

At Lavant House Stables we are always on the look out for older ponies to add to our wonderful team of experienced “been there, seen it, done it” ponies. These ponies are essential to our tiny precious beginners, giving them confidence in the early stages of riding. We offer first class facilities with 24/7 professional care. All of our ponies are kept outdoors as nature intended, happy and relaxed living in compatible herds on large pasture areas with spacious field shelters.



### What type of pony are we looking for?

- Child friendly
- Can be ridden safely and effectively OFF the lead rein
- Can walk, trot, canter, pop a 1'6" jump
- Gelding's preferred
- Good to catch
- Must be free of vice, that means he must not: buck, bolt, rear, nap, shy, bite or kick. However we don't mind if he cribs, windsucks or box walks.
- **Age doesn't matter** -just need to be sound enough to happily carry out the activities required

## What will they be doing?

1. Our ponies work in a highly supervised, happy environment, their working hours are very short and carefully regulated to suit the individual pony's ability and temperament.
2. The pony's primary task is to introduce our small beginners to the joys of handling and bonding with a pony in a calm, safe environment ( for both ) and most importantly to give the child a confident start to the wonderful world of riding



## What do we offer with a “HOME FOR LIFE?”

Exactly that, a marvellous secure & loving home for the rest of their days. We have several aged ponies (20+) still thoroughly enjoying an active life, with daily hugs and kisses from the enthusiastic youngsters & staff! Their health & wellbeing is of paramount importance to us and all ponies receive the same high standard of care regardless of age or status.

Here's Munchkin in the pictures below - who arrived with us at 10 years of age with cushings, laminitis and COPD, so no one else wanted him. With our knowledge and expert care we have consistently kept him hale and hearty and he is our most popular pony (with staff as well as with the children!) and has introduced many small children successfully to horse riding.



So to summarise – if you've a dear family pony, who has now been outgrown and you want them to continue an active, happy life in the very best of hands – call us on 01243 530460 email: [riding@lhstables.co.uk](mailto:riding@lhstables.co.uk) to find out more. You are of course welcome to visit us at any time to find out what we are all about at Lavant House Stables

