

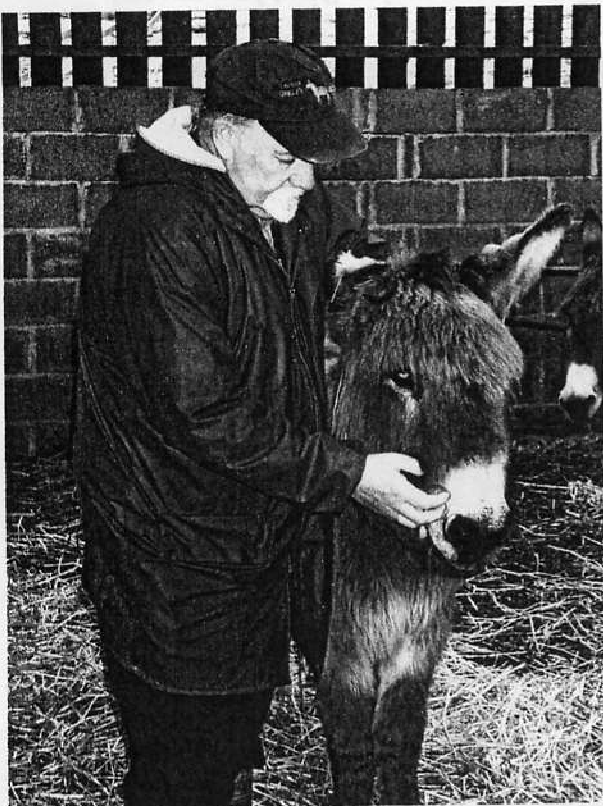
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NEWS FROM THE TAMAR VALLEY DONKEY PARK

APRIL 2001

Those of you who adopted one of us in 1999 will already know that we have new people looking after us. We have managed to train them thoroughly and they are now spoiling us rotten. We have had the tooth doctor in to look at our teeth and because the weather was so bad during the winter (rain, rain and more rain, us donkey's don't like rain!) we have spent most of it in the donkey house eating tonnes of hay and straw.

So what news do we have for you? Well, two new donkeys have come to stay:



POPPY came from Bodmin Moor where she had been running free with a chocolate coloured Jack, she is believed to be in foal but no foal has arrived yet! Our people and the vet needed to get some of Poppy's blood to test, but Poppy had other ideas, all we saw was the vet and Tamsin being thrown around the stable. Our people are worried that she may have lost the foal and are giving her till the end of March. The problem is that jenny donkeys are in foal for 11-13 months but have been known to go as long as 16 months.

SASHA came from Sorley Tunnel Adventure Park near Kingsbridge in Devon. He is only 20 months old and our people say he is extremely sweet although us donkeys have not met him yet, because he has the very important job of looking after a little old lady donkey called Tilly who lives just up the road.

Also, our people have rescued all the following animals, over the past 12 months: -

BETSY is a twelve year old pigmy goat, **FREDA** and **RATBAG** are two milking goats who's owners were moving and could not take them with them.

BRACKEN a two-year-old Shetland pony whose owner did not have time to look after him (Cherry is now in love). **OLIVER** is our new lamb who came to us at 24 hours old and had to be hand fed day and night. A chocolate brown pet rabbit was found on Kit Hill and is now called **CADBURY**. One of our rabbits Charlotte managed to get in with Cadbury and hey presto! she gave birth to 8 kittens (baby rabbits), but sadly she rejected them and Tamsin had to hand rear them, remarkably 2 survived and are named **DAISY** and **BUTTERCUP**.

FLOPSY is our new lop eared rabbit who used to live on a balcony!

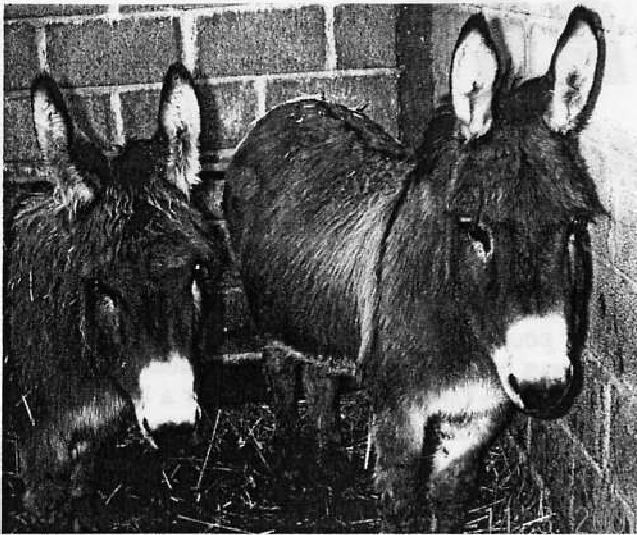


As for our other news well...

ARKLE became famous during 2000. He went to Church on Palm Sunday, had a lead role in the Saltash Pageant and pulled the Pensilva Fairy King and Queen in the cart at the Pensilva Carnival. He is now bossier than ever!

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GERTIE the saddleback pig gave birth to 14 healthy piglets on a very hot day in April, with lots of visitors watching.

FLEUR one of the smallest pigmy goats broke her leg and had to be rushed to the vets. She then spent the next 6 weeks hobbling around with her leg in a plaster, thanks to the vets and great care from our people she has made a full recovery.

COPPER & KARINA have now retired to the grounds of a beautiful house overlooking the Tamar River where they are being thoroughly spoilt. They are a mischievous pair and we keep on hearing stories of them opening gates and visiting the next-door neighbours' garden and eeyoring in the middle of the night so that someone brings them hay.

We have been told that they have been on a couple of day trips to Trago Mills Department Store near Liskeard, where they told shoppers all about the Donkey Park and raised much needed funds for more hay and straw.

One day during the summer whilst we were lying around sunbathing a dog jumped over the wall into the paddock where the sheep were and attacked **ANNIE**. We knew we had to do something quickly so we started eeyoring as loud as we could. Luckily Tamsin heard us and came running as fast as she could and chased the dog away. Even though Annie was not hurt she was a little shaken but felt much better once she had had a chocolate flake. We hope you always keep your dogs under control.

One autumn afternoon when there were not many visitors to feed us carrots we were bored and wondered what we could do. We wandered around our field and found **RINGO** playing with the gate to our peoples back garden, so we all joined in until the gate opened, there were some lovely things to eat especially in the rose garden.

We stayed behind the house for quite a while until the food ran out and decided to try the lawn at the front, unfortunately we got spotted and some of us decided to make a run for it. Some of us turned around, others stayed where they were but we ran down the lane. Running down the lane was great fun until one of our people appeared in the middle of it, looking very cross, we decided not to run him over and gave up by going back through the car park. For some reason our people have put a new chain on that gate!

FATHER CHRISTMAS enjoyed his stay at the Park so much in 1999 that he came again this year and stayed for over a week. He was visited by lots of children but had to leave on Christmas Eve to deliver all his presents.

Thank you for adopting us for 2000. We hope you will be able to adopt us again this year your support is vital. Our hooves are crossed for better weather and more visits from you (yum, yum carrots).



Love from:

HOLLY, BRIDGET, COPPER, KARINA, MARY, TEDDY, POPPY, SASHA, HAPPY, NELSON, PUNDAR, BEAMISH, GRIZELDA, COLLEEN, KILTIE, KIT, GEMMA, GEORGINA, SNUBS, ROY, POLVIER, ARKLE, RINGO, HUGH, CONNIE, JOYCE AND PEBBLES

PS. The Donkey Park should be open for the season on the 7th April (foot and mouth permitting).

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