



Bonaire Donkey Protection League Foundation

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To: The Executive Council, the Island Council members and the Governor of Bonaire,
From: BDPLF and CFBSAFB

Kralendijk, August 16th, 2018

Dear Governor, Island Council and Executive Council members,

Openbare eilandsraadvergadering
dd.: 25 SEP 2018
Besluit: Aan vaste
Cie. R&O om adores
de Griffier

16 AUG 2018

Through a WOB request we received correspondence between OLB, DR&O and the DSB and found out the following: that on August 10th, 2016 the Executive Council decided in an Executive Council meeting to re-activate the contract with DSB again, which means catching of the historic donkeys in the wild and ultimately their eradication.

This was done without the proper impact studies the Red and Green Coalition called for in November 2015 when they stopped the catching.

We were informed that on April 16th, 2018 OLB sent a letter to the Donkey Sanctuary Bonaire in which is stated the confirmation of the continuation of the contract of September 18th, 2013, giving permission to continue catching the female and foals. With the annotation that the castrating of male donkeys will stay stopped. *(This is a sure way to destroy Bonaire's heritage and it's worldwide animal friendly image).*

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Our questions are:

- * Are you aware that the donkeys in 'The Sanctuary' are not in the best of condition?
(Therefore no other healthy donkeys from the wild should be captured and put there).
- * That during the 2013 catch program 100 Donkeys were killed and put in the land fill, males were put far in the back country and returned to the neighborhoods to be hit and killed by vehicles.
- * That the Government will be paying approximately half a million Dollars? Over the 10-year period for this failed inhumane program. It will have a future effect on our Heritage, Tourism, and Bonaire's animal friendly image.

As the donkeys of Bonaire are a major part of our Heritage and Tourism and have economic value, we would like to meet with you again to discuss the proper way and importance of keeping our free roaming donkeys free. (Much more to explain).

Note! The Island Council after our Oct. 28, 2016 meeting asked that R&O to meet with all stake holders to evaluate and possibly put into practice the Donkey Salvation Plan, "Back To Nature".
R&O, without meeting with the stake holders involved, sent a message back to the Executive Council to dismiss the idea, explaining about over-population and donkeys being inbred.

Also, a letter from the Lawyer of the Donkey Sanctuary Bonaire sent to OLB on June 28th, 2017 states that there are still 500 donkeys (of which 200 castrated) plus an estimated —at least- 150 females in the wild and stating as well that over-population is (getting soon) a real problem. Therefore the catching of donkeys should continue.

Note! you have been fooled by both of these statements. By persons that are financially benefitting and those that refuse to admit their policy of removal is not correct.



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Note! A judge in the U.S. ruled donkeys and horses cannot be removed from a land for 2 reasons. Because prior to the removing no studies were done to prove it is necessary. And there was no alternate plan put forward to protect them.

.....*This situation fits Bonaire perfectly....*

I am not sure, if the Red and Green coalition's stop catching 'until proper studies were done order' was ever canceled?

Please Note: The Donkey Salvation Plan, is the best solution. It calls for:

- * Keeping a sustainable amount of our special donkeys that will not harm the land free roaming.
- * Monitoring island wide. A detailed report made quarterly.
- * Relocating donkeys from town roads, (eliminating accidents and trash being dumped),
- * Population control supported by contraception of the females with the proved successful PZP.
- * Funding for the program will be done by: Bonaire Donkey Protection league and Citizens For better Safer Animal friendly Bonaire.
- * If the Donkeys are put in our Nature plan we can get funding from f.e. the European Nature Fund.

Our Salvation Plan has been explained many times and failed due to untruths from the opposition, and changings of the Government.

As James Kroon said to me when the new coalition was formed: "It is time for the proper humane solution!"

We kindly request a meeting with the Island Council to explain the current situation and to see if you can agree with our protection of all of Bonaire's free roaming special donkeys. (E: bdplf@hotmail.com
T: +599 785 2205 – Al Catalfulmo or +599 701 4444 – Marian Walthie).

We have the solution!

Bonaire Donkey Protection League/Citizens For Better Safer, Animal Friendly Bonaire.
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CC: BDPLF Board members:

- * Al Catalfulmo - voorzitter
- * Michael Obersi - vice voorzitter
- * Raymundo Saleh - secretaris
- * Marian Walthie - penningmeester
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Introductie brief oprichting 'Bonaire Donkey Protection League Foundation'.

Op 19 augustus 2015 is bij notariële akte bij notaris Aniek Schouten de Stichting 'Bonaire Donkey Protection League' opgericht met de navolgende doelstellingen:

- * de bescherming en het behoud van alle diersoorten en de natuur op Bonaire in het bijzonder de ezels;
- * het inrichten en onderhouden van faciliteiten in natuurgebieden op Bonaire waar de dieren zoveel mogelijk vrijelijk en beschermd in hun natuurlijke habitat kunnen leven;
- * het verrichten en bevorderen van studies naar het gedrag van dieren en het ecosysteem op Bonaire en het bevorderen dat de kennis en het inzicht verkregen door deze studies zoveel mogelijk worden gedeeld met de bevolking en bezoekers van Bonaire en met belangstellenden in het buitenland.
- * het bevorderen van kennis over en genegenheid voor dieren op Bonaire in het bijzonder betreffende ezels.
- * het bevorderen van de goede naam van Bonaire als een natuur- en cultuurvriendelijk eiland.

Deze doelen willen wij niet als solistische entiteit bewerkstelligen. Wij zijn ons goed bewust, dat de natuur, de cultuur en het erfgoed van Bonaire slechts dan kan floreren en overleven als de handen van alle belanghebbenden ineen worden geslagen.

Wij willen ernaar streven dat er een gezamenlijk draagvlak ontstaat met alle aanwezige natuurorganisaties en overige belanghebbenden op Bonaire om onze prachtige flora en fauna te beschermen, te handhaven, te ontwikkelen en er vooral duurzaam van te kunnen blijven genieten. Zowel (en zeker) door de lokale bevolking als door de vele toeristen die Bonaire juist om die reden bezoeken.

Onze Stichting bestaat uit de volgende bestuursleden:

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Met vriendelijke groet,

Stichting 'Bonaire Donkey Protection League'

Organized and prepared to protect all of Bonaire's Fauna / Flora / Culture / Heritage

Ingeschreven bij KvK Bonaire: nr. 9274