

Rocky's Take on the California State Fair

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Hi Guys! Some of my burro buddies and I were invited back to the California State Fair this year, 2008. We had a great time and were surrounded by people, young and old, all of the time. Here's my story.



Here I am, Rocky. Take a look.
Am I handsome or what?

I just wanted to let you know about how fun it was for us BLM burros.

We've been invited back by the coordinators of the fair for several years now. All the people there are really nice, but some of my "buddies" were quite the attention hogs. I, of course, was not. But, an ear rub or 4 or 5 is really great. We can't reach them ourselves you know, so it's a special treat for us.

We all had a super time, except we were in a rather small pen, but it worked out. I was in there with 2 other long-eared guys, Blare and Tiger, and one absolutely gorgeous blue hair long-ear named Ashley. Sometimes Blare and I would get into a little bit until Blare finally decided that he and Tiger would just "hang out" and leave my gal, Ashley, alone. No question!



Check us all out! Ashley's on the left and of course I'm standing next to her; then Blare and Tiger.

For the most part, we sort of watched all the two-legged critters. Some looked like minatures of the bigger ones. Those mini's had pretty wiggly fingers that smelled alot like candy. My buddies and I, including Ashley, really like candy! All in all it was pretty good because the little ones talked and petted us a lot. Sometimes we got a little treat.

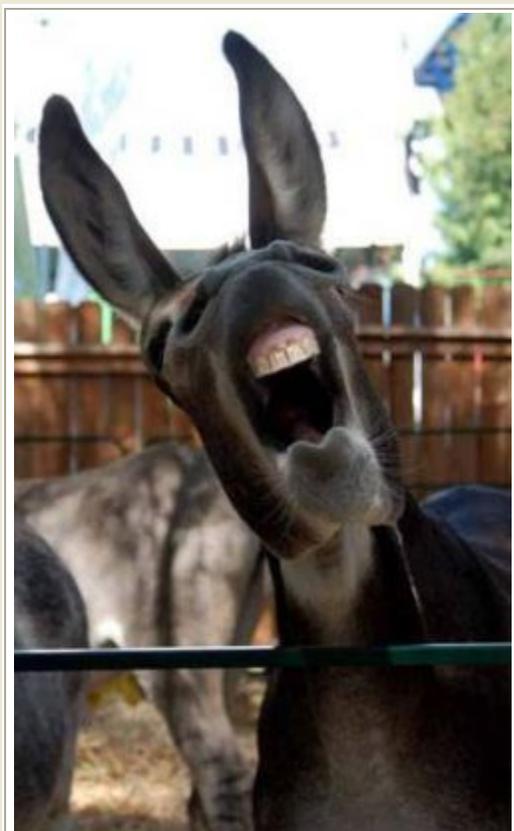
Lots of them flashed lights at us from these really stange looking little shiny boxes, but not a big deal. It's not like it hurts or anything except for after awhile when my eyes felt kind of fried. I thought I was seeing double until I realized, that yeah, Blare and Tiger really do look an awfully lot alike especially with all those stripes on them.

That reminds me. There was a mini long-eared at the place right next door to us. He was sort of all spotty, like poor Winchester "Winnie". (Winnie was definitely one of the worst at being an attention hog.) That mini-guy did mess up alot because he really wanted to be over with us "bigguns" and would sort of drag those 2-legged little creatures to lead them over to us. It was sort of fun to watch, all things considered.

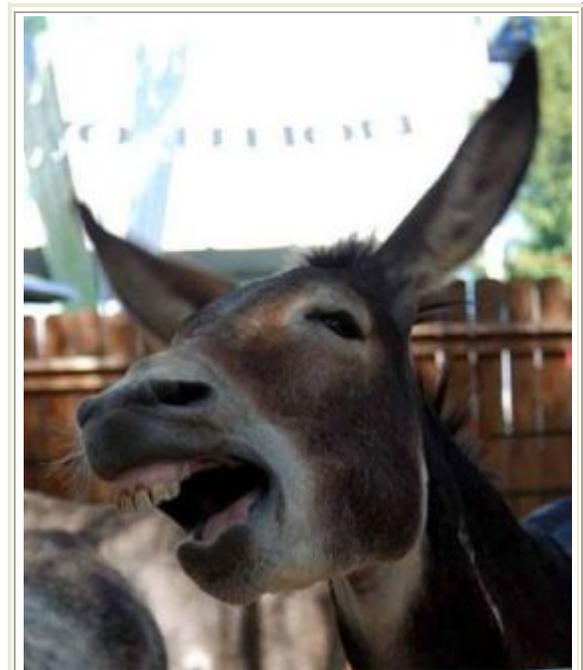
If we could have stayed a little longer at the 2008 California State Fair, it would have been fine with us. Hope to see you all again next year and you little 2-legged creatures, don't forget your candies. We love 'em!



Here's "Winnie". He's absolutely shameless when it comes to getting attention!



Wow! Somebody had on way too much perfume. Good thing Mom doesn't smell like that. She smells like us; just perfect!



Here I am; chatting away.



Dad's getting kind of "old." We like to help him out when he goes on one of his camping trips so he doesn't have to carry everything.