

Saxon RDA Horses for Loan.

Saxon RDA owns two horses that during the Covid-19 pandemic have suffered from injury. Unfortunately the riding school where they live does not have suitable facilities to enable us to undertake their rehabilitation, and although we have resumed RDA activities for non-riding participants, we do not foresee that we will resume riding for many more months yet. The horses' usual routine is to work for RDA one day a week, and the remaining 6 days they are used by the riding school where they are on working livery teaching able-bodied riders. Due to the pressures of the Covid-19 pandemic, the riding school is also operating only 3 days per week, and so we have the capacity to loan out our two horses to homes that can better cope with their rehabilitation, and then make use of them in the months following until our group is back up and functioning.

Both horses are currently undergoing rehabilitation, with the vet's prognosis that following recovery they will both be able to return to a full ridden life. We are therefore offering our horses out for loan to a knowledgeable home, with immediate effect until further notice, but anticipated duration is around a year. They can go together or separately. We have transport and are able to bring the horses to you if needed. Specifics of each horse is below:

Jacko:

Jacko has been part of our group for around 5 years. He is an exceptional all-rounder, and when fit has competed in all disciplines, from show jumping to dressage to cross country. He has attended numerous RDA National Championships in dressage, show jumping, countryside challenge and endurance, and won the Harvey cup for being the 'best' RDA horse at the National Championships that year. Jacko's period of 'turning away' during Covid resulted in weakened back muscles that has uncovered an existing injury.

Stanley:

Stanley has been with Saxon RDA for around 2 years. He is a bombproof hacking horse and is a firm favourite with the riding school clients. He has damaged his middle patella tendon in his stifle and requires a quiet home with gentle exercise.

Stanley	Jacko
<p>15.1hh Welsh Gelding 7 years.</p>  <p>Damaged his stifle joint – he has a lesion in his middle patella tendon, diagnosed mid-August. As well as steroid and anti-inflammatory</p>	<p>14.0hh Native cob gelding 12 years</p>  <p>Current back injury and undergoing rehab and INDIBA treatment. Requires exercising for 3 days followed by resting for 1. Exercise can be</p>

treatment he has had PRP treatment (Platelet Rich Plasma) with another round scheduled in October. He is also undergoing INDIBA treatment.

Requires a knowledgeable home to undertake rehab exercise. He is currently on 20 minutes daily ridden walking only, preferably hacking or on a hard surface such as a horse walker. School work, work on a soft surface and lunging is not yet advised. Our vet is monitoring regularly and guiding the rehab plan.

Stanley is currently living out in a herd, so could live out but access to a stable or field shelter over winter is preferable. Steep slopes, deep mud or excitable large herds are to be avoided.

We have been advised that it is likely this is an old injury that may take longer to heal, and it would not be likely he is fit enough to return to riding school type exercise for 6-12 months.



lunging, long-reining or in hand work over poles. Our physio has an exercise plan in place.

Expected 6+ weeks of exercise on the above rehab plan and then to be re-assessed by vet. Likely 3-6 months total rehab time.

Stable and small paddock preferred. Knowledgeable home with a steady routine required. Jacko needs a competent handler as he was becoming possessive of the mares in his herd at his current yard, so was removed from them.

Requires a small feed with Bute to be administered once a day. This is easier to do if he is stabled, but box rest has not been prescribed so a small turnout paddock with field shelter would suffice, with somewhere suitable such as a menage to undertake the rehab exercise.



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