

Is she or isn't she?

Jan Norman bought a pony for her son Ezra, about 2 years ago. A friend at work had told her about a dun pony called 'Candy' at Aratula, Qld that a friend of *hers* was selling. Jan drove the 1-½ hours from Ipswich to see the pony, liked her, and bought her. She was told the mare was part Connemara. Previously Jan had never heard of Connemaras. Candy was about 12 ½ hh and about 13 to 14 years old.

Jan took her to the Le Vale Pony Club for Ezra to ride, based at Sue Clarke's Glenormiston Stud. I started pony club 6 months later, and met Jan there. Jan mentioned wanting to get a dark coloured half-connie from Candy. I introduced her to Gary Johnston, and she met Ballymac, and decided he would be perfect.

A few months later she took Candy out to Gary's and she stayed a few weeks to be served. Whilst there Jan talked to Gary about tracing Candy's brand, as she had lost contact with the previous owner. She wanted to confirm if Candy was part connie. Gary shaved the area, and the brand was distinct enough to read.

Jan rang the brands registry at the DPI and was told the name of the owner of the brand. Jan rang her, and she remembered Candy.

Apparently Candy was born on the property that Gary now owns, out of an Australian pony, by Oxenholm Gideon, when he was at Brookfield! Gary owns Candy's half sister Pal, whom he bought from the same breeder a couple of years ago. So Candy had gone back to her place of birth, and stayed near her half-sister Pal and her half-brother Thady! All without us knowing! I rang our hard-working secretary, Vicky (with more), and though much digging and delving, she chased up the certificate of service that Sue had filled out all those years ago. Jan is in the process of filling out the forms, and has been told she can now register Candy as a Connemara Sporthorse! Needless to say we are all ticked pink! (Dun?!)

Adrienne T Wimbush.