

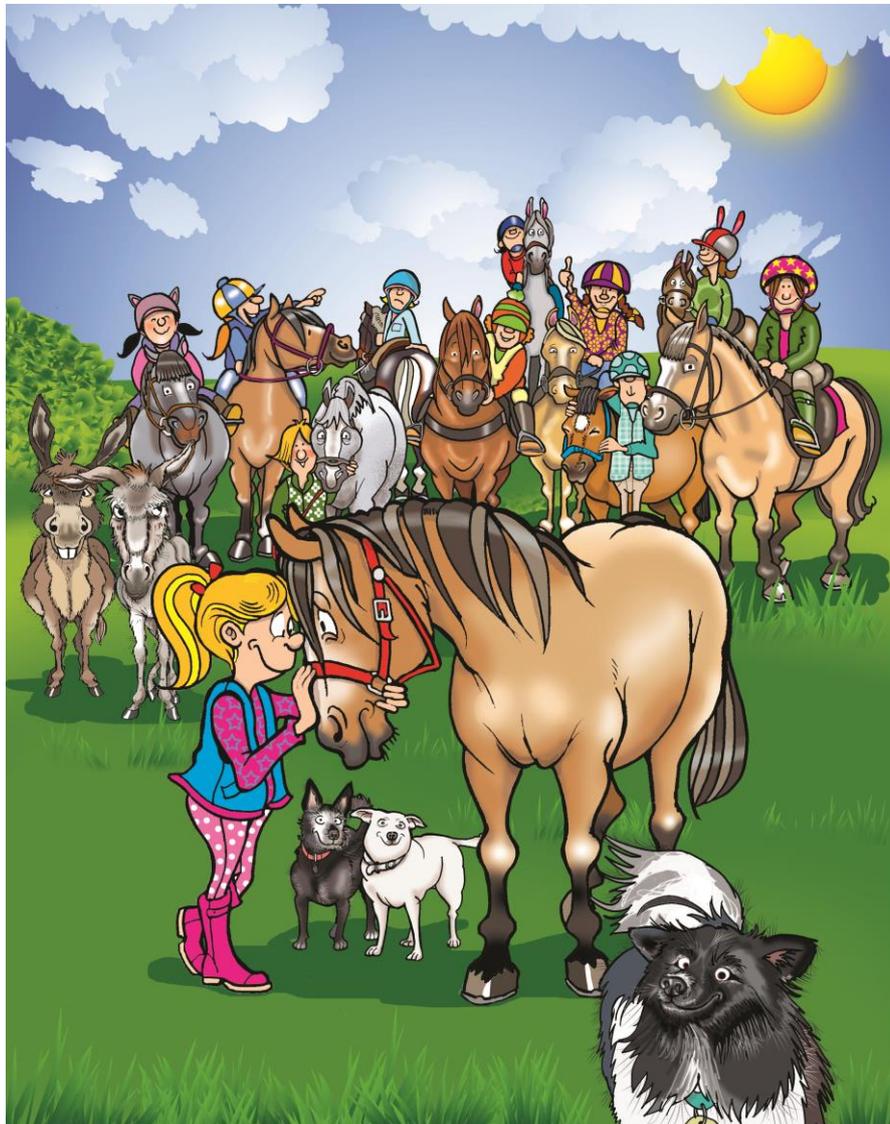


LAVANT HOUSE STABLES

WHERE PEOPLE AND HORSES THRIVE

PONY PALS

A PONY TO CALL YOUR OWN



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ALL ABOUT PONY PALS

WHAT IS PONY PALS?

Children who regularly ride will inevitably start hankering for a pony of their own whilst their parents, especially those with limited time or equine knowledge are understandably wary of taking on such a commitment.

With the valuable input of our own parents, Lavant House Stables has designed a unique first-step into pony-ownership to provide parental support whilst enabling children to realise their dream.

JOINING UP WITH PONY PALS

Being in the unusual position of knowing both your child's ability and the characteristics of our ponies, firstly we need to make as near perfect match as possible between the two. Then we encourage new parents to speak to others already participating in Pony Pals to ensure that this is exactly what they want for their child.

HOW DOES PONY PALS WORK?

Without the need for any capital investment, the agreed pony becomes your child's on a lease-hire basis until one month's notice is provided because you wish to cancel the arrangement. Occasionally a loan pony will attract a purchaser and in this instance the loan owner will be provided with first refusal to buy, providing the pony is remaining on site.

The monthly fee for Pony Pals is £500 per calendar month (or £350 for a half share) and includes absolutely everything that relates to the cost of purchase and on-going maintenance of your child's pony. The only additional costs will be those the parents choose to spend on lessons and activities – which have an additional 20% discount (pro rata half share) for full Pony Pals children – a discount that provides considerable savings if participating regularly in holiday activities.

PARENTAL REASSURANCE

Whilst everyone recognises the purchase and keeping of ponies is extremely expensive, the major parental concern we encounter is for their child's safety when involved in a known risk sport.

All Lavant House Stables ponies are exceptionally well-trained being schooled by professionals and regularly exercised via our riding school.

Our parents do not suffer the normal anxieties created by an unfit yet over-exuberant pony due to their child not having the time to regularly ride. Professional handling also ensures any unfavourable habits are instantly nipped in the bud – ponies are like children in this respect – they will keep trying to push the boundaries and are often successful if their primary handler is a child.

Parents have the added reassurance of knowing that the experienced and approachable staff of Lavant House Stables are available to advise and assist both child and parent whenever required.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Whilst we have an vast range of facilities and activities to ensure participation and progression, it is certainly not just your child's riding skills that will improve whilst participating in Pony Pals.

Friendships, confidence, fun, fresh air and fitness are just a few of the benefits of having your own pony in the encouraging and supportive environment that is Lavant House Stables – a facility that is designed with children in mind, being both purpose-built and managed by people who are chosen for their natural empathy with children.

ADMINISTRATION

WHAT DOES THE MONTHLY FEE INCLUDE?

- Your pony and all associated equipment.
- All daily care and consumables for your pony.
- Exercising and schooling your pony.
- All veterinary, farrier, saddler and other professional costs.
- Worming and clipping your pony.
- Weekly maintenance and replacement of equipment when required.
- Use of all facilities including training equipment and floodlights.
- Third Party Liability cover for pony and child.
- 20% discount for Pony Pals children against lessons and activities (pro rata half share).
- Practical introductory session to Pony Pals and on-going support as required.
- Supervised Sessions (see page 6).

LEGALITIES

- It is necessary to be a member at Lavant House Stables to participate in Pony Pals.
- This loan arrangement is for ponies to remain on site and continue to participate in the riding school.
- Invoices are issued monthly and are payable one calendar month in advance via standing order. All livery is reviewed annually.
- One month's notice in writing is required to cancel this agreement.
- Please note that the public liability insurance we provide covers only the child nominated for participation in Pony Pals. Therefore no other child is eligible for inclusion in any area of this arrangement, particularly with regard to riding your child's pony.

PARTICIPATION

OUR SUPPORT

At Lavant House Stables we provide a support structure that is second to none. Starting with a complimentary practical introductory session for Pony Pal children and their parents, with our experienced staff remaining available seven days a week to assist and advise whenever required.

YOUR TIME WITH YOUR PONY

By using a simple booking system, you are entitled to two hours per day with your pony (which cannot be accumulated). These two hours per day are strictly split between one hour for handling and one hour for riding.

Arenas are always available between 1 and 2 p.m., before 9 a.m. or after 5.30 p.m. (closed Tuesdays) plus are frequently available during the day, so please ask the office on the preceding day for other arena availability.

Loan ponies can jump twice a week with their loan owner (or once a week with a half-loan owner) with the maximum height of fences being 2'6".

We are also surrounded by marvellous hacking opportunities, including direct off-road hacking around our fields and the local farm. For their own safety children may only hack out with a responsible adult in attendance (who can be on foot or on a bicycle) and both child and adult must wear one of our reflective tabards whilst doing so.

Do check your horse is good to hack out by asking the Yard Manager as this is a high risk activity and hacking is suitable for confident and competent riders only. We also organise regular hacks only for our liveryes – do enquire in the office for further information.

SUPERVISION

We provide supervised sessions with our staff for Pony Pals children of 12 years and under on both days of the weekend between 12 noon and 2 p.m.

Please always advise us when your child is participating and to retain a safe controlled environment these sessions are purely for the nominated child and cannot include siblings or friends.

RESPONSIBLE ADULT

For their own safety Pony Pals children of 12 years and under must have a responsible adult in attendance at all times, other than during lessons, supervision and activities organised by Lavant House Stables.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT HAPPENS IF OUR PONY IS UNWELL?

In the rare event of your pony being unrideable, we will either offer an alternative pony, providing one is suitable, or we will suspend the Pony Pals arrangement until the pony is well again. All veterinary treatment is paid for by this business.

CAN TWO CHILDREN SHARE ONE PONY?

One pony can have a full loan or two half loans. Loan agreements are per rider and cannot be shared. Only one loan owner can ride the pony each day.

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH PONIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PONY PALS?

Please do ask in the office and/or visit our website www.lhstables.co.uk and click on the “Available Horses” section under the “Horses for loan” dropdown. Here you will see all the available ponies with their photographs and details about them.

HOW DO I CANCEL PONY PALS?

One month's notice in writing is all that is required.

SUMMARY

No doubt there are other questions you would like to ask and please feel free to do so without concern of commitment.

Pony Pals is not about money, it is about a life-changing experience for your child in a safe, happy and progressive environment. If you are considering moving into pony ownership, I can personally say with hand-on-heart there is nothing to match Pony Pals – anywhere.

As an experienced horsewoman and a mother who constantly worries about her own daughter and her horse, may I ask all parents that if they do decide to move into pony-ownership, but not with us, please do make use of this information pack as a guideline when selecting alternative premises.

Lucy Thomson

Business Owner

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