

Y55/142 Howen Pickle III 2013 (*Brookshill Brumby / Howen Sunseeker II*)

Bred by James Winter, owned by Katie Guppy



On Saturday 21st September 2013 when travelling on the B3078 Fordingbridge to Cadnam road early in the morning, we passed an agister's truck and trailer parked on the side of the road. It was only after passing the vehicle that I realized what I was looking at...the aftermath of an accident which resulted in a dead mare and a tiny foal being loaded into the trailer, an image that will never leave me. It was totally gut wrenching for both myself and my husband Martin. We couldn't get the thought of this pony out of our minds. Martin is not horsey, but took an instant love for this foal and wanted me to do everything I could to secure this pony's future, although at the time of the accident we were on our way to France for a week's holiday, but as soon as I got there I went straight on the

NFED website as I knew accidents were listed in detail. When we arrived

home I called the Verderers' Office and was kindly given the owners details whom I contacted straight away. They told me they did still have the foal, a bay roan colt of around 4 months who would be going to the next Beaulieu Road sale which we couldn't bear the thought of after his ordeal...so we purchased him! He wasn't yet registered and Martin wanted to call him Pickle, so Howen Pickle III was our lovely new foal!

We put Pickle in the paddock with our other New Forest pony Buckland Buddy, they instantly took to one another and became best of companions. It did take Pickle a while to come out of himself, but once he had he proved to be a very loving pony with a very trainable attitude and a quickness I've only seen in forest born and bred ponies...a true intelligence for survival.

In May 2015 we welcomed our first child in to the world and soon realized I wouldn't have time to do this pony justice, which is when a friend kindly pointed me in the direction of Beverley Molter a well esteemed equine trainer with an affinity and love for New Forest ponies, who after coming to view him agreed to work with him which is where his training began!

Katie Guppy



When I picked up Pickle he had previously ended up jumping the breast bar in Katie's trailer when attempting to take him to a show, so I was well prepared although Katie was a little nervous! I took the wonderful Ridley Sweet Cider as a companion and had a high breast bar and he travelled well. The first few days I certainly knew I had a baby in the yard and a grid was attached to the stable door when in and he was palled up with supercob Stanley when out, who trained him well.

After his initial lack of attention which I knew was all attitude, he very quickly progressed to loving his work and showing a great aptitude for jumping on the lunge. In no time he was ready to sit on which I do very quietly on my own...trust is the key. At this age I would only do the basics back them and walk about and he has now gone home for Christmas....can't wait to have him back next year!

Beverley Molter

