

PACMA Reports Ongoing Concerns Over Mijas Donkey Taxis

The Animal Rights Party Against Animal Mistreatment (PACMA) continues to raise awareness about the welfare of donkeys used in the tourist attraction known as "donkey taxis" in Mijas, a picturesque village in southern Spain.



Mijas, Malaga Aug 21, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - For years, PACMA and other animal rights organizations have been voicing concerns about the treatment of these animals. Recently, PACMA filed two complaints within 72 hours regarding the alleged mistreatment of donkeys in Mijas.

"We have documented instances that we believe warrant immediate attention," stated Isabel Ardao, PACMA coordinator in Fuengirola-Mijas. *"Our goal is to ensure these animals receive proper care and treatment."*

The first complaint was based on the observed condition of a donkey in its resting area. The second followed a video recorded by a passerby, showing a donkey struggling to get up after falling while carrying equipment.

These incidents have reignited discussions about animal welfare in the tourism industry. PACMA reports that despite the implementation of some measures, such as suspending the donkey-taxi service during extreme weather alerts, they believe more comprehensive changes are necessary.

Local media outlets have covered the ongoing situation.

El Diario reported on a recent incident involving a confrontation between a donkey handler and a tourist [1].

Canal Sur has highlighted the renewed controversy surrounding donkey taxis [2].

La Vanguardia covered PACMA's recent complaints [3].

PACMA continues to advocate for what they consider to be improved conditions for the donkeys. "We remain committed to documenting and reporting situations that we believe require attention," Ardao added.

The organization encourages a broader discussion on balancing traditional practices with evolving standards of animal welfare in tourism.

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