



It is with great sorrow that following a bout of colic we had to say Good-Bye to the wonderful Gladdy.

Kiltie's Glad-ness was bred and raised by the McLellan's of Dewinton, AB. From the very beginning, Gladdy had all the presence, spirit and kindness that is so desired in the Welsh Breed. At the age of two, she traveled to the Western American National Welsh show in Sacramento, California where she won the two year old filly class. Following the show, a sale of Gladdy was agreed upon, but when the intended purchasers were unable to pick her up by the next morning, she traveled back to Alberta to start her career in Harness.

The next year as a Three year old, Gladdy won both the Section A Mare Class and the Pleasure Driving class at the Calgary International Horse Show. The Fall of that year saw Gladdy return to the Western American National Welsh show in Sacramento, CA where she won Grand Champion Mare (in a class of 23!) and her Sire Whirlwind won Grand Champion Stallion. Needless to say she was no longer for sale.

Gladdy's successful show career continued; with many wins throughout Alberta, the PNE in British Columbia, and Kalispell, Montana. A trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the American Welsh show saw her win her Halter class and all her Pleasure Driving classes (driven by Heather in the Junior classes and Sheila in the Adult Classes). Heather taught Gladdy how to ride earlier that year and proceeded to win the Under Saddle Class with her as well.

Over the years, Glad-ness has been used as a riding school pony, teaching many young children (including through the Therapeutic Riding Assoc) to ride and adults to pleasure drive. On several occasions she has visited seniors nursing homes, the Veteran's hospital and several schools.

For the past 29 Years Gladdy has spent ten days in July at the Calgary Stampede where she represents the Welsh Breed on display and in demonstrations. On many occasions young parents have brought their children to have them meet the pony they rode when they were youngsters. The last 5 years have also seen Gladdy represent the Welsh Breed at Aggi Days on the Stampede Grounds.

In 2006, at the age of 30, Glad-ness taught McCol Iles (9 yrs) how to drive, and together Sheila, Gladdy and McCol (in the above Photo) won the Junior Driving Championship at the Pleasure Driving Show held at Spruce Meadows. McCol and Gladdy also entered the Ride and Drive class, where as the only Pony team and youngest/oldest combination they were awarded a 3rd place.

For the past two years, Gladdy and I have been living at Cornerstone Farm in Priddis, and we have had the wonderful fortune of meeting the Iles Family where we have become a part of their family. While at the farm Gladdy has helped teach a few young children how to ride and is a very special part of the farm.

There are very few people who have been so blessed to own and enjoy such a special animal. Gladdy's generous heart, kindness and loving spirit are greatly missed. Her nicker will stay in our hearts forever.

Good Bye Gladdy,
Sheila McLellan