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We got Fallon nearly three years ago, Charlotte had just turned 8 and was desperate for her 'own' Exmoor pony. It was love at first sight. Fallon is the most adored Exmoor pony ever, Charlotte absolutely loves her, they have achieved so much together and learned loads along the way. They've been to Pony Club Camp (three times) they've done cross country schooling, Performance trials and recently went to Somerford Park where they jumped some impressive jumps on the farm ride and had great fun doing handy pony and clear round jumping.

Fallon is the perfect child's pony, she allows Charlotte to do so much and as long as she's eating, she'll stand for hours while Charlotte brushes her, jumps on and off, sings dances and chats away. Due to lack of funds and transport, we don't go to many places though we have great fun at the farm where Fallon lives, Charlotte often takes her in the river or jumping in the field or school and they're always going out on adventures together galloping across open fields or trotting along country lanes. Every little girl should have a best friend, Charlotte's best friend is Fallon. We are so lucky to have her in our lives, she's made Charlotte into a cracking little rider and Charlotte's turned Fallon into a brilliant child's pony. I honestly couldn't have wished for a more perfect pony for my daughter. We are so lucky to have Fallon, and Fallon's lucky to have Charlotte, one things for sure, Fallons life's never boring, there's always something going on! Fallon is a star pony, one in a million.

RUNNER-UP: ANCHOR GODIVA



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17/10/14 I was given a once in a lifetime opportunity of experiencing the Anchor Exmoor Pony round up. Although a grey wet day, everyone I met was welcoming and inviting. I was mesmerized watching the ponies coming off the moors – little did I know that was exactly where my future best friend had just come from.

Anchor Godiva, (Lady), arrived 30/11/14. At 3½, she was older than most being sold off the moor, but I had instantly fallen in love with her kind eye, and beautiful face. It took me weeks to begin to get close to her, and she even jumped out of her stable. I honestly thought I had taken on more than I was capable of, but then literally overnight we clicked, she was a different pony, the trust had established, and our journey began.

I brought her on slowly – never rushed, and my little superstar has given me the best ever year. I decided early on to concentrate on dressage, due to wanting her totally balanced before attempting other disciplines. Also having recently been diagnosed with Chiari Malformation and awaiting brain surgery, anything else was out of the question.

Reaseheath run an annual dressage championship, so our quest began. Lady completed eleven tests, achieving an average score of 77%, with many of the Judge's comments congratulating us on our harmonious partnership, of which I am very proud.

The morning of March 5th we competed, managing to come first and secure six more championship points, but that afternoon I had to go to North Staffs for the dreaded brain surgery. Not being one to stay in bed too long, I managed to persuade them to let me home 2 days later, and was back sat in Lady's stable on the Thursday. It was like she knew there was something different, she was so gentle, and when I was back in the saddle 4 weeks later she really looked after me, sadly we missed Aprils Dressage - but she was back on winning form in May.

June bought Cheshire Show - I was so proud coming 4th in the in hand, with the Judge's comments of what a fab obviously ridden, fit pony! Then the following day the Ridden Novice Small Breeds. Lady was the only Exmoor; I was elated when it came over the tannoy she was second! I have never felt so happy.

The final cherry for the year - yes my amazing Exmoor was Champion for her section in the Reaseheath Dressage.

Lady is the most amazing, brave, honest and trustworthy pony I have ever had the privilege to ride, and we have now started jumping, which I never thought we would be able to do.

Our goal for the future - HOYS! We are going to start qualifiers next season so watch this space - one day, my amazing Anchor Godiva will fly the Exmoor flag, and show the world just how amazing our Native Exmoor ponies really are.