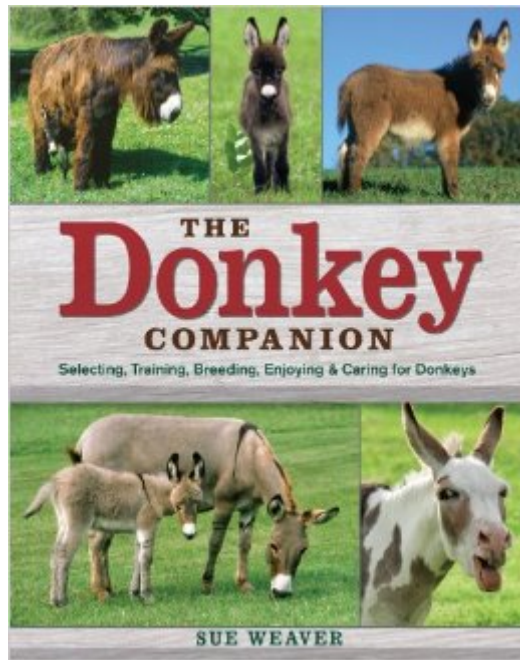


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# The Donkey Companion: Selecting, Training, Breeding, Enjoying & Caring For Donkeys



## Synopsis

Strong, intelligent, dependable, friendly, and extremely versatile, donkeys are the perfect farm companion. Whether you use your animal to pull carts, till fields, or protect livestock, you'll benefit from this practical and inspirational guide to working with and caring for your donkey. Providing expert advice on selecting the right breed for your needs, daily maintenance, training, and first aid, Sue Weaver also includes plenty of fun facts and charming donkey anecdotes. Raise a happy and healthy donkey!

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Having gotten my 1st donkey in 2/08 needing a companion for my horse who lost her best friend I wanted as much info on these guys as I could find. Previously bought 2 other books and a training DVD, both were OK so far but this book has given me a lot of insights that I did not know about. As a matter of fact, since getting the first donkey in 2/08 we now have a new mom which foaled in 8/08. This book I would highly recommend to new donkey people as well as experienced. I happened to have on hand frosted mini wheats which were suggested as a training treat and they LOVE them! Never would have thought of it. Glad I bought this book, will be referring to time and again.

Despite being an equine cousin, donkeys are a lot different than horses than people think. Being a lifelong horse lover and owner, I recently have gotten involved with donkeys and needed something to help me get more into that world. This book is wonderful. A lot of stuff I have found was geared more towards beginners of horses and donkeys. This book is geared for the knowledgeable and not

so knowledgeable. It gives info from history, breeds, feeding, training, businesses with them, foot care (or lack of), facts, trivia and so much more. Very up to date. It even has information for breed registries, breeders, and more in the back of the book. Very concise and easy to read. Absolutely love it!

We have a big ol' 15 hand Mammoth Jack donkey - well the husband has a 15 hand Mammoth Jack donkey. I have a tolerance for said jackass. This donkey will pick your pocket and walk off with your cell phone or wallet. He will bray with immense joy at the sight of someone he loves and he will happily let small kids stand on his back under the apple tree as long they share their apples with him. He will also drag me 20 foot through the pasture at the mention of wormer or hoof trimming. This book has actually taught me some things about donkeys beyond willfulness, sneakiness etc. The photos were nice and the book is loaded with tidbits of historical trivia about donkeys and their place in the human world from the dawn of time. Every donkey owner or fan should have this book in their personal library.

What an excellent book. Very down-to-earth, practical information and help. Just got my first two donkeys and needed to be able to put my hands on information in all areas. This book has delivered more than I had hoped for. Interwoven with the facts are great fun facts. But make no mistake, it's a very serious book. I am 100% glad that I made this purchase.

Everything you need to know about donkey and caring for them is in this book. I'm new to donkeys and this book leaves no question or wonder unanswered. It is a much more enjoyable read than I had expected and is full of fun facts about my new best friend.

This new title by Sue Weaver is an essential reference for anyone interested in caring for a donkey. There are a tremendous number of book on horse care but almost none on the unique needs of donkeys. I am especially pleased to recommend this book to anyone considering the use of a donkey for a livestock guardian. Jan Dohner *Livestock Guardians*, Storey, 2008 *Livestock Guardians: Using Dogs, Donkeys, and Llamas to Protect Your Herd (Storey's Working Animals)* The Encyclopedia of Historic and Endangered Livestock and Poultry Breeds, Yale, 2002 *The Encyclopedia of Historic and Endangered Livestock and Poultry Breeds*

This book is great! I ordered it online and when it arrived I was immediately impressed with the

quality of the book and the illustrations. When I sat down to read it, I was thrilled. The book is easy to read despite being an in depth manual for donkey owners. It is full of great information that is well organized and will serve as a great reference book. Sue Weaver writes with a conversational tone that shows that she truly loves these animals. She draws on her lifetime of experience with donkeys to make you fall in love with them too. I don't have a donkey yet, but I MUST get one!

Was not a bad book overall. My only complaint is that if you are new and do not know any better, that you will go and buy a whole lot of things that you do not need in order to take care of the animal. I tend to spoil my animals, but there is such a thing as overdoing it. Most people do not have so much time/money unless they are retired. But if you want the basics about what to get, just use the book and confide in a vet or veteran donkey breeder.

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