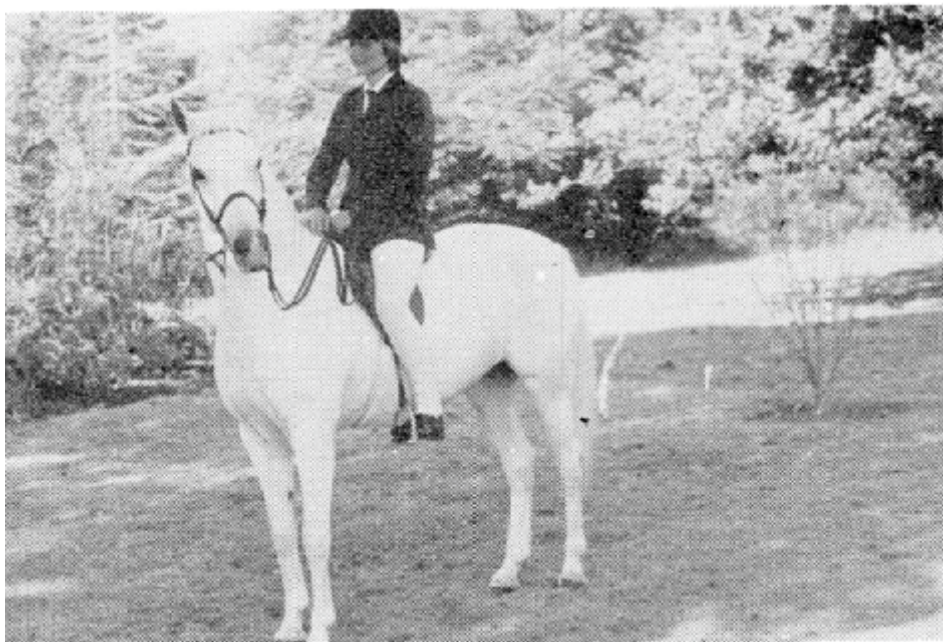


FORESYTE KERRID'S PETRONELLA

Among the hills near White River in November, 1970, Foresyte Valiant Prunella produced a striking grey filly to Jamani Blue Kerrid, Foresyte Kerrid's Petronella was 60½% Arab, 37½% Welsh and 2% Basuto. She inherited the best qualities from the mixed bloodlines of her parents. The Arab influence was to give her elegance and presence; from her Welsh ancestry she was to acquire movement and an even temperament and it was perhaps the soupcon of Basuto that enhanced her resilience and durability.

Like all foals born at Foresyte Stud, Petronella was carefully watched over by the grande dame of South African pony breeding – Ida Illingworth. As a 4 year old she had a foal and the following year made her debut ridden with Jonathan Clarke in the Lowveld showing.



In October 1975 Roy Blackie bought her for his 11 year old daughter, Lynette, and she moved to Beverley Williamson's stables near Johannesburg.

Two months later she was Reserve Champion Child's Show Pony at the 1975 Epol Indoor Show. After this auspicious start, Petronella went from strength to strength. In 1976 she swept the board in her classes at the Rustenburg Agricultural Show,

notched up further victories at the Rand and Vaal Shows and ended the year with two championships at the Epol Indoor Show. She was champion Welsh Pony and won the Goodman Trophy as Champion Child's Show Pony for that year.

In 1977 her earnings were even more impressive. At the Rand Show she was Champion Child's Show Pony. The zenith of her career came in December at the Indoor show. She was made Horse of the Year and for the second year running won the Goodman Trophy and the Welsh Pony Championship. The visiting Judges were of the opinion that she would hold her own at any English Show.

Last year she continued topping the children's riding classes and for the first time collected several championships in the breeding sections. At the 1978 Rand Show she was Reserve Champion Brood Mare and Reserve Champion Welsh Pony in the in-hand classes as well as Champion Welsh Pony under saddle. By December a further ten championships were added to her impressive list of winnings.

At home Petronella is affectionate and co-operative. She has a passion for mulberry leaves and tries to persuade visitors to feed her from the out-of-reach branches on a large tree in her paddock.

Petronella is an exceptional pony. She combines beauty with the basic qualities essential in a child's pony – good manners, reliability and honesty. She has blossomed under the care, attention and love of her family and is truly a tribute to her breeding

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*Time cannot dim the horseman's love
Nor age make joy depart
Forever memories of his horse
Are hoofbeats in his heart
Anon*