


FACTSHEET: OWNERS

MONITORING YOUR DONKEY'S QUALITY OF LIFE



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| Name of donkey: | | Date: | |
| Heart girth measurement (refer to nomogram): | | | |

| Feeding | Yes | No | Comments |
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| 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 | | | |

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| Locomotion | Yes | No | Comments |
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| 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

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