the truck engines started to overheat, but after filling the radiator with bottles of water we set



SAFE FROM HARM: After her long journey from Hebron, Mabel enjoys her new surroundings at Safe Haven

off again. On the way we meet up with Nazzario, the Italian aid worker. Eventually we arrive at the checkpoint. Nazzario is granted permission to enter without any problem but the soldiers stop us and asked what our business is. Lucy explains our intentions and the subsequent response is an explosive "NO WAY!", "We can't let you through, you have Israeli car number plates and you're an obvious target for terrorists. Today, four terrorists were killed and tempers are flying in there". Lucy pleaded with them but

the soldiers demand that we turn around and go home. We do as they said.

We called Nazzario to tell him. He came back to plead with the soldiers on our behalf and eventually after making a few phone calls the soldiers allowed us to continue. But they told us to be very, very careful.

We then pass through the border into Palestinian territory and immediately notice a dramatic change in scenery. The roads are rough and everything looks

dry & barren. Dusk is falling, there are no lights anywhere and the cars that we do see are all Palestinian. After about half an hour we reach the village we are heading for, just outside of Hebron. We spot our road sign but Nezzario stops ahead of us, saying it would be safer to enter via a dirt track on the other side of the village.

What he doesn't mention is the track goes on for about 10 miles and is pitch dark! We start to feel very vulnerable, worried the truck would overheat again. Please, not here in the pitch black in the middle of such hostile territory!

We seem to drive forever, until quite suddenly six young boys riding donkeys rush past our truck and just beyond we see a few houses. We had arrived. Lucy introduces us to two more foreign aid workers who in turn introduce us to the Palestinian family, paid by the aid workers to look after the donkey whilst arrangements were made to rescue her.

It seemed that the whole village turned out to meet us. The father steps forward, puts his arms around me and

welcomes me to Palestine! I said how thrilled I was to be there! I offered a tray of grapes to the dozen or so children gathered around him. They fell upon the grapes with great relish! Four younger boys appear pulling our poor old donkey to the trailer. We quickly take over and load the donkey ever so gently into the trailer. She was quiet, accepting of her fate.

I was feeling rather apprehensive on the way back. It was dark by now and Nazzario told me earlier that two of his co-workers had been shot dead by terrorists on the road home.

After many thank-you's and goodbyes we head home with Lucy's new charge on board whom we have named Mabel. We arrive back at the final checkpoint and are greeted by five Israeli

soldiers. They are all amazed at what we had achieved. We tell them that Lucy is known as the 'donkey lady' and they said that next time they would have a much more glamorous name for her! They wave us through border control, donkey and all, we can't believe it! We arrive back at the sanctuary at 1.30am. Lucy opens the trailer and we help Mabel out. She's stiff and tired from the drive but we see that she sort of double-takes the smell of fresh dewy grass, she starts to eat it then, she gently eases herself down and rolls in it. "Is this really happening to me" she seemed to be saying! We all had a lump in our throats.

It was only when she was back at the sanctuary that the true extent of Mabel's suffering became apparent. One of her eyes had been cut out with a knife, the other

eye was totally blind. She was thrown out because of this, no longer useful. We also discovered that the Palestinian family paid by the aid workers to look after her until help could be found, were in fact the people who had turned her out in the first place!

After a few days the vet checked Mabel and found terrible teeth problems. She filed down a very sharp tooth, which was the cause of Mabel being so thin, she simply could not eat properly. What with Tzachi holding Mabel's tongue, my wife holding her head and me holding the vet's drill, we all felt for her. The vet said that Mabel was lucky, "because she is here now, safe and loved..."

Unfortunately nothing can be done to restore Mabel's sight but her ability to eat improved immediately and she loves her carrots! When she hears our voices she lets out a little bray and heads toward the voice, knowing she will get a carrot!

I'm sure Mabel will go from strength to strength, even though she is a grand old lady. Which makes my holiday even more worthwhile.



GRAND OLD LADY: Mabel enjoying a well-deserved rest!

Lucy's donkeys: TAO

This issue's donkey profile features "Tao"

Dearest Tao, he is a very old, white male donkey, in his twenties at least. We were alerted to his plight by an English lady, Lauren, who passed by him every day on her way to work.

She was concerned because he looked so poorly, thin and desolate and asked if we would take a look at



NEW FRIENDS: Tao gets to meet Harry Potter!



GENTLEMAN: One of Safe Haven's newest arrivals, Tao

him. We did and ended up bringing him back to Safe Haven as he wasn't owned by anyone. We tended his poor, scarred, bony body and fed him plenty of good food.

Once he'd settled in I bathed him and he had actually been extremely dirty as he came up looking like new - all white and fluffy - but still every inch the tall,

distinguished gentleman that he is!

I'm sure Tao will be eternally grateful that he's spending his remaining years in the peace and comfort of the sanctuary.

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

Just as you read symptoms of a particular disease in a medical book and you decide you have the disease, maybe because I'd read an article about abused donkeys, I naturally assumed that the donkey I saw every day on my way to work was abused too. I didn't dare to go closer to him with the car - in case my fears were justified. I didn't think I could bear it. But first, what do I know about donkeys? Maybe he was healthy and happy and belonged to the family in the nearby farm and had caviar for breakfast, wine with his dinner? Maybe it wasn't a donkey at all - maybe it was a small horse?

But I decided it was too much of a coincidence, seeing the donkey and reading about Lucy Fensom all in the same week. I called the telephone number listed for her and left a message. She had been out rescuing two more donkeys, but called back the next day. What a relief to know there was help out there and people who really care. Lucy was about to leave for England, but made sure that a vet and her colleague Yair were given my details and the next day we all met up, donkey trailer in tow.

Jaber, the vet, with such a smiling face and gentle manner, knocked on the nearest door and discovered that the donkey had been abandoned and was blind. The people there had been feeding him after a fashion, and tying him up so that the local kids wouldn't taunt him, but they were more than happy to let him go to a safe haven. The little donkey allowed Yair to lead him to the trailer, and in he went. He was so thin and bedraggled, with sores on his body, but as I patted him on the back as if to say "you'll be alright now", I swear I saw him smile.

By Lauren Gelman

Christmas Adoption Special

Buy one get one free!

We would like to offer you and a friend the chance to adopt one of our lovely donkeys for the total price of £48/year. You will each receive an adoption pack of your chosen donkey which includes a photo, a certificate, car sticker and for all adoptions received before 31 December 2002, a free Safe Haven wall calendar featuring all of our favourite pictures from this year.

You can spread the cost, paying just £4 per month by standing order. If you already have an adopted donkey, why not use this offer for two of your friends instead!



Mabel is a very elderly lady. She has obviously had a hard working life and suffered abuse, among other things having one of her eyes cut out with a knife. We were worried that she wouldn't make it when she first arrived but she is starting to make progress. She has a special diet to feed her up and plenty of love and attention. She loves to sit and sun herself in the early mornings and when she has warmed up she spends time with her special friend, Bianca!

Tao is a very stately old chap. Very well mannered and loves being groomed! He's blind and looks as if he might have been that way for some time. He moves around very slowly, his old bones sore from years of work and absolutely no comforts of life. He loves the company of the younger donks and although he can't run around like they can, he is always at hand to offer them neighs of encouragement!



Mary has been with us for over a year now and has recovered well from a nasty broken leg. Her previous owners never had her leg treated and carried on working her. Luckily she came to live with us. She was a welcome addition because she helped us to "rear" Bubs, one of our younger donks! Her favourite food has to be carrots! She also loves watching us muck out in the morning, checking that we do it properly no doubt!

Sally is a personal favourite, she's another elderly lady and like the others has suffered a hard life. She's partially blind but that doesn't stop her! She can be quite feisty and makes sure that she gets her fair share of food at dinner time! She loves to sit quietly in the afternoons watching the rough and tumble of the younger generation!



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 will 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)

Your Details

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

Address.....

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

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

Your Friend's Details (for second adoption)

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

Address.....

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

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

I enclose my cheque/postal order to the value of **£48 / \$76 USD for 1 year** (that's only £4 / \$6 USD per month!) made payable to **SHADH**

OR pay by **MASTERCARD** **VISA** Card No:.....

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



A Family Affair!

A chance to meet the team!

Lucy's mum, Bella and her sister, charity co-ordinator, Felicity regularly meet up to answer all your wonderful letters. All the messages of love and support give great comfort to Lucy and her family. With so few hands, it's always busy and that is why sometimes we can be a little late when thanking you for your donations or answering your letters!



KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY! Lucy's mother, Bella sorts through some of your mail with SHADH's Co-ordinator Felicity Moore

“Shedding a tear” - A Letter from America

“I recently received the newspaper article (about SHADH) that ran in a Los Angeles paper, from a friend. I currently have two donkeys and a mule named Calamity Jane. I can't imagine not hearing their bray each morning. I was a police officer for several years and unfortunately have seen first-hand the cruelty that humans can inflict on others. And I know you have days that are more gut-wrenching than most people can imagine. That you have nights when sleep eludes you, or nights when the day's cruelties become images in your dreams. But everyday you can hold on to something wonderful - you can look at those beautiful kind creatures and know that you did something to better their life.

When I first got out of the police academy I was told by two seasoned female police officers that no matter what the situation, the worst thing I could do was to cry on the job. Shedding a tear would make the guys think I wasn't tough enough. I took what they said to heart and kept my emotions in check for several years until I came across a very injured dog on my post. The tears were in my eyes before I could even think about it.

He was definitely a stray that had been on his own for sometime. He looked at me with those eyes of pleading - you know the ones that ask for help, without saying a word. It was the only time in the six years I was on the force that tears welled up in my eyes. Animals have always meant a great deal to me. When I read the section in the story about some people giving you a hard time about caring for animals more than people, I understood what you were trying to say.

My roommate and I are sending what we can to help you in your heroic work. I wish I was in a position to help you more. Thank you for giving those donks more love than they had probably ever thought possible. I truly hope you can save them all.”

DEBBIE SWANSON, WASHINGTON USA

SHADH Field Report - Gaza

As you may remember from the last newsletter, SHADH had a request from Abdul Rahim (Head of Ecology in Gaza Municipality) asking for help with the horrendous situation for donkeys in that area. In June 2002, Lucy Fensom and SHADH trustee Tony Shearer visited Gaza to investigate the plight of the donkeys and to begin treatment for the most seriously-injured animals. Their visit was documented on video and below is a small selection of photographs illustrating what they found there.



This donkey had terrible sores around its neck, legs, back and face caused by a poorly-fitting harness and makeshift bridle. In places, the constant rubbing had literally worn through the skin, causing open infected wounds. The vet treated the donkey, but due to continued poor harnessing, on SHADH's return 3 days later, all the good work was seen to have been for nothing.



In Israel, many donkeys are simply left at the roadside, often if they are too unfit for work, or injured. During their travels, SHADH came across this blind donkey ("Barnie") left by the side of the road. With the assistance of the vet and several local helpers, Lucy managed to get Barnie into her pick-up truck, so he could be given medical treatment more easily, before being brought back to the sanctuary.



Another working donkey chews through litter in an empty Gaza market square, whilst tethered only yards away from the owner's boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables. In Gaza, donkeys are tethered to literally any sturdy object, usually without any food or water. In the intense heat of the sun and without shade, these animals run the risk of heat exhaustion and severe dehydration.



This poor donkey was left tied to a fence in a car-park unable to even move its head and without the basic requirements of food, water and shade. In Gaza, it is not uncommon to see makeshift market-stalls created by tethering a wheeled cart to a donkey. During trading hours the animal simply stands and waits until it is time for the owners to 'close' for the day.



On a busy Gaza highway, this tiny donkey is pulling a metal cart heavily-loaded with wood and tree-branches, along with its owner and two small boys. Note how the *adult* has chosen to actually sit on top of the donkey whilst the smaller child 'drives' from the cart behind it.



Finally, a group of four very large men smile for our cameras whilst passing-by on their cart. It is difficult to comprehend that this particular donkey will often be required to pull the combined weight of four heavy adults and a fully-loaded 4-wheel metal trailer, in the blazing Gaza sun, for most of its working life.

Although Gaza was a one-off trip until funding can be secured for a long term treatment programme, Lucy and Jaber (a local vet who helps provide medical assistance to SHADH) try to go out to the Arab Israeli and Bedouin villages as often as possible, giving free treatment to working donkeys and offering advice on their welfare.

What has become clear through this work is that so much of the suffering can be alleviated through balanced loads and proper harnessing. Our next project is to offer soft harnessing to the owners of working donkeys, a small step towards making the life of these gentle animals a little more bearable.

Each field trip costs the charity around £500, that's for the vet's fees, medication, bandages, fuel and the head collars we offer as an alternative to hobbling. We desperately need funds to carry on this important work.

“I Saved a Donkey Today”

I saved a donkey today.

Such relief for the little donkey - and me.

White, thin, sores on his legs, blind, pitiful.

Who knows, maybe he didn't care about being tied up in the burning heat?

He was fed - now and then. Given water to drink.

But I cared, couldn't bear to see him, alone, same place day after day,

Swishing his tail to keep the flies at bay.

Now when I see him in my mind's eye he's at the Safe Haven for Donkeys,

Green pastures, shade, constant food and water, loving care.

I saved a donkey today.

By Lauren Gelman

Your Letters



NEW BOY! One of Safe Haven's latest additions - the adorable foal Rufus

Dear Lucy,

Congratulations on your lovely long newsletter, so sad in parts yet so joyful, hopeful and interesting. Keep Safe.

PAT HANNON
Brighton

Dear SHADH,

Enclosed a cheque for £132, proceeds from a stall I held. Hope it helps!

DEE STEVENS
East Sussex

Dear Lucy and Co,

I read the article about your organisation on the front page of the Los Angeles Times this week and have one question: Doesn't Israel (or Palestine) have any laws governing animal treatment and welfare? Don't they have any animal welfare officers? Could we put pressure (via a letter writing campaign) on the Israeli Government to enforce or create animal welfare laws?

I read about how you spent lots of time rounding up donkeys, and an old couple came along and claimed them back. Please don't give up on these donkeys, please find them and save them!

By the way, I am donating \$100 to your organisation and wish you Good Luck!!!

RAZAN
Via e-mail

SHADH's Co-ordinator Felicity Moore replies: *This is a very, very difficult and sensitive subject. Animal welfare laws do exist in Israel but are simply not enforced. The Israeli Government "have far too many other worries and concerns on their hands" which, yes of course they do, but equally if laws exist, then they should be upheld. A letter-writing campaign from individuals expressing their concern about the animal welfare situation certainly could help but as a UK registered charity we must be careful not to aggravate the Government who could decide to make our position in their country very difficult.*

Safe Haven's new Donation Line

SHADH can now benefit from telephone calls made to our new donation line, set up free of charge by Stephanie Yaron, a regular helper at the sanctuary in Netanya.

The donation line offers a chance to hear Lucy talk about why she left her job and home in England to move to Israel and set up the sanctuary, plus stories of some of the donkeys she has rescued, which will be updated regularly. Calls will be charged at £1/minute and 90% of the revenues will be donated to SHADH.

Please call 0906 200 7233

Dear SHADH,

We enclose a cheque for £100 to help your work with the donkeys . We are a small group of people who meet up once a week at Shoreham airport restaurant to talk about animal welfare.

We have a collection box which we all contribute to at each meeting. Once it reaches £100 we decide which animal society to send it to. Wishing you all the best of good luck with your work.

MR L. ELDRIDGE
(The Shoreham Animal Welfare Group)

Dear Lucy and team,

Please find enclosed £100 from all of us at British Airways, Terminal 4. Keep up the good work and we are all thinking of you!

SUE MOORE
Blackheath

Dear Lucy

It makes me proud to see that someone has seen the cruel punishment that so many animals receive in this world and has enough guts to step forward and do something about it. I am a wildlife biologist and have the pleasure of seeing so many different animals in their native habitats. Though now due to disability I am no longer able to continue with my career of choice. It truly was a pleasure to visit your website and please keep up the good work. Carpe' Diem and may the spirits of the earth be with you. Take care.

SCOTT PETERSON
Via e-mail

Events Diary

Malvern Show

Please come along and support us at The Midlands Equine Fair, "the ultimate equine experience!" Wye Hall, Three Counties Showground, Malvern on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th March 2003.

General enquiries : 01884 841644

Special Thanks

Thanks to the recent article about SHADH that appeared in the Los Angeles Times, we have many new friends and supporters.

Jeff and Kristin Haber tapped their business contacts and managed to get gifts and office equipment donated and sent to us all the way from LA!

They continue to offer their help, advice and their amazing list of contacts over there!

We are extremely grateful for their generosity and support. Thank you both very much.

You may remember the sad story of the lost souls of Jisr Alzarka and the poor chocolate brown donkey who suffered a terrible fate.

One of our wonderful supporters, Shirley Levitt of County Durham was so upset that this little fellow had never been loved.

As he didn't even have a name, she decided to call him Barnie and planted a tree in his memory.

Thank you Shirley - a truly heart-warming gesture.

A special thanks to Diane Price for donating £300 to buy fly repellent after our appeal in the summer newsletter - thank you Diane!

We would also like to thank Tony Scott and Xerox for donating a brand new PC and monitor, a welcome addition to the office in Israel!

We must also thank Ruth and David Sanderson for giving up so much of their spare time organising the Highnam Court day back in September.

They arranged with the owners of this beautiful Gloucestershire country house to kindly let us use their Conservatory and gardens for tea, cake and a raffle!

We were delighted to meet some of the charity's supporters who had specially made the trip - it was lovely to put faces to names!

Thanks to Ruth and David, we raised over £400 that day!

Once again a very big thanks to all of you!

“Spot the Donk” Competition

Cornwall is home to the fabulous Eden Project - a vast collection of conservatories, or 'biomes', containing towering rainforests and tropical environments in a global garden for the 21st century. The Eden Project have kindly donated some marvellous prizes for this Newsletter's competition, including;

- **First Prize:** One year's complimentary membership of the Eden Project's "Friends" scheme, which entitles the winner to free admission for a year, plus magazines and information about upcoming events.
- **Second Prize:** A copy of the "Eden" book, signed by the author, Eden's creator, Tim Smit.
- **Third Prize:** A Rio 600 Portable Digital Audio player, for music on the move!

To win one of these fabulous prizes, simply enter our competition, which is a variation on that well-known theme "Spot the Ball"! Below is a photograph of SHADH's new shelter which is currently being built. Along with Lucy Fensom, somewhere in the picture was one of her donkeys, which has been electronically removed from this picture. Simply place an "X" (just one, please!) where you think the donkey was standing, and the three "X"s closest to the donkey's nose will each win one of the fabulous prizes above!



Please mark one 'X' on the picture above, then cut out and send to:
Spot the Donk, SHADH, PO Box 2400, Hove, East Sussex BN3 4AL UK

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

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

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