

Thank you for coming to visit the donkeys in their world. We hope you enjoyed your time with these remarkable, peaceful creatures.

The Donkey Sanctuary of Canada Farm is open to the public from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Wednesdays and Sundays, from the first Sunday in May through to the end of October.

Suggested Admission: Adults \$7, Seniors & Children \$5

How you can help.

We rely on donations from individuals to care for our ever-expanding family of rescued equines. Please help by making a donation in one of our donation boxes, or by mailing this form to:

The Donkey Sanctuary of Canada
6981 Puslinch Conc. 4, RR#6 Guelph, ON N1H 6J3

I wish to help by donating: \$ _____ Please add me to your mailing list

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

A cheque is enclosed: Please charge my VISA/MasterCard:

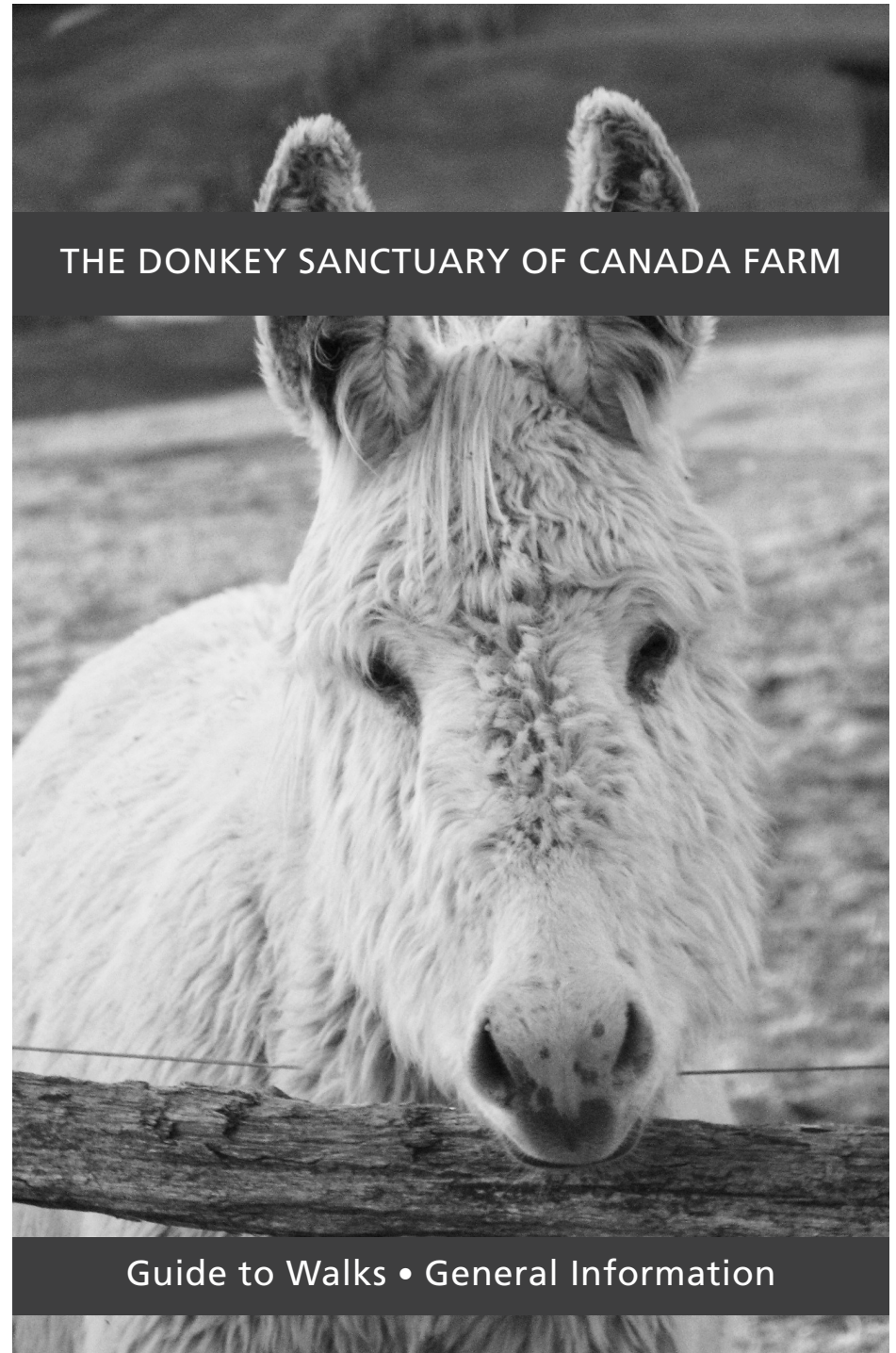
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For a minimum donation of \$50, you can sponsor your favourite donkey. We will send you a current picture of your donkey, along with a sponsorship certificate and your donkey's bio. (This makes a great gift too!) Please ask one of our Staff or Volunteers for a sponsorship form.

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THE DONKEY SANCTUARY OF CANADA FARM

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Welcome to the Donkey Sanctuary of Canada

General Information

The Donkey Sanctuary of Canada was established and registered as a federal charity by Sandra Pady in August 1992. The DSC relies solely on donations from individuals for its funding.

The Sanctuary provides a lifelong home to donkeys and mules that are neglected, abused or no longer wanted. Rehabilitated animals may be placed on permanent loan at approved DSC Foster Farms in order that space may be opened up at the Sanctuary Farm for other donkeys and mules in need of care.

Admission

All funds raised are used for the care of the animals. We suggest: Adults \$7, Seniors & Children \$5.

Barnyard and Paddocks

You are invited to walk down the lane into the barn and barnyard areas. Please stay as long as you wish. DSC Staff and Volunteers will be pleased to tell you about our work and to answer any questions.

A Note About the Carrot Walk/Donkey Parade

We have discontinued our Carrot Walk/Donkey Parade on Open Days. Our donkey herd is facing serious weight issues, and we have divided the herd into smaller groups to better address individual nutritional requirements. This has meant reconfiguring our pastures to meet the donkeys' dietary needs. The new layout does not allow us to do the Carrot Walk any more. We hope everyone understands the changes have been made to better our donkeys' health.

Programs

The DSC's Humane Education Program is provided to people of all ages. The DSC Life Skills program has been developed for young people and adults with special needs. More information about our programs is available on our website: www.thedonkeysanctuary.ca.

Outside the Barnyard

Long Ears Boutique

After you leave the barnyard, you will pass the Long Ears Boutique. T-shirts, hats, cards and gifts - all on the theme of the donkey - are available for purchase. All profits from sales are used for the care of the animals.

The Pond

The Pond is thirty feet deep and full of fish. Ten years ago, a few Koi (goldfish) were placed in the pond. Today, there are hundreds in the water and they have grown to accommodate themselves to their environment. Trout have been added as well and the two fish species live harmoniously. No swimming, wading or fishing, please.

Memorial Hill

The engraved Marker Stones on Memorial Hill have been placed to remember friends or family members who were particularly fond of animals. In addition, many of the markers have been placed to honour a favoured pet. Markers can be engraved and placed on the hillside with a minimum \$350 donation to the DSC.

Apple Tree Hill and Velvet's Woods

Both of these walking trails lead to quiet places where it is nice to sit and enjoy the natural world. The apple tree that has given its name to the hill is an original planting by the family who settled the farm in the mid 19th century.

There is a hilly section in Velvet's Woods and a wide variety of tree species.

Wild Duck Marsh

There is a short walk to an overlook of the marsh, which is alive with bird, insect, deer and turtle activity year round.

Your Safety is Important

Do

- leave food and drinks outside the barnyard
- leave strollers and wagons outside the barnyard
- watch children at all times
- walk up to the donkeys from the side
- talk softly
- move slowly
- enjoy your time with the donkeys
- wash your hands after your visit to the barnyard

Don't

- don't feed the donkeys (fingers look like food)
- don't eat or drink in the barnyard or barn
- don't stand or walk behind donkeys
- don't pull donkeys by their collars, manes or tails
- don't ride the donkeys
- don't climb on farm equipment, fence rails or gates
- don't unlatch any gates or enter fields with closed gates

Understanding the donkeys.

Donkeys communicate with their bodies. Their eyesight is very good and they do not appreciate sudden movements. The placement of their ears is a very good signal of what they want to communicate.



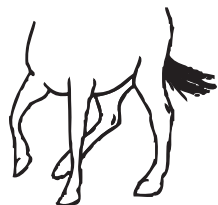
At ease



Alert and interested



Resting



Stamping - go away - don't come any closer. I might kick next time.



Ears flat back - I might be cross. Go away.



Swishing tail - I am warning you to not come any closer.

Children

Each child 4 years and younger must be under the direct supervision of an adult at all times. It is difficult for the animals to see little bodies.

Dogs

Do not leave dogs in hot cars. Dogs are welcome at the Farm, but please ensure they are kept on a lead at all times. Dogs are not allowed in the barnyard. DSC Staff or Volunteers are glad to take care of your dog while you visit in the barnyard area.

Comfort Station/Wash Facilities

There is a portable toilet and hand wash station located at the edge of the parking lot.

Safety First - NO FEEDING

Please **do not** attempt to feed the donkeys or mules; it only encourages them to expect food from everyone. In addition, given the shape of equine heads and the location of their eyes, it is extremely difficult for them to distinguish between carrots and fingers.

Leave treats for the animals at the Welcome Centre. They will be distributed after hours by DSC Staff.

First Aid

There is a First Aid kit in the barn. Please ask DSC Staff or Volunteers for assistance. A certified First Aid/CPR staff member is on site to assist.

Nature Trails and Walks (See Map)

Our walking trails are located in the north section of the Farm. The trails are not paved and in some sections there is climbing involved. The Ring Walk is the most level of the trails.

Picnics

You are welcome to enjoy your picnic on the hillside or at the tables overlooking the pond. For insurance reasons, there is **no swimming or wading, and please do not use the private dock.**

