



Sicilian Donkey

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What is the history of my relationship to man?

The Sicilian donkey is known for its sweet, affectionate disposition. Donkeys are very social creatures and need the company of other donkeys or animals. Contrary to popular opinion, donkeys are not dumb animals. They are actually very clever but can be stubborn.

Habitat / Climate

We are able to live in most environments.

Where am I from?

The Sicilian donkey is the rarest breed of donkey. They originated in Egypt and Arabia. Then were bred in the Mediterranean Islands of Sicily and Sardinia



Other family members:

Horses and Zebras

Who are my relatives?

Abyssinian Donkey American Spotted Donkey Cypriot Donkey
Mammoth Donkey Mammoth Jack Miniature Mediterranean Donkey



Breeding

Jennets start to show signs of estrus in March, and then continue to cycle normally every 21 to 28 days until conception occurs.

How am I born?

The jennet will carry a foal an average of 12 months before giving birth; the length of gestation ranges from 11 to almost 14 months.

I am born feet first and am able to stand almost right away.

How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live

By the time I am a two year old I will be at my full size and will be able to reproduce.. We can live to be 30 to 40 years old.

Breeding Season

A	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
N	E	B	R	A	Y	U	U	E	E	O	E

What kind of family life do I

I am a very social animal and like to be with other donkeys. I also like to hang out with people especially when they brush me.

Names for:

Adult male -Jack,
Adult female- Jennet or
Young- Foal
Group:- Herd

What do I eat and when do I eat?

. Donkeys eat grain, hay, and grass. We graze during the day and pause to sleep or just watch what's going on.

Who are my predators?

In the wild I would have to watch out for big cats like the lion. In captivity I have been used to let my people know when predators are around the sheep I share the fields with.



Comments:

Their intelligence and affectionate attitude allows for a variety of uses, including packing, guarding sheep, and being family pets.