

Glenwood Hi Step

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I purchased Mac from Margaret Madden about 13yrs ago as a daggy yearling. I could see he was going to be my next Champion even if nobody else could. That is exactly what he turned out to be. He has won too many awards for me to list. The most important thing Mac brought to me was fun and enjoyment. After a lot of heart felt thinking I made the heart breaking decision to pass on this very beloved gelding to a special young lady called Nicola Pasquali. The reason I did this was because he was just going to waste in a paddock after I retired him and bought my current show horse, Tia. He is just too good of a horse to waste away in a paddock.

I met Nicola and her family where my boys do Martial Arts training. After speaking to her mum I found out that they had a pony which was a little too much for Nicola to handle. He did silly little things when they went to shows and pony Club which scared Nicola. I mentioned that I had a wonderful gelding who had been to dozens of shows and was more or less bombproof and that she was more than welcome to meet and ride him to see if they thought he would be better suited to them.

Well one very rainy afternoon I took Mac down to meet Nicola. Not only did she fall in love with him immediately so did the rest of the family. I knew straight away that I was not going to be able to take this horse away from Nicola. He had not been ridden for about 6 months but I threw the saddle on (yes in the rain) and explained how long it had been since he was ridden but I didn't expect that to worry him. Well Mac did not do anything wrong and she got on and rode him and was the perfect gentleman.

Since that day I have been very lucky to involved with both Mac and Nicola in their new journey. I hope that Nicola gets as much fun and enjoyment out of my beloved friend over the next few years as I have previously. Look out for them at Pony Club and in the Show ring.

