



# Corfu Donkey Rescue

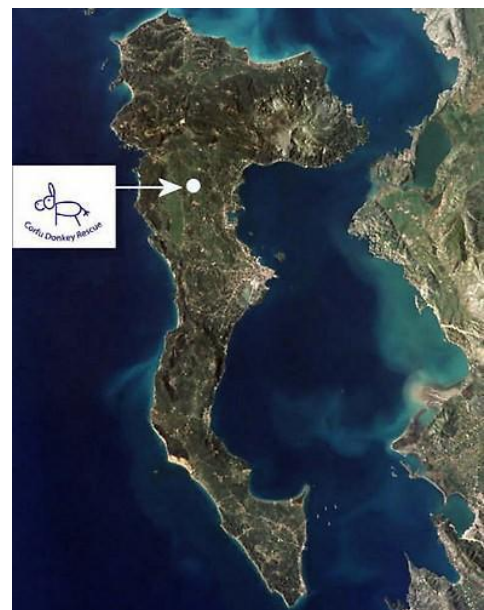
**As a refuge we aim to give:**

the old a safe and happy retirement;  
the sick a chance of cure;  
the injured the chance of recovery;  
the abused the chance of regaining trust and hope  
and the abandoned the feeling of security again

We would like to welcome you to Corfu Donkey Rescue and thank you for your interest in our work. We are a donkey rescue on the Greek island of Corfu. In this document we will introduce our rescue, tell you about a general day at CDR, and provide you with information about volunteering with us, our history, donkeys, and the island.

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## **1. Corfu Donkey Rescue**

Corfu Donkey Rescue is the only donkey rescue on the island of Corfu. In 2004 we acquired our first donkey – now we have helped over 500 donkeys.

The Corfu Donkey Rescue (CDR) was founded in 2004 by Judy Quinn who moved from the United Kingdom and then decided to provide a safe-haven for the abandoned donkeys on the island. The rescue was first established in the village of Poulades and by 2006 was recognised by the Greek government as a registered Greek charity organisation; the first donkey charity in Greece. After years of difficulties with the neighbours, CDR received permission to settle on new land in 2009. By that winter, some donkeys were already moved to the new location with shelter from a tent which was donated to us. In summer 2010, construction of the shelter began and all donkeys were moved to their new and current home in Doukades. Improvements are made every year according to finances.

The donkeys at CDR are brought in by their owners, donkey dealers, or found by people who contact us to help out. The donkeys are old and often sick or injured. The donkeys that come to CDR are here for the remainder of their lives. Although we are a donkey rescue, some cats and dogs are taken in on discretion of the committee only.

Corfu Donkey Rescue runs on gifts and donations. A donkey costs 2.000 Euro to care for annually; this does not include costs such as veterinary fees. Food is the main cost. For more information about donation, please click on the DONATE button on our website.

## **2. A day at Corfu Donkey Rescue**

The donkeys are divided into two sections – the stable area, which houses the donkeys requiring very close observation and intensive care. The stables also make up part of the section for our blind donkeys which require their own safe space; and the tent area, which houses the donkeys in better health or those that have minor ailments.

Each of our volunteers takes part in the daily duties based on their experience. For example:

- Food preparation (some donkeys need a special diet)
- Administering medication
- Cleaning stalls and pasture hygiene
- Providing fresh hay/bedding and water throughout the day
- General observation and daily grooming
- Cleaning and feeding of the other animals (dogs, cats, chickens)
- Walking the CDR-dogs

Despite this being predominantly a husbandry focused placement there is ample opportunity each day to help with clinical aspects when there is interest in this matter. Some of these activities include:

- Flushing and cleaning wounds
- Cleaning, bandaging and monitoring improvement of donkeys with hoof injuries
- Administering specialised medications
- Creating protective padding for donkeys suffering injuries

The summer is a busy period for the shelter. There are many tourists who visit the Corfu Donkey Rescue – tourists need to be shown around and told about the Corfu Donkey Rescue and donkeys.

### **3. Donkeys**

The first donkey arrived on Corfu from Malta in the 1800's. Since then they were imported from mainland Greece, Albania, Cyprus and Eastern European countries. Used for transportation of people and in agriculture seasonally for the olive harvest, the Corfu donkeys have had to work very hard. This is compounded by their very small size and the lack of equine knowledge to give expert veterinary, foot and dental treatment. Even the traditional Corfiot saddle, the samara, is so badly designed as to cause permanent damage to most donkeys at an early age.

The rapidly declining use of the donkey on Corfu and throughout Greece renders the animals valueless except for export to the Italian meat markets. Corfu Donkey Rescue's main remit over the years has been to halt the exports by taking in the old, injured and sick donkeys and caring for them here. We believe that after 20 years hard labour they deserve a peaceful retirement as opposed to being discarded by a variety of inhumane methods.

#### **4. Corfu**

Greece is in the south of Europe. It is a democratic republic since 1974 and part of the European Union since 1981. There are 1.700 islands around Greece. Corfu (Kerkyra in Greek) is located in the northwest of Greece, in the Ionian Sea: it is the second largest Ionian island. Corfu has approximately 113.000 citizens; one-third of them live in Corfu Town. Corfu is a green island with many olive trees. The coast is very rocky and there are many bays.

CDR is located near the village of Doukades, in the western/north western part of Corfu. Doukades is a traditional village with a Venetian style in the municipality of Paleokastritsa. The village contains a small square and a few restaurants. The closest beaches in the area are in the village of Liapades and Paleokastritsa. These villages are more touristic; with hotels, restaurants and bars. In Paleokastritsa there is a small harbour and a monastery – the Theotokos (Virgin Mary) monastery.

## **5. Volunteering**

Volunteers and students are part of the daily life at the shelter and are welcome throughout the year. Experience with donkeys or animals is not necessary, however huge compassion for the animals is a must. During your stay you will have to put the interest of the animals before your own comfort. Students at CDR will also be taught basic first aid, medical requirements and any veterinary work that is done on a daily basis. Interested volunteers are also welcome to learn.

Please note, we can only accept volunteers and students who can speak and have a good understanding of the English language.

### **Requirements**

New volunteers must be 20 years or older and must commit to a minimum stay of two weeks. Students are accepted at 18 years plus. For your own sake and for the sake of our donkeys please note that we do not accept applications from volunteers or students who are pregnant or suffer from severe mental or physical problems like back problems, rheumatism, arthritis, asthma, allergies towards dust, etc.

### **Accommodation for volunteers**

We suggest that our volunteers to stay at the local pension, The Achilleas. However, you can also arrange your own accommodation (our website [corfu-donkeys.com](http://corfu-donkeys.com) has some suggestions of places to stay.) The Achilleas is family run and the two brothers Tassos and Kostas offer a warm welcome and assistance. Each basic room has a TV, a private shower and toilet. Bedding and bath towels are provided. If you want to go to the beach, please bring your own towels. There is a small communal kitchen for your cooking needs. There is a swimming pool on site usually open from July to September. The Achilleas has a bar and pool room. There are no computers but free Wi-Fi internet is available in the bar.

Nearly all volunteers and students use this accommodation and are happy with it. Volunteers and students are provided a cheap rate at this pension because they are helping at CDR.

You need to pay for one week in advance (non-refundable) on arrival. To take advantage of their cheap rates you must commit to work 5 full days a week at the shelter. Volunteers wishing to stay at the Achilleas should contact them by email [pensionachilleas@gmail.com](mailto:pensionachilleas@gmail.com) to book accommodation, request room rates, or for any other information about the pension.

Within walking distance of the pension are 3 minimarkets, 3 tavernas, a petrol station and a pharmacy. Other mini-markets can be found in Liapades and Paleokastritsa where there is also an ATM. Towards Corfu Town are the bigger, less expensive supermarkets such as Diellas and Lidl.

Please be aware that if you stay in Paleokastritsa (or anywhere further than 2km from CDR) you will need to hire a car or scooter as the distance is too far to walk.

Regrettably, due to rotational shifts we cannot arrange for lifts to and from your accommodation. The focus of our staff must be 100% to our animals.

## **Transport to the shelter**

Although the shelter is in walking distance (25 mins) of the Achilleas, most of our volunteers rent scooters during their stay. The prices for a scooter are approximately 7-15 Euros a day depending on the bike and the length of hire. You need a driver's license to rent a scooter. The scooter allows you to explore the island on your days off and get to the beaches and local resorts at the end of the day. For scooter hire talk to Tassos at the Achilleas on arrival.

You can contact Nadia's bike rental in Liapades:

Tel. +30 6980133582

E-Mail: [info@nadiasbikerental.gr](mailto:info@nadiasbikerental.gr)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/nadiasbikerental](https://www.facebook.com/nadiasbikerental)

To go from Doukades to Corfu Town or to Paleokastritsa you can also use the green bus that stops directly at the pension.

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## 6. Contact

Please note: **All** correspondence and applications **must** be in English.

### Mailing address (postal only)

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### For volunteering

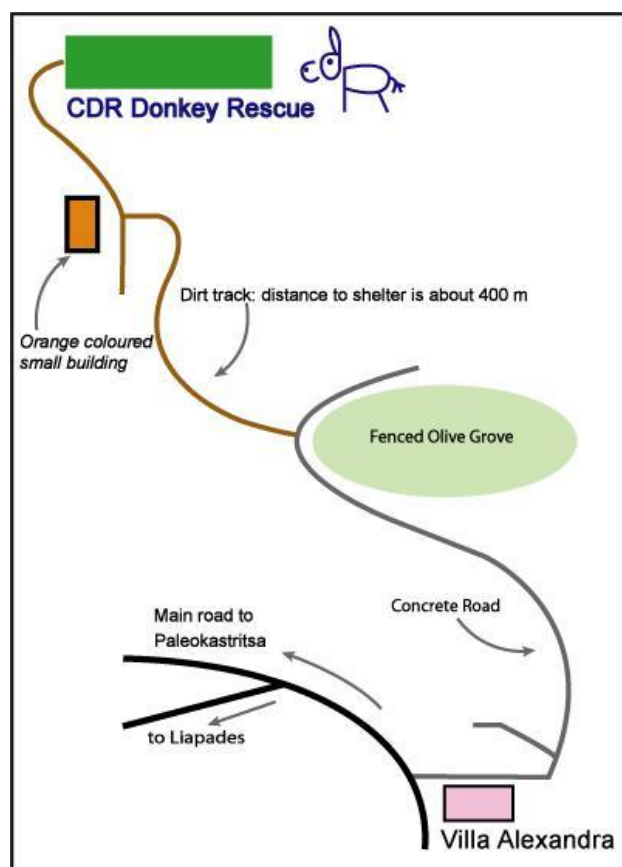
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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/107035196404](https://www.facebook.com/groups/107035196404)

### How to get to CDR



## Donations

If you would like to support Corfu Donkey Rescue you can make a direct donation by cheque, an electronic transfer (using the donate buttons on our website) or just use one of our bank accounts.

Donations in **POUNDS** to:

Lloyds Bank

Name: Friends of Corfu Donkey Rescue

BIC - LOYDGB21368

A/C No: 01308617

Sort Code: 30-90-99

By bank transfer to Dagmar Lorenz:

Dagmar Lohrenz

Friedrich-Gustav-Theis-Weg 76

58119 Hagen

Germany

Sparkasse Berchtesgadener Land

account no. 201 408 77 BLZ 710 500 00

IBAN DE79710500000020140877

BIC/Swift BYLADEM1BGL

If you require a German receipt for tax purposes (90 Euros or above only, please) send to the German account below and give your **full name and address** (for payments made so far and new ones).

**Note:** *Tax receipts will only be issued in January of the following year!*

The M & J Bolz Stiftung

IBAN DE 58500700100700780000

BIC/SWIFT-Code DEUTDEFFXXX

**Note:** please write the donation is for CDR and for what purpose donation/adoption/other.

### **Airport transfer**

We suggest our volunteers to take a taxi from the airport to the pension.  
Simply take a taxi from the rank outside the airport terminal building.