

September 2011 Nerja Donkey Newsletter

It's been a busy summer at the sanctuary with lots going on despite the extremely hot weather.



We've had quite a few comings and goings, not just animals but of people too. We also received a lot of calls about animals out in the sun with no shelter, food or water.

We investigate all calls and we urge you to call if you see an animal in need. Please bear in mind it's quite common for horses and donkeys to be brought water at night. If a bucket of water is left for them in the sun it will heat up and warm water can cause serious medical issues.

As the weather starts to cool down we will be able to restart our disabled riding program. This program is free to local kids who have physical, social or psychological disabilities. Our riding program has produced some fantastic results please help us keep it going by considering a [direct debit of 10 Euros a month](#). The riding program costs 530 Euros each month, with your support we can keep helping kids and animals too. Please contact us for more details.

Come and visit us if you can, if not please consider an [online adoption](#)

Silver's story

We aim to keep our articles as light hearted as possible but this month we must mention Silver who sadly reached the end of his life.

He was such a feature of the sanctuary that we must pay tribute to him. Silver was the horse with the sunken back that could often be seen from the road when he was out grazing in the field with his best friend Shaggy.

These two white horses, similar in size and stature stood out due to Silver's deformed back.

Never has there been such a glaring example of how an animal can be damaged through neglect than this.

When the two stood side by side you could not miss how much Silver's back had been pushed down by being ridden too young and by too much weight on his not yet fully formed spine.



Shaggy and Silver

Yet Silver soldiered on and found people who cared for him. He even found work despite his disability, he could not support the weight of an adult but he could carry children so he was able to have some purpose to his life at a riding stables.

Eventually Silver's work finished and he retired to the sanctuary. He suffered many problems in his remaining years, often he was too tired to even get up from the floor and had terrible problems with his kidneys but we were able to treat him and give him a good home.

We supported him through these troubles because he never gave up, he never lost that spark in his eyes. He was happy and loved. Sadly this summer the spark went and it was time to say goodbye.

Silver did great work with us promoting animal care and welfare to anyone who visited or read about his story.

Most of all he helped us to educate the next generation of animal owners; Silver was used as a case study taught to children in every school in Nerja, Frigiliana and beyond.

We miss Silver. We are grateful for your support which helps us to give animals like Silver happiness and peace in their difficult lives.



Silver leaves a lasting legacy and it is tribute to his popularity that every day visitors ask after him.

Please help us continue to help animals like Silver by visiting the sanctuary and leaving a donation, or if you can't visit us consider an [online adoption](#).

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The sanctuary runs entirely on donations, with your support we have been able to rescue, care for and re-home equines for seven years.

We also run our education and disabled riding programs all without help from the Government.

The best way to support the sanctuary is by [adopting a donkey online](#). Chose the donkey you'd like to adopt and we'll email you to confirm the details for the certificate so you can easily make an adoption as a present for a friend or family member.



Bolera and Connan

Change of management

Kate and Rory ran the sanctuary alongside Harriet for nearly five years and in that time oversaw big changes and improvements not least the expansion to two fields and the accompanying riding school for disabled children.

Although not there when Harriet started the sanctuary Kate and Rory co-founded the sanctuary as a registered Spanish charity and pushed the sanctuary forward at a time when it was at serious risk of closure. They have moved back to the UK to seek better opportunities for their daughter Isabel, we will miss them. The sanctuary would like to wish them all the best with their future endeavours.



Isabel and Kate take part in a therapeutic riding session

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Donations needed

Giant rubbish sacks, liquid soap, towels and carrots always welcome!

We always welcome extra help too. If you can come and give us a hand chopping carrots, mucking out and grooming/brushing the donkeys that'd be great. Please ask a volunteer for more details.

Thanks

Thanks to all our volunteers for their help during the change in management.

Big thanks to O.L.A.S bar in Burriana for sponsoring our t-shirts. Tomas, Peter and Mark for their help.

Visiting

We're open every day and admission is free. Our visitor hours are 10am to 2pm and 5-6pm (5-8pm July and August).

Great fun for kids and adults. Find us on the map: We're on the western edge of town a few minutes walk from the Supersol supermarket next to the Rio Chillar river. If you're getting a taxi ask for the "Nerja Burros".

You can bring carrots and feed the donkeys by hand.

Volunteers are always welcome so if you'd like to help out why not come in or give us a call. Not all of the jobs are messy or too hands on as we always need people to help meet and greet visitors and show people around.



The all important money bit

Donations via direct bank transfer are the quickest and best way to donate money to the donkeys and also incurs the least charges.

Our charity bank details are:-

Banco Popular Nerja No: 0075-1458-25 060-00108-86

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You can find out more about us, adopt a donkey or donate by card or PayPal at www.nerjadonkeysanctuary.com email: kate@donkeyaid.com

Information about volunteering, school visits or opening hours call Rory on (+34) 664 558 133. Rescues call Harriet on 618 46 7575. Fund raising or helping at the car boot stall call Irene on 690 047 350.

You can donate in Sterling or Euros with cheques payable to Nerja Donkey Sanctuary.

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