

FACTSHEET: Owners



**THE DONKEY
SANCTUARY**

MONITORING YOUR DONKEY'S QUALITY OF LIFE

Name of donkey:

Date:

Heart girth measurement (refer to nomogram):

Feeding	Yes	No	Comments
Change in diet			
Enthusiastic to eat			
Dropping food			
Choking on food			
Drooling			
Behaviour	Yes	No	Comments
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			
Locomotion	Yes	No	Comments
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			
Breathing	Yes	No	Comments
Breathing with ease			
Carrying out normal activities without getting out of breath or exhibiting flared nostrils			
Laboured or noisy breathing			
General	Yes	No	Comments
Any lumps			
Bad breath			
Any eye discharge			
Any nasal discharge			
Passing faeces normally			
Wounds on hocks/knees - indicates difficulty rising			

For more information please watch the video Growing Old Gracefully online: thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk/for-professionals

If you need further advice or information please do not hesitate to contact us on 01395 578222 or by email vets@thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk