

## **Mark S. Meyers**

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### **Profile**

I have dedicated the last 20 years to improving the plight of the American Donkey. In 2000 my wife and I founded the Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue and it has since grown into the largest equine rescue organization in the Western Hemisphere. In my career as a donkey rescue professional, I have rescued over 10,000 donkeys from all across the country, Hawaii and the Caribbean. Our organization currently manages over 3,000 donkeys.

### **Business Experience**

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PEACEFUL VALLEY DONKEY RESCUE — 2000-PRESENT**

Duties include fundraising, web design, marketing, transportation and donkey capture projects.

#### **PRESIDENT, MARK S. MEYERS CONSTRUCTION — 1993-2005**

Duties included project estimation and project management. Construction included retail stores, churches and light industrial buildings. Licensed in both general construction and master electrician.

#### **PRESIDENT, WISE ELECTRIC — 1990-1993**

Duties included project estimation and project management. Construction included regional malls, tenant improvement and retail stores.

#### **PROJECT MANAGER, WISE ELECTRIC — 1987-1990**

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### **Education**

The Center on Philanthropy at the University of Indiana — !  
Certificate in Fund Raising Management 2009

### **Skills**

My skills in marketing, organization and people management stemming from my background in construction have been instrumental in the success of the Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue. As a rescue professional, I hold a Commercial Drivers License, I have invented several safe and effective donkey capture methods and I am a highly successful fundraiser. I have published four books in my Talking With Donkeys series that have been highly acclaimed and have sold thousands of copies. I am also a film maker and have been awarded an Aurora Award for my documentary Forgotten: The Plight of the American Donkey.

I am a professional photographer and work strictly in donkeys. My photographs have been reproduced literally millions of times in support of the Rescue's Operations. My calendars raise an average of \$375,000 each year, with all proceeds benefitting the donkeys. My work can be found at [www.burro.photography](http://www.burro.photography)

## **Accomplishments**

### Talking With Donkeys Book Series

Talking With Donkeys: An Intimate Look at the World's Most Maligned Animal (2005)

Talking With Donkeys 2: The Simple Philosophy of a 21st Century Burro (2007)

Talking With Donkeys 3: Saving Them All (2009)

Talking With Donkeys 4: Riding For The Brand (2011)

### Forgotten: The Plight of the American Donkey

Documentary Video: Aurora Award (2015)

Companion Book (2015)

### Today's Donkey in the "New World" Book

Donkeys of the Caribbean (2017)

The Burro Movie (in production)

## **Communication**

### **Lecture and Demonstration-UC Davis**

2017 Donkey Welfare Symposium

Davis, CA

### **Lecture-Cornell University**

2016 Donkey Veterinary Course

Ithaca, NY

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2016 Donkey Welfare Symposium

Ithaca, NY

### **Lecture and Demonstration-UC Davis**

2015 Donkey Welfare Symposium

Davis, CA

### **Lecture and Demonstration-UC Davis**

2014 Donkey Welfare Symposium

Davis, CA

### **Lecture and Demonstration-UC Davis**

2013 Donkey Welfare Symposium

Davis, CA

### **Lecture and Demonstration-UC Davis**

### **Lions, Rotary, Moose and Kiwanis Clubs**

Leavenworth, KS

Ballinger, TX

San Angelo, TX

Miami, FL

Mesquite, NV

Tehachapi, CA

Glendale, CA

Los Angeles, CA

Lancaster, CA

Bakersfield, CA

**Topeka Zoo**

Summer Camp Kids presentation with donkeys

**Red Hat Ladies**

Tehachapi, CA  
San Angelo, TX

**Bear Valley Equine Association**

Tehachapi, CA

**Featured in**

LA Times  
New York Times  
Wall Street Journal  
Dallas Morning Star  
National Geographic  
Animal Planet  
Texas Country Reporter  
Lion's Roar Magazine  
Sidelines Magazine  
Pony Pals Magazine  
Rural Heritage

**Photography Credits**

2017 Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue Calendar  
2018 Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue Calendar  
2019 Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue Calendar  
Outside Magazine  
Sidelines Magazine  
Pony Pals Magazine  
2019 Rural Heritage Calendar

**References**

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**Websites**

DonkeyRescue.org  
WildBurras.org

Burro.Photography  
DonkeyRescue.com

WildBurroManagement.org  
WildBurroProject.org