

A Home for **PM⁺** *Star and Patches*



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Clare patted Star, and climbed up into the saddle.

Then she rode down the track with her friend Abby.

The two girls had been coming to the riding school for almost a year, and they each had a favourite pony. Clare always chose Star, and Abby always chose Patches.

As they went past the beginners' field, the girls waved to David and Penny, the owners of the riding school. They had taught Clare and Abby to ride, and they had also shown them how to groom the little ponies.

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Penny came over to the girls and said,
“I’ve got some news for you.
David and I have sold the riding school.”

Clare and Abby were surprised.
Then Penny said,
“You’ll probably meet the new owners
while you’re here.
They went to have a look
at the jumps.”



The girls rode slowly towards the paddock where the jumps were set up.

“I wish David and Penny weren’t leaving,” said Clare.

“So do I,” said Abby.

“I hope the new owners will be kind to Star and Patches.”



As they trotted through the gateway,
Clare said, "I wonder if Star
will go over the jumps today.
She just walked around them last week."

"I'll take Patches over first," said Abby.
"Star usually likes to follow her."

Clare watched as Patches
cleared all the jumps easily.
Then she moved Star
towards the first jump.

As they reached it,
Clare felt the little pony
rise into the air.
Star jumped over the poles,
and landed safely on the other side.

Clare was delighted.