

FREYJA TALIESIN

Freyja Taliesin, by Danaway The Sting out of Bukkenburg Gwenllan foaled on 29th October 2005. From the day he was born he showed that action which is so distinctive of the Welsh Pony of Cob Type.



Taliesin, one week old, showing off his paces

When René le Roux and her family visited the farm in 2007, they asked whether they could buy him but he was not for sale at that stage. We took him to the National Championships in Bloemfontein and he was Male Champion, as well as Reserve Supreme Champion Section C to Freyja Boneddiges, also by Danaway The Sting.

However, we decided to look for a Section C colt when we visited Wales that year. After the Royal Welsh where we saw Fronarth Robben winning the

Section C championship, we visited the Fronarth Stud and saw a 2-month-old colt who was the full brother in blood to Robben. This was an opportunity not to be missed and we decided to buy him - *see page 131*. We now had our



Section C colt and as Taliesin needed to be shown to promote the Section C's and as René was in Gauteng where there were many shows for exposure, we decided to let him go, also because he was related to most of our Section C mares

He did not disappoint in Gauteng. Between him and his mother, who we also sold to René, they won the Supreme Championship at the Pretoria International Show on many an occasion, often being Supreme and Reserve, and Taliesin also went on to win the Interbreed Championship as well.

While at Cavallito, we leased Freyja Gwawr to René to be covered by Taliesin and in February 2014, Cavallito C Breeze was foaled. This is the only foal registered in his name while there.

We lost contact with René and after our cob mares had been loaned to Paul Lubbinge of the Lavendale Stud, and Fronarth Brynmor had died, we started looking for him. We got reports which varied from that he had moved to Botswana, or that he had died, but none of these rumours could be confirmed.



Taliesin when found in a parlous state. Note his general condition and the swollen right leg

Eventually Rene came back to me saying that she had found him but that he was in a parlous condition as the person who ostensibly bought him, but did not pay for him, did not have the knowledge of how to look after a pony. He was eventually rescued by a kind lady and saved from a horrible death. Not only was he starved, but injuries to his right ear and right front foot had been infested with maggots. This was treated but his ear will be damaged beyond recovery and he will always walk with a limp. The accompanying picture shows his emaciated state, and note especially the swollen right leg. As breeders, this is the worst fear of bringing new foals into this world, fearing that one of your ponies will starve to death in some godforsaken field with no water or grazing¹. They may initially go to good homes but you never know

¹ The Thoroughbred Kings Choir won the Gold Cup by some 18 lengths. He was retired and some years later I had him on loan as a riding horse. The then owner wanted him back and a week later I saw him being galloped at full speed down the

where they may end up. We will stand by all the ponies and cobs we have bred.

As with any of our Freyja progeny, we immediately bought him back and loaned him to Lavendale Stud for stud purposes to cover the Freyja mares on loan to that stud, and other mares. Some of his progeny are already on the ground, see the article on the Lavendale Stud on page 98, also page 135, and we look forward to seeing this successful son of Danaway The Sting improving the quality of Section C's and D's in the not too distant future.

His showing days are over, but he has nothing further to prove in the show ring. Hopefully, his progeny will continue where he left off.

Sadly, René died on 21st November last year; our commiserations to her family and friends.



Henley-on-Klip main tarred road. A few months later Bev Seabourne of the SPCA in Vereeniging and also of the Highveld Horse Care Unit telephoned me to say that they had found Choir on a barren plot between Vereeniging and Heidelberg. He had no water, and there was nothing to graze. He was so badly emaciated that they had no choice but to immediately put him out of his misery. It still haunts me to this day.

Freyja Talliesin	Danaway The Sting	Trevallion Harry	Cippyn Real Magic	Nebo Black Magic Elin Rosina
			Trevallion Princess	Derwen Telynor Nantcol Flying Lady
		Danaway Shelby	Tireinon Triple Crown	Nebo Brenin Tireinon Spring Song
			Rainhill Fantasy	Brynymor Welsh Magic Trevallion Johanna
	Bukkenburg Gwenllan	Persie Nimrod	Synod Ranger	Synod William Tydi Rosemary
			Parc Nest	Brenin Dafydd Parc Pride
		Fronarth Gwenllian II	Ceredigion Tywysog	Brenin Dafydd Tyngwrdwn Malen
			Fronarth Mattie	Brenin Dafydd Lleucu Queen



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