

THIMBLE

The Dainty Donkey



NOT MANY DONKEYS can go for rides in suitcases — they just don't fit. But Thimble, a 24-pound donkey foal, is not the average beast of burden. He's lucky — he folds up like a telescope and, with only his fuzzy head sticking out for the view, goes for his own style of donkey ride.

Ron Brewer, of Southall, Middlesex, specializes in breeding small donkeys for children's pets. "I've had thousands of them," he says, "but this is the littlest fellow I've ever heard of."

When he is weaned, Thimble will become the mascot of girls at a convent school in Kent. He is house trained and has learned not to kick or bite.

Friendly, fluffy and slightly shy, he is a rare little creature who folds up easily into breeder Brewer's suitcase.

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Thimble cuddles up to Ron Brewer like a perfectly behaved dog.



"My, what big ears you have," kids chorus and he loves it. ◁