

MHRC HOY 2022 – Georgie Girl

Georgie Girl came into Michelle's life after the sad loss of her big lad Duke at the age of 27.

This scruffy little girl had been turned away living with other young ponies but she came to live with Michelle to mend the huge hole Duke had left in her life, she had developed rain scald due to the horrific weather we were having at that time and was pretty sore.

At 4 years old she had done very little but took to the human attention really quickly, Michelle treated her skin and coat to make her more comfortable and after about 6 months started her education.

Being a very genuine pony she took to the breaking and enjoyed having a job to do.

In June 2021 she went to her first show which was the members show at Hunters Lodge and looked a picture, apart from a mark on her chest which looked like a dry scab, small in appearance and not bothering her at all. She went on the win both her in-hand classes and ended up In-hand Champion which was out of this world, considering Michelle's goal was for her to travel well!!

Unfortunately, over the next 4 weeks, that small scab grew into a red raw bobble on her chest, which would bleed if touched or knocked and more scabs started to appear under her armpits, between her legs, girth area and chest. The Vet confirmed them to be sarcoids and GG, due to the volume, was therefore referred to the RVC for treatment. Photographs were supplied and it was decided that she should be taken up there to have them all lasered off.

On September 29th 2021, in the middle of the fuel strike!!, Michelle had to take her to the RVC and the following day she was put under a full GA, so they could get a better view of her underside and a total of 14 sarcoids were lasered from various areas including between her back legs. When Michelle collected her on October 1st, she looked, in the vets words, like a scorched pizza. Michelle was advised that this procedure was very intensive and painful, especially as so many removed, they had debated about doing her in two batches at one point but all agreed to just get it done and therefore was put on strong painkillers and antibiotics for 10 days to give her some relief.

Bearing in mind what she had just been through she travelled the journey home like a pro and she started her recuperation.

Michelle was warned it would take a minimum of 3 months for the skin to heal and sure enough slowly they started to heal and what an amazing patient she was, only trying to kill Michelle once when the vet suggested squirting her wounds with saline solution....absolutely not having any of that, so ended up dabbing the areas with the solution to avoid any further trauma.

The armpit area was the last to heal due to continuous movement of the front legs but slowly they knitted back together and the scar tissue reduces gradually everyday.

A year on she appears, so far and fingers crossed, to have made a great recovery and although she sports some scaring and scar tissue, is doing really well.

