

TCSPCA RESCUE

You Cannot Save them All...

... BUT TRYING MAKES US BETTER PERSONS AND THIS COUNTRY A better place in which to live. And so I will tell you the story of Eeyore.

One Friday in March of this year, Mr. Dujohn Fulford, a well known animal rights advocate, and civil servant with the Department of Agriculture on Grand Turk, received a phone call. An agitated cab driver reported that a tiny baby donkey was wondering a road, alone. Could he help?

Moments after he hung up, Mr. Fulford received another call, from another taxi driver reporting the same wee donkey. He assured the



driver that he was already enroute. He found the foal, in the roadway, alone as reported. He gently scooped it up and placed it in the safety of his vehicle. Then he went looking for the mother, knowing she had to be nearby. Sadly she was. Perhaps looking for water, she had wandered into a yard where an abandoned cesspool had been partially covered with plywood. She had fallen in an opening, instantly breaking her neck when she landed.

Dujohn took the foal home, and called the TCSPCA on Provo. Yes, they would help. Could he get the four or five day old animal to them? Chris Davies, a GT SPCA Volunteer who works for Grand Turk Diving, arranged for the animal to be shipped in a large dog crate, and Caicos Express Air agreed to fly the baby to Providenciales. But that was not until Monday.

Dujohn and his brother kept 'Eeyore' in their home for the weekend, vying to get up early enough to be the one to feed the orphan. By the time they put Eeyore aboard the flight to Providenciales, he had captured their hearts. Upon arrival here, he went immediately to Pampered Paws to be cared for by owner Donna and her niece Britt.

Hand rearing a baby donkey takes time, commitment and many resources. Donna and Britt set up a regimen that involved bottle feeding Eeyore every two hours. Camille, owner of Provo Ponies, offered advice and provided supplies to help the little foal. The Turks & Caicos Veterinarians examined and treated him, at no charge, each day.

"Never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way."

Martin Luther King Jr.

Donkeys are hardy animals and everyone was hopeful that little Eeyore would survive. But a donkey orphaned that young is in great jeopardy. It really needs its mother's milk. Just six days after his rescue, Eeyore slipped away. The TCSPCA is truly thankful to everyone who helped this tiny, stray foal.

If you would like to help the TCSPCA, kindly visit the website at www.tcspca.com or call 941-8846. Donations of funds, time, services or adoption are all possible and easy to make. Funds go toward affordable spay/neuter programs on all the T&C Islands, and to education and adoption programs. ■

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