The Connemara

Recognizing the need for an animal with great stamina and versatility, capable of carrying an adult in the hunt field, yet gentle and tractable enough for a young child, the American Connemara Pony Society was formed in 1956 to promote the Irish Connemara Pony.

The distinctly rugged and sturdy physical qualities of the Connemara have evolved over generations of a naturally selective breeding process in the harsh, rugged environment of the western seacoast of their native Ireland.

The Connemara has developed the conformation and ability to respond to a wide range of working requirements under a variety of conditions. The pony is a “using” breed, one that has not been restricted to only one activity.

The best of Irish bloodlines are represented in the United States, where Connemara ponies have been imported and carefully bred for more than fifty years. They are loved and respected by an increasing number of enthusiastic owners and can be seen in every discipline.

The Connemara’s unique temperament and kindly responsiveness to people make them highly valued as companion animals. The Connemara has proven the ability to work with, not against, its human partner. A good temperament is one of the most important breed requisites. Their sturdy conformation, great stamina and hardiness make them the perfect mount.

Connemara ponies really “Do It All!” as the slogan says! They can be found in all manner of competition: in the traditional show ring, as well as in eventing, combined driving, endurance and dressage. Our ponies are valued as safe and steady fox hunters, pony club mounts, therapy ponies, baby sitters and as best friends.

Many Connemaras have achieved national fame: Ballywhim Ardan Mor, Cashel’s Rock of Ages and Shammer Jake in dressage; Hideaway’s Erin Go Bragh, Take Time, and Windswept in eventing; Ooh La La, Navigator and Oakfield’s Diamond in the pony hunters; Springleedge Irish Whiskey and Blue Ridge Tiger in endurance; Thor’s Toy Truck, and Lisa Stroud’s four-in-hand in driving.
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For years champion Connemaras have been brought to the United States from Ireland and many other countries throughout the world, and these champions are producing foals which are in demand for adult and child alike.

These gentle, hardy Connemaras are sweeping the boards in hunter, jumper, eventing and driving events. They make excellent driving ponies and can excel in dressage. They make surefooted, trustworthy fox hunters and Pony Club mounts, and their stamina and hardiness are carrying their owners to the front on trail rides.

Whether you are a professional, a grandmother, or a child, you would be proud to own of these beautiful Connemaras.

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