

# MONITORING YOUR DONKEY'S QUALITY OF LIFE



**THE DONKEY  
SANCTUARY**

Name of donkey:

Date:

Heart girth measurement (refer to nomogram):

<b>Feeding</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Change in diet			
Enthusiastic to eat			
Dropping food			
Choking on food			
Drooling			
<b>Behaviour</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Alert (frequently moving ears or is head and ear carriage lower)			
Responsive			
Interacting with friends			
Lying down more			
Lying down less			
Difficulty in getting up			
Difficulty getting down			
Enjoying a daily roll			
<b>Locomotion</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Walking and trotting easily			
Turning without difficulty			
Hooves same shape and size			
Walking as much as before			
A bit slower/pottery/taking shorter strides			
Using all of the paddock			
Enjoying walks			
<b>Breathing</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Breathing with ease			
Carrying out normal activities without getting out of breath or exhibiting flared nostrils			
Laboured or noisy breathing			
<b>General</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Any lumps			
Bad breath			
Any eye discharge			
Any nasal discharge			
Passing faeces normally			
Wounds on hocks/knees - indicates difficulty rising			

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