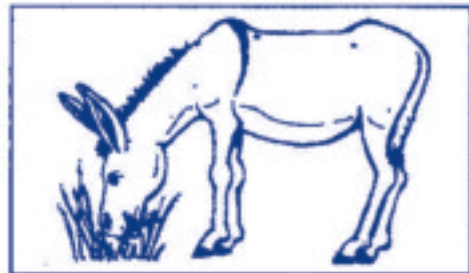




SPCA says...

REMEMBER TO LOOK AFTER YOUR DONKEY, HORSE OR MULE



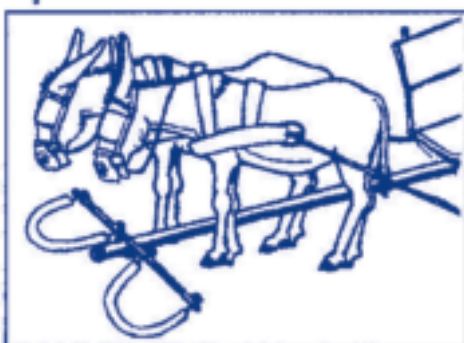
Your donkeys must have good food and clean water every day. They should have enough time each day to rest, graze and drink.

A fit and well cared for animal will be able to work well. When grazing is poor, they should be given extra feed such as cut grass and horse cubes.



Do not overload the cart. If the cart is full, everyone except the driver should be asked to walk. Make sure the animals are rested regularly, and they should not go so fast that they start sweating and panting.

If this happens they must be allowed to rest. Whipping and beating of animals is cruel, and a good owner or driver will not do this.



Animals working in a team should be the same size. When parked, the donkeys should be unhitched to give them time to rest and, if possible, graze.

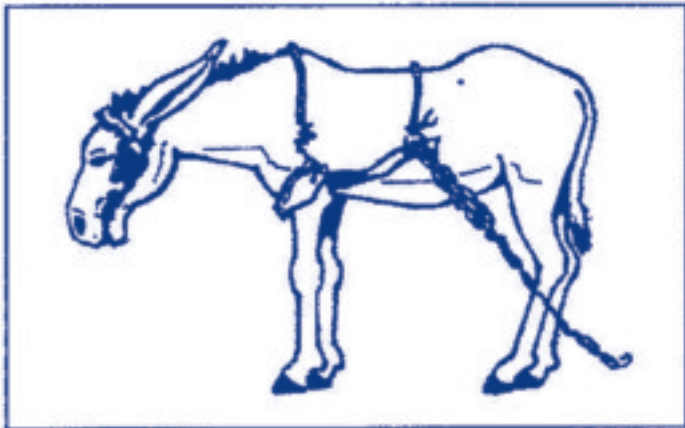


Brush your animal often to remove grass seeds, burrs and dirt. If caught under the harness they can cause injuries. Ticks must also be removed as they can cause injury and sickness.



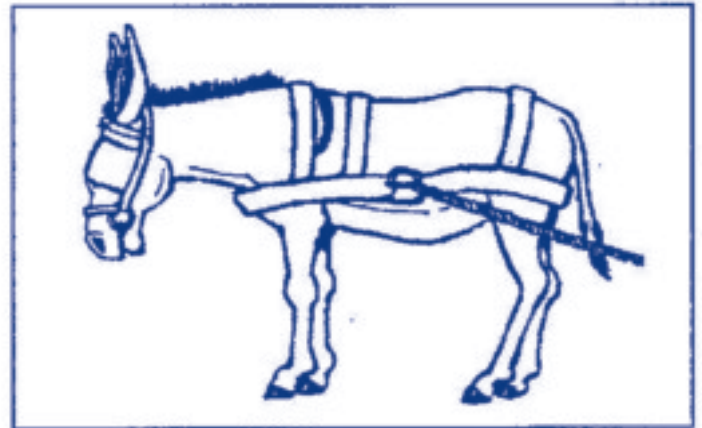
If your animal is tired, weak, sick or in poor condition it must be rested in a good kraal. There should be good shelter and food. Water must be available at all times.

If your animal is sick ask for help from your vet, SPCA, or Animal Health Officer. All animals, like people, need special care when they are not well.



When your animal is in poor condition or has injuries caused by the harnessing, it should be rested until the injuries are healed.

The harnessing must be repaired properly or replaced, so that it fits comfortably (and is not too small – especially bridles) and causes no harm.

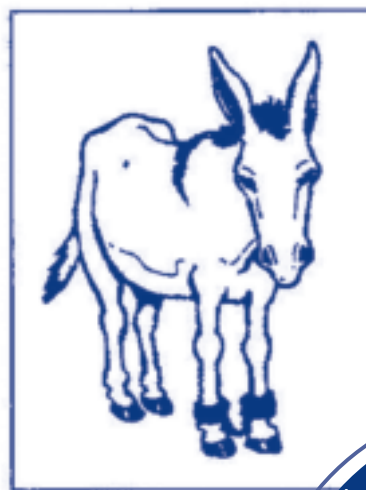


Animals work better if they are treated kindly and cared for properly.

All of their harnessing should fit well and not cause injury. There should be no sharp wire or edges on the harness. They will be able to work well when they have no injuries.



Check your animals' hooves every day when work is finished. Gently take out any stones from under the hoof. If the hooves are very dry, they could be treated with oil once a week.



If your animal must be hobbled, only the two front legs should be tied. Use soft material that does not cut into the skin.

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