

Our royal residents!

In honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we thought we'd share some of our residents with royal names. These horses and ponies are from our closed sites so sadly you wouldn't have had the chance to meet them, but we thought what a perfect time to introduce you! You see, we have 11 sites across the UK, five of which are visitor centres, so not all our sites are accessible to the public. But our residents there are just as loved and special and deserve all your attention too! Enjoy reading about Redwings' very own 'royals'...

Horse Talk!

Some help understanding the 'horse talk' on our resident profiles:

Letters after their name - We are responsible for around 2000 horses, ponies, donkeys, mules and hinnys so it's highly likely some will have the same name! The letters after their name indicates more than one resident shares this name so helps us work out who is who.

Gelding - A castrated male horse, pony, donkey, mule or hinny.

Colt - A young male horse who hasn't been castrated and is usually under the age of four years old.

Filly - A young female horse usually under the age of four years old.

Mare - A female horse, pony, donkey, mule or hinny usually over the age of four years old (female donkeys are sometimes called Jenny or Jennet).

Foal - A baby horse, pony, donkey, mule or hinny.

In foal - A pregnant mare.

Sarcoid - A common skin tumour in horses, ponies, donkeys, mules and hinnys.

Boarding yard - Housing equines on a yard elsewhere by another individual/charity until space becomes available.

How they became royal.....

We do like to have a theme when it comes to naming a group! It helps us to identify where the horses of the group were rescued from and who with. Our horses may move around our sites so it's very helpful should they be split into separate herds or are even rehomed!

As you can see these residents have their royal names in common, but not all of them were rescued together. Check the resident profiles to see how some of our rescued residents got their name.

You may see on the paddock boards on your walk today other hints at how residents got their name. Do you notice any themes?

Want to have a go at making one yourself? Head to the welcome desk to get your own resident profile template for 50p! You can use these profiles and those dotted around the paddocks for help and inspiration.

