

Local Rescue Welcomes Donkey Foal "Lucy"

Delilah found her new rescue home in March of 2022 at the Shenandoah Valley Equine Rescue Network. Delilah was rescued from a farm in Rockingham County. In poor condition and barely able to walk Delilah was immediately seen by a vet. The vet was unsure whether or not Delilah was pregnant and we all waited and wondered to see what would happen. By May it had become clear that Delilah was indeed carrying a foal. The gestation period of a donkey is 11-14 months and with no idea when she conceived, we spent the months of June, July, and August anticipating the birth of a donkey foal. Finally on August 14th the baby began to emerge and within just about ½ an hour Delilah was the proud mother of baby Lucy.

Lucy is now a little over a month old and she spends her days zooming around the field under the watchful eye of her mother. She has started to graze a little but nursing is still her main source of food and nutrition. Lucy is a long haired curly coated spotted American Donkey. For the first few weeks her coat was so soft it is indescribable. She has now started to get a little coarser but is still very soft. She is as friendly as they come and loves to play chase with anyone who is willing! We here at the rescue are excited to watch Lucy grow.



Delilah After Birth



Delilah When She First Arrived



Lucy and Mother Delilah



Lucy Meeting Marshmellow



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