

# Tara Park Nightraider

**aka "Dillon"**

**Shetland Stallion**

**Sire: Daniel Park**

**Nightstalker**

**Dam: Riverlea Bridgedine**



Tara Park Nightraider with Emma Copley

We have been privileged to have owned his multi winning and versatile father Daniel Park Nightstalker and never in our wildest dreams did we ever think we would breed and own such a wonderful pony as "Tara Park Nightraider" known as "Dillon".

Dillon was shown as a youngster with little success as he was a tall and lean youngster for the led classes. There was a lot of criticism of his type from people and judges, and people telling us we should geld him. Except for the last 2yo colt class he did, Judge Bruce Hamblin came up to me at the show after sashing him champion colt, and said "if you have space at home turn him out and let him mature, he will make a beautiful Stallion". Never a truer word has been spoken.

After some time in the paddock Dillon was broken to saddle and has been an extremely successful pony both led and under saddle. Starting his saddle career in 1999 with Joanne and Sheree Pengelly winning numerous Champions and Supreme's in led and saddle. Not only since starting his saddle career has he been shown very successfully, but he has also produced some lovely progeny including the very well preformed in led and starting her saddle career "Tara Park Lily" owned by Jan & Steph Stevenson, Also sire of "Tara Park Shania" owned by Linda Eshuys who has only just started her showing career. We have retained some lovely fillies by Dillon which we will soon be starting their showing career's and we hope they can follow in there great fathers hoof prints.

In 2005 we were lucky enough to have the lovely little rider Emma Copley who partnered Dillon to many wins and champions both on the flat and jumping. Emma then decided to leave the show ring and concentrate on the dressage scene where she's competing very successfully. We then had a hard task of finding another small rider.

We were lucky enough to find a terrific little rider Riley Baker. Riley and Dillon have competed together since Dec 2007 and just clicked. They have been extremely successful on the flat and jumping, sometimes competing against horses twice their size. Riley and Dillon tackle together anything put in front of them. Dillon and Riley also enjoy the occasional bush ride as well.

Some of Dillon recent major wins include:

2007 Champion Ridden Shetland Melbourne Summer Royal  
2008 Barastoc Performance Pony of the Year under 14.2hh  
2008 APSB Action Day Highpoint Shetland  
2009 APSB Ridden Shetland of the Year at Stud Show  
2009 Champion Ridden Shetland Stud Show  
2009 Top 8 Barastoc Supreme Inhand Challenge  
2009 Barastoc Working Hunter of the Year Small Pony  
Plus too numerous to mention Champion's and Supreme's in-hand.

Hopefully Dillon and Riley continue with their success. Dillon is a true small, smart and special pony.

Alison & Jo Pengelly, Tara Park