

## SAVED the BAUDET du POITOU.....more raisons for join us.

The Baudet of Poitou is the oldest breed of donkey recognized by the national stud farm. It's own particular characteristics ensure that it is not confused with other breeds. The largest breed of Poitou donkey has a long history associated with agriculture and mule breeding in the south of this ancient province. From early times this breeding has been mentioned and its particular morphology has been the subject of scholarly descriptions. The combination of great sturdiness and of a finesse of tissue, - as testified by its characteristic long silky coat "bourrailleux" and "guenilleux" has always been much sought after by breeders.



In 1884, in order to preserve and improve this breeding the Stud Book of Breeds of Mules from Poitou was established, indexing the animals meeting a well defined standard. The Baudet of Poitou must have a large head, long, well-opened hairy ears, a bay-brown, long, silky coat, powerful limbs, wide open feet covered with hair. Its size is tall, 1.40m to 1.50m for the males and 1.35m to 1.45m for the females.

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In spite of the hundreds of Baudet du Poitou present at the beginning of the last century by the end of the 1970s only a handful of animals had survived. A few passionate stockbreeders still kept, with great care and vigilance, the few animals still living.

It was urgent to launch an operation bringing together all those interested in this project. When in 1977, amid general indifference, only 44 Baudet du Poitou remained in the world a decisive meeting took place at the head quarters of the National Stud in Paris getting together all those who were concerned about the loss of the Baudet du Poitou.

The operation for their protection was launched.

Syndicates of breeders, the National Stud, the Regional Park of the Marais Poitevin, local and regional groups committed to this project all came together. After this date a whole series of measures involving all the partners was put in to place.

- To count and identify by electronic chip all subjects known and indexed under the name of Baudet du Poitou.
- To open, in addition to Book A which counts the pure bred animals, a Book B to index cross bred animals.
- To create from 1980 the National experimental Donkey farm on the site of La Tillauderie at Dampierre sur Boutonne (17) where the national stud, the Regional Park of the Marais Poitevin and the breeders conduct a programme of continuous crossing of absorption and genetic improvement.. This site opened to the public is also a place of conservation, of the animals, of traditions, and of breeding and reproduction of mules.



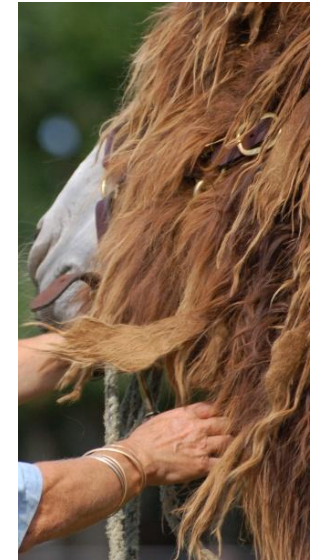
- 1988 saw the creation of SABAUD (Association for the Protection of the Baudet du Poitou) on the initiative of the veterinary surgeon Jacques Fouchier, former minister for agriculture and Senator des Deux Sevres.

- 2000 saw the foundation of UPRa for the breed of mules of Poitou - an organization in charge of the management and promotion of mule breeds from Poitou.

- 2001 a plan for the breeding programme was put in place to limit the unhealthy effects of cross breeding.

- 2002 saw the restoration of the National Donkey farm of Tillauderie by the General Council of Charente Maritime and the National Stud and also the setting up of a museography by the Interregional Park of the Marais Poitevin.

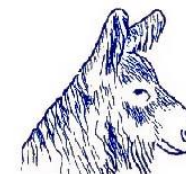
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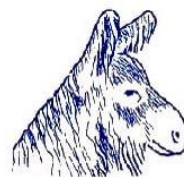
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