

## BARWIDGEE SAMITE

1980 - 2002

BARWIDGEE SAMITE WAS PUT TO SLEEP AT 3PM ON 29/5/02. He showed signs of considerable distress during the morning and after examination by the Veterinarian, it was decided to end his days without further pain and suffering for him. Sammy had suffered from Laminitis for some time. After being badly kicked by a visiting mare, he developed trauma Founder. His distress on Wednesday was from an impaction and heart problems. Barwidgee Samite was foaled in the Western Districts of Victoria on 26/9/80. He was by Mylerstown Huckleberry Finn from the mare Silver velvet. A brown/bay colt he came to Rupari Stud at Gawler in 1981 as a yearling.

According to "M" Kelly, the male help had taken a dislike to Sammy and he had an aversion to men when he arrived. He spent a week or so at the bottom of the paddock before he accepted me and came into the stable. With the recipe of TLC he soon displayed those wonderful characteristics we all know and love in Connemaras, gentleness, trustworthy, loving and being happy when in the company of people.

Sammy was shown sparingly but was able to gain three Supreme Championship ribbons and a number of Blue, Red and white ones to decorate his stable. He was never broken to saddle, but as a true Connemara he was ridden a number of times by a 15year old who adored him and for this he reciprocated by being a gentleman under saddle for her.

His progeny came from Purebred Connemaras, Standard bred, Thoroughbred, paint, Palomino and quarterhorse mares. All have shown the true Connemara traits with a number of his sons and daughters proving to be excellent Riding School mounts at Templewood School of Equitation in the Adelaide Hills. His progeny are also displaying the Connemara ability in harness and at Dressage.

His only Stallion son, Rupari Ronan, has the same qualities as Sammy, and he is producing stock of similar quality. A mare by Sammy, and from the Ardan line, at Rupari will also help to keep the memory of this lovely little stallion alive as she is the epitome of both her Sire and Ardan through Wychwood Snowgoose.(Also Deceased)

I will miss the early morning nicker when I approach the shed, the push in the back and the nudge away from the feed bin, the shadow at the elbow when working in the paddock and the search for tools which have been carted away as toys.

Barwidgee Samite - Remembered with love and affection.      Rupari Stud 2/6/02

Sadly a week later Templewood Rose of Tralee, daughter of Barwidgee Samite, and great granddaughter of Ardan, was also put down with a similar problem. This was also a tragedy to the breed, as Tralee was to be bred this year in order to keep the Ardan line going.