



Friends of Cale Green Park

Dear Friends of Cale Green Park:

I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), as we have been alerted by a concerned supporter about your plans to feature donkey rides at Cale Green Park Summer Fair on 30 June. We urge you to please cancel this aspect of the fair and commit to never featuring live-animal attractions in any future events.

Donkeys are sensitive, cautious animals who can become distressed, alarmed, or panicked when surrounded by loud, excited crowds. Because a donkey's natural response to unfamiliar environments is often to freeze, frustrated or unruly riders at such events have been known to prod, kick, and scream at them, adding further stress to the animals' experience. Other donkeys may bolt or kick when in a state of fear, putting themselves and others at risk of injury. Forcing donkeys to carry humans or equipment can also strain their back and joints. What's more, transport is extremely tiring for equines, as they must continually keep their balance in the moving vehicle, and donkeys used for such attractions are subjected to the physical and psychological stress of transport, sometimes over long distances, when hauled from one event to the next.

The practice of taking donkeys on the road and treating them as living carnival rides teaches children a dangerous lesson that animals exist merely for our amusement. Ending the exploitation of donkeys in this way would do nothing to diminish the fun families experience during the summer fair. For the animals, though, it would make a world of difference.

Will you please give us your assurance that you will act immediately to ensure live animals aren't used at the summer fair or your future events?

Should you wish to discuss this further, I can be reached at [MollyE@peta.org.uk](mailto:MollyE@peta.org.uk).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,



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