



# Hoof Beat Junior Newsletter

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Please find your 2011–2012 Junior club membership attached here.

You will need this when entering at WPCS run Junior club events.

## Cold and Frosty Morning Feeding of your little Welsh Pony

Give your pony some meadow hay morning and night, they like nothing better. You could put some molasses on it as long as you get mum or dad to show you how as it can be messy, but we love mess. Get some apples from the tree or out of the fridge ( Did I say that I hope Mum didn't see us ? they may have been for the apple pie). Another thing you could get are some carrots from the garden maybe you could go to the shop and buy some seed and get dad to help you plant them in a spot in the garden so you have plenty to feed your pony.

You measure a horse's height in hands. Each hand equals four inches. If you say a horse is 16.2 hands high, the 2 stands for 2 fingers

He would love a big brush don't forget **not** to walk around his back end, do one side then come up to the front and go down the other side . Brush him or her well under the saddle as their might be something rough that the saddle will sit on and make his back sore. Brush out his mane and tail, stand beside your pony facing the back hold the tail in your left hand and slowly let a little go at a time brushing each bit free of knots.

**ALWAYS** get Mum or Dad to help the first time.





# Horse Facts



**Mia McCoy**  
**of NSW &**  
**Nattai Rain Drop**  
 At the Bathurst Welsh Show  
 in October 2011  
 winning  
**Champion Welsh Mountain Pony**



- Any marking on a horse's forehead is called a star, even if it is not shaped like a star.
- Horses and ponies feel safer when they are in a herd
- A hoof is like a fingernail. It is always growing and needs to be clipped so that it won't be uncomfortable for the horse.
- A horse can move in four ways: walk, trot, canter, and gallop. A gallop is the fastest gait



**Emily & Keira**  
**Barton**  
**(6 & 4 years**  
**old)**  
**With**  
**Ollie & Sachi**



**(in fancy dress where**  
**a medal was awarded**  
**for participation)**

**Rebecca Curran**  
 age 6 at pony Club on  
**Oakvalley Flower**  
**Girl.**  
 They like Pony club,  
 Trail Rides and  
 Shows.



Emily says she really love horses. I think about my ponies all the time, even at school where i daydream about riding my ponies. My little sister and I play horsey games all the time and we have lots of Barbie, Schleich and Breyer horses.

I attend Pony Club and like going to shows. I have started cantering off the lead and love to ride by myself.

I have just competed at Melbourne Show with my pony Sketty Park Oliver. We did really well getting 3rd in the Junior turnout 4-6years.

I also got a call in my rider. Mum is very proud of us. I am looking forward to going to lots of shows and riding Ollie.



**Jacinta Ayrton** from NSW riding **"Creswell Hansel"**  
 She loves showing and getting dressed up. She won the leading rein class at Bathurst Royal 2010.

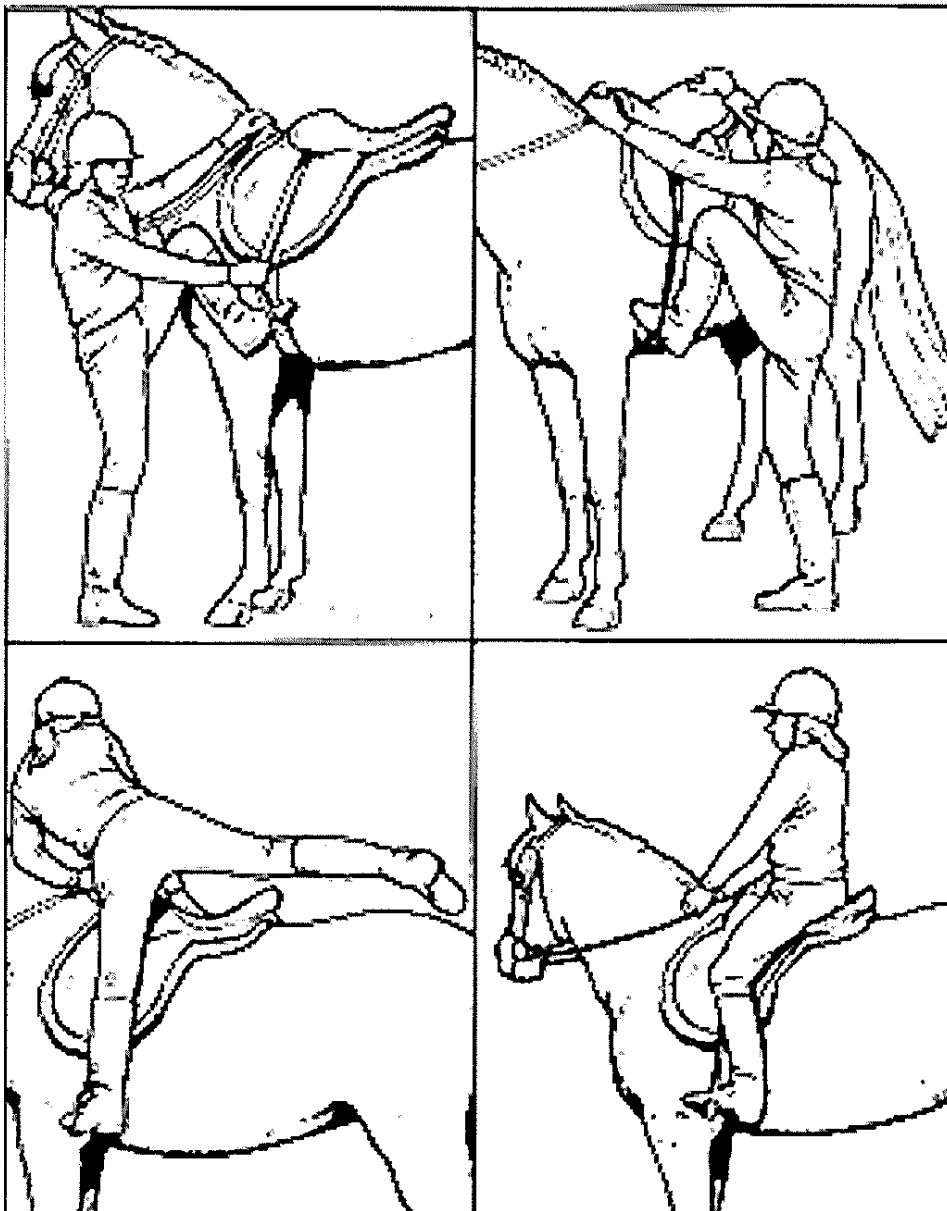


## How to Mount your Pony



Now your pony is brushed you may want to go for a ride saddle him up get mum or Dad to check it is all good, put on the bridle put the reins over after mum and Dad have said everything is OK..

Now get on remember not to plonk into that saddle just think there is a raw egg on it and you don't want to break it. Now slip your right foot into the iron pick up the reins now hold your hands up straight just think you have Dad's beer in your hands and you don't want to spill it. Now squeeze your pony forward and say walk on Have a great ride





We would love to hear from you



Visit this web site to view amazing pictures of parts of the horse & other interesting facts.

<http://library.thinkquest.org/3887/facts.html>

Send in your photos or drawings of you and your pets and family. Also a little story would be really good to so we can include it in Hoof Beats.

### COMPETITION

HOW MANY SADDLES CAN YOU COUNT IN THIS NEWSLETTER?



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Visit our website to learn how to draw the pony head, go to the Junior club section of the site.

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