



### WHY SOURCE A DARTMOOR PONY THROUGH THE DARTMOOR PONY HERITAGE TRUST?

- The Dartmoor Pony Heritage Trust (DPHT) is a registered charity based on Dartmoor. It works with Dartmoor Pony keepers sourcing pedigree and Heritage ponies for good equine homes and for land managers wishing to purchase or loan ponies for conservation grazing.
- The Trust handles and trains weaned foals, yearlings and young stock. We geld colts not suitable for breeding and manage the Dartmoor Pony Heritage Trust List (held by the Dartmoor Pony Society).
- The DPHT is happy to arrange viewings and offers unbiased advice for potential purchasers.

A continually updated Sales List is available on our website: [www.dpht.co.uk](http://www.dpht.co.uk)

By becoming the owner of a moor bred Dartmoor pony you are helping to preserve the indigenous Dartmoor pony herds and the Dartmoor landscape, whilst buying a potential friend for life.




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# WHY BUY A DARTMOOR PONY FROM DARTMOOR?



**TOUGH | HARDY | SUREFOOTED  
GOOD NATURED | OUR HERITAGE**



**Photo: Annual pony drift in October. Ponies are brought in off the moor once a year for health checks and to wean the annual foal crop.**

**LEAD REIN | FIRST RIDDEN | DRIVING  
PONY CLUB | COMPANION**

Over the years Dartmoor ponies have been used for many purposes. During the mining era they helped us carry tin from the mines on the Moor to the Stannary towns, and when this was finished, those not set to work on farms were left free to roam. On farms, their surefootedness made them useful for shepherding on the moor and excellent driving ponies, taking the family to market and on other outings.



*This legacy has created a pony suitable for the demands of our modern world:*

**kind natured;** ideal for children. They are also good school masters for young children

**good build;** an attractive quality pony, sturdily built, that can accommodate a small adult

**level headed, able and willing** they make excellent Pony Club mounts, hacks and break well to Harness and make smart driving ponies

**careful movement;** ideal for the more nervous jockey

The Dartmoor Pony can compete in all these disciplines with ease: In Hand, Ridden, Lead Rein, First Ridden, Open Ridden, Cradle Stakes, Working Hunter, Hunter Trials, Dressage, Pony Club, Jumping, Hunting and Cross Country. They are perfect for riding, driving, conservation grazing, as companion ponies and for having fun with!



**THE DARTMOOR PONY** should stand no higher than 12.2hh with a full and flowing mane and tail. They are bay, brown, black, grey, chestnut or roan in colour (piebalds and skewbalds are not allowed) and excessive white markings are discouraged.

**PEDIGREE DARTMOOR PONIES** are registered with the Dartmoor Pony Society (DPS) and are recognised as a rare breed. They originate from the wild herds on Dartmoor and share the same ancestors as many of the Heritage herds still roaming the moor today. For further information visit [www.dartmoorponysociety.com](http://www.dartmoorponysociety.com)

### DARTMOOR HERITAGE PONIES

Many Dartmoor ponies born and bred on Dartmoor come from the indigenous Dartmoor herds which have grazed there for generations. They are tough, robust and surefooted, thriving in harsh moorland conditions. Once inspected and approved by DPS A Panel Judges for conformation and being true to type they are issued a Heritage Trust List passport from the DPS. *A pedigree pony cannot be bred from a heritage pony.*



### TESTIMONIALS

- "We would like to say a massive 'Thank you' to the DPHT for our wonderful pony Spike. He is one in a million and I wouldn't be without him now for the world. The help I received was fantastic, professional, caring and understanding of what I was looking for and pointed me in the right direction. I was in a slight panic as my pony was about to be left with no company and I needed another pony ASAP, I contacted every pony trust going and the DPHT was the first one to get back to me. I had been to visit Spike and fell in love with him before the other trusts had even returned my call!! The fact that I can trust what I am told in regards to Spike's training is one of the main reasons I took him home. I needed a pony that would be safe with my girls. He is such a sweet boy and we are so lucky to have found him. I will be recommending the DPHT to all my friends and anyone I meet."  
From Sam and two very happy girls, Becky 4 and Charlie 3. xxx
- "Thank you Dartmoor Pony Heritage Trust! We are really pleased with our 3 fillies, they are all very pretty and have nice temperaments and the groundwork done by the D P H T has been invaluable. It was well worth the distance we travelled to see them" - Mrs D, Suffolk
- "Hi there, just wanted to say we have had Zig Zag for a week now and he is wonderful, great with the children, just what I wanted. Thank you so much for all your help in enabling me to find him!" From Tara Berlyn and the 3 happy little jockeys, Ryan 7, Scott 5 and Luke 2.

