

Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue Low Body Score/Under-Weight Donkeys

All donkeys at the PVDR Facility (San Angelo, TX) are to be evaluated daily by the Yard Manager as well as the feed crews.

Those donkeys found to have a body score of 5 or less are placed into a special feed pen. Upon arrival donkeys are evaluated for any health issues effecting their weight loss. Temperature, respiration, gut sounds and gum color are all recorded and documented on each donkeys medical sheet. Any conditions present are treated by our in-house medical staff or our veterinarian depending on severity.

Donkeys placed in our "Special Feed Pens" are given a rye grass fodder ration and top dressed with a 10% pelleted feed. The rye grass fodder is weighted to 2 pounds per donkey and the pelleted feed is also given at 2 pounds per donkey. This combines for a total of 4 pounds of supplemental feed per donkey, per day.

All donkeys in the "Special Feed Pens" have free choice bermuda grass hay.

All donkeys are continually monitored and evaluated while in these pens. Those that require more attention do to the severity of their condition or due to competition are isolated into individual pens and their feed is increased to include one quarter pound of alfalfa along with the 4 pounds supplemental feed and free choice grass hay.

Once the donkeys have returned to a body score of 7, they are returned to the main paddocks.