

## MY BEST SUMMER EVER

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The summer of 2005 was the greatest ever. I started riding at Flaska Farms this year. I fell in love with \*Ceulan Copper Bracken the first day I rode her. She is the sweetest, kindness and most beautiful pony.

Bracken is a Sec. "C" Strawberry Roan Mare. She stands 13.1 hh. Flaska Farms brought Bracken from Wales to Canada in 1993 when she was 1 year old along with her brother Sec. "A" stallion \*Ceulan Bronson, a Welsh Cob Mare \*Ceulan Caitlan and a Welsh Cob gelding \*Abergavenny Joel. Brackens parents still live in Wales. Brackens mother is also Fieldcote Bridal Veil (Sec. "A") and her father is Cathedine Flying Express (Sec. "D")

I am so thankful to Ann-Marie and Mr. Flaska for letting me ride at such a nice barn on such an awesome pony. They are really, really nice people. They have such a lovely clean barn and huge arena. Ann-Marie takes excellent care of all the ponies and barn. The ponies love Ann-Marie.

I was a little scared when I first started riding but as I started to trust Bracken everything was just fine. I started in the spring with a Jaime Irwin clinic to learn more about dressage. This was the first of many outings on Bracken. Ann-Marie trained Bracken very well. Bracken has the best manners. She listens when you talk and she understands what you want.

I am in the Maple Pony Club. I was able to take Bracken to a lot of shows this summer. It was so amazing. I was lucky enough to get lots of ribbons for over fences and under saddle classes. We did some Hunter, Dressage, Events and my 4-year-old brother rode Bracken in a Lead Line class at the All Welsh Show.

These are the ribbons that Bracken and I got this past summer;

All Welsh Show	2 <sup>nd</sup> in dressage, 4 <sup>th</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> under saddle
Boots n' Saddle	6 <sup>th</sup>
Pony Club Jumper	2 <sup>nd</sup> after jump off!
Pony Club Jumper	10 <sup>th</sup>
"D" Rally Pony Club	5 <sup>th</sup> in Dressage
Blue Star Schooling Show	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>
Foggy River Short Course	9 <sup>th</sup>
Endless Journey	6 <sup>th</sup> overall, 24% in dressage (this is an awesome score)

I started riding another pony called Flaskas T. Ja. Tuppence. She is a really good Jumper Pony. I am hoping to take her to some shows this summer along with Bracken. I am also riding Flaska Farms Miskin - Sec "A". Miskin is a very sweet and pretty pony. I am really looking forward to start riding Flaskas Count Basel. He is Bracken's son so he will be a wonderful pony just like his mom.

My sister and little brother have been riding at Flaska Farms as well. They ride a little pony called Blinky. They love to come up to the barn and be around the ponies and Ann-Marie. This was a great summer for my whole family. Ann-Marie and Mr. Flaska are great people who have been so kind and nice to my family and me. I am the luckiest person to get to ride all these beautiful, sweet and awesome ponies. It is a dream come true.