

The Cottage

I remember my first days at The Cottage as it was yesterday: it was in the middle of September, raining, cold, I was tired every night and I thought I would never get used to it. Three months later I can say, that those were the best months ever!

"Do something that scares you every day" has been my motto and it opened a new world to me. I experienced so many great things here and those memories will last forever.

Of course, not every day was great and sometimes lessons were frustrating but in the end I can say that together with the other girls I had an amazing time. With up to 4 girls I took care of 15 amazing horses (retired dressage horses, youngster, agistment horses and foals). Together as a team the work with and

around the horses was so much fun. No day is like the other and there are new challenges every day which make it impossible to get bored.

I usually rode 2-3 horses a day but sometimes up to 7 horses. All the horses are really good at dressage and know groundwork. Sometimes we even played soccer with them or rode bareback.

The owners, Deb and Chris, are lovely people who give a lot of responsibility and trust in our hands. For the past months they allowed me to ride and learn from Lacey. This Black Beauty has taught me more than any other horse before. From the ground I started gaining her trust and we became quite good team together in groundwork as well as in the saddle.

Deb and Chris gave me many opportunities to improve my horse handling and riding skills and were always really patient.

I cared and loved the horses as they were my own and had fun times playing with the dogs.



Diva and Nova



Lacey

I am so thankful for the time I spend here at this wonderful horse place and I am looking forward to my next return.

Lea, 19 years old from Germany



Dressage Lesson on Aadream with Ricky MacMillan



Cuddling with Chess



Lacey