

# Words of Wisdom

Every child at some stage dreams of having their own pony. Unfortunately these dreams don't always come true but for a lucky few. Buying the perfect pony is not only a commitment to your child's safety and well-being; it is a commitment to caring for an animal that needs constant attention, friendship and love.

Before you commence your journey to finding the perfect pony, first ask yourself the question, do I have the time, money, dedication and the commitment it takes to owning one of nature's greatest gifts. This pony will not only be a best friend, one to love and cherish, it will teach your child respect, to be assertive, to be kind and above all, a focus like no other on responsibility. Many children go through stages in their lives but for some this stage, the love of horses, becomes their life. So choose wisely!!!

The "My Perfect Pony" concept was born out of a real situation that I watched develop with young children, a situation that could have easily turned nasty, inexperienced parents taking the wrong



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advice and putting their children at risk with a pony not suitable for beginners. I watched silently as this excited family came each weekend to enjoy their new pony. Sadly the pony did not share the same enthusiasm and his behaviour started to change. Unnoticed by the parents, this behaviour continued to get worse, to the point where the children could no longer safely sit on this pony's back and eventually the inevitable happened and some one was hurt. After approaching this family and befriending them, I was able to convince the parents that this pony was not suitable and a new friend needed to be found. Thankfully my advice was taken and once again the family enjoyed there weekends with a safe, calm and

responsible pony that also enjoyed their company. It then became my mission to do something, and the concept of "My Perfect Pony" was created, with the intention of helping newcomers to the horse world, a world of many myths and untruths, where the inexperienced can be taken advantage of, sometimes with dire consequences. My mission is to provide information and support through this website and with the advice offered her from other Professionals, together we can empower parents armed with the right information to make informed decisions regarding one of the most important purchases they will make for a child..... their own pony.