









# SPONSOR A PONY INFORMATION PACK











#### Your Sponsorship

As a Charity, we rely heavily on donations and fundraising events. With fundraising event opportunities proving harder and harder due to the cost of living crisis and everything horse related going up in price for various reasons, we are looking for sponsors for our Ponies. All sponsorship is greatly received and goes directly towards the upkeep of our lovely ponies. Sponsorship packages start from £30.00 a year, making sponsoring a pony accessible to everyone. Why not sponsor the pony that you ride when you come to REACH?

All sponsorship packages include 'Photo Certificate of your Sponsored Pony', as well as regular updates from REACH through our website and Facebook page. You'll also be welcome to visit our stables to meet your Sponsored Pony (please arrange a convenient time with us )

#### Who we are

Based on the outskirts of Brentwood, REACH is a registered charity (No. 1158714) and was set up in September 2014 to provide the South Eastern region of the UK with a much needed Hippotherapy and Equine Assisted Therapy centre. In May 2018 we became a member group of Riding For The Disabled Association (RDA), we now carry out all of our activities under this umbrella.

REACH is short for 'Rehabilitation, Education, Assessment Centre for Hippotherapy', and is the brainchild of Louise Barrett, a Chartered Physiotherapist, trained in Hippotherapy and RDA Coach.

Hippotherapy is a specialist physiotherapy intervention utilising the 3-dimensional movement of a horse in walk to correct and improve movement, balance and core strength in the 'rider'. It's beneficial for treating people with cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, brain and spinal cord injuries and other movement disorders. Children with autism and other learning disabilities have also benefitted from this form of therapy. Through various seating positions the 'riders' can strengthen specific muscle groups, their core and improve their balance. We have side walkers to ensure our 'riders' are in safe hands.

We also offer Therapeutic riding sessions for our more able participants and currently have 5 qualified RDA coaches. REACH caters for all ages (2 years onward) and for a range of disabilities, as mentioned above and also learning disabilities and mental health disorders.

In addition to Hippotherapy and Therapeutic riding, the Centre also delivers Equine Facilitated Learning to help anyone with their Mental Health, an ASDAN Learning Programme for those seeking an alternative education provision and Equine Assisted Therapy and Learning, Pony Petting and Pony Painting, all of which use the interaction of the person with a horse to help with many sensory, cognitive, behavioural and emotional difficulties.

#### **Our Mission Statement**

Our aim is to provide high quality assessment, riding and rehabilitation programmes using a horse to provide a treatment strategy for adults and children with physical, mental, social and learning disabilities and as such allow more people to benefit from Hippotherapy and associated services.







Hello! My name is Tilly, I came here in 2019. I'm a very small pony at only 11.2 hands high, I have just recently retired from ridden sessions but am happy living with my friends Flora and Trixie xxx

> Hello, my name is Bruno. I'm a piebald cob with four big fluffy legs. When I'm not playing in the muddy puddles one of my roles is helping my riders stay balanced with my big wide back. I'm a big softy who can be a bit cheeky, but everyone loves me, so I get away with it. I'm also able to pull a carriage so watch this space... xxx



Hi, my name is Annie. I'm one of the original REACH ponies. I'm 13.1 hands high. My main role is to keep those volunteers in check. My favourite daily task is eating, which I do as often as possible. A little fun fact about me is that I'm super safe in the menage but do think I'm a racing pony when I go out on hacks across the fields. It's just so much fun going fast. xxx



Hey! My name is Brecon, I'm a Welsh cob. In my younger days I used to be a dressage Star now I spend my days eating hay and being cheeky trying to find treats in everyone's pockets. I can be a bit lazy but can still flick my toes if I want to. My favourite trick is undoing my lead rope. I'm also a little bit in love with Annie but I don't think she loves me. xxx

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# 'Making therapy fun'

Hi! My name is Flora, I am a miniature Shetland Pony and was born on the 13th March 2002. I arrived here at REACH in 2014 and I stand at just 28 inches tall. I'm a little sweetie to everyone but I'm not sure about being bathed – I'm sure it's more fun to stay covered in mud. XXX

Hey! My name is Trixie. Like Flora, I am also a miniature Shetland Pony but am bigger than her as I stand at 36 inches tall. I arrived here at the stables at the same time as Flora and we go EVERYWHERE together. Unlike Flora, I like being bathed, so at least I won't smell as bad as her! xxx



Hello there, my name is Sally, like Bruno I'm a piebald cob, a lot of people get us mixed up. My role in REACH is helping the smaller riders ride and have the best fun. I'm super off the lead rein and have lots of fun when I go out on hacks. My favourite thing to do is play with my field mates Trixie and Flora. I also love having my bottom scratched. xxx



Hi my name is Flo and I'm the newest member of the Reach Team. I am 15.1 hands high so can take some of our bigger riders and I'm also great off the lead rein. Watch this space for more news from me on how I'm getting on in my new home xxx



# SPONSOR A PONY APPLICATION FORM

Please return this Application Form to us by email reach.hippotherapy@gmail.com or by post to REACH, Crown Farm Stables, Crown Road, Kelvedon Hatch, Brentwood, Essex CM14 5TB. Payments to be made via internet banking.

Feel free to contact us to discuss further or send us this form to confirm your sponsorship

Name of Pony to Sponsor:

Full Name of Paying Sponsor: (for gift aid purposes) Name for certificate:

Address:

Contact number: Email:

Sponsorship package: (please tick preferred options)

□ £30/year

□ £5/month

□ Other amount/monthly/yearly Please specify: (Minimum £30 a year)

- I have made a bank transfer to REACH Hippotherapy with my name as the reference to HSBC Account, sort code 40-13-22 account number 41880411
- □ I have donated via Just giving visit the webpage www.reachequinetherapy.org and click on the donate button (Our preferred option for one off payments)

### Gift aid declaration

If you are a UK taxpayer, the value of your donation can be increased by the basic rate tax band percentage under the Gift Aid scheme. On your behalf we are able to claim back the tax from HM Revenue and Customs. Gift Aid is great because it means REACH receives extra money added to our donations at no extra cost to you, the donor. For every £1 donated, REACH receives £1.25 when you add Gift Aid. Further information on Gift Aid can be found at: http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/gift-aid.html Please read these statements about reclaiming Gift Aid and sign and return this form with your Sponsorship

form:

- I am happy for REACH to reclaim Gift Aid on this donation, and any future donations.
- I pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year that is at least equal to the amount of tax which will be reclaimed as Gift Aid for the nominated charity above.

· I've given the correct information about my status.

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