

DONKEYS

(*EQUUS AFRICANUS ASINUS*)

CONSERVATION STATUS: NOT LISTED

WE ARE
MAMMALS
with a lifespan of
around 27 years



Origin: Originally from Africa and the Middle East. They can now be found all over the world due to their domestication.

Diet: Grains and grasses, straw and hay. They are herbivores.

Predators: Foxes, wolves and lions.

Habitat: Forests and deserts, although many now live on farmland.



Height

79-160cm



Weight

80-480kg



Top Speed

40mph

DID YOU KNOW?

A donkey is often described as 'stubborn', however they are just reluctant to do things they deem unsafe. They don't like the rain as their fur is not waterproof.

Donkeys are stronger than horses. They can carry up to 50kg (8 stone) on their backs or pull up to twice their bodyweight on the ground.

A 'mule' is the offspring of a male donkey and female horse. They are often bred for the best traits of both animals - very strong, calm and can withstand extreme temperatures.

ADAPTATIONS

Due to a lack of vegetation in the desert, donkeys utilise 95% of what they eat and need very little water to survive. This means their manure does not make good fertiliser for the land.

REPRODUCTION

The gestation period is 11-13 months. Females will give birth to one foal per litter. They are weaned off of their mother by the age of 6-8 months.

Foal: A baby donkey up to 1 year

Colt: 1-4 year old male donkey

Filly: 1-4 year old female donkey

Stallion or Jack: An adult male donkey

Mare or Jenny: An adult female donkey

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