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OUR Expansion UPDATE

The new property is ours! We call it Longhopes North.
WE were able to avoid an expensive commercial loan thanks to private loans
from Jan and Bruce Peck and Alan Miller and Kathy Dean.
Our goal for 2011 is to pay off \$36,000 of our \$176,000 mortgage.



The new barn is perfect for
new arrivals

We have already replaced
hundreds of feet of fencing,
renovated an existing barn,
built a new corral and fenced
in a new pasture.



Volunteers-Alan Miller and
Troy Flanagan put up lots of
new fencing.

There is still a lot more work to be done

We need your help to complete the perimeter fencing

Get a front gate system,

Install electricity and a water line

Build our riding arena,

Set up our indoor training area.



We are currently working on building a second new
shelter area. Thank you Barbara Hungenberg
donating corral panels.

Our Wish List

- 14 foot gate
- Barn lights
- Outdoor yard lights
- 2 wheel muck cart
- Postage stamps
- Office Depot gift cards
- Small safe
- Small Laminator
- HP 8500 printer ink
- Stall mats
- Flypaper
- 24 pound print paper
- Arab/Cob size fly masks
- Bleach
- T-posts

Darwin by Kathy Dean

In the fall of 2008, the owner of Darwin, age 29, and his companion jennet Flicka, age 15, sold them at an auction. The buyer apparently thought donkeys will stay put without fencing. When winter arrived the buyer had no pasture and no hay, so the donkeys began starving.

Desperate for food, Darwin and Flicka walked down the road until they found a kind neighbor with HAY. The buyer was called and the donkeys were led home. The pattern was repeated several times. Each time, Darwin and Flicka arrived at the neighbors' home noticeably thinner.

Finally it was clear the buyer was not going to feed the donkeys and he agreed to give them up. The kind neighbors then called Longhopes.



Sometimes it takes a lifetime to find the perfect life.

Poor Darwin was so thin his hair had fallen out. But his spirit was intact. After two months of intensive care at Longhopes, both donkeys had gained weight and were much stronger. Despite the age difference, they remained very bonded to each other.

One day Pam Parham (who had previously adopted Baxter and Rusty from Longhopes) heard the story of Darwin. Soon thereafter, Pam offered to give Flicka and Darwin a forever home with Baxter, Rusty and her 2 horses.

In Pam's loving hands, Darwin has blossomed. He looks about 10 years younger than his age. He loves being busy and even though he over 30 years old, he still wants to give rides.



Thanks Pam for seeing the glimmer in Darwin's eyes.



Why the name Longhopes Donkey Shelter?

Donkeys and mules are called *longears*



Longhopes is a combination of the nickname for donkeys and our *hope* that through our efforts, the donkeys we help will get a *second chance* at a long, safe, happy life.

(Step 1)
Shane, age 7
is given away
by a
neglectful
equine dealer
in Penrose,
Colorado .



(Step 2) Shane is vaccinated and his long hooves are trimmed so he can move without pain. Prior abuse made him so fearful of being touched that sedation and a protective pen are required to safely handle Shane.

Shane Rehabilitation 101



(Step 3) Shane relearns how to walk and stretches his tendons by running with the herd at the Chucklin Ranch.

(Step 4) Chuck Rinkor trains Shane to accept humans without exhibiting fear or aggression.



(Step 5) Shane gets professional dental treatment so he can eat hay without causing cheek ulcerations.



(Step 6) Shane gets another hoof trim. Now Shane cooperates without being restrained.

(Step 7) This handsome, red-roan donkey now waits at Longhopes for a safe, new adoptive home.

From the Top BrASS

by Founder/CEO-Kathy Dean

It's about supply and demand. As long as there are too many pets there will not be enough safe homes for all of them. There will always be animals displaced due to unavoidable human causes such as illness and death. However, these events are not the real cause of the homeless animal problem. Regardless of the species, the problem has and always will be excessive reproduction.

Longhopes has received calls for help from families who have 6 or 9 or 12 donkeys needing to be rehomed. The stories are similar-the owners bought 1 jack and 1 jennet. The owners refused to spend \$200 to neuter the jack, so the next year the owners had 3 donkeys. The next year the owners had 5 donkeys, and the next year the owners had 9 donkeys. Each foal added \$500 to the owner's annual animal care costs. When the herd rose to 6 or 8 or 10 and the cost exceeded \$5,000 a year, it is not surprising the owners found themselves unwilling or unable to afford the donkeys. Hmmmmmm,... the story could have had a different ending if the owners had just spent the original \$200?

Neither Longhopes nor the federal BLM nor any other animal charity can rely on ADOPTION as the solution to the rising population of homeless animals. That is why Longhopes places special emphasis on getting as many jacks neutered as possible.

We are particularly grateful to the Laurretta Boyd Charitable Trust, the Alice N. Jenkins Foundation, the Ahimsa Foundation and the Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance for providing grant funds to underwrite our national and state-wide jack castration programs.

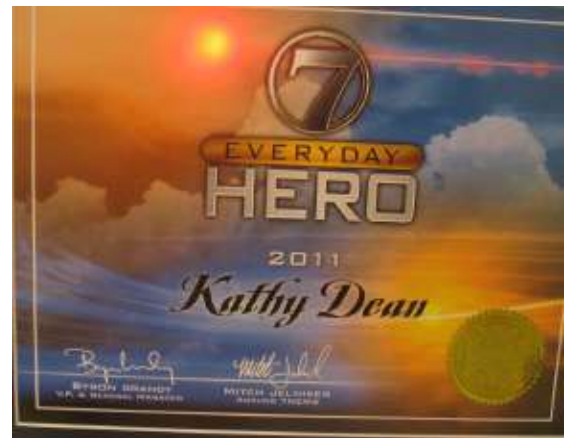
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*Congratulations to our founder-Kathy Dean
for winning the
Denver Channel 7 Television
"Everyday Hero Award"
for extraordinary volunteerism.*

Kathy has spent 12 years saving donkeys from abuse and neglect. Kathy was honored during a televised presentation at Longhopes with the staff, the board and several volunteers on hand to share in the celebration.

You can view the clip online at:



www.thedenverchannel.com/7everydayhero/27500724/detail.html

Longhopes Matchmaking goes International

Because almost every donkey –needs another donkey, much of our work is matchmaking. Sometimes that means finding the perfect burro buddy for a donkey that arrives at Longhopes alone. Other times, a donkey owner seeks a mate for their lonely donkey. Donkeys are as different as people and not every donkey is right for every situation.

We also get calls from potential adopters who are far, far from Longhopes. Usually it is cost prohibitive and difficult on the donkeys to travel across the country for a new home. So, we have created a matchmaking database to connect adopters to donkeys in their local area.

This spring we received a letter from Eleanor in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada. Eleanor asked us to take her four miniature donkeys. We agreed to take in the donkeys but then we remembered Cathy in Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada who had contacted us 2 years earlier.

We pulled out the atlas and discovered that Cathy and Eleanor lived only a couple hundred miles from each other. A 200 mile move for Eleanor’s donkeys sounded better than 1000 mile trip to Colorado.

We knew it might be a long shot but we called Cathy and told her about Eleanor’s donkeys.

Cathy agreed to take all 4 donkeys so they could stay together. She integrated them with her 2 donkeys and all are getting along beautifully.

Cathy and Eleanor couldn’t be happier about the outcome and Eleanor has the comfort of knowing her precious donkeys found a loving new home.



What Birthday/Anniversary/Wedding gift do you get for friends or family who have everything or want nothing?

A card from a donkey at Longhopes.

Make a donation to celebrate the special event or person by saving the life of a donkey. You'll get a donation receipt-and the friend or family member will get a card made just for them from a grateful donkey.



(Left) Poppi-a female donkey that was born July 2004 at Longhopes was the favorite foal of Allyson Mooney, who became a volunteer at Longhopes when she was just 5 years old.

(Right) Poppi is now 7 and Allyson is 12.

*Some friendships
never change.*



How Quickly They Grow Up

Poppi's mom is Ally, who was an 8 year old feral jennet that Longhopes adopted from the BLM (so that she'd have a safe place to foal).



Ally and Poppi have never been separated. They are still together thanks to Charlotte and Hector who built a home just for them in Niwot, Colorado.



In Memory of Dr. Elisabeth Svendsen

The world has lost a great donkey advocate. Dr. Elisabeth Svendsen died on May 11, 2011 in her home at the age of 81. Svendsen founded The Donkey Sanctuary in Devon, Great Britain. The Donkey Sanctuary has given over 14,500 mules and donkeys lifelong care throughout the UK, Ireland and mainland Europe.

However, Svendsen's greatest gift to the world is her international work to improve the welfare of donkeys in developing countries. But for Svendsen, those donkeys spend their short lives (only 10-12 years) working as beasts of burden with little food, poor care and little access to medical treatment.

Longhopes was modeled after the standards Svendsen established for the care of donkeys. We hope to honor her passion by maintaining Longhopes as the United States model for donkey welfare services.

Dear Miss Bliss:

I recently arrived at Longhopes Donkey Shelter and one of the humans there tried to take this bristly thing and rub it on my hair. Our ancestors didn't have people rubbing things on them and they survived. We are the same now as we were 5,000 years ago, aren't we? What's up with this?
Feral Fay

Ask Miss Bliss



Dear Fay-

Actually, when we were in the wild we used to rub ourselves on trees or rocks or anything that would help us to shed our hair each spring to prepare for the summer. Grooming is what humans call it-also stimulates our skin to grow new hair. My advice is just stand and enjoy it. You can always roll in the dirt when the grooming is done to get a fresh layer of dust. That's what I do. But if the humans start talking about "bathing" you just RUN!?!?

Miss Bliss- [shimmering, shiny and smooth as always].

Every donkey is uniquely imperfect but every donkey can find a human that is a perfect fit.

Longhopes On the Road-Outreach Program Update

by Kelly Walters, Asst. Director

Sometimes our mission is to help a donkey KEEP its home.

Recently a local animal control agency called Longhopes and asked if we'd take a miniature jennet who was very lame and had been suffering chronic pain.

We decided that we should first go out to assess the situation. It turned out to be a case of poor professional hoof care. The owners had been paying a farrier who didn't know how to properly trim the donkey's twisted hooves.

Lucky for the family, Kathy Dean has had to trim many donkeys with twisted hooves. She went out the next day and gave the donkey the corrective trim it had been needing for years.

Kathy also educated the owners on the basics of caring for their donkeys and offered our grant funds to get their jack neutered.



It was a WIN-WIN for everyone involved but most of all the lucky little donkey got to keep her home, her family that loves her and her burro buddy.

Summer Fund Drive

Thank You for Caring

WE use NO professional fundraising companies.

WE write our own newsletter.

OUR volunteers collate, label, and prepare every newsletter for bulk mailing to you so your donations go further to help the donkeys.

Your financial support means we can meet our operating expenses for hay, grain, hoof care, truck fuel, insurance, office supplies, and auction rescue costs.



Please Keep us going to Keep the donkeys coming.

A 501c(3) tax-exempt charity since 2000.

Save the date!

Our annual Open House is scheduled for
Saturday September 17, 2011 noon to 6 p.m.

Bring family and friends

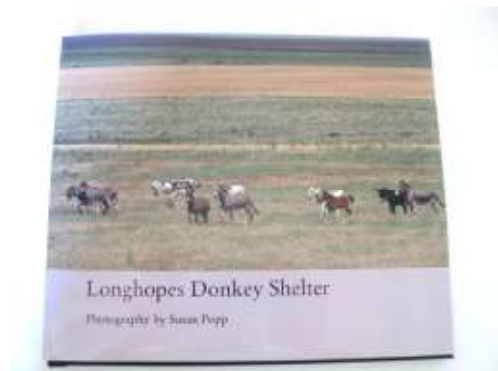


Come see the new property and meet all the donkeys!

Food and refreshments provided.

Questions? (303) 644-5930
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Our Gratitude to Our Corporate Sponsor



Longhopes Donkey Shelter Photo Book

This gorgeous, full color commemorative book is filled with stunning pictures of our donkeys, by photographer-Susan Popp.

\$48.00 + \$2.50 shipping/handling



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The Story of Boyd

Boyd was lost in a herd of horses and cows at a feedlot when we found him last December. We'll never know his past, but we learned about a rodeo event in which the cowboy grabs a donkey by the tail while the cowboy is on horseback and then tries to flip the donkey to the ground. Sometimes the tail breaks and eventually falls off. That is probably what happened that left Boyd without a tail.

Boyd was afraid to get in our trailer for the trip to Longhopes but once we arrived, didn't object to wearing a thick blanket to cover his bony frame.



What do you do with donkey that has no tail?

ANSWER: You take him to Longhopes where all things are possible.



Life at Longhopes seemed to get better and better for Boyd and yet he was overwhelmed being with so many donkeys. He rarely played with the other geldings who seemed too rambunctious for him. Given his timidity and unique anatomy, we wondered if any adopter would want him...but we should never under-estimate donkey lovers.

When Gayle and Shirley Larson came to Longhopes, they were drawn to Boyd, who needed the gentle, calm, consistency the Larsons had to offer. Once the Larsons decided to adopt Boyd they then had had to pick out a companion for Boyd. Cameron is a handsome, gray, standard donkey who was born at Longhopes last November. He grew up around Boyd so Boyd was not afraid of him. Because Cameron was younger and smaller, he was the perfect choice for Boyd.

Shirley and Gayle tell us that having the donkeys has "really brightened up our life." It was "the best thing we ever did," says Shirley. She adds that the donkeys "bring such joy in your life because each donkey has his own sweet personality."

Cameron has taught Boyd how to have fun with toys and how to be a burro buddy.



2011 Mid Year Statistics

Starting census 38
Admissions + 36
Adoptions - 43

Come visit us and stay in our new guest quarters

Call for availability 303 644 5930



Instant Burro Family



Amber, Orchid and Allegra are a perfect donkey family who are looking for a human family that is perfect for them. Orchid age 13 and Amber age 3.5 are a mother/daughter pair of jennets who came to Longhopes last year from the auction circuit. On September 17, adorable Allegra was born to Amber. Amber is equally bonded to Allegra and Orchid.

They are all very friendly, well behaved, quiet and willing to learn.

Can you open up your heart and corral for the perfect little burro family?

Please contact us at (303) 644 5930 or adoptions@longhopes.org

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