

# TASTY TEMPTERS FOR SICK OR FUSSY DONKEYS

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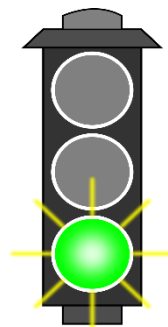


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## 1) ITEMS THAT MAY BE FED IN MODERATION

**(1-2 LEAVES OR 1 SMALL HANDFUL SIZED PORTION MAXIMUM PER DAY):**

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Swede

Turnips

Bananas (including skin)

Pears

Parsnips

Fresh carrots - chopped (not into rounds) or freshly grated, not dried

Fresh apples - chopped (depending on size) or freshly grated, not dried or cooking apples

Fresh mint leaves

Peppermint cordial - a capful added to normal feed may encourage eating

Bramble/wild strawberry/hedgerow - grazing on these will often tempt a sick donkey as the natural behaviour of foraging stimulates the appetite

Dried fenugreek can be fed in very small amounts (ie a teaspoon added to normal feed)

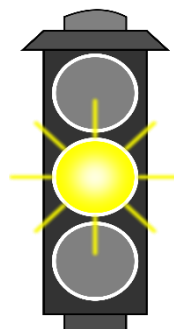
Marmite (in very small amounts) can sometimes be successful when all else has failed, can also be added to water if necessary.



## 2) ITEMS THAT SHOULD BE FED WITH CAUTION

**(ONLY WHEN A GENUINE NEED IS IDENTIFIED)**

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Polos - high sugar levels, never feed sugar-free Polos

Ginger biscuits - high sugar levels, check that they don't contain animal products

Bread/jam sandwich - may be useful for giving medications

Apple puree - may be useful top dressing.



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### 3) ITEMS THAT SHOULD NOT BE FED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

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Potatoes

Brassicas (cabbage, brussel sprouts, broccoli, cauliflower)

Any member of the allium family (onions, garlic, leeks, etc)

Any product containing animal products - eg biscuits with animal fats or dairy products

Cod liver oil or other oils of animal origin

Chocolate/sugar lumps/sweets

Lick-it style hanging treats - these are very high in sugar due to the molasses and donkeys can bite off chunks that can cause choke/colic

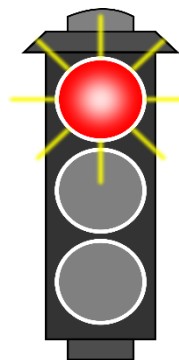
Human food ie breakfast cereals or cakes

Drinks containing caffeine or alcohol, or carbonated drinks

Other animal feed ie goat/sheep feeds

Mouldy products due to possible mycotoxins

Poisonous plants - please see our separate guide.



- Always introduce new feeds gradually; if you are at all unsure please check with our nutrition team.
- Caution must be given when feeding a donkey with dental problems.
- Generally as a rule we do not recommend feeding treats from the hand unless for training purposes as it can encourage the animal to bite.

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None of the above lists are exhaustive, please contact us if you are in doubt about the safety of any other food type.

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