

Firedonkeys clear dry straw in the area of Doñana to avoid forest fires

LOCATION: Hinojos (Huelva)

DURATION: 1:45

SUMMARY: Donkey's favourite food is dry Straw, that's why "El Burrito Feliz" or 'The Happy Little Donkey' uses this animal to clear the area of the Spanish Doñana Park. Donkeys feed and keep the forest clean, avoiding fire risk in summer. This association has an agreement with the Hinojos City Council, offering the work of seven of its donkeys to the properties around the area of Doñana. Their next task will be clearing a camp located in this natural park.

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This donkey grazes, feed and, although it seem surprising, it prevents fire in the Spanish Doñana's Natural Park. They eliminate dry straw, keep the forest clean and this way reduce the risk of fire in summer.

LUIS BEJARANO
PREZ. Burrito Feliz Association

"It is a good way to preserve the environment and look for a new utility for donkeys, promoting their survival."

It is the innovating project of an association in Hinojos, Huelva, called 'El Burrito Feliz' or 'The Happy Little Donkey'. Unlike goats or sheep, they don't eat everything that comes across, they especially like dry straw. We just need to guide it and the donkey will set up a firebreak.

WENDY CLEMENTS
VP. Burrito Feliz Association

"They clear naturally, there is no noise pollution, for example from chain-saws and else. Mainly in this area of Doñana's pre-park where there are Iberian lynxes, they coexist very well because donkeys don't bother them."

PAZ VIZCAYA
Volunteer

"It has always been a very noble and sweet animal for me. Also due to 'Platero and me', by Juan Ramón Jiménez; I have loved it since I was a kid."

This adorable animal, that has been around humans for 5.000 years, can still be useful.

LUIS BEJARANO
PREZ. Burrito Feliz Association

"Our goal is that this first experience in Andalusia becomes something official, that people imitate us with love and more people use donkeys."

In fact, this association already has an agreement with the Hinojos City Council, offering the work of seven of its donkeys to the properties around the area of Doñana. Their next task will be clearing this camp.

JOSÉ MANUEL VELA
Director of the camp

"They are going to help us, we are going to collaborate feeding them also trying to turn them into a symbol."

A symbol of tenderness that protects, in a sustainable way, the biggest natural treasure of Andalusia.

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