

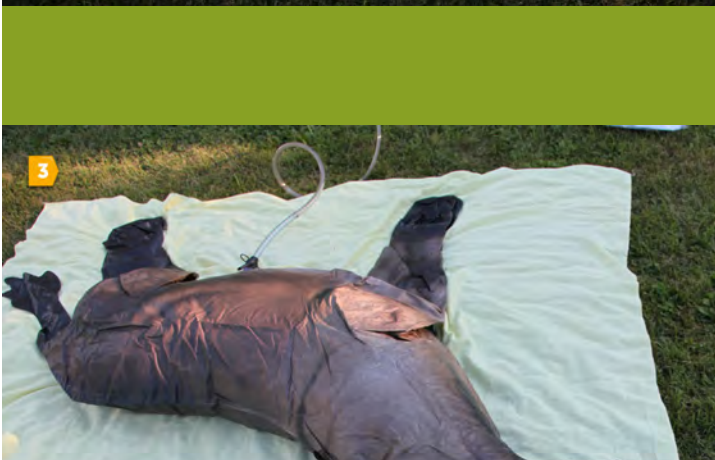
Lifelike Donkey Inflation Guide



1 See our tutorial on unpacking your donkey to get to this point if you haven't. Lay the donkey on its side with the inflator valve up as seen here.



2 Begin inflating the main body slowly. Be careful to allow the air time to fill in all the small areas. Remember, stressing the seams will cause early failure and you don't want that! Take your time and you'll be happier with the outcome.



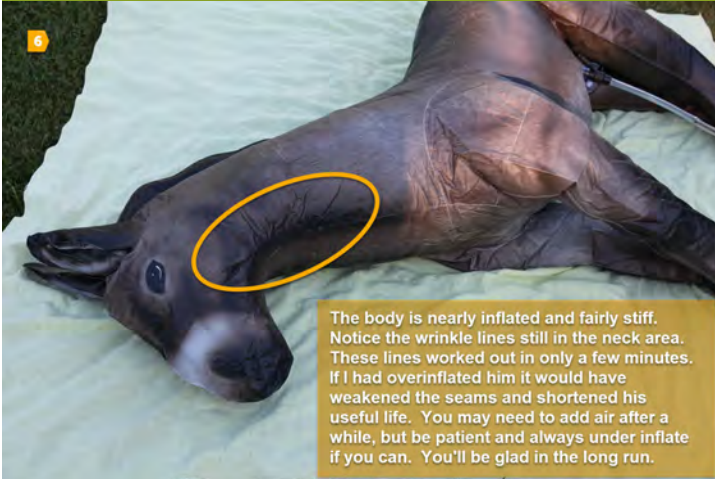
3 When about 50% inflated take time to look around from different angles for any twisted or tight areas. If you find any, loosen them by hand before continuing.



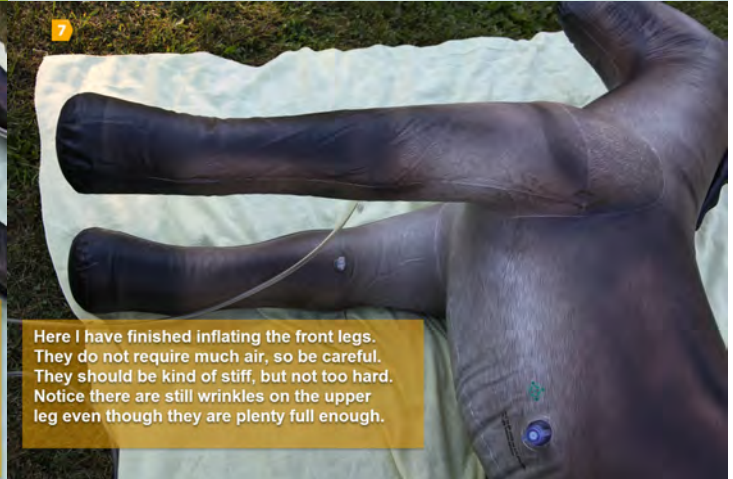
4 Continue filling with air - notice the inside of the legs are inflating now and the body is about 85% inflated. BE CAREFUL TO NOT OVERFILL ANY PART!



5 The body is almost fully inflated now. Do not try to remove every wrinkle in the plastic. Some wrinkles will smooth out in a short time by themselves and some will only completely disappear if the body has been overinflated. When these donkeys are fully inflated some wrinkles will always remain. They are designed that way to minimize stress on the seams.



6 The body is nearly inflated and fairly stiff. Notice the wrinkle lines still in the neck area. These lines worked out in only a few minutes. If I had overinflated him it would have weakened the seams and shortened his useful life. You may need to add air after a while, but be patient and always under inflate if you can. You'll be glad in the long run.



7 Here I have finished inflating the front legs. They do not require much air, so be careful. They should be kind of stiff, but not too hard. Notice there are still wrinkles on the upper leg even though they are plenty full enough.

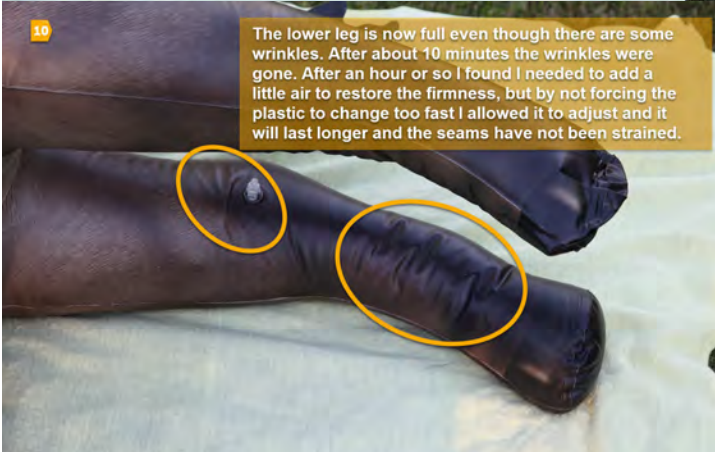
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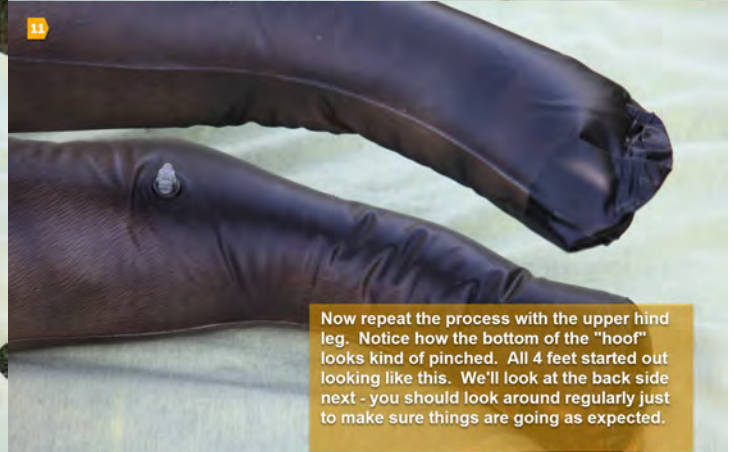
8 Here's another picture of the chest and front legs completely full. Notice there are still wrinkles on the chest and both legs. These were almost completely gone in a very short time.



9 Next inflate the lower hind leg. Notice there is already air in the leg - it just isn't full. Carefully finish filling until it is round and firm, but again don't try to remove all the wrinkles.



10 The lower leg is now full even though there are some wrinkles. After about 10 minutes the wrinkles were gone. After an hour or so I found I needed to add a little air to restore the firmness, but by not forcing the plastic to change too fast I allowed it to adjust and it will last longer and the seams have not been strained.



11 Now repeat the process with the upper hind leg. Notice how the bottom of the "hoof" looks kind of pinched. All 4 feet started out looking like this. We'll look at the back side next - you should look around regularly just to make sure things are going as expected.



12 This picture is from the back, but is also before finishing the inflation of the top leg. When all 4 legs are finished check around the whole body once again and even out the pressure (by feel) as much as possible between the 4 legs.



13 Notice that even the belly has wrinkles left in it. These also mostly disappeared after a short time, though some remained. Now for the whole picture...



14 Finally we have a completely inflated donkey! If treated carefully you will have him for years and he will always look good!

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