



About Us:

Mules and Hinnies are a hybrid cross between horses and donkeys and as such they have characteristics of both parents. Mules are unique and require a certain approach in their training. One of the biggest differences between horses and donkeys is their response to danger. Horses have a flight instinct and will run from a perceived threat. Donkeys have a fight instinct and will challenge any threat. Mules therefore, have both.

Wild bred mules, which are fairly common in areas where wild burros and mustangs co-exist, can be especially dangerous. They have a natural fear of humans, but are very willing to lash out if cornered. These take careful handling.

Other mules at our refuge have injured their former owners. While the circumstances vary, it is typically from the mules being under-trained and the owners being inexperienced. Mules can also be aggressive towards donkeys, especially in confined, domestic homes. They do much better with horses as companions.

Here at LMMR, we train the mules to accept a halter, walk on lead and pick up all four hooves for trimming. While many of our mules can be taught to pack, drive and even ride, we do not train them in these disciplines nor can we make guarantees that they will be able to learn them.

All of our mules must be returned to a LMMR representative and can never be sold. If an adopted mule does not work out, we will either replace the mule with another animal (donkey or mule) or we will return the mule to us and refund your adoption fee (within the first 90 days). Our adoption fee is \$350 each.

LMMR does not purchase or accept mules that have been purchased from auctions. These "Kill Pens" are scams preying on good hearted people. By purchasing from the auctions, people are artificially driving up the cost of mules and often times want to dump them on rescues. Auction animals are typically sick and require extensive veterinary care and lengthy quarantine.