

MEET OUR ANIMALS

Katie the Shetland Pony



Katie came to Diamond Forest Farm Stay with Mark in 2006. She is somewhere between 30-35 years old- which means she is very old but she is very healthy and she really likes to eat. In fact we often joke that poor old Katie only has to look at food and she puts on too much weight, so we have to watch what she eats and make sure she is in the right paddock at the right time of year. This means Katie and Sally get moved around the farm a lot. Her favourite paddock is the dam paddock and on hot days she will wade out amongst the water weeds.

Katie is very friendly and is quite easy to catch but she also likes to run and sometimes she won't let us catch her at all, just for fun.

Did you know?

- Ponies usually live to about 30 years old. That means that Katie is a really old Grandma.
- Horse's height is measured in hands. Katie is 8 hands high which is very small. Even Sally our white pony is taller than her.
- In winter ponies grow a thick coat that keeps them so warm that sometimes they will even stand outside in the cold rain and not feel it.
- In summer ponies shed their winter coat and you can see horse hair all over the paddock. At these times Katie can often be seen scratching her bottom on a fence post to fasten the process of shedding her winter coat.

Our Secret

Katie likes to eat apples, carrots, corn, pears, tomatoes, broccoli and lettuce and she loves being fed at any time of the day. She especially likes visits from children bringing her extra treats even though she gets plenty of food on our Daily Animal Feed.