

MEET OUR ANIMALS

Introducing: Fudge & Pablo



Fudge and Pablo came to Diamond Forest Farm Stay in June 2017. Their previous owner, who loved them very much, had to move house and couldn't take them with her. She wanted Pablo and Fudge to go to a place where they would get lots of pats and affection so she contacted us to see if we would like to have them. Pablo and Fudge have settled in really well and have made friends with Katie and Sally, our other ponies, but they are not so sure on the donkeys so they just boss them around. Pablo and Fudge are miniature ponies and are 30" tall- that's 7.5 hands high, even smaller than Katie. Fudge is approximately 11-12 years old and Pablo is 7-8 years old. This makes Pablo the youngest of our equine (horse, ponies, donkeys) animals and they both have a long life ahead of them.

Did you know?

- All miniature pony breeds can be traced back to Shetland pony origins, crossed with a variety of other pony breeds.
- The Australian Miniature Pony was established as a result of crosses with small Shetland ponies and an Argentinean miniature pony, the Fallabella.
- The Fallabella is more fine-boned and leggy than other miniature pony breeds, giving it a slimmer, more horse-like appearance. This is why Pablo and Fudge look a bit like our ponies: thicker manes and tails, short legs but also have finer boned legs and face like a horse
- The appearance of the miniature pony is best described as halfway between a miniature horse, with its fine bone structure, and a Shetland. The Australian Miniature Pony has a reasonably robust bone structure but is not as thick-set as the Shetland.
- Miniature ponies can easily live for 20 years and some can get as old as 30 years.

Our Secret

Pablo is a little shy when it comes to contact with people but Fudge is not and neither of them like to be apart. If you get Fudge to come over for a pat Pablo will follow although he still might not let you pat him.