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## County partners with DonkeyLand for wild burro services



San Bernardino County heard the concerns of community members and their desire for solutions and partnership with local organizations on the issue of wild burros. To ensure continued local partnership and collaboration, two contracts with [DonkeyLand](#) went into effect on April 1 to provide services in support of wild burros in the Reche Canyon and San Timoteo Canyon areas.

“Working closely with DonkeyLand strengthens our ability to address the unique challenges surrounding wild burros,” said County Animal Care Division Chief George Harding IV. “This partnership reflects our shared goal of effectively managing the burro population while maintaining the safety and quality of life for our community.”

A [non-financial contract](#) will provide rescue and relocation services for injured, sick, orphaned and other herds or identified burros that may pose a risk to themselves or the community. DonkeyLand may relocate burros unfit for release to its sanctuary, where each burro will receive lifelong care and protection.

A second [contract](#) provides funds to DonkeyLand for castration of 100 burros within the one-year term, supporting wild burro population management while allowing free-roaming burros to remain in the wild. These services will support the goal of reaching a balance of burros in the wild to ensure the health and safety of these burros, while also ensuring the health and safety of the local community and those who commute through the area.

“We’re thrilled to continue to work with San Bernardino County under new contracts to support our local burros,” said DonkeyLand founder Amber LeVonne. “It’s a true community effort, and I’m excited to see the positive impact we’ll have.”

In addition to these contracted efforts, the County will utilize information from its [Animal Incident Tracker](#) to provide a data-driven response to the needs of the community. Incidents reported by community members in the tracker can be shared with DonkeyLand when intervention is required for the well-being of burros and the community.

To learn more about the County's wild burro program, visit [animalcare.sbcounty.gov/wild-burro-program](http://animalcare.sbcounty.gov/wild-burro-program).

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