John Simpson had at least 4 donkeys that helped carry wounded soldiers through the inhospitable terrain of the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey during WW1. The hardy little animals saved many lives. They served calmly, day and night, under fire, with little water or food to transport the wounded. Some of the donkeys were killed or injured themselves. John Simpson was killed but another stretcher bearer using a donkey around Anzac Cove, Dick Henderson, of the New Zealand Medical Corps had taken over one of Simpson’s donkeys, known as “Murphy” and continued their work.

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