

## Celebrate the 94th Annual Donkey Derby Days in Cripple Creek, Colorado, June 27-29

Donkey Derby Days are Here

CRIPPLE CREEK, CO, UNITED STATES, June 25, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ --Tired of the heat? Chill with the donkeys in the high mountain town of Cripple Creek, Colorado, at the 'Best Festival this side of Pikes Peak!' The Two Mile High Club (TMHC), caretakers of the Cripple Creek Donkeys since 1931, invites you to enjoy its biggest festival of the summer, "Donkey Derby Days," June 27-29, 2025. It is free family fun at its best.

Profits from Donkey Derby Days provide money for the care of the herd of 14 Cripple Creek Donkeys, who



Two Racers and a Donkey finish the Donkey Derby Race

remind us of the original herd released from their work in the Gold Mines in the early 1900s. In 1931, local businessmen formed the nonprofit 501(c)(3) Two Mile High Club to care for these precious animals, and in 94 years, that care has continued uninterrupted. The Two Mile High Club is busy raising money for a much-needed new barn for the herd. Members hope to break

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<u>To learn more</u> about the Cripple Creek Donkeys or to donate, sponsor or volunteer, please visit our website at <u>https://www.cripplecreekdonkeys.com</u>.

"We couldn't accomplish this without the support of our sponsors, including the casinos and various businesses and individuals throughout the region. Thanks to all the volunteers who have stepped up to make this the best Donkey Derby Days yet," Westhoff said. "Our TMHC Donkey Derby Day Committee has once again worked tirelessly for the better part of the year to provide this festival for all to enjoy free of charge. See you in Cripple Creek this coming weekend!"

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