

Ninebanks Tim Tam

aka "Will"

13hh 11yo New Forest Pony Gelding

Sire: Forestway Royal Ascot (Imp)

Dam: Danewood Elle



Features: Big kind dark eyes, a straight aristocratic nose and a cheeky white snip on his nose. At 13hh he is the smaller Type A New Forest pony which show more quality than the larger Type B ponies over 13.2hh

Will was gelded as a 2yo and broken in at 4 years and showed the pattern of his life early on at the breakers. He kept to the far corner of his yard for the first two and a half weeks of lessons uncooperatively making slow progress. Then suddenly overnight, a change and he was ready and waiting at his gate next morning, anxious to come out and work with a newly found cooperation that has stayed with him.

He now loves his work, gets bored if left out for too long, tries hard to please and hates to be in trouble (a rare event) or get something wrong! As a New Forest pony he certainly shows an agreeable temperament, a very trainable disposition and versatility. He also likes to think he's very special and more important than any of his New Forest brothers and sisters. Fortunately for him he has been a very special and talented pony who has given me a great deal of fun and achievement excelling in a variety of disciplines.

Career Highlights in the Show Ring

2003 Champion Ridden Mountain & Moorland Pony
2003 Champion Ridden Mountain & Moorland Show Hunter Pony
2005 Supreme Ridden Mountain & Moorland Pony Southern Pony Classic
2006 Champion Ridden Mountain & Moorland Pony Royal Melbourne Horse Show
2007 Reserve Champion Ridden Mountain & Moorland Pony Stud Show
2008 Reserve Champion Ridden Mountain & Moorland Pony Royal Melbourne Horse Show
2009 Champion Ridden Mountain & Moorland Pony Royal Melbourne Horse Show
2009 Champion Mountain & Moorland Show Hunter Pony Barastoc

Dressage Highlights

We commenced Dressage through HRCV competition, APSB Action Pony Days and APOB Open Pony Dressage Championships but attendances were intermittent due to other commitments.. Highlights were:-

2006 Level 3 Dressage Jackpot Winner Loch- Nyora ARC
2007 Best Dressage Score - APOB Open Pony Dressage Championships
2008 Best Dressage Test by an APSB Pony - APSB Action Pony Day (Jordy Wright)

15yo Jordy Wright began his EFA Dressage career in earnest in late 2008 with 2 competitions at Treehaven Equestrian Centre where he tackled Prelim and Novice levels. His second comp gave him a qualifying score for the EFA Victorian State Championships at Werribee in December. I'm sure Jordy had had the least EFA dressage experience of all Pony Dressage competitors. Of the 13 competitors in the Novice section she and "Will" placed 7th overall. His first test placed him in 5th but unfortunately on his entry into his second test he collected an insect in his ear and a shake of his head suggested "resistance" to the judges bringing his score down to 10th. We know he has more fuel in the tank for an even better result next time (without insects!) It was a great result for such a short lead up time.

APSB Action Pony Day 2008 Achievements

Best Dressage Test by an APSB Pony (as noted above)

Best Performed New Forest Pony

The latter of these two awards had always been beyond me as I am past trying out my hand at jumping but prior to the Action Day Jordy said she was willing to give him a try out. She started out with a small jump and shock and horror he stumbled through it. Didn't seem to have a clue! New Forest ponies are usually naturals at jumping. Jordy had had Will's half brother Ninebanks Gin & Tonic, a partbred New Forest who loves jumping so she was not deterred. Up went the height, while the adults held their breath. Wow.....they say "he just flew it!!!!" So he's a New Forest after all! After that he did two or three jumps on three occasions only and took out a win in his show jumping and a fifth in his working hunter which together with his great dressage score ensured his first ever Action Day Best Performed New Forest pony Award. He certainly likes to achieve and is a hard act to follow. My thanks go to Jordy Wright for opening up a new horizon for this special pony.

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