Puzzled Pint

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Pin the Tail on the Donkey SOLUTION

(Note: The answer sheet calls the puzzle "Pin the <u>Tale</u> on the Donkey". As teams were told at the event, that was an unintentional error.)

There were twelve tails on the donkey: 4 grey and 8 brown. Additionally, some of the lines at the bottom of the tails are merged. There are three tails with one thick line, three tails with two thick lines, three tails with three thick lines, and three tails with four thick lines. In each trio, two are brown and 1 is grey.

Each trio should be read as semaphore, with the grey tail being the central pivot point. (For all tails, use the point at the top of the tail where it is adhered to the background.) The trio of tails with one thick line gives the letter T, two thick lines R, three thick lines A, and four thick lines Y. The solution to the puzzle is "TRAY".