



We at Personal Ponies have been advocating for and witnessing the magic that happens between a child (of any age) and a small pony. Marianne Alexander, our founder, observed this over 30 years ago and she searched out the UK Shetland pony upon which to found her work and breeding program.

This magic can happen without words. It can affect young and old alike. It happens when a child looks into the eyes of a gentle, non-judgmental pony and starts to share fears or challenges that just can't be shared with an adult. It happens when a patient looks across the hospital bed and spies a small pony face looking back at them waiting for a response. A veteran can find a knowing, calming presence with a pony by ministering to a pony's needs with no expectations of outcome.



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Check our website to learn more about us!

www.personalponies.org

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PPL is an operating non-profit, 501-C-3 organization.
Donations are deductible to the extent of the law.

How you can help?

Simply put, you can help with your time and by donating. We need volunteers to help handle ponies, foster homes until they are placed, transportation and fundraising. 100% of all donations go to the care and maintenance of our ponies as we are 100% volunteer organization- no one gets paid a penny for their time.

We have consolidated into 3-4 national breeding centers. It takes dollars and time to maintain the breeding stock, raise the babies and train/prepare them for their important roles in life. We depend on the generous hearts of the many people who volunteer their time and make financial contributions. If you think our work is important to the lives of folks with special needs, please take the time to visit our web site at www.personalponies.org to see how you can help. A pony often lives for thirty years and during a lifetime may serve many people



Personal Ponies, Ltd. has been a leader for over 30 years in promoting the idea that a small pony can be of immense value in a therapeutic environment.



Why use ponies for therapeutic work?

Horses are wonderful creatures that can provide friendship, comfort, confidence, physical therapy through riding and other learning experiences. Ponies can also provide an equally powerful yet, perhaps more subtle experience for both children and adults. Their size is often less intimidating than full size horses and can allow a less challenging entry point into the equine assisted therapeutic world. They can be easily groomed, led, bathed and just loved on from a wheel chair. And, of course, ponies can go places a horse cannot go such as inside a hospital, senior home, veterans center, a school or to a feed store or mall for a day of fundraising. They are easier to transport and cost less to feed and maintain than horses.

We are a 100% Volunteer Organization!

No one is paid a penny for the work they do or the time they spend in our organization. We do pay professional fees for accounting, bookkeeping and web site management, but that's it. No salary is paid to any volunteer, director or officer. Every dollar donated goes to supporting our breeding operations and to prepare our ponies for their work in the therapeutic environment.

Pet Partners Registration Discounts

Personal Ponies has negotiated discounts, with the national premier evaluation and registration nonprofit, for folks who lease ponies from us.

Pet Partners evaluates and registers 9 species of animals for therapeutic work. The registration is for 2 years and includes a substantial amount of liability coverage.

It is not a requirement that you register the ponies you lease from us with Pet Partners. We simply want to provide an opportunity for you to gain additional credibility for your organization and have the option of additional liability coverage.

We are confident our ponies can pass the Pet Partners requirements for registration after going through the training with their human team handler!

Check them out at: www.petpartners.org



Why consider ponies from Personal Ponies, Ltd?

Experience and reputation

We have been breeding, training and providing these ponies since 1986.

We lease rather than sell our ponies

We have contracts. This insures we stand behind our ponies and maintain oversight and records over their lifetimes. It also allows a therapeutic center to return the ponies for any reason. While our intent is to place our ponies in loving, forever homes, we know that sometimes "life happens" and we may be asked to take them back. That is not a problem.

We know our ponies' temperaments and physical health

Our ponies' lineage goes back over a hundred years to the "pit ponies" of Wales, Scotland and within the last 100 years to Pennsylvania and WV. Our founder chose them for their gentle but intelligent temperaments and robust health. They have a particular affinity for children.

Proven handling and health care records

Our ponies are handled from birth. We insure and can document they have received all appropriate health care such as worming, vaccinations, dental care, farrier work, etc.

