

Miniature Marvels: An Epic Journey of Endurance and Compassion

BORN TO RUN

A UNIQUE ENDURANCE EVENT



Firstly, it is my ambition to get these little guys out and about doing something. I am super excited about some of the events that are coming to light, including experiencing the day with Waikato Endurance club with new people and a new area. I also acknowledge that there needs to be events that are held that are cost effective. The cost of living has had a huge impact on people's ability to care for and get their horses out and about.

I first came across the Born to Run Adventure Racing just prior to the first covid outbreak and it absolutely resonated with me what they are trying to achieve. I thought "shit, I would love to do this", and it became one of my bucket list items. Three years later we are doing it.

My team of horses all show, do horse agility and three out of the four are top national winners.

Zeb – Lindisfarm Pradas Devil n Disguise – 12 years old

- First endurance race for miniatures this year started with a 24-Hour challenge. Zeb completed 60 kms. Since I was 6 weeks out of surgery, I did 42 kms with a friend that helped Zeb complete the extra 18 kms.
- New Zealand High point winner Heritage Cat A NZMHA 2021 and 2022
- 1st Australian Champion Agility Horse 2021
- 8th in the world Agility Horse 2021

Dez – Arcadia Destined for Revenge – 12 Years Old

- New Zealand High point winner Heritage Cat B NZMHA 2021 and 2022
- 14th in the world Agility Horse 2021

Little Man – Bayview Regions Upper Class – 3 years Old

The baby of the group. Full American Shetland. These little horses are usually only

shown for the first couple of years of their life and then tend to disappear. My goal is to show that these horses can go on and do so much more.

Deva – Ikan Queen Diva – 11 years Old

This little mini is a true rescue. She was used as a paddock mate for an older mini horse. Their paddock was an orchard where they had access to all kinds of fruit. Oh course this diet caused health issues. Her feet were in a bad state and still take a lot of maintenance with x-rays showing a small amount of rotation in one hoof. She also suffered from stomach ulcers. It has taken her over a year to come right but she is truly the most giving little horse and absurdly loves going for walks. She truly is what the 100km race is promoting.

Emma is a young lady that has had a passion for horses all her life. She has mainly been drawn to big horses and show hunter. It has been a real pleasure for her to choose to do the challenge with me and has chosen to fund raise for Bowel Cancer - this is very close to her heart.

Please see below for her brief.

https://bowelcancernz.grassrootz.com/create-your-own-event/great-northern-gallop-100km-walk?fbclid=IwAR3icNc8_E6tyZ5qIm7R_gaQ4uANQIO10EbRkqwG6CjEy3uWZ_uOh17IvcA

THE GREAT NORTHERN GALLOP 2024

Over Easter weekend, 29 March – 1 April, I will be walking 100km. The Great Northern Gallop 2024 will be held in the beautiful Far North throughout the forestry, farmland and along 90 Mile Beach. Each day the event covers 25km. Tracy and I will be walking with Des, Zeb, Little Man and Diva, her team of miniature horses.

The organisers, Born to Run Adventure Racing, are holding the event to support and promote miniature horse welfare. Born to Run wanted to create something that was good for the horse and promotes a better way of life for these awesome equines. Something that everyone can get involved in.

As cute as they can be, miniatures all too often end up with no purpose and unfortunately not living their best life. Bad situations, health issues like laminitis, founder, morbid obesity or neglect are unfortunately all too common. Miniatures have plenty of attitude, ability and stamina, twice the intelligence and about a quarter the size of regular horses. They love to run and explore but the best part is they are small enough that even those with no horse experience can join in and have some fun with them. Minis are the perfect size to become adventure companions, getting outside with them not only enriches the lives of the horses but also the people who take them on off the beaten track adventures.

This year marks 11 years since my mum passed of bowel cancer. I wanted this walk to be more than just a walk and what better way than doing it for a great cause. Bowel Cancer New Zealand is a nationwide charity that is 100% community funded and does not receive any government support or funding.

100 people die of bowel cancer, and 250 are diagnosed every month in New Zealand. The money raised will be used by Bowel Cancer NZ to support Kiwis of all ages who have been diagnosed with bowel cancer through services such as a nurse helpline, an online support group and their rehabilitation programme.

I plan to raise money through a raffle and any donations you wish to make, big or small, through my page.

Thank you for your support! Bring on Easter weekend.

Tracy Brief

For the 24-hour challenge I chose to fundraise for Animals are Hungry Too (AAHT). AAHT works closely with the police and public to rescue, feed, rehome, desex and vacate those animals that can't fend for themselves. My goal here is if I can save one animal's life then walking 100 kms has been worth every ounce of sweet and pain.

If anyone would like to donate to this course, no matter how big or small, it would be extremely appreciated. We will also accept Dog/Cat Food, Dog Blankets, Stuffed Toys.

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Facebook pages of interest

Volcanic Miniature Performance Club -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1729846920563684>

AAHT - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085631054847>

Websites

<https://www.borntorunadventureracing.org>

Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpMgtnDqq0c&t=5s>