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# Loving Our Long Ears

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## A Place to Call Home by Katherine Allen

On my way to visit my soon to be new long eared friend Air Zip, I came upon a sad story unraveling before my eyes. I'd seen this ramshackle farm before and thought it was a shame they didn't tear down the old building since it was obviously abandoned.

Only today when I saw the road lined with trucks, trailers, and the animal control vehicle did I realize it wasn't just a run down barn, there were actually animals left there to starve and die! People were busy gathering the horses that looked like skeletons with legs and fur. I felt sick to my stomach as I slowly drove past. I wanted to turn around and offer some sort of help, but I didn't know of anything to help these neglected

creatures of God, but some good food, love, and care.

While this scene is only one of the many happening all over the USA right now, I couldn't help but think of the one thing that they could use more than food at that moment, and that is a home they can call their own with people who love them regardless of

what they have seen through the years. That is exactly what animal rescue is about, especially here at Turning Pointe Donkey Rescue. The demand is so great that it is hard to keep up. There are days it can feel as though there just aren't enough hands to do the job. These are the times that we have to remember the wins, all the happy placements where animals are getting the second chance at life they all deserve.

As we go on about day, busy as always, we glance longingly at the clock until it strikes the hour when we can head to the place where our hearts reside. The one place where we feel safe, wanted, and needed...The one thing only love can build - HOME.



There is nothing better than good old fashioned love like newly adopted Genie AKA "Ms. Congeniality" is getting from new mom, Katherine.

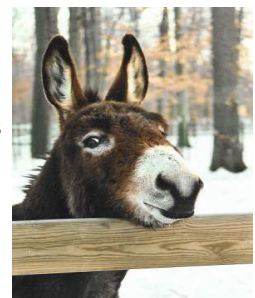
## Battle of the Bray

This is it readers! Your turn to vote for the next cover picture for the newsletter in July! Cast your votes online about which one of these adorable faces gets to grace the cover!

Respond by 6/28/2010 at [www.turningpointedonkeyrescue.com](http://www.turningpointedonkeyrescue.com)



Oliver vs. Cactus





Genie being walked to her new life in Illinois.

*“Though he doesn’t know much about leading, fly spray, or farriers, he does know people bring food, and that’s usually exactly what brings him over.”*

Nate will be available to adopt soon! Keep checking on his progress on our website.



# May Adoptions

## Miss Congeniality

Congratulations go out to Katherine Ritter of Deerfield, Illinois on her newly adopted donkey, “Genie.” During her time here at TPDR, Genie touched many hearts and had three members of the rescue accompany her to her new home. We are guessing that her new and very handsome gelding boyfriend named Doc will be wrapped around her little hoof in the near future. We look forward to updates from Katherine to see how our precious Genie is adjusting to life in Illinois. A special thank you goes out to Katherine and Doc for opening their hearts and hooves to welcome Genie into their home. We’re sure she’ll be well loved.

## Air Zip

Congratulations go out to Katherine Allen and family of Loganville, Georgia on their newly adopted donkey Air Zip AKA “The Zipster.” Zip is a special boy, and has much to learn about living among the two legged creatures called people. Though he doesn’t know much about leading, fly spray, or farriers, he does know people bring food, and that’s usually exactly what brings him over. His favorite treats are butterscotch flavor and he is warming up to the idea of people loving him. He is still trying to adjust to the heat in Georgia, but has the help of a very fetching mini mule named Granola. She is keeping him running around, and when he is not busy chasing her, he is rolling in his favorite dust spot. We anxiously await updates to hear about Zip’s training and progress!

## Rehab Updates

Nate, one of the newest members to the crew here at Turning Pointe Donkey Rescue is currently undergoing some basic conditioning and behavior exercises.

This guy is one handsome fellow and a BOLD personality to

top it off! This boy is no wall flower, he will need an experienced equine person to love him and give him a new home.

He will be one heck of a personality to have wandering around the farm. Guys like him make having donkeys so fun. Always clever and willing to explore, Nate is a Casanova just waiting to charm the socks

off of whoever will be lucky enough to call him their own. Please follow his progress on our website and contact Sharon Windsor if you think you might have room in your heart for this stunning and brave gelding! Keep up the good work Nate!

# Training Tips



Like many of our readers and prior adoptees, I had experience with horses, however, never with donkeys. While many basic concepts apply, any of you who have been around our beloved long eared

**Air Zip, my newly adopted young gelding with a whole lot to learn!**

friends realize that some things just won't work for donkeys like they do for horses. Ever on the prowl for good training tips, I've decided to add this column to our monthly newsletter to gather wisdom from all our readers and friends in the long ear world.

I did find a great tip that I will use for this column since it is new and will be expanded in future editions

to come.

Since many of our rescue animals haven't had the best handlers in the past, many of them tend to resist some of the time. Sometimes the need for correction for bad habits like biting or kicking are inevitable, however, I found a fantastic article that talked about how to correct without affecting the relationship with your donkey. In the July issue of the newsletter I will be dedicating an entire page to help focus on this very important topic for those of us working with rescue animals.

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## Nutrition News

With the heat of summer rapidly approaching, it's time to discuss proper watering for donkeys.

Unlike their horse friends, donkeys don't tend to drink as much or as often as a horse will so it is important to make sure you do monitor your donkeys drinking habits to make sure they are getting enough to drink particularly in the heat of summer. Another thing donkey

owners will agree upon is that our long eared lovelies insist on clean drinking water.

That's right ladies and gents, if it's scummy, algae ridden, or too hot from the sun, you can bet that our donkey pals will only drink the bare minimum to survive. This means they may not be *thriving*, which is what we truly want for our four legged friends. Additionally, not

drinking adequate amounts of water can also contribute to laminitis!

So make sure you provide good clean drinking water, and plenty of it. Also, take some time and watch your donkeys drinking habits so you can better identify their individual needs and habits which will make you a very savvy long eared owner indeed. Here's to staying cool out there!

# Homemade Tasty Treats

### Donkey Delights

From Donkeys & Mules Volume 10  
Ishtar's Molasses Cookies

- 2 cups Flour
- 1 cup Sugar
- 1/2 Cup Vegetable Oil
- 1/2 Cup Molasses

- 1/2 cup combined goodies like raisins, grated carrot or apple, or any other favorite fresh or dried fruit.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Combine dry ingredients in a large bowl, then add the liquid and stir until well blended. The mixture should be sticky; if it's too thick, add a splash of molasses; if it's too thin, stir in additional flour. Bake for 15 minutes or until

crisp.

This delicious homemade treat is sure to satisfy the pickiest palate and great for the budget conscious long eared lover!

Let us know your secret recipes for your favorite long eared friend!



**Try this tasty recipe for your favorite long eared pal!**

## Special Thanks to Jackie Timmerman, TPDR Rockstar!!!

A very heartfelt thank you goes out to Jackie Timmerman, long eared lover extraordinaire! Jackie has been doing an amazing job with her hard work on the sale in Colorado this July. Between wrangling her regular job, helping our beloved donkeys, and aiding in website updates and overall handling of things during Sharon's recent illness she has earned the TPDR Rockstar title for June!

It is ONLY because of the hearts of our volunteers that the work we do continues. Without your constant love, support, determination, and positive attitudes, the happy endings we so love to see just simply couldn't happen.

Every month, Turning Pointe Donkey Rescue Newsletter will be featuring a TPDR Rockstar for the month. This is to recognize the achievements and hard work of all the individuals that make this rescue tick!

There is ALWAYS a need for a caring



**Jackie celebrating Hayden's 15th birthday with foster George.**



**Jackie with her wonderful long eared friends.**

hand, a loving heart, and a willing body in rescue work. If you're looking for an amazing opportunity to open your life and perhaps even home to a loving long ear, contact us!

Jackie is a truly amazing example of what love can accomplish. We appreciate you Jackie, we applaud your work, your dedication, and most of all, your beautiful heart.

There is truly a special place at the Rainbow's End for every animal volunteer. On that note, I'd like to personally challenge each and every one of you to tell someone about volunteering for an animal rescue. We appreciate everything our wonderful volunteers do every single day that adds to the beauty of our long ears lives. You make a difference, you'll know it from the first time you receive a sweet nuzzle from an animal who has only ever known fear and pain. In their eyes, and in ours, you are a hero.



## Sharon's Scoop

As most of you are aware, TPDR was again invited to participate in a very special MJB Miniature Donkey sale in Palmer Lake, Colorado July 9th-11th.

This show helps us spread the word about the need for donkey rescue. Many items will be auctioned off with all of the proceeds going to the rescue to help us continue our work.

Susan Holms, an artist from Missouri graciously donated two original paintings of donkeys. Susan, also an animal lover is a fellow rescuer! Additionally, we are lucky enough to have the artistic talents of Kelly Dehnel from Wisconsin who has added her signature long eared work to many products to allow us to promote awareness for our beloved long ears.

We are lucky enough to have several people and even organizations adding

items to the auction list to help us raise funds and continue to help rehabilitate and re-home loving long ears.

Moving on along to our second topic for this month's scoop from Sharon is our desperate need for HAY!

On that note, a very special thanks to the thoughtful and much needed donation of hay goes out to Evie Erickson and Stef Wright of Grass Lake, MI.

We need to spread the word and raise funds or have some hay donated to our rescue. These times are tough and now is the time to help one another!

So if anyone knows of someone who can spare some grass type hay, preferably first cutting, or can donate toward the \$900 it takes to clear a field of hay and have it put into bales,

please contact us!

Something I would like to add to Sharon's Scoop (because I am the editor) that some of you may not know is that Sharon cares for many donkeys that lack the ability to be adopted, but rather to give them a place to be loved and cared for and spend the rest of their natural lives in peace.

We do have one donation of a large round bale by a 4-H group out of Oceola Township, MI. Keep up the good work, volunteers and friends of all four legged creatures can band together and really make a difference. I'm taking suggestions on a hay fundraiser we could this summer to help provide enough hay to carry the rescue through winter!