



Story One

Marcy May

It was a clear, sunny day at Brayfield's Miniature Donkey Farm. Marcy May was outdoors—simply enjoying the warmth of the sun. Who is Marcy May? Well... Marcy May is a young miniature donkey, and a very cute one, indeed! She knows her way around the farm and, for a number of reasons Marcy May is known to be a spinning ball of energy!



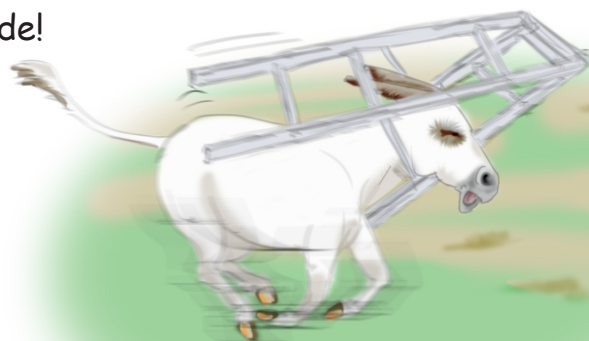
Earlier that morning, Farmer Tom accidentally left one of his tall ladders near the barn where Marcy May was playing. When Marcy May saw the ladder, she curiously checked it out. She thumped it with her hooves, poked it with her nose, and finally used it to scratch an itchy spot on her neck.



Oh no! Big surprise! Marcy May was stuck. Yes, her head was wedged between the rungs of the ladder and she was completely stuck.



Panic set in and Marcy May was energized by her fear. She ran out into the pasture at full speed, awkwardly taking the ladder along for the ride!



When Farmer Tom heard all the commotion, he immediately sprinted outside to find out what was going on. In the pasture, he saw Marcy May spinning a big ladder around like a ride at the State Fair!



Farmer Tom reached out to help. He grabbed the ladder, but by now Marcy May's head was stuck in the top and her leg was stuck in the bottom rung. What a sight it was! After some bending, tugging, and pulling, the ladder finally gave way. Marcy May was free!



Back at the barn, a quieter Marcy May found her mother waiting for her. "I am so happy you didn't get hurt, my little one," said her mother. "Did you learn anything from that experience?" "Yes, I did, Mother," replied Marcy May. "I am full of energy and love to try new things, but I have to think about being more careful."

Donkeys are special, and so are you!