

TIPUANA STUD GOEDVERWACHT STUD

The Tipuana stud was founded by Lindi Filmer in 1987 when she bought the Crabbet Arab stallion Deseli Ibn Degheeb Reogh. Lindi wanted to choose a prefix named after a tree to represent growth and longevity and after writing



down a list, selected Tipuana. After the death of her Sea Cottage showjumper Wonderboy in 1984, she bought her first Welsh pony, Agha Carina from the wonderful Macphie Morgan, (father of Philly Bowles, KZN breeder and judge) a former Arab and racehorse breeder who prophetically told her once she bought her first Welsh pony they would become her breed of choice.

In 1982 Digby Donaldson bought a palomino section C colt Bukkenburg Glips by Lottesmore Superstar out of Bukkenburg Glory from Myburgh Streicher to run with the Basuto pony mares on the family farm Goedverwacht between Carolina and Badplaas in Mpumalanga with the intention of upgrading the stock. The prefix Goedverwacht (great expectations) was registered and several part-bred ponies were recorded.

The farm was sold in 1987 and upon our wedding in 1987 it was decided to carry on under the stud name of Tipuana.

Between 1987 and 2003 Tipuana bred several horses from warmbloods to pure and part Arabs and Welsh as well as a few race horses and Friesians whilst focusing more on showing than breeding. During this period considerable success was achieved in the show ring. In 1989 Tapeti became the last Thoroughbred to be Supreme Champion Breed Horse at the Horse of the Year and our Anglo Arab mare Ilizwe Cassolai was the Supreme Champion Breed horse at Pretoria Show in 1995 and Rand Easter



Tapeti

Show in 1997 as well as being SA National Champion part or Anglo Arab 9 times between 1993 and 2003 as well as 3 times under saddle. This was a fantastic period to show in as there were any number of shows to go to – the Witwatersrand Agricultural Society grounds at NASREC was a magnificent facility and hosted Rand Easter Show as well as Summer Festival. Pretoria show was in full cry as was nationals in Bloemfontein. In addition, several Welsh shows were held at various venues around Gauteng.

On 1 August 1994 Lindi bought Bukkenburg Eos from Glynis Karlsson. She had the unique distinction of being registered in 4 sections of the Welsh stud book. She was out of the wonderful broodmare Capenor Easter Bonnet who produced 4 top open driving ponies as well as the supreme national champion section B Tipuana Seren. She was originally registered as a section C by Persie Nimrod but when this mating was queried she was moved to the partbred record as sire unknown. DNA then showed her to be by Bukkenburg Valour so she was registered as a section A. Despite being a purebred section A, she stood 13.1hh and obviously had to be reclassified as a section B which was her final registration.



‘Cobby’ as she was known, became an all-time favourite at Tipuana, mainly as Lindi’s pleasure driving pony who doubled up as a young children’s pony for Lisa. She loved shows and was lightning quick in the cone driving classes often winning runoffs by a margin of over 10 seconds. She was a source of

endless pleasure and amusement. Lisa continued to ride her well into adulthood despite the fact she definitely preferred driving to being ridden, a



point she made by dumping Lisa as regularly as she possibly could. She decided at age 25 that driving was no more for her and enjoyed a happy



retirement until her death on 11 September 2020 at the ripe old age of 35. It was an honour and a privilege to share 26 years of our lives with her.

During this period we started accumulating ponies. Bukkenburg Petal, a daughter of Twyford Splendour out of Badgemore Peony was purchased as a lead rein pony for Lisa. We bought Usnad Candy (Bukkenburg Vintage) from Lyn King, Highland Paley (Twyford Splendour) from Sally Dewing and Destiny Sattelate, a full brother to Destiny Style, who unfortunately was sterile.

Tipuana Seren



Llandilo Foxy Lady

In 2000 we arranged a truck to evacuate a load of ponies from Zimbabwe following the land invasions, with the objective of repatriating Usnad Candy

who had been sold the year before. Included on the cattle truck (no horse transporters were prepared to go into Zim) amongst 20 odd refugees was Llandilo Foxy Lady who of course would go on to have such a huge influence at Tipuana. In the meanwhile, Avanze Emily was bought as a first pony for Sean. Pajayhu Wandrie was bought from Paul Carstens and was supreme, regional and Horse of the Year champion in 2004 shown by nine-year-old Sean.



Pajayhu Wandrie

Several cobs also spent time at Tipuana, amongst which were Bukkenburg Midas, a son of Parc

Crusader and Pennal Lady May, his half sister, Bukkenburg Lady Model by Persie Nimrod, and Mogambo Glenys, a half sister to Bukkenburg Glips by Derwen Railway Express. Glenys did very well under saddle and was on the team that won the inaugural SANESA championship with Lisa. She and her friend, Bukkenburg Yolandie are still with us here at Tipuana. We also were able to acquire Parc Crusader a really classy old gentleman but unfortunately, he arrived with cancer and was only with us for six months before he had to be put down. We then decided to focus almost exclusively on breeding Welsh ponies.

To facilitate this we sold our first home in Carlswald, Midrand in 2003 and moved to a small farm in Tarlton, 15 km before Magaliesburg, and then set about building the stud.



Nerwyn Lois

After a visit to Wales in 2004 we imported the Welsh mountain ponies Nerwyn Lois, a 2003 bay filly by Bwts Anrheg out of Nerwyn Lowri by Nerwyn Cadno, Waxwing Talisman, a 2003 grey colt by Heniarth Yarra Glen out of Waxwing Vitality by Cantref Glory, Nerwyn Gwyl y Banc, a 2005 chestnut colt by Roseisle Pand y Tudyr out of Nerwyn Linda by Coed Coch Llafar, Plasderw the Minstrel, 2002 chestnut colt by Pennual Mark out of Blackhill Picture by Weston Dixie and the 1997 bay cob stallion Llanarth British Lion by Llanarth Solo out of Llanarth Mererid by Llanarth Lord Nelson.



Waxwing Talisman



Tracy Robertson

Nerwyn Gwyl y Banc



Plasderw The Minstrel



Llanarth British Lion

Locally we bought amongst others Llandilo Foxy lady, a daughter of Uyzel Smart and Bukkenburg Vesta who would become our foundation mare and Llandilo Halwyn a son of Bukkenburg Vintage and Bukkenburg Helen. Halwyn and Foxy Lady would produce our best show pony, the magnificent Tipuana Flamboyant, 2021 Supreme Champion Breed Horse of the Year as well as 2020 Autumn Gold Cup Supreme Champion and winner of five regional supreme championships. He was also the supreme champion show horse in hand at the 2019 SASA adult national showing championships.

Being based in Gauteng and from a riding background our emphasis has been on breeding good children's ponies. Driving classes are unfortunately few and far between in our neck of the woods. Up north most shows these days are run under the SANESA banner (schools league) and the old agricultural shows like Pretoria show and the Rand Easter show which hosted Welsh classes have sadly folded leaving a dearth of opportunities to show Welsh ponies.

Tipuana ponies have gone on to do well over the years. Welsh Wizard was supreme champion young child's pony at horse of the year in 2018, and several others, Chipmunk, Foxy Lad, Hickstead, Fandango, Pixie, Hobnob, Honey and Royal Cream to mention a few, have done very well in the SANESA classes and other shows. In the breed classes Flamboyant has enjoyed huge success as have his two half-sisters Foxy's Charm by Waxwing Talisman and Flower Girl by Nerwyn Gwyl y Banc. The stud has won the Faranmore Trophy for the champion section A youngstock at the Horse of the Year and northern regionals show fourteen times since 2003.

Welsh ponies and cobs of all sections certainly are the best breed of ponies, their quality, temperaments, movement and versatility are unmatched and we have had a huge amount of fun breeding and showing them.

There is no escaping that the last decade has been a very challenging one for the breed in South Africa. Political and economic uncertainty, the Covid 19 pandemic as well as the retirement and passing of several major breeder stalwarts with hardly any youngsters stepping in to take up the slack has seen a sharp decline in breeding and show activity. We hope we have done our bit to help preserve and enhance the legacy of the Welsh pony in South Africa and it is our fervent wish to see the ponies continue to prosper and go from strength to strength.



Tipuana Flamboyant



Tipuana Hobnob



Tipuana Honey



Tipuana Purdey



Tipuana Floral Bouquet



Tipuana Royal Cream



Tipuana Welsh Wizard



Tipuana Foxy's Charm