Annual Review for 2022
‘Donkey Heaven’ in the Klein Karoo

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Welcome to our Review

Dear Donkey Friend, thank you for joining us in our commitment to advocating better lives for donkeys far and wide.

The past year has again been difficult for donkeys and people alike. We are grateful for the cheerful and resilient manner in which our valued supporters, our Board and our staff stood by us during this period.

Why donkeys matter

In the hurly-burly of modern life people tend to focus on their own immediate needs. It is easy to be unaware of, or forget about, the needs of creatures out of sight — therefore out of mind.

We are custodians of all forms of life around us and have an ethical obligation to address the suffering of those who are unable to speak. Donkeys are burdened by “poor public relations”, with negative perceptions and labels attributed to them.

By raising awareness of their wonderful positive traits such as intelligence and intuitiveness, and their crucial role in many subsistence societies to this day, their status will be raised in the eyes of not only the public, but also governments who can protect donkeys’ welfare through legislation.

Overview of the past year

The year ending February 2022 saw a continuation of the regulations to curb the spread of Covid-19 which curtailed many of our activities and events.

As a result of the dedicated work of our Communication team, the profile of Eseltjiesrus remained positive and inspired confidence. Loyal support from our adopters, donors and benefactors, together with stringent monitoring and control of expenditure, enabled us to end the financial year “in the black”. This is no mean feat for an animal charity in these times.

Immeasurable in financial terms is the recognition given to our work, both in South Africa and further afield. Contact with individuals and organisations across the globe strengthens the network we need to create awareness and change.

When we contacted the renowned author and Nobel Prize winner, JM Coetzee, to congratulate him on his birthday and the opening of his newest play in Cape Town, he sent the following reply: “Donkeys have carried our loads for us for thousands of years, patiently and without complaining. It is heartening to know that, after a lifetime of toil, they can in Eseltjiesrus find relief and security.” We value this recognition by an acclaimed linguist and academic.

We look forward to resuming activities such as our workshops and the Book Fair, in the next year. And we believe that Eseltjiesrus’ role as stakeholder in donkey welfare will strengthen and grow, with your support.

Go well and remember to care for donkeys and for each other.

David Kramer, Patron of Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary: “This is such a beautiful place with wonderful and generous people doing a magnificent job. Congratulations on a very worthy venture.”

David has composed and produced a music video for Eseltjiesrus, called ‘Donkiehemel’ with all the proceeds going towards our rescues.

Watch this video, with English subtitles, on YouTube at: https://youtu.be/hlPVLD62YFY

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Dr Johan van Zijl
Chairperson of the Eseltjiesrus Board, July 2022

The donkeys look forward to interacting with visitors.

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Our Board Members

Non-executive:

- Eberhard Bertelsmann  
  Arbitrator & commissioner in insolvency enquires & former Judge of the High Court. Past President of the Pretoria SPCA.
  - Eberhard serves on the Communication & Resource Development Committee.

- Iris Bolton  
  Educator and former Front of House Manager at The Fugard Theatre.
  - Iris serves on the Communication & Resource Development Committee.

- Anthony Coombe  
  - Anthony chairs the Audit & Risk Committee.

- Johan du Preez  
  Businessman, past CEO of Rooiberg Wines, entrepreneur, conservation & animal welfare activist.
  - Johan chairs the Human Resources Committee and also serves on the Audit & Risk Committee.

- Lorna Fuller  
  Director of Project 90 by 2030 - a social & environmental justice organisation working towards a sustainably developed and equitable low carbon future.
  - Lorna serves on the Communication & Resource Development Committee and the Human Resources Committee.

- Carole Hamleton-Moser  
  Past Chair of the Heart Charitable Investment Trust at Heart Capital, former Vice President Credit Suisse, Geneva, and former Head, Credit Suisse Representative Office, Cape Town.
  - Carole serves on the Communication & Resource Development Committee.

- Sarah Kvalsvig  
  Attorney and consultant at Cullinan & Associates Inc - specialising in environmental law.
  - Sarah serves on the Audit & Risk Committee.

- Andrea van Lille  
  Chartered Accountant with RGR Inc.
  - Andrea serves on the Audit & Risk Committee.

- Tozie Zokufa  
  Executive Director: Coalition of African Animal Welfare Organisations.
  - Tozie serves on the Communication & Resource Development Committee.

- Annemarie van Zijl  
  Co-Founder, Communication, Outreach & Advocacy Manager.
  - Annemarie serves on the Communication & Resource Development Committee.

- Tony Saddington  
  Finance Manager, Chair of the Executive Committee & Secretary of the Board.
  - Tony serves on the Communication & Resource Development Committee.

- Juanita Lourens  
  Donkey Care, Welfare & Farm Manager.

Ex-officio:

- Johan van Zijl  
  Co-Founder and Chair of the Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary Board.
  - Johan serves on the Communication & Resource Development Committee.

- Louise Matschke  
  Green Skills & Partnership Strategist, Cape Town Environmental Education Trust.
  - Louise serves on the Communication & Resource Development Committee and the Human Resources Committee.

- Jim McNamara  
  Chairperson of the Animal Welfare Society of South Africa & former Executive Director, Development & Alumni, University of Cape Town.
  - Jim chairs the Communication & Resource Development Committee.

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as approved at the AGM, August 2021

Donkey & farm care

We cared for 27 donkeys and one mule at the Sanctuary at the end of the year under review. In addition there were six donkeys in official foster homes.

In early September 2021 we welcomed Sonop all the way from Calvinia. He was soon integrated in our ‘old age’ herd. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Oumatjie just a couple of weeks after Sonop arrived. She enjoyed nearly two years at Eseltjiesrus but the many years of earlier neglect took their toll and in September she was gently euthanized, surrounded by her paddock mates and the team of people who cared for her daily. She is sorely missed.

Donkey care

The increasing number of donkeys leads to additional time needed for care, feeding and cleaning up. In 2021 we appointed one more Donkey Care and Farm Assistant.

We always encourage and welcome volunteers to enjoy the invaluable experience of working with our beloved donkeys as well as the tranquility of working on the farm.

Hoof and dental care

Six routine farrier visits took place through the year. As always, Michael Mangali was very happy with the condition of the donkeys’ hooves, due to our strict routine of cleaning out the hooves on a daily basis and treating thrush as needed. Two routine dental technician visits by Roann Bruyns resulted in seven donkeys with more comfortable mouths.

Dental care is a priority – especially when newly rescued donkeys arrive at the Sanctuary. Dental technician Roann Bruyns performs an inspection on gentle Eeyore II.
Feed
We procured all winter feed stocks for the next year between November 2021 and February 2022. This involved around 800 – 1000 bales of three different grasses. This major outlay lasts us through the winter until new bales become available in November of the next year. The feed is stored in every available protected area including part of one of our large shelters. We are desperately in need of a large feed store to free up stables and shelters for donkeys.

Scale
UWE Scales donated an agricultural scale and in March 2021 we finalised the installation and weighed a couple of donkeys. It took some time for them to get used to this strange new structure and we took our time getting them accustomed to it, to enable us to do regular weighing to manage donkey body weights accurately. Rapid weight gain or loss can be very detrimental to a donkey's health.

Farm – Water and grazing
Water was a serious concern as there was no incoming leiwater between early January and early May 2021. Fortunately our boreholes survived the four months of providing all the irrigation on the farm. In early May we made up thoroughly when we received 140mm of rain in one night. Over the next two weeks we had another 65mm. Fortunately there was not much damage on the farm, just water-logged soil for the next three weeks. Currently the dam remains full and leiwater is looking very good.

We rest and refresh fields as grazing can quickly become stale, depleted and compacted if not cared for continuously. The donkeys are often let out into corridors and pathways between the fields to enjoy areas usually inaccessible to them.

Farm – Structures
Two new shelters were built, another was enlarged and a large shade structure was erected in our guiding field. A Wendy House was bought for storing the books we sell.
Visitor Centre

The Visitor Centre is an important facility that adds to the experience our visitors have with the donkeys.

Adopter visits

We had many wonderful adopter visits during the year. Adopters said that they could not wait to come and enjoy the tranquil space that our Sanctuary provides. One adopter, who regularly commutes from Cape Town, commented that the time spent with the donkeys was magical and invigorating.

Group visits

We hosted The Hikers Network Junior Club. They focus on helping underprivileged children realise the possibilities that the world has to offer. The email they wrote after their visit was heart-warming: “Thank you for accommodating our hiking club. The kids couldn’t stop talking about their experience with the donkeys. It made an impact on them. Keep up the good work you are all doing at Eseltjiesrus.”

The Wanderlust TV show on KykNet visited us in 2021. As part of the episode being filmed they also adopted Jasper.

In January 2022, Eseltjiesrus welcomed the Herberg Children’s Home. After age-appropriate activities and meeting the donkeys, the group enjoyed a complimentary light lunch served by our Coffee Shop.

Bellville-Noord Primary School’s Groentjies Club also visited, the first of a number of such visits.

Coffee Shop

Local support, during the year, was good and we received many compliments on our service and meals which is reflected in our Google rating of 4.5 stars.

Sales

The Sanctuary has become a preferred destination for book lovers and for people to donate books. A big thank you to our supporters for their donations of handmade items for our Donkey Shop. All proceeds from our sales go towards the donkeys.

Educating children and working with the youth remains one of our priorities as this has the most sustainable impact on improving animal welfare.
**Human Resources**

**Overview – Johan du Preez**
The Human Resources Committee (HRC) started operations in January 2021 after the Board approved its establishment in November 2020.

Due to the responsibilities associated with HR, the committee contracted a Human Resources consultant. This allowed for professional input and expertise.

The core functions and responsibilities were identified and documented. These include:

- Planning and prioritising required HR functions;
- Engaging with EXCO and the Board to formalize the Terms of Reference of the HRC;
- Revamping our organisational structure;
- Developing and implementing a formal Performance Review procedure for all staff;
- Starting a process to allow for Sanctuary staff succession planning;
- Successfully filling the Visitor Centre Manager position.

Supporting this appointment with a six-month mentoring programme run by the HR Consultant, which proved very successful.

The Committee has identified various future challenges for special attention during the next few years.

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**Our People**

**Managers:**
- Annemarie van Zijl: Communication, Outreach & Advocacy.
- Juanita Lourens: Donkey Care, Welfare & Farm.
- Leonard Jordaan: Visitor Centre.
- Tony Saddinton: Finance.

**Visitor Centre & Administration staff:**
- Biatrice Losch: Visitor Guide & Donkey Care Assistant.
- Emelisia Filander: Visitor Guide & Donkey Care Assistant.
- Jamein Stevens: Visitor Guide & Donkey Care Assistant.
- Eveline Hull: Coffee Shop Assistant.
- Timara Lourens: Coffee Shop Assistant.

**Donkey Care & Farm staff:**
- Pieter Hull: Farm Foreman & Donkey Care Assistant.
- Chriswill Jordaan: Donkey Care & Farm Assistant.
- Randall Page: Donkey Care & Farm Assistant.
- Durren Hull: Donkey Care & Farm Assistant.
- Doon Thompson: Farm Assistant.
- Katrina Swarts: Farm Assistant.
- Sam Godongwana: Gardener.

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**Staff training**

We regularly evaluate our training needs both for the Sanctuary’s operations as well as to upskill individual staff members. In the past year several staff attended First Aid and Fire training, and one of our managers went on Health and Safety (H&S) training. The H&S training has resulted in a comprehensive Health and Safety Plan being devised and implemented with regular practice drills.

**Staff communication**

To keep all our operating staff, volunteers and foster homes in touch and co-ordinated, a short weekly electronic bulletin called *fluister* is disseminated.
Audit & Risk Committee
Overview – Anthony Coombe
The mandate of the Audit & Risk Committee (ARC) includes the following responsibilities:

Financial Management
The Committee carried out regular reviews of the quarterly and monthly financial management reports and reported accordingly to the Board.

External Audit
It monitored the work done by our external auditors during their annual audit of the annual financial statements and recommended to the Board that they be re-appointed.

Annual Financial Statements (AFS)
It reviewed draft AFS both before the commencement of and after completion of the annual audit thereof and recommended acceptance of the AFS to the Board.

Ethics and Governance
It kept under review adherence by the Sanctuary and its leadership structures to best ethical and governance practices.

Risk Management
It kept under regular review the risk and opportunities matrix as prepared by the Executive Committee, making suggestions for changes, where considered appropriate, reporting accordingly to each Board meeting.

Strategic Priorities:
Our top priorities for the next two to three years include:
• Continue to provide excellent care to the donkeys at the Sanctuary.
• Develop education programmes and resources for donkey welfare.
• Develop a variety of programmes for school groups and other visitors.
• Develop the farm to home up to 40 donkeys.
• Investigate sustainable practices on the farm such as environmentally friendly conservation, recycling and solar energy.
• Maintain and develop new forms of online funding through our website, Facebook and other social media.
Financial overview

Needs & Budget
Each year in February the Board sets a three-year operational budget for our work. The budget for the period 1 March 2022 to 28 February 2023 is a break even budget of just over R3.6 million.

Funding for capital expenditure is a key need of the Sanctuary. The current projects being considered are: additional water storage; a new feed store; the development of the final paddock; conversion to solar; replacement of one of our vehicles; and a multi-purpose building which will provide better workshop and storage space.

Risk & Opportunities management
The Executive Committee works with the Board’s Audit and Risk Committee to manage a variety of risks and opportunities that could affect our operations.

Our top three risks currently are:
1. The Sanctuary might run out of water for irrigation and water for donkeys and humans. We are managing this risk by prioritising additional water storage and ensuring that we have plans in place for emergency supplies of water during prolonged drought periods.
2. The need for ongoing training of our staff to ensure the development of skills, leadership and high performance. This will be achieved through more regular staff performance reviews and a comprehensive annual training plan.
3. The availability of feed supplies is affected by drought, supply issues and the increasing size of our herd at the Sanctuary. This is an annual risk that has to be monitored and actions taken to ensure adequate feed supplies.

Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) issues

1. Environmental
Key environmental concerns for the Sanctuary include:
• Water scarcity: the focus is on managing our lei water and borehole water; water saving initiatives; and additional water storage.
• Energy efficiency: we wish to move to solar as soon as funds permit so as to cut electricity costs and load-shedding constraints.

2. Social
• Staff: with a focus on Health and Safety, fair working conditions, equal opportunities, employee engagement, diversity, protection of human rights and personal privacy. Staff at the Sanctuary were fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and safety protocols were strictly enforced.
• Visitors: we are concerned for the health and safety for all and the protection of personal privacy in terms of any data we might collect. Please see our Privacy Policy on the website for more details.
• Community: we are working on outreach initiatives within McGregor and the surrounding towns, resuming our training for donkey carers and owners and engaging with youth and schools in promoting a culture of caring.

3. Governance
The keys to good governance are:
• Our members who, through the Annual General Meetings (AGM), hold us true to our Constitution which is the ultimate authority for all activities.
• Our Board is appointed by the Members at the AGM and the Board Charter gives a comprehensive reference that goes beyond the Constitution.
• Board Committees are appointed by the Board to focus on various aspects of our work. The committees are Audit & Risk; Communication & Resource Development; Human Resources; and the Chairperson’s Fund.
• The Executive Committee is appointed by the Board and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Sanctuary.
Financial Review for the year ended 28 February 2022

Thanks to our loyal supporters we had another successful year at the Sanctuary. In this year we received additional support in the form of donations that enabled us to establish two special funds: The Chairperson’s Fund for unbudgeted Donkey Welfare needs and the Nico Benadé Fund for special veterinary needs. Both these funds enable us to continue to expand our outreach work to donkeys elsewhere. A donation from ABSA Trust allowed us to build a shade shelter for the donkeys and increase the shade for our visitors at the Coffee Shop with umbrellas and a gazebo.

The Sanctuary once again received a clean audit report for the financial year ending 28 February 2022. The net worth of the organisation is currently R3.7 million.

Both our income and expenditure figures for the 2022 year were higher than the previous year.

We were again unable to hold our annual Book Fair which normally brings in around R170,000. However the adoptions raised were R100,000 higher than the previous year: a tremendous vote of confidence from our supporters which accounted for 53% of our income. Donations and grants raised a further 30%. Trading from the Coffee Shop and Donkey Shop contributed another 15%.

Overall expenditure was 23% up on the previous year due mainly to maintenance work, higher vet expenses and increased costs in items such as rates, lei water, consultancy, fuel costs and salary increases. The funds spent on direct donkey related aspects of our work came to 59% of our expenditure. Finance & Administration was 18% and Trading 12%. Publicity and fundraising amounted to 5%.

The full Annual Financial Statements are available on our website or on request from admin@donkeysanctuary.co.za

How we received our funding:

- Donations 30%
- ADOPTIONS 53%
- TRADING - 15%
- INTEREST PAID - 0.1%
- INTEREST RECEIVED - 0.1%
- FUNDRAISING (MYPLANET) 2%
- SARS-ETI 0.4%

How we used our funding:

- DONKEY CARE, WELFARE & FARM - 34%
- COMMUNICATION, OUTREACH & ADVOCACY - 11%
- GENERAL - 2%
- INTEREST PAID - 0.1%
- DEPRECIATION - 4%
- DONKEY - HUMAN INTERACTION - 14%
- PUBLICITY - 5%
- FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - 18%
- TRADING - 12%
- GENERAL - 2%
### Assets, equity & liabilities
as per audited financial statements

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022

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<td>4,709,853</td>
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| **EQUITY & LIABILITIES** |        |        |
| **Equity & reserves**    | 3,723,618| 3,649,423|
| Capital – Non-distributable income | 3,723,618 | 3,649,423 |
| **Non-current liabilities** |      |        |
| Interest bearing loans   | 10      | 143,342 |
| Other long term liabilities | 372,443 | 372,443 |
| **Total Liabilities**    | 613,783  | 390,891  |
| **Current liabilities**  | 37,718   | 72,847   |
| Income received in advance | 576,065 | 318,044  |

#### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022

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<td>Trading income</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
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| **LESS: EXPENSES**      |        |        |
| Communication, Outreach & Advocacy | 361,045 | 334,417 |
| Depreciation            | 134,735  | 116,259  |
| Donkey Care, Welfare & Farm | 1,156,900 | 940,936  |
| Donkey – Human interaction | 460,522 | 345,336  |
| Finance & Administration | 621,825  | 548,470  |
| General expenses        | 82,684   | 56,312   |
| Interest paid – loans   | 3,584    | 32,187   |
| Loss on disposal of assets | 159,350 | 120,043  |
| Publicity & fundraising | 399,286  | 240,040  |
| Trading expenditure     | 3,379,934| 2,738,796|
| **Total Expenses**      | 3,379,934| 2,738,796|

| **NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR** | 74,194 | 319,465 |
Communication & Resource Development

Overview – Jim McNamara
The Sanctuary does not receive funding from government, and thus its operations and facilities depend upon the generosity of its supporters. The Committee assists Sanctuary staff that manage communications with current and prospective supporters, and seeks to identify further sources of support.

The Committee acts as a sounding board for ideas and proposals relating to communication and resource development, and proactively works to link senior staff with potential funders. It also looks broadly at the animal welfare resource development landscape, and takes note of how changing circumstances might influence decisions taken about communication and resource development events and programmes.

Honest communication creates awareness and trust, and leads to proactive resource development.

The Sanctuary maintained an active profile in tourism publications, and Eseltjiesrus appeared in a number of articles and inserts on national television and radio programmes.

Of interest was one of our adopters who donated 22 gift adoptions to colleagues across the globe, raising awareness of our work and donkeys' needs worldwide.

Events
Our on-going relationship with the organisers of the Climb4Hope event in Montagu resulted in a donation of R32,000 from this fundraiser, which will be used to rehabilitate our grazing.

Targeted communication
A year-end Festive Greeting letter in December was followed in January by a letter from the Board Chair and our Patron, David Kramer. Donations in response to these two communications totalled over R300,000 and shows the strong support we have.

GivenGain campaigns
Activity on this platform increased and campaigns resulted in funding of over R32,000. Every donor received an individual thank you email with our newsletter attached, further raising awareness of our work.

The Nico Benadé Fund
The young veterinarian Nico Benadé died tragically in a car accident and his family established a fund in his memory, which Eseltjiesrus administers. The fund is used to cover out-of-the-ordinary veterinary benefits to our donkeys and those in foster care. The June 2021 issue of the veterinary profession’s journal VetNews featured our donkeys on the front cover and a two-page spread inside about the Nico Benadé fund, thus raising the status of donkeys with the profession.

Outreach – helping donkeys elsewhere
We continue to advise daily on donkey care and welfare and have worked with World Horse Welfare in creating a training programme focusing on donkeys, for Veterinarians for Animal Welfare Zimbabwe (VAWZ).

Events attended included a webinar on Animal-drawn Transport, and the AGMs of Cart Horse Protection Association and Animals Matter Langeberg.

Donkeys for Africa (DfA)
This outreach initiative was established in 2017. It is funded by The Donkey Sanctuary (UK) via a grant to Eseltjiesrus. DfA communicates about donkey welfare throughout Africa via newsletters, a resource website and social media. It has growing networks with donkey welfare organisations in 22 African countries and is proving to be increasingly recognised and respected.

We collaborated with the World Horse Welfare/British Equine Veterinary Trust to determine the best content for donkey welfare webinars aimed at an African audience.

The University of Pretoria Community Engagement newsletter featured DfA prominently and material from DfA is often used for teaching support.

International forum
In December 2021 DfA editor Annemarie van Zijl, was invited as a member of the Open Forum on Donkey Welfare Concerns, presented by the University of California Davis. Other panelists were from Brooke USA and The Donkey Sanctuary (UK).
How you can help donkeys:

One of the most important ways you can promote better welfare for donkeys, is to speak up: be a Donkey Ambassador.
Correct misperceptions – donkeys are not stupid, stubborn or nasty. They are humble, willing and hard-working when treated with understanding.

- Come and visit Eseltjiesrus: we are open from Thursdays to Sundays between 10am and 4pm. Our trained guides will introduce you to our rescued residents and you will experience the charm of donkeys first-hand.
- Support our Coffee Shop, Book Shop and Donkey Shop.
- Adopt a donkey for yourself, or as a gift for a loved one, to help cover the costs of its care.
- Make a donation.
- List Eseltjiesrus as a beneficiary on your MyPlanet card.
- Leave a bequest.
- Donate via our GivenGain crowdfunding accounts. Contributions are eligible for Section 18A tax certificates.

Contact us if you need information about the temperaments and characters of these wonderful animals, and refer your friends to our website at www.donkeysanctuary.co.za

Eseltjiesrus has entered its 16th year of existence. Never for a moment did the founders imagine how it would grow: not only in caring for donkeys at the Sanctuary and educating visitors, but also in reaching beyond the fences to be involved in donkey welfare globally. We are but a link in a chain of organisations that care about these often misunderstood, much maligned animals.

None of this would have happened without the dedicated commitment of our staff, Board members, volunteers and supporters – whether giving expertise, financial or moral support. Each and every one of you has helped to make this happen. We at Eseltjiesrus (long-eared and short-eared) thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We know that there is still much to do and we know that you will enable us to continue this “hart-saak” – commitment of the heart.

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Eseltjiesrus Bank details:
Standard Bank - branch code: 050413
Savings Account: 2882 444 19
Swift code: SBZAZAJJ
and via our PayFast link on our website.

Eseltjiesrus is situated 4km before the village of McGregor in the Western Cape, RSA.
Please come and visit us. We will welcome you with open ears.
Visit our Sanctuary for rescued donkeys
just before the village of McGregor

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