



# Ebenezer the Donkey

by Joe Dimino

**A** rock star of the animal world resides in Grandview, Missouri. He is a 32-year old donkey named Ebenezer. His exact location is east of Main Street and the intersection of 129th Street.

The 30-plus year old donkey is both a staple and the unofficial goodwill ambassador in the Grandview, Missouri area.

## 2010 — A SCARY YEAR

Ebenezer underwent an exhilarating and scary 2010. At the beginning of the year, he was diagnosed with white line disease in all of his hooves, badly diseased gums and a lung filled with fluid. Following articles in the *Jackson County Advocate* and the *Kansas City Star*, the generosity of the Kansas City metro poured forth.

A total of \$10,000 was raised to get Ebenezer back to health via an 83-day stay at Equine Health Solutions in Raymore, MO. Ebenezer was welcomed back home to a new barn, concrete floor and signage on the property.

In present day 2011, Ebenezer is back in business for folks to visit him on a daily basis. His owners are Ben & Victoria Alvarado, while his regular caretakers are Shirley and Randy Phillips. Many visitors stop by on a daily basis to visit this simple donkey on the prairie that has done so much to make folks happy over the decades.

Ebenezer will celebrate his 32nd birthday on April 10, 2011. The life span of a donkey is 30-50- years.

## MORE ABOUT EBENEZER

For all things Ebenezer, along with his life story, pictures, video, audio and surprises go to [www.ebenzerthedonkey.com](http://www.ebenzerthedonkey.com).



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