

NORTHBOUND ROCKIN SOX (BOBBY)

Bobby has been part of my family for 10 years most people say she's just a horse but she is a pet, best friend and above all a trusty stead.

So when a vet suggested to put her down dam right we will look around for any chance that we can give her especially when she is such a fighter. Don't get me wrong if she had given up then we would of too.

Our story is a long and painful one both physically, mentally and our hearts have broken more than once throughout this process.

Bobby had been lame for a couple of days. In November of 2006 she was diagnosed with a blood clot due to bruising that had caused an infection on the pedal bone and would need a surgical curette.

Within a week she underwent a very painful surgical curette and was fitted with a normal shoe attached to a surgical plate. She was given the all clear to come home in January 2007. We noticed that she was in pain and lame but were reassured by the vet that it was due to having her shoe taken off that day.

Bobby's progression progressively declined during the month of February 2007 and she was taken back where x-rays were taken and to our shock her pedal bone had rotated. More shoe was taken off and the all clear was given to take her home that day with instructions to take her shoe off every 3 weeks. We followed the instructions to the letter.

In April 2007 Bobby stress fractured due to the pain, we were told to cut our losses and have her put down as her pedal bone was at the point of coming through her sole.

We were upset, angry and at a loss when we came across Tony and Tracey's pamphlet. After a conversation with them they arrived at our house straight away without delay. For the first time in a long time we had hope and direction. Tony gave us the facts without any illusions and I believe that if Tony had been involved from the beginning the pedal bone would not have rotated.

When the very same people who had operated on her stuffed us around and put the horse at risk Tony and Tracey gave her a fighting chance and not once has either one of them given up on her, their passion for the industry goes without saying.

We came up against a lot of negativity and dealt with a lot of opinions plus received a lot of abuse from people claiming that they knew better but at no stage could any of these people show us any form of direction or honesty.

We involved our local vet Simon Bray who has been working along side of Tony and we would like to thank him also for his support during this long haul.

Bobby has been under Tony and Tracey's treatment since April 2007. She is making great progress she is healing and is happy within her self. On her good days it brings a tear to our eye seeing her canter in the paddock. She has come a long way since being under their treatment and we believe more vets should work along side of this treatment rather than work against it. The proof is within the horse they haven't just helped her but they have restored our own faith in people once again.

The future for Bobby is bright; she is retired and has a foal due in November we owe her and her foal's life to Tony and Tracey

Tony and Tracey have become part of our family and no thanks could ever be enough.

Amy, Kelly and Family