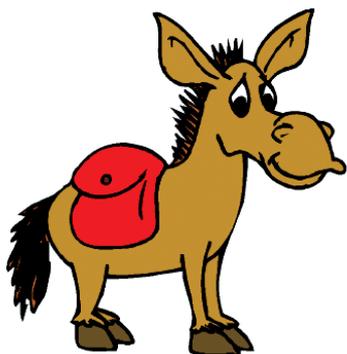


All About Donkeys!



- Donkeys are from the class of animals called mammals. People are mammals too! Mammals feed their young babies milk, most have hair and grow special teeth to eat.
- Domestic donkeys are widely distributed and can be found almost everywhere in the world. However, true wild donkeys originated in the hilly, deserts of northern Africa and the Arabian peninsula and are well-adapted for life in the desert. Domestic donkeys prefer warm, dry climates.

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• Donkeys are smaller than horses, but are more surefooted, meaning that they tend not to trip or fall in rocky and mountainous areas. They also are characterized by their large head, long ears and cow-like tail. Donkeys usually have a gray coat, but some have brown or red-ish hair.

• They are very strong and can help carry people and heavy things from one place to another.

• A small type of donkey is called a burro.

• Donkeys are social animals. They are most active in the morning and evening, resting during the heat of the day. In the wild they travel in herds.

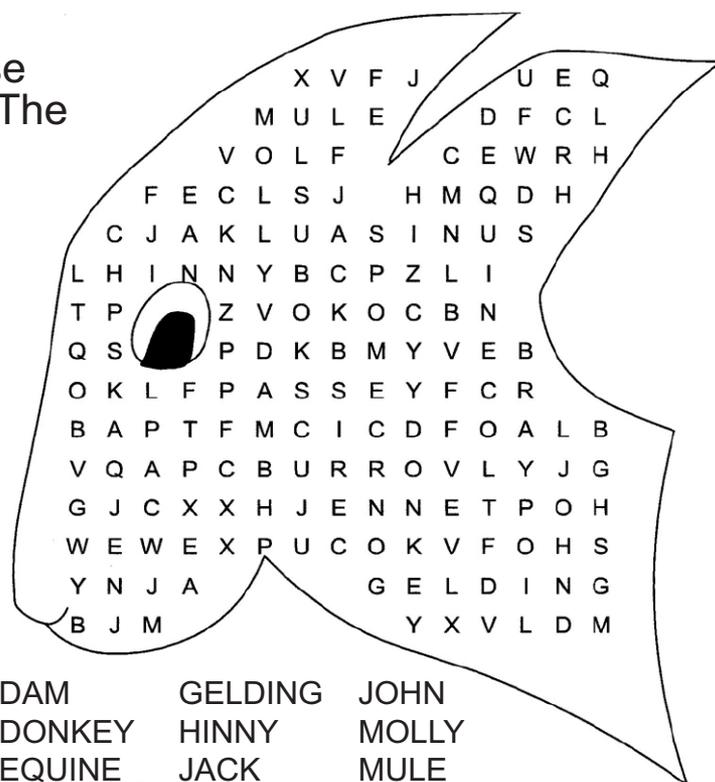
• Donkeys are observant and cautious animals. They will refuse to do anything that seems dangerous to them. This behavior has earned the donkey its reputation for being stubborn, but actually, domestic donkeys are very obedient animals and will not refuse any reasonable order. When a donkey is startled by something, it usually will not run blindly in fear. Its natural instinct is to freeze or run a few steps, then look to see what frightened it. This is unlike the behavior of horses, which tend to panic and "bolt" when frightened.

• Domestic donkeys interact well with other livestock animals such as horses, cows, goats, sheep, and llamas. Donkeys are passive by nature, but will aggressively protect their young, and can be trained to protect sheep and goats as well.

• Donkeys are being used as companion animals in recreational riding programs for children and for mentally and physically handicapped people. Their affectionate, calm, patient disposition make them ideal for use as a companion animal for other livestock and people.



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