

## MHRC HOY 2024 – Jumping Jack Flash

### Jumping Jack Flash-MRC horse of the year award in memory of Nick Linfield

Jack is a 17 year old Welsh Section A, Gelding and he loves attention. From the day Jazmin met him it was love at first sight. It was Jazmin's love for horses that led to her meeting Jack when she was just 3 years old. Their journey had just begun, and they are still going strong as Jazmin is now 14 years old and Jack is 17 years old.



For 11 years Jazmin has given Jack unconditional love just like he has for her, he was her first ever pony. Jack is an amazing lead rein pony and when in-hand showing he gets the job done and knows his part. You can always count on him to guide you in the right direction. They started their showing career when Jazmin was just 3 and Jack was 6. They were doing so well, and they were both so happy and good at what they did.

Then Covid hit so they had to stop showing which made them both very disappointed. Jazmin was not allowed to go to school, so she was able to go up to the field very frequently. Their bond grew so strong that she could do anything with him, like lying in his field, sitting on him bareback and having a go at some tiny jumps, they were the dream team.

Then the unexpected happened. Jazmin had a nasty fall on another horse and was ready to give up her passion forever. Her journey was nearly over. Luckily though I got her to come to the horse field, and as soon as she saw Jack she remembered all their happy memories they had had



together, and she instantly knew she wanted to make even more memories with Jack.

Unfortunately, though by the time shows started to begin again, Jazmin had outgrown Jack which made her really sad because she also realized that she wouldn't be able to show with him again. So I suggested to her to do in-hand showing which proved to be very successful. Also, with her starting secondary school she became stressed out and worried for the days to come. Fortunately, Jack was there to keep her busy.

She got to work and started practicing every night. After a while we both agreed she was ready for her first show. We went off to Manhood Riding Club in August 2022. She went into her first class which was child handler and did very well and won the class. Jazmin and I were so proud and glad that all her hard work had paid off. Two years later they are still going strong, enjoying every moment they spend together. They enjoy every show they go to which makes me very proud of them both but especially Jazmin after what she has overcome facing the challenges put in her path.



Unfortunately, at the beginning of this year I lost my dog and four weeks later I lost my horse of 25 years which meant I was not up for going to shows this year as it brought back too many memories. So, I said to Jazmin we will have to give this year a rest so I could grieve and take time out for myself which Jazmin understood.



I'm just glad we both had Jack to keep us focused and help us through this hard time.

So I would like to nominate Jack because he has helped me and Jazmin through losing my girls this year and helped Jazmin so much throughout their 11 years together.

