California Breakfast Burritos

Annual Report 2025

Putting More ASS and Cardio Into the Community

Our Mission

California Breakfast Burritos (CBB) of Ridgecrest, California is a 100% volunteer-powered nonprofit connecting people and burros through hikes, runs, social visits, and purposeful work.

Our mission is to train, care for, and adopt wild and domestic burros; educate the public about these long-eared legends; and put burros into active, meaningful lives. In short: fewer bored burros, fewer sad asses, and a whole lot more happy ASS.

We proudly foster the historic (and slightly ridiculous) sport of pack burro racing, hosting our annual fundraiser **Run With The Burros** every April in Inyokern, California. It's dusty. It's loud. It's sweaty. It's a total pain in the ASS—and we love it.

A Word from the President

*"**2025 was another fabulASS year!** We love what we do, and we work our tails off to put smiles on people's faces while sharing healthy, happy donkeys with the community. We feel this year was especially successful—and that success is 100% because of YOU. **MuchASS graciASS** for supporting our wild ideas, opinionated burros, and all the literal and figurative crap that comes with them."*

— Karin Usko, President

Highlights & Achievements

We kicked off the year on New Year's Day with the Resolution Run—50 runners, 4 burros, and zero regrets. Spring brought us to a record 18 donkeys at once. Yes, that's a lot of ASS in one place. By year's end, we successfully **placed 16 burros into loving homes**, proving once again that every ass deserves a second chance. We closed the year with only 8 donkeys but with more on the way from the BLM corrals.

At the urging of Inyo County road crews, we launched the **Save Our Asses** campaign educating locals and tourists about the very real dangers of feeding wild burros. Spoiler alert: it's not cute, and it's not safe. We partnered with **Loco for Longears** to help keep asses off asphalt and alive where they belong.

Volunteers: The Real Badasses
Volunteers are the backbone, muscle, and occasionally the sore lower back of CBB. From daily mucking and brushing to training, trailering, and wrangling humans, our volunteers, counting yours truly, donated **over 400 hours per month**. An army of roughly 60 incredible humans make Run WithThe Burros possible each year. If this organization had a logo tattoo, it would say: **Powered by ASS-Kicking Volunteers.**

Run With The Burros
Our annual pack burros race continues to be our **biggest fundraiser** and biggest logistical headache. In 2025, we welcomed 172 participants, raised over $16,000 gross, and netted $11,376 for burros and burro-related chaos. Proceeds supported California Breakfast Burritos, **Forever Home Donkey Sanctuary**, and China Lake Mountain Rescue. We also snagged race wins at Black Canyon and Burney—pure icing on the ASS cake.

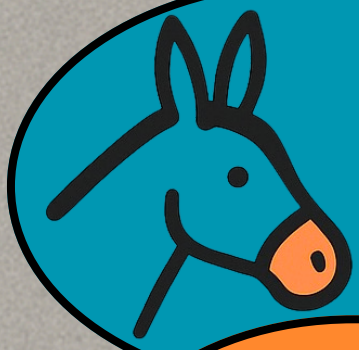
The Bottom Line
California Breakfast Burritos is 100% volunteer-run with zero paid staff. Every dollar donated goes directly toward feed, vet care, training, education, and keeping our asses healthy, employed, and slightly spoiled. We maintain a Platinum transparency rating on GuideStar and the #1 Google review rating in our community. Turns out people really appreciate honesty—and good asses.

Looking Ahead
We've submitted race permits for the next five years, have four new jennies coming soon from BLM corrals, and plan to expand Save Our Asses into Death Valley NP, Nevada and San Bernardino County.

None of this is possible without your generosity — sharing your time, funding, and advocacy, Thank you for believing in our mission, our madness, our unwavering commitment to the donkeys, and **putting more ASS and compASSion into the community**.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

2025 BY THE NUMBERS



DONKEYS



16 Burros Placed in New Homes
13 Burros Rehabilitated
3 BLM Burros Gentled

RUN WITH THE BURROS



172 Participants
60+ Volunteers
$11K Generated for Burros

EVENTS



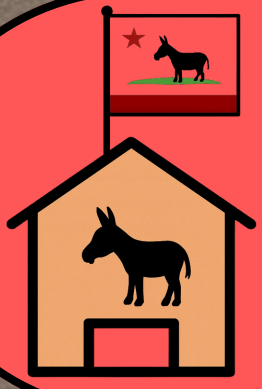
4 Races
5 Parades
5 Away Runs
3 Field Trips
14 Wilderness Hikes
11 BLM Corral Tours
10 Community Events
2 Wild Burro Expeditions

VOLUNTEERS



-400 Hours Monthly
382 Trips to CBB
100+ Trips to Events

CBB HEADQUARTERS



9 One on One Burro Run Lessons
12 Handling Lessons
3 Packsaddle Lessons
45 Hikes with Burros
177 Unique Visitors
102 Repeat Visits
15 Runs with Burros

Past year metrics available at guidestar.org

We Can't Do This Without You

Sponsors

Campbell Hill Farrier Service
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Lady Jane Race Photos
Farmblo Photography
Don Christison

Key Volunteers

John & Karin — working every single day
Kilikauskas Family (Alex, Cory, Andy & Michelle) — weekly full-yard mucking
Maike — magic Masterson bodywork
Pete — mucking, brushing, trailering
Aaron — webmaster & donkey care
Susan Croll & Anne Dumas — mucking & brushing
AmeriCorps / ACE volunteers
McKenna Family, Dayle, and all parade & event handlers

Grants

Walmart Spark Good – $1,000
From our local store for educational signs and handouts

Kern Community Foundation – $1,000
As the rural nonprofit with the most donations during Give Big Kern

THANK YOU!

Major Donors

Kate McKurdy • Georgette Rieck
Tehachapi Wine & Cattle Company
The Kilikauskas Family

GRATEFUL

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100% volunteer • No paid staff • Every dollar supports donkeys, education & community