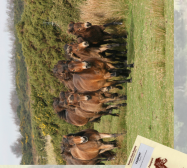


Life's Journey for a Moorland Mousie Trust Pony

1. Foals are born in late Spring/early Summer into free-living herds that roam Exmoor.
In October, the herds are gathered off the moor and onto the owners' farms.



2. Foals are microchipped and then inspected for registration by the Exmoor Pony Society. A DNA sample is taken to verify the parentage. The Society issue each pony with a Passport.



3. When supply exceeds demand for foals, the Moorland Mousie Trust purchases some of the surplus and they are transported to the Exmoor Pony Centre.



5. Each foal is an individual personality and whilst some prove easy to trail, others take longer.



6. Colt foals are neutered - a major cost during their time at the Centre.

4. Each foal is checked for any health issues; wormed, named and given additional food. Once settled in, taming and handling begins using sensitive methods.



7. In Spring, the foals either go to foster homes or onto grazing land to grow on.



8. Many of those fostered out never return as they capture the hearts of their fosterers and have homes for life. For the rest, once ready for training, they are transported back to the Exmoor Pony Centre.



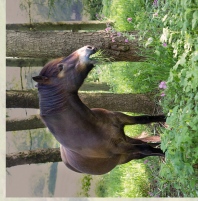
10. Those destined for a life with people receive further training



9. Once back at the Centre, the ponies are assessed as to their character and behaviour. They are categorised as either suitable for working with people or better suited to a more natural life.



11. to be trekking ponies at the Centre or to go to foster homes as a riding pony or companion;



14. Nature has already equipped ponies selected for a more independent role

15. Their self-sufficiency and ability to eat a wide variety of plants without persuing the ecosystem makes Exmoors excellent conservation grazers.



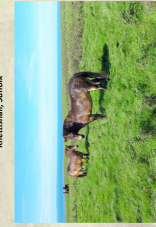
12. for varied activities at the Centre;



13.and for meeting the public at shows or other events to publicise the work of the Moorland Mousie Trust.



16. Exmoor ponies are now helping the National Trust, English Nature, many county Wildlife Trusts and some private estates to manage reserves and sites of special scientific interest.



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