



# TWO MILE HIGH CLUB

## OCTOBER 2025

### NEWSLETTER



#### Welcome

**Welcome to Our October Edition!**

What a stunning autumn we're experiencing here in Cripple Creek, perched at 9,494 feet above sea level. This year, the Aspens have truly outdone themselves, showcasing a vibrant array of colors—yellows, oranges, and reds. We're still being blessed by the plentiful rain we received this summer.

As nature transitions, our donkeys are also getting ready for winter. Their winter coats are beginning to grow in, and our dedicated volunteers will start making preparations to ensure the herd stays warm during the colder months.

#### Upcoming Events

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Fest – Oct 4 & 5**  
Fall Fest is finally here! Join us for our final fundraising event of 2025, closing out the “Summer of Donkey Fun”! Visit [cripplecreekdonkeys.com/fallfest](http://cripplecreekdonkeys.com/fallfest)

**Apples & Asses – October 11,**  
10:30 – 2:30 pm, Kiowa, CO. Support our friends from Burro Base Camp at their Fall Fundraiser . Visit [burrobasecamp.com/events](http://burrobasecamp.com/events)

**Donkey Workshop – October 19**  
at Cripple Creek Donkey Pasture,  
RSVP required to attend.

**Trunk or Treat – October 31**  
at Cripple Creek Parks & Rec  
5pm – 6:30 pm



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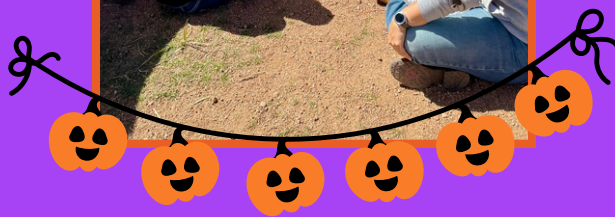
## Fall Vet and Hoof Day!



All 16 donkeys have received comprehensive health checks, vaccinations, enjoyed pampering pedicures, and even been microchipped. Additionally, some had their teeth floated. Dr. Maria, our exceptional veterinarian, is thrilled with the progress made through the "Healthy Herd Campaign." Most of the donkeys have shown significant improvement in their body condition scores. Keeping them in the pasture this summer has positively impacted their health.

We express our gratitude for the ongoing support as we manage the donkeys' health. Their wellbeing is our top priority. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our fantastic farrier team, including CK Hoof Care & Megan Legacy, and Kim Welk from Burro Base Camp Inc., for their invaluable assistance!

We are incredibly fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers eager to enhance their donkey handling skills. Special acknowledgment goes to Kim Welk for closely collaborating with our team, ensuring that days like yesterday proceed smoothly and minimize stress for the donkeys. Our donkey workshops will continue with the goal of eliminating the need for sedation during hoof trimming and veterinary visits! A huge shout-out to our generous donkey sponsors, whose support makes this essential care possible!





## Featured Volunteers

We are kicking off something new this month! As a volunteer-driven organization, we rely heavily on our dedicated volunteers to care for our cherished 16 donkeys and to operate one of Colorado's oldest nonprofits. The Cripple Creek Donkeys represent living history, and it is our mission to preserve their historical significance for future generations while supporting the city and local businesses.

You might be surprised by the amount of volunteer time and commitment required! We organize three events each year and remain actively involved in the community. For 94 years, we have proudly been a cornerstone of Teller County!

This was really hard to pick a few to start out with because there are so many dedicated volunteers and each is an invaluable to our organization.

### Laura Lee

Laura Lee started to get involved 3 years ago volunteering at our events, and with her amazing organizational skills, took charge of all the banners and signs. She then stepped in as the hay cube queen, a vital cog in the Healthy Herd Campaign machine! Recently, she tackled the colossal task of decluttering and organizing our storage space! Now, we can find anything with the ease of a treasure map! We're over the moon with gratitude for her tireless dedication and hard work!

**Favorite Donkey: Napoleon**



### Keith

We first encountered Keith when he volunteered for the spring "Biscuit Bagging Extravaganza." A veteran, he and his wife, Melissa, reside in Victor. Since that time, Keith has truly made an impact by volunteering at our events, enhancing his donkey handling skills through our workshops, and assisting with the care of the donkeys at the pasture, where he can apply what he has learned. Keith has formed a wonderful bond with Napoleon, and we believe they could become a formidable burro race team in the future! Go Team Napoleon!



## Featured Volunteers Continued

### Jana and Gary

How Jana and Gary stumbled into our club is a tale of delightful chance! After basking in the tranquility of retirement in Cripple Creek, they heard a call for adventure. Enter Flash, the charismatic braying ambASSador, who turned up outside their window, practically shouting, "Join the Two Mile High Club, the hippest herd in town!" That very day, fate nudged them into a chat with two of our club officers about volunteer shenanigans. Since that serendipitous day, we've snagged two passionate volunteers, head over heels for donkey duty! They're now regulars, rolling up their sleeves and pampering our hoofed friends several times a week.

THANK YOU TO EACH & EVERYONE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!!



Fancy lending a hand? Join our jovial band of donkey devotees and Cripple Creek Donkey fanatics! We adore our volunteers and promise a hoof-tapping good time with our spirited crew! Please visit our website for more information:  
[www.cripplecreekdonkeys.com/volunteer](http://www.cripplecreekdonkeys.com/volunteer)

