

# SPRING 2020 NEWS



## Lucy's UK Donkey Foundation

Supporting the  
Rescue & Care of  
Donkeys in the Holy Land

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# Thank you!

## Dear Friends and Supporters

We would like to say a special 'thank you' to all our wonderful supporters for all your help and support, especially in these challenging and extremely difficult times. You may have heard that in April the UK government set up a £750 million 'rescue package' for charities. **Unfortunately, this does not include small animal charities like ours.** Therefore we are even more grateful, knowing that you are there, making it possible for us to do all we can to ensure our sanctuary remains open to provide a safe home for all those animals who need our love, care and protection.

Thank you again for your kindness, generosity, prayers and love  
and for all you do to help. We deeply appreciate it,

from

*Lucy, the Donkeys,  
the Trustees and Volunteers*

*Outreach clinic in Ras Atira,  
March 2020*





## A warm hello from Lucy in Israel



*"See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared."  
Exodus 23:20*

A warm hello from Israel, to our wonderful supporters and friends.

You have all been in our thoughts and we hope and pray that you and your loved ones are keeping safe, healthy and well.

What a time it has been... How could any of us ever have known, as we all wished each other a Happy New Year for 2020 just a short time ago, that this was what would be in store for us...

It has of course been devastating in so many ways, the tragic loss of life, the toll it has taken on healthcare systems and workers around the world, businesses, charities, all of us having no choice but to adapt to a new way of life. Yet, at the same time, I have thought what a marvel it is to see our beloved planet, nature and wildlife finally be given a rare chance to start to heal and flourish.

I pray so much that the world will take this as a lesson and a warning that things must change, things must somehow slow down and other things should just stop. Here in Israel the number of virus cases has been fairly high for such a small

country, but the death toll has stayed comparatively low. There is currently talk, as in other countries, about a slow easing of some restrictions and allowing some small businesses to reopen, but as yet, no schools or shopping malls etc. One of the saddest things has been the complete closure of the Israeli/Palestinian border crossings, meaning it has been impossible for us to enter the West Bank to hold our outreach clinics to help the hard working donkeys, mules and horses. My only hope is that, due to the lockdown in the West Bank, those animals are perhaps at least not having to work so hard. As yet, we do not know when the border closures might be eased but we are listening out for news.

In the meantime our little sanctuary continues, just about. We thank you with all our hearts, for the fact that despite this difficult world situation, you remember our work and continue to support us. Without you, our little sanctuary would no longer be here.

Our finances are such that by a miracle, we are just about managing to scrape through each month, but our running budget is still short by approximately £600/\$744/€686 per month. We actually have very few repeat monthly donations and the only reason that we have been able to continue is of course with thanks to those dear, kind people who do donate monthly or fairly regularly, or who make smaller one off donations. But it is also with profound thanks to those who have so kindly made generous one off donations, as these have actually ensured that our sanctuary has managed to remain open and running so far.

If you are still able to make any donation whatsoever, to help ena-

ble us to continue to run our sanctuary and feed our 52 animals, we would be so deeply thankful to you. Please just know that every little amount will help, no matter how much it is. We appreciate your love and your support to help us continue so very much.

I would like to leave you with a few adorable photos that were taken shortly before the lockdown began, when some little, local children came to the sanctuary to keep our dear old Esther and friends company.

God bless you all and keep you healthy and well.

Thank you so much...

*Lucy & the Donkeys*

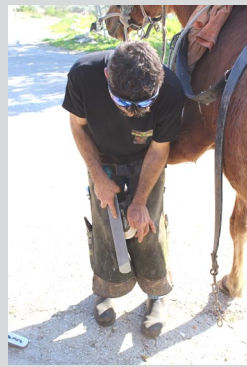




### Outreach in Ras Atira—March 2020

Shortly before the Covid-19 pandemic worsened, Lucy was able to hold a mobile clinic in the Palestinian town of Ras Atira, with the help of expert farrier, Hagai Ohana. Hagai had been told about the plight of the poor brown mule with the deformed hoof and kindly said he would trim the mule's hoof. While there, he also trimmed a lot of other working donkeys' hooves and a few horses'. Vet Dr Nour also joined to treat a few ailments and wounds and the owners were very pleased and quite grateful.

The tight restrictions relating to Covid-19 that were introduced shortly thereafter mean that the West Bank and border crossings are now completely closed off. Nobody can go in and nobody can go out, which means that Lucy is now not able to go in to try to give help to those poor hard working animals until those restrictions are lifted.



### Outreach Work Support

Thank you to everyone who has taken out a bank standing order or a monthly PayPal payment to enable Lucy to pay the vet and assistant so they can attend Outreach on a more regular/monthly basis. During the Covid-19 pandemic, all Outreach is suspended, but is hoped that things will eventually resume to more normality and when they will, as the



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grid shows, we still need

**53 more donors** to sign up to pay **only £2 per month** for this vital work to become a regular. If you can help, please use **Ref: CLINIC** when setting up a payment or for more information. **Payment and contact details can be found on the last page.**

*Should circumstances change or we exceed our target, the trustees reserve the right to treat all donations as 'unrestricted' and will use the funds as most benefits the animals.*



## Arnold

Lucy recently took in to the sanctuary, dear old Arnold, bringing our rescued donkey family to 49. This poor donkey was terribly abused at a market after being left abandoned in torrential rain – he was found by youngsters who decided to torment him and stone him. It took Lucy a week or so to secure his rescue but he is now safe and content at Lucy's sanctu-

ary. He is so grateful to be there, despite the abuse he's suffered and the discomfort of his wounds and scars. He had also already been gelded so that, at least, has been a saving for us! He is actually a big teddy bear of a donkey and is extremely loving. He fitted in immediately with the herd and just gets along really well with everybody. **You can now adopt Arnold** (see page 5 for details).

Arnold



## The Fence

We recently bought 12 posts in an effort to try to somehow reinforce some of the existing field posts. The fence we have is what existed when we took the site on and it was already very old, worn, leaning fencing. Of course, over the past few years, with the donkeys leaning on it and using it to scratch themselves on, it has deteriorated. It now presents quite a precarious

situation and the biggest worry is the donkeys breaking out of the field and running amok or worse, disappearing or being stolen. To re-fence our whole field with any type of secure fencing, would be very expensive and totally unaffordable, so we are trying to temporarily fix what we can and enable it to endure the test of time a bit longer.



**Thank you to everyone who has set up a standing order with their bank or a monthly payment on PayPal!**

I wish we could thank each and every one of you individually each month, but our little charity, run by just a small band of volunteers, simply does not have the resources to do so. Nevertheless, I want you all to know that your continuous generosity and support is amazing and I am deeply grateful. Thank you for caring, and thank you for your love and kindness. Your monthly donations are helping us so much.

*With love and blessings*

*Lucy & the Donkeys*



# Adoptions

Recent rescue Arnold - just as any donkey at the sanctuary - can be adopted through our adoption scheme. The adoption is for one year and you will receive a printed adoption certificate for your chosen donkey by post. Each donkey costs **£20 to adopt (UK)**. Adoptions from **outside the UK are £25** (£20 if you opt to receive the certificate digitally so

you can print it yourself; please specify with your order).

Send us an email or a letter (contact & payment details on page 6), including the **name of your chosen donkey, the recipients name (on certificate) and your full address.**

Please ensure you mention the reference 'ADOPT' with your payment.

## Adoption Certificate



This is to certify that

**Recipient**

has adopted

**Arnold**

rescued and now cared for at  
**Lucy's donkey sanctuary  
in Israel**

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## Our new merchandise!

All our items are hand made or hand assembled by supporters, creating a unique product. All products are donated, meaning 100% of the purchase price goes to the charity. Please look on our website under **Gift Shop** for the full collection. 'If you would like to see a full list of the items for sale and are not on the internet, a 'My Shop' page, together with an order form, can be sent to you. Please contact the charity address on page 6.



Sun Catcher



Lucky Charm

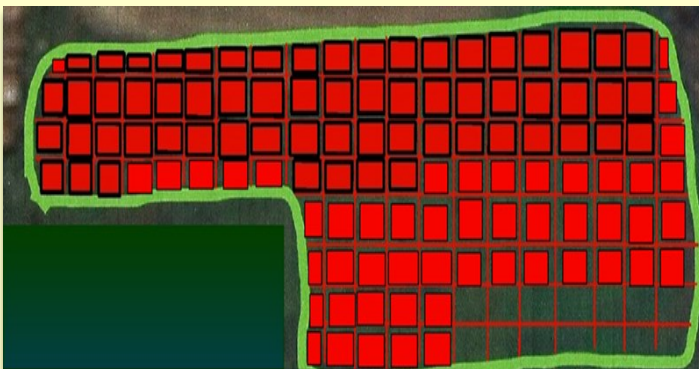


Bookmarks



Fridge magnet note pad & pen

## Sanctuary Plots!



Dear Supporters, 2 ½ years ago we appealed for people to sponsor a plot at the sanctuary for £4. Many of you generously became sponsors. However, we now find that there is a shortfall on the monthly rent of £662 including VAT. We are asking if anyone who is able to increase their payment by £1, making it £5 per plot. we also have **14 plots** for sponsorship, again at **£5 each**. If you could help in either way, please contact the charity (see page 6 for contact details). **Thank you!**

## Promote us on Social Media!

With many of us having more time on our hands during the lockdown, how about helping us by spreading the word about Lucy's crucial work on Social Media? Talk about us, link to our website, use our social media handles!

 [facebook.com/lucysdonkeys](https://facebook.com/lucysdonkeys)  [@lucysdonkeys](https://twitter.com/lucysdonkeys)

[www.lucysdonkeyfoundation.org.uk](http://www.lucysdonkeyfoundation.org.uk)

## GIFT AID

Can you help us raise more money with no extra cost to yourself? If you are a UK tax payer, then by filling in a simple form only once, the charity can claim 25p for every £1 from the government on any donation you make. The form can either be downloaded from the website under

[www.lucysdonkeyfoundation.org.uk/gift-aid](http://www.lucysdonkeyfoundation.org.uk/gift-aid)

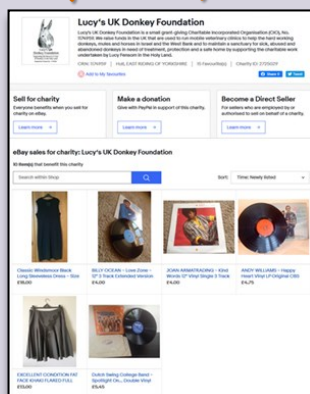
or sent to you by request from the contact address below.

**ebay** FOR CHARITY 

## Buy or sell on eBay and help Lucy's Donkeys!

Simply head to our **eBay for Charity** page and look at the items on sale to benefit our charity, or click on 'Sell for charity' to sell an item to help us.

[www.charity.ebay.co.uk/charity/Lucy's-UK-Donkey-Foundation/2725029](http://www.charity.ebay.co.uk/charity/Lucy's-UK-Donkey-Foundation/2725029)



A big thank you to all the kind supporters who sent in books of stamps. Your generosity has helped the charity enormously. A continuing supply would be extremely welcome.

## Payment & Contact

### Lloyds Bank

Acc. 25432768

Sort Code: 30-96-83

### PayPal

[shop@lucysdonkeyfoundation.org.uk](mailto:shop@lucysdonkeyfoundation.org.uk)

### Go Fund Me

[www.gofundme.com/lucysdonkeys](http://www.gofundme.com/lucysdonkeys)

**Monthly payments can be made through either PayPal or the Bank**

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