



PACK SADDLE RESOURCES

Everything you need to make and fit a simple, affordable pack saddle.

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Donkeys and mules are used to carry cargo in many parts of the world and their heavy loads are often placed directly on the donkey's back or on ill-fitting pack saddles that rub against the donkey's skin, causing nasty and sometimes life-threatening wounds.

A simple and inexpensive pack saddle can make a big difference in reducing a donkey's discomfort.

HOW TO **MAKE, FIT AND USE**

This resource, combined with the accompanying video, is designed to help you to create a simple, affordable pack saddle.

The booklet covers the tools you will need, how to measure your donkey, how to stitch, seal and quilt the pack saddle as well as provide information on caring and repairing.

A **PACK SADDLE GUIDE**

One of our biggest success stories over the last few years has been the introduction of a simple, cheap and easy to make pack saddle into various regions of Ethiopia. It's more of a back protector than a pack saddle, but it can be used either on its own or under a rigid frame.

Since we introduced this pattern nearly four years ago it has proved very popular with the local donkey owners, many of whom have now been taught how to make it for themselves. It has been mentioned in several publications, and as a result we have received many requests from people all over the world for detailed instructions on how to make it for their own donkeys. This demand has led to the creation of this booklet, which we hope will provide that information.

[Pack Saddle Guide 587.06 KB PDF](#)

ABOUT **CHRIS GARRETT**

Chris Garrett, international harness consultant at The Donkey Sanctuary, has worked with us since 2007 to develop a global team of harness makers, officers and champions around the world.

Poor or inappropriate harness design, materials, use and maintenance are key causes of poor donkey welfare so Chris and the harness teams work to improve existing harness designs and train people to make and use the improved models.

Chris's excellent technical input and guidance have been fundamental in creating this resource and we are sincerely grateful for his time, energy, skills, passion and good humour.



MORE INFORMATION

Our skilled and experienced team of welfare advisers are on hand to give advice and appropriate support during office hours. If you're having problems caring for your donkeys or mules, [contact our welfare team](#) or telephone 01395 578222 and ask to be put through to the welfare department.