

200+ Miniature Donkeys Removed From A Hoarder

The Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue of San Angelo, TX recently took in 85 jacks and 77 jennets from a breeding situation gone horribly wrong. According to the case file, 5-6 breeding pairs were purchased to start a breeding operation. The novelty soon wore off and instead of doing the responsible thing, they released these breeding pairs onto 250+ acres.

When the lack of West-Central Texas rainfall brought their cattle raising business in direct conflict with their donkey hoarding problem Peaceful Valley was called to relieve some of the numbers. As is PVDR's policy in this case, they insisted that all donkeys were to be removed to eliminate the opportunity for breeding to continue.

The jacks, although beat up from fighting, were in pretty good shape but the jennets, especially those with young foals, were thin. PVDR estimates that at least 80% of the jennets are bred which will expand this case to well over 200 donkeys in the next few months.

As these donkeys have never been handled, the transition to PVDR's 172 acre facility was extremely stressful. The staff is allowing the donkeys to settle into their new environment before they begin processing the herd which will include: Microchipping, De-Worming and Vaccinations. As the donkeys are being observed daily to acclimate them to human contact, the staff has found that one of the jacks is missing an eye and one younger jennet is missing half of her lower leg. The jennet will be removed from the herd and placed in PVDR's medical bay to receive gentling training and eventually be fitted for a prosthetic.

The initial cost of this rescue, including castrations, will exceed \$30,000. As none of these donkeys are friendly, they cannot be placed in PVDR's Adoption Program. Peaceful Valley is seeking assistance from people who would like to help in the gentling of this herd.

Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue cares for 1200 donkeys on their main rescue and rehabilitation facility in San Angelo, TX and an additional 2000 on sanctuaries located in Texas, Louisiana and Missouri.

The Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue is a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization Tax ID #77-0562800. Donations can be mailed to: PO Box 216 Miles, Tx 76861

For those interested in gentling the donkeys, you can contact PVDR:

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