



COFFEE MORNING

Val Gregory held a very successful coffee morning at her house where about 40 people came along for coffee, delicious home made cakes and a good selection of items to buy. She raised €261 for the donkeys. We thank her very much for this contribution which will be used to pay some Veterinary costs.

ROSALIE



She was only two and a half years old when we found her, very thin, broken knees, knocks all over her legs and scars all over her back. After some TLC and correct feeding she is now a beautiful young horse, extremely gentle and loving.



ZEBULON



Zebulon was found as a stallion with long hooves and a terrible injury on his hind leg which was infected so he couldn't go to be slaughtered. (see photo left).

We have treated his leg and trimmed his hooves. The swelling has decreased and his leg is healing nicely



MYRTE



Myrte was a donkey whose hooves had not been trimmed for a very long time, the photo to the left shows just how bad they had been allowed to become.

Now he is having regular farrier treatment he is walking properly but he still has a long way to go until his legs and tendons are pain free.



ELISA



Elisa was in such a bad state when we found her we were worried she wouldn't live. She now lives in another home with lots of equine company and is now a happy horse, as you can see (photo right)



DO YOUR FEET HURT AS WELL?

We received an e-mail from a lady who had been on holiday in the Pyrenees where she had found a donkey who had the worst hooves we have ever seen. So on a very rainy Sunday we loaded up the horse trailer, hoping to be bringing it back full! We drove for three and a half hours down to the Pyrenees and parked up the trailer in a nearby village. Luckily we had received very good directions so we were able to find the donkey easily and then had to search out the owner. When we tracked him down he was adamant that he did not want to give up his donkey, saying how he loved her and had owned her for 15 years We pointed out the terrible condition of his donkeys hooves and the pain this would cause to his donkey, to this he replied that

his feet hurt as well! We talked with him explaining the need to call in a farrier on a regular basis. We followed up our visit with a telephone call to the Mairie of his village and then contacted the local DDSV (Department of Veterinary Services). Being a beef farmer we knew he would be registered with this service. When the Vet from this department visited, the hooves had been trimmed and we will continue to follow up the progress of this donkey. It was a great shame this farmer didn't want to give up his donkey as she could have lived a lovely life here with us and with plenty of other donkey company which is what all donkeys need. If you see a donkey in distress please e-mail us and either we will visit, or send someone in that area to visit the owner. Please give us precise directions as it can be very difficult to find donkeys in a field somewhere..... !!



DONKEY CHRISTMAS VISIT



We are opening on Wednesday 29th December if you would like to visit the Donkeys. (Whatever the weather) Come at 10:30 for a Christmas stroll round the Donkeys and then join us for mulled wine, mince pies and other goodies.

It's not too late to buy our **DONKEY CHRISTMAS CARDS** (see top of first page) at €3 or £2.50 for 5

Our donkeys have given us a Wish List to make their Christmas more enjoyable. Perhaps you would like to buy something from their list for a friend for Christmas. Please e-mail us giving the address of your friend and we will send a card thanking them for the item you have purchased. Thank you for helping us to give Donkeys a Happy, Healthy Life. Don't forget we have an English bank account as well so sterling cheques are also most welcome.

- Big sack of carrots €8, Vitamin Lick €12, Donkey Wormer €12, Two small bales of hay €5
- Large round bale of hay €35, Bag of pony nuts €16

Have you visited our new web site <http://www.libertedesanes.com>

IF YOU DONATED TO US LAST YEAR AND YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE FOR 2011, EITHER AS A FRIEND OF THE DONKEYS OR AS A MEMBER OF OUR ASSOCIATION PLEASE SEND THESE TO US AT THE ADDRESS BELOW.

Thank you for helping us feed these donkeys this winter
WE WISH ALL OUR SUPPORTERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Help Us Give Donkeys A Happy, Healthy Life

Please help us by becoming a "Friend of the Donkeys" for a year by making a donation of 25€ (only 5€ for children).

Or become a member of "Liberté des Anes" by making a monthly donation of a minimum of 10€ (120€ a year).

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I would like to donate to be a member of "Liberté des Anes"

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