

FREDDIE'S LUCKY ESCAPE



Freddie born in 1992 lived as a wild pony on Dartmoor and was first seen by Roland's mother, Sylvia, hanging around the car park of a popular tourist spot called Widecombe. Freddie a four month old adorable foal with his mother and other ponies made a good living cadging treats and ice-creams from holiday makers. Sylvia fell in

love with Freddie and vowed that if she ever saw him for sale at the Drift Pony Sales, she would give him a good home at the Sanctuary for life. That autumn, Freddie was rounded up in the Dartmoor Drift and found himself being bought for meat to be shipped off for slaughter on the Continent. Sylvia missed him going though the sale ring but because of his striking bright chestnut colour, she saw him being led up the ramp onto the back of the transporter. She immediately ran over to the meat trader and bought Freddie from the back of the lorry. He was taken back to the Sanctuary where he spent many happy years with the herd of hill ponies

that Sylvia over the year's had saved from slaughter. Because of his sweet and friendly nature he was a great



hit with children and was always very popular. Sadly, Freddie is prone to a dreadful disease called laminitis. This disease cannot be cured but can be managed with care and careful

husbandry. At Christmas of 2008 a new foal (Cracker) arrived at the Sanctuary and Freddie took him under his wing straightaway and acted like a surrogate father. They became the best of friends and are inseparable.

Because of Freddie's laminitis, it was decided to bring him to La Grange in the Dordogne where he could be carefully monitored and of course his best friend Cracker had to come with him. Freddie has a gentle and friendly personality and is always kind to people. He particularly likes children

and loves attention. We are sure that Sylvia would be really pleased that Freddie had made it to France under much happier circumstances and that he will have a long and constructive life surrounded by all his old



Police horse friends and of course Cracker.