

Miniature Donkeys Companions and Therapy for Adults and Children with Disabilities

Over the years I have heard many stories of how Miniature Donkeys have enriched the lives of those with emotional, mental or physical disabilities. The quiet, affectionate nature of these little donkeys is a special blessing; they truly have a gift to give, one of unconditional love.

We have often taken our donkeys to visit a nursing home in Marble Falls. The little donkeys are happy to walk down the halls and into the rooms. They walk slowly and carefully around wheelchairs, walkers and other hospital equipment. They put their heads over the bed railings and nuzzle the patients affectionately. The nurses and residents eagerly await their visits and they beam with joy when the donkeys arrive.



There have been many incidences where people who have quit communicating have started lovingly talking to a little donkeys and of paralyzed people making tremendous effort to responsively reach out to touch them. We have visibly seen the donkeys touch the lives of many people in a very special way.

Several years ago a young lady who has suffered with a severe case of Fibromyalgia for 20 years purchased two of our donkeys. When a neighbor asked her "What are Miniature Donkeys for?", she answered, "They are for love. I have never had a day in which the donkeys did not get me through some part of it. They offer complete gentleness and calm, the comfort of a loving touch, never-failing trust and patience, unconditional love, acceptance, approval and a certainty that at least one species of God's animal kingdom loves us not because of what they want to get from us, but just because we are.



People ask me, what is the difference between dogs and Miniature Donkeys. I tell them that dogs are human; donkeys are angels. I have angels to accompany me through the sweetest and the hardest parts of my life. They take what is hard and they transform it into sweetness and blessing."

Rhetta McAlister
Country Music Miniature Donkeys