

Meet Sally and her family:

Sally is one of the many dedicated horse owners who has signed up to the EGS Vaccine Trial. Sally's love of horses began with her New Forest pony, Penny that she had for 17 years. Now, Sally and her family own three horses, Charlie Farlie, Alfie and Marley, all of who are on the trial. Sally became aware of EGS when a good friend of hers sadly lost a horse to the disease. Sally has very kindly agreed to be the star of our new EGS Vaccine Trial blog/owner diary, and in her first post she introduces her horses...



Alfie

Alfie an 18 year old 14.2 Arab x Welsh who is the equine love of my life. We spent many years hacking for miles over the South Downs, but now that he is 18 he is enjoying taking life a little bit easier. We still like to have a couple of short hacks a week, and he has been known to get very excited and has a massive buck if anyone thinks they can over take him!

Marley

Marley is an 8 year old 14.2 Welsh Cob, who was a serving stallion until he was 4 and still thinks he is in charge of everything. He has good breeding and won the Royal Welsh as a yearling. I have owned Marley for 3 years, he is not an easy horse to ride or handle but he does have a lovely presence and is a real people person.

Charlie Farlie

Charlie Farlie is a 20 year old, 14.2 traditional Cob, he is very loved by a lot of people. He has taught many people to ride over the years and is known to be incredibly safe. All the kids clamber on him and I always ride him bareback, hacking for miles on the South Downs. He is safe but very responsive and a great deal of fun, once he knows you are balanced and up for it he gets fizzy on the Downs and loves to have a blast.

Tallulah

Tallulah is a 15.1 Connemara x Warmblood. Tallulah has now been sold to a friend of mine who sadly lost a horse to EGS. However, after speaking to our vet we have decided that Tallulah will stay at my yard until winter. We are doing this to try to reduce the risk of Tallulah contracting EGS. Risk factors for EGS include horses aged 2 – 9 years, horses living on premises where another has been lost to EGS, stress and horses moving yards and a change in type of grass. In light of this, we have been introducing Tallulah slowly to her new yard, she goes to visit on a regular basis and she has had several stabled sleepovers with the other horses there, but has not yet tasted the grass at her new yard.

Next time... Sally tells us all about her first EGS Vaccine Trial visit.