



Mary Berryman's  
**The Flicka  
Foundation**

Donkey Sanctuary  
Registered Charity No. 1153858



## A Vital Donkey Transport Vehicle

The Flicka Foundation is a registered charity based near Falmouth, on the south coast of Cornwall. It was founded by Mary Berryman in 1995, following her rescue and care of an elderly pony called Mickey. This followed with the rescue of "Flicka" - a small strawberry-roan pony found abandoned in the middle of an industrial estate, who was the inspiration for the charity's name.

Over the next decade, many horses and ponies, as well as other animals, found their way to safety at Mary's sanctuary - each one with a story to tell. Some telling of unthinkable cruelty and neglect, some abandoned and others sick or elderly and requiring special care and attention. In 2008, The Flicka Foundation began its evolution into a donkey sanctuary with the arrival of five rescued donkeys from Romania, which increased to over a hundred donkey residents in just a few short years! Many of the sanctuary's donkeys have been rescued from live animal markets in the UK and Europe. Others have been exploited for intensive breeding purposes, used as unlicensed beach donkeys or kept as pets and later abandoned or simply not taken care of.

Flicka currently provides a safe home for over 100 donkeys and horses, all of whom have been rescued from situations of neglect, abuse and abandonment. Many more live in luxury in carefully selected foster homes. The charity has rescued and rehabilitated over 800 animals since its inception; its equine residents are free to live out their days in peaceful retirement, with their specialised needs catered for by an experienced team.



Members of the public are welcome to visit to experience a working sanctuary year-round and the charity also provides facilities for a broad range of groups who visit Flicka, for educational purposes or therapy sessions.

### A vital Donkey transport vehicle

Our charity needs £25,000 to purchase a second-hand, custom converted horse lorry. Our current vehicle has high mileage and has become unreliable and very costly to repair over the past few years.

A donkey transport vehicle is vital to our work; in rescue cases an animal may need to be rapidly removed from dangerous or poor conditions and in emergencies, when a sick donkey or horse needs to be rushed to the veterinary hospital for urgent medical attention, time is of the essence. Transport is also invaluable in allowing us to attend events and educational talks with our sociable donkeys, which enable us to promote our charity's work and, importantly, continue our educational outreach work.

Being able to purchase a new lorry will hugely benefit the welfare of the equines and that we rescue and care for and also allow our charity to be more self-sufficient. Funds will be saved in the long-term if we don't have to constantly hire vehicles or attempt to continue maintaining our current, unreliable horse lorry.

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