



Battered but
not Broken

About a month ago, Rani, a 14 year old donkey, was supposed to travel to West Nepal with her owner. She just completed her seasonal work in a brick factory: hauling bricks. She was beaten and did not get enough nutritious food. She also developed terrible saddle wounds.

When Dr Sudeep checked Rani before departure, he found that puss was oozing out of her wounds. He made it clear to the owner that Rani would need intensive treatment. He also explained that the donkey would never be allowed to go back to the brick factory.

Rani's owner agreed, and the battered donkey now lives in our donkey sanctuary. Her wounds are improving, but Rani is still badly malnourished.

Rani is one of the nine equines that were rescued by our team during the past two months. Among them are a blind and lame donkey. Most of the equines have skin diseases.

Each season we are shocked by the conditions of some of the equines working in Kathmandu's brick factories.

Although conditions in the brick factories where we work have improved considerably, we have yet to witness a sea change in the owners' and handlers' attitudes. There are countless factories employed equines which only receive emergency treatment from Animal Nepal.

A holistic, international campaign is needed to address the different problems in the brick industry, including animal welfare, environmental pollution and child labour.

Together with Brick Clean Network we are presently designing such a campaign.



We wish the newcomers a
happy retirement!

Read more about our residents and
Animal Aid Abroad's sponsorship programme here:

<http://thesanctuarynepal.wordpress.com/our-residents/>
<http://www.animalaidabroad.org/where-we-work/nepal/adopt-an-animal.html>

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