



Nowzad Donkey Sanctuary

Our donkey's stories

Samson –

Samson is one of the first donkeys who came to Nowzad. One of our neighbours owned him and would use him to carry heavy loads. We advised him not to use this donkey for work because he just did not have the strength and energy. Nowzad rescued Samson from the neighbour to relieve him of his heavy workload. He is an old donkey and lives a peaceful life at the Nowzad Donkey Shelter now. He wasn't so friendly at first but has relaxed in his old age and enjoys the company of people and will even let us hug him.



Rosie –



Rosie was one of the thousands of donkey's that are used for hard labour in Kabul, Afghanistan. Her owner would use her to carry water up to the mountains. She didn't get the care she deserves and the workload took a toll on her health. When she got sick, the owner didn't want her anymore because she couldn't do the work that he needed her to do. She was let out on the streets of Kabul to fend for

herself. A kind man then found her and brought her to the Nowzad Clinic to be treated and taken in. We gave her the love and care that she needed to get back to health. Since she was not spayed, she was pregnant. She delivered her baby under our care. She is estimated to be about eight years old and has been with us since 2013. She is a quiet donkey and keeps to herself, surveying everything and taking things in. We let her come to us on her terms and we feel very special when she does.

Khushi



Khushi is probably one of the only donkeys in Afghanistan who has never been saddled up, or made to work. She has not worked one day in her life because she was born at the Nowzad Shelter. She is Rosie's daughter. Khushi means "happiness" in Dari. She really is a happy donkey and shows it. She comes up to people and loves to be fussed over. She loves ginger snap cookies and is very mischievous, as she will steal the entire bag away from our hand if we stand close to her. She is three years old.

Jalala –

A foreign lady saw Jalala next to a mountain and immediately knew she had fallen down it. The owner had unfortunately abandoned her because she could not work anymore. The foreign women brought Jalala to the Nowzad clinic. We checked her and she had lots of injuries on her legs and had a weak nerve support on right front leg. The foreign women named her 'Jalala', which means beautiful in Dari. After a lengthy treatment and physiotherapy, she



recovered and now is in our donkey shelter. She is old and does not have most of her teeth so we give her lots of fruits and vegetables which she loves to spend time chewing, they make her very happy. Despite everything she's been through, she is friendly and lets people pet her.

Shahzada –



Shahzada is a female donkey who is 12 years old. She was in a village in Mazar -e- Sharif in the northern part of Afghanistan and she worked for a farmer for many years. When she became old, she couldn't work as hard as before, so the owner decided to abandon her into the desert to be eaten by hungry dogs. She was left in the desert for many days and unfortunately the dogs injured her. She had very bad wounds on her legs and she

couldn't walk. One day a man who lived in the same village saw Shahzada and decided to help her. He got in touch with Nowzad clinic to be taken care of. Nowzad team brought Shahzada to Kabul and started treatment and made food and a place for Shahzada. After a while, Shahzada got well and now looks amazing. Now she is at the Nowzad Donkey Shelter, but is fearful of people because of how she was treated in the past and we respect that. She is a big donkey and does kick so we try not to get too close to her. She loves the new shelter as there is lots of space of her own and she likes her own space.

Demazang -

Demazang is a male donkey who was brought to our clinic with a severe rectal prolapse. His Owner never returned for him so we kept him where he stayed in our Donkey Shelter. In his past life He was also being used to carry water up into the mountains of in Kabul. When he came in, he was afraid of people and would hide. Today, he runs after people and tries to kick and bite us when we get too close. He is definitely the leader of the pack of donkey's we have, in the short amount of time that he has been with us. He is one of our most vocal donkeys as he bray's all the time.

