



Lucy's UK Donkey Foundation

We are writing this **urgent appeal** in desperation and hope.

Our small sanctuary in Israel which is home to 54 rescued donkeys, 2 horses and several cats and dogs, is in jeopardy.

Run by volunteers and registered in the UK with the UK Charity Commission, Lucy's UK Donkey Foundation works tirelessly in its efforts to raise the necessary funds each month to sustain the sanctuary and crucial veterinary clinic outreach work.

Not for the first time, we are in desperate need of urgent help.

We know that there are those who give so generously each time we appeal and for which we are deeply grateful, but the sad reality is that unfortunately our sanctuary and outreach work is not able to be consistently sustained only by occasional one off donations.



We find ourselves once again in a situation where we are not only unable to raise sufficient monthly donations each and every month to enable our work to continue on into the future unimpeded by the concern of lack of funds, but we have also been unable to find two replacement trustees to take over from our two soon to be retired trustees.

Without two new pro active trustees to bring our board of trustees to the legal necessary minimum of three, our Foundation will not be able to legally continue and therefore would no longer be permitted to raise funds as a charitable organisation.

This will, without a doubt, have a devastating impact and mean the end for our sanctuary.

It would mean that if alternative homes cannot be found for all our donkeys, or if another organisation cannot take over our whole operation, then as we would no longer be able to function as we have done thus far, it would result in a tragic end for our animals.

The only humane option would be to euthanize them because the alternative is unthinkable. The authorities would take over and all our donkeys would be taken away meaning that their unacceptable fate would be sealed. Currently many donkeys in our region are being bought and trafficked via the horrific skins trade.

Although we cannot say for certain, we are highly concerned that without much needed support, our donkeys could fall victim to this heinous trade if they are seized by the authorities. Of course, we will do everything in our power to stop this from occurring but it is a reality we are having to face, hence our desperation at this time.

Many of our donkeys have very special bonds and a deep love for each other and for these reasons, they really need to be kept together or as many together as possible.

It's possible that claims would be made by certain local organisations, institutions and government bodies as to what they might do with the donkeys, but without a trustworthy body to constantly monitor and oversee any transportation and their eventual permanent whereabouts, no such claims should be trusted.

We are asking for help in any of the following areas -



A Philanthropist or Philanthropreneur or organisation to take our crucial project forward and ensure that our sanctuary will survive. OR able and willing to help find an alternative safe new home/homes for our donkeys wherever necessary worldwide, and fund their safe transportation and relocation



An organisation to take over our sanctuary, and any remaining funds and assets, and oversee the continuation of our vital outreach veterinary clinic work in the Palestinian West Bank



A major injection of funds, monthly or one off



Funds to pay a vitally necessary full time worker to help run our sanctuary



Trustees - capable and pro active

This is our desperate attempt to appeal and I hope and pray for a miracle for the sake of our rescued animals.

They have led a peaceful, content, safe life with us, being dearly loved and cared for.

We have a duty of care and responsibility to do everything necessary to make sure they are safe and well cared for until the end.

