

SPIRIT OF THE DALES PONY

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As one of the rarest of the British native breeds, the Dales pony has a history intertwined with that of its near neighbour and close relative the Fell pony.

A native of the eastern Pennines, the Dales has always been a strong, hardy and stylish pony, suitable for all the family.

Originally developed as pack pony of great strength to transport lead from the high moors to the ports of the North East coast its value has always been recognised in its home ground.

Notable for its wonderful action and ability to turn a 'hoof' to anything it is at last enjoying a well deserved resurgence in popularity throughout this country and abroad. Today all these qualities make the Dales pony the perfect package, and with over sixty fascinating and heart-warming images, *Spirit of the Dales Pony* captures the essence of these beautiful creatures.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jackie Snowdon has had a lifelong obsession with horses and ponies. From a family that had been breeders of Shire Horses in the early twentieth century she was inspired to an interest in British Native ponies, particularly the rare Dales pony. Jackie has now been actively involved, owning, breeding and showing Dales ponies for over 25 years.

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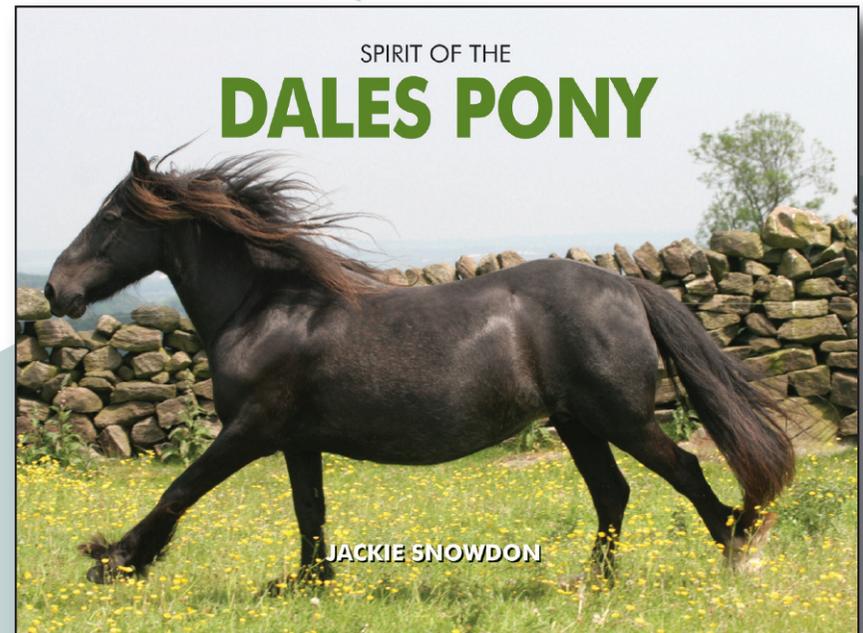
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Autumn sees the Ploughing Match season. Countrylane Gemma and Countrylane Beauty competed in numerous Ploughing Matches during the early 2000s.



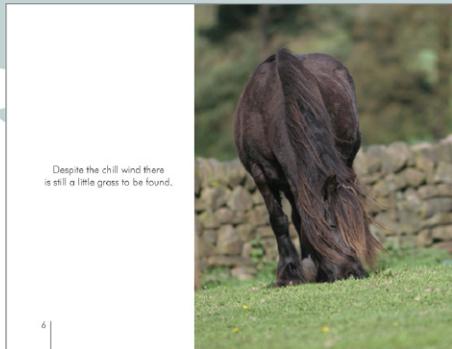
Mare and foal. Ponies keep a watchful eye out for anything interesting.



Spring is in the air and even this uneven terrain doesn't stop the fun.



A full range of colours line up in the gelding class.



Despite the chill wind there is still a little grass to be found.

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This young pony shows the intelligence and alert nature of the breed.

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Example of a double-page spread.



Ponies on the moor can travel long distances finding food and shelter.