



In Memory of Chloe who left us on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at the age of 22yrs.

My beloved Chlo. I bought her from Southall Horse Market in London. She must have been about 6 months and had obviously just left her mother. She was tied up with all the other horses for sale and I just was drawn to her kind eye. Even at that age there were children climbing all around her and underneath her! She didn't make her reserve but a quiet word with the owner behind a horse box secured the deal! As is their tradition in a gypsy market he gave me back some "luck" money being the princely sum of £2.50!! And luck money it was. We marched her up busy Southall High Street and into the trailer and that was the start of our life together.

At the age of two she was dressed up in baby hat with a huge dummy and wore a nappy and had a potty round her neck for the charity beer ride/walk at Westfield. She certainly was long suffering putting up with all sorts of dressing up capers.

Throughout her competitive life with me she won 39 **FIRST** rosettes and 4 Championships and later on when Suzanne was riding her she won another 9 firsts, 1 Championship and 1 Reserve Championship! Truly amazing. All this came from one comment someone said to me when she was about 3 yrs old "Oh course," she said "Chloe will never make a dressage horse". That was like fuel to the flame for me. She made it to Affiliated Elementary Dressage, she was London and South East Pas Seul Champion, London and South East Pas de Deux Champion, qualified for the Championships of BRC Dressage to Music twice and was in the Quadrille Team qualifier. The list goes on and on and on!

Our most famous appearance was Elvis at the VERY first RVRC Gala Night. This provided such a resounding success we performed it many times over the years. She was also a belly dancer and a Hawaiian princess to name but a few!

In her younger years she also liked to jump and I kept a record of all the competitions we entered. On 21<sup>st</sup> June 1998 we rode in the Riding Clubs Area 10 Show Jumping and my comment was "Chloe v. strong – 1<sup>st</sup> round a few bucks rodeo style – v. excited. Jumped huge! Haha what a girl! Who would have thought it to look at her.

We had a great holiday adventure to the New Forest with Val Worthington, Jane Holbrook and Joy Ramus. She came back from that looking so fit and slim we thought we had a racehorse on the yard!! We also had a go at Drag Hunting a couple of times and also polo at Grandturzel where she was nicknamed "The Refrigerator" and she would just stand on the ball and refuse to move!! We also did line dancing at Grandturzel which was great fun with Alison Ure instructing us. Chloe got so excited once she ran off with me and that was even in a double bridle!!

In her latter years she taught lots of people to ride and all have fond memories of her. She could be quite strong and coming down that final centre line towards the judge was like sitting on a steam train in full throttle. Whoa Chlo!!

She was such a character. Everyone just wanted to give her a cuddle especially in the Winter when she grew a huge Teddy Bear's coat but she was not a horse that liked cuddles and you had to be careful you weren't in firing line of her teeth! But best of all she loved an ear rub and forehead scratch – you could stand and do that all day!

I could go on and on and on about all the things we got up to and I won't even touch on the successes she had with Suzanne and Le Trec, I'll leave that for her.

Chloe was certainly one in a million and she touched so many lives and there will never EVER be another more willing, reliable, steadfast and funny horse like her. Goodbye my lovely Chlo. We all miss you so much. Xx