

BROOKE'S HAPPY HORSES HOLIDAY CODE



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MATCH SIZES:

Donkeys and horses are not always as strong as you might think, so always match your size to that of the animal and ensure that your weight is evenly balanced when riding.



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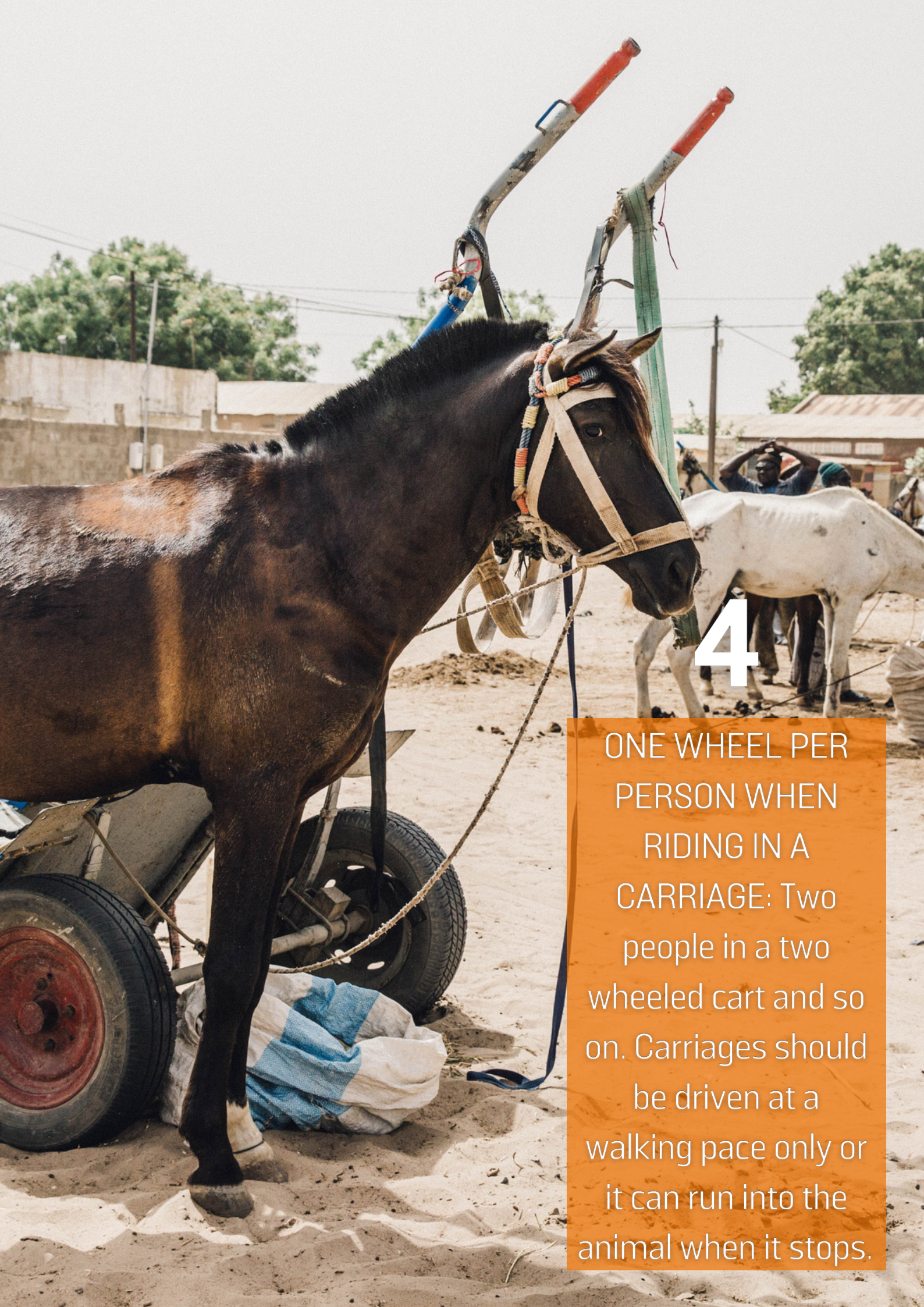
PAY A FAIR PRICE FOR THE RIDE:

Encouraging owners to undercut each other only devalues the work of the horse or donkey – and means both owner and animal must work even harder to earn a living wage.



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ONE PERSON PER ANIMAL: No horse or donkey should carry more than one rider. The animal must accept your weight without discomfort and be able to start, stop and move easily. If it stumbles, staggers or appears to be struggling in any way, please get off.



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ONE WHEEL PER PERSON WHEN RIDING IN A CARRIAGE: Two people in a two wheeled cart and so on. Carriages should be driven at a walking pace only or it can run into the animal when it stops.



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TAKE A CLOSER LOOK: It is important to look past the decoration or carriage and choose an animal that is fit and healthy – with a good covering of flesh, rather than prominent hip bones, backbones or pelvis.



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AVOID USING ANIMALS WITH SORES AND WOUNDS:

Check places where equipment could rub such as the mouth, shoulders, spine and belly. Wounds might be hidden under a saddle or harness, so if you are concerned, ask to check.

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READ THE COMFORT SIGNS:

A healthy animal will have a high head position, with eyes open and ears forward. It will also stand evenly, so look at all four legs for signs of pain or injury and check for cracked or misshapen hooves.



A brown donkey with a lighter face and ears is standing in a dusty, outdoor enclosure. It is positioned behind a rustic wooden fence made of vertical posts and horizontal rails. In the background, there are several trees with green foliage under a bright sky. The donkey's head is lowered slightly, and its eyes appear closed or looking down.

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SPEAK OUT:
If you see an
owner
mistreating his
animal by riding it
hard or whipping
it, we urge you
not to use their
services – and
explain why.

A close-up photograph of two donkeys drinking from a large, dark brown wooden trough. The donkey on the left is white with grey speckles and wears a brown leather collar. The donkey on the right is also white with grey speckles and has a white mane. Both animals have their heads lowered into the trough, which contains a brown liquid. The background is a dry, dusty ground with some straw.

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OFFER PRAISE:
If an animal seems
well looked after,
please praise the
owner and tell him
why you have
chosen to give him
your trade.

A close-up photograph of a donkey lying on its side on dry, dusty ground. The donkey has a light brown and white coat with dark stripes on its back. Its ears are large and pointed, and its eyes are looking towards the camera. The background shows a hilly landscape under a clear sky.

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REPORT

MISTREATMENT:

If you see an animal being severely mistreated, consider making a formal complaint to your tour operator, tourist police or the local authorities.