



Donkey Rescue
Wild Animal Refuge
Animal Science Center
Forgotten Animal Sanctuary
Compassionate Learning Center



ARE YOU CONSIDERING BREEDING? The PVDR Ethic

Breeding of donkeys or any other animal is best left to the professionals. Breeding any animal should only be undertaken after careful consideration of these points:

- Why do you want to breed?
- What will you do with the offspring?
- Is there a shortage of the animal/breed that you are considering breeding?
- What happens to the offspring when their new owners no longer want them?
- Is your breeding pair worthy of being bred?
- Do the new owners know what the animal's life expectancy is?
- Are you a competent judge of the particular species of animal?

Many people feel that they can "earn a few bucks" by breeding. The truth is that in most cases, proper veterinary care during and after the pregnancy along with feed costs usually far outweigh any profit.

Many people feel that their children should experience a live birth. The truth is, most animals are born during the night and the birth is missed by everyone in the house. Children would benefit more from learning what happens to these animals when no one wants them.

Babies are so cute. Babies unfortunately grow up into no-so-cute adults. Many donkeys go to horrible auctions and many dogs get killed at the pound.

The majority of animals in our country are "impulse buys". People often see a movie or discover an internet site and then buy an animal. But in our "fast food society", when the animal doesn't work out, we simply discard it. We at PVDR deliberately slow our adoption process to weed out people who are not really serious. We estimate that 65% of all potential adopters lose interest in getting a donkey if they are forced to wait just one week. Can you imagine what would happen to a donkey who is placed in that type of home and will live for 40 or more years?

As a "responsible" breeder, you must ask yourself if you are willing to offer a permanent home to any animal you breed that cannot be sold or can no longer be kept by the person who bought it? Will you offer an open door policy so that all of the animals you breed can be returned to you if necessary?

Furthermore, most animals are not true enough in their confirmation to be bred. Bad genes perpetuate problems within every breed.

"FREE TO GOOD HOME" ads for animals really mean:

- FREE bait to train fighting dogs
- FREE food to feed snakes
- FREE animal to rope, chase and trip
- FREE animal for deviant behavior
- FREE fish bait
- FREE money from research companies
- FREE animal to insert a firecracker into-or worse

Millions of dogs and cats are killed each year because no one wants them. And wild burros are losing their habitat and are in constant threat of being shot. We believe there are too many unwanted animals in this country to justify breeding more. In the case of donkeys, all of the wild females that are captured are either pregnant or have a foal at their side. For those interested in having a baby, this makes a nice alternative to breeding.

Until we have the overpopulation problem in the United States solved, **DO NOT BREED ANYTHING!** Adopt animals from Shelters and Rescues. Volunteer your time to help solve this terrible problem, don't contribute to it!

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