

## Omard Miss Molly



How it all began...During regular trips home to Cavan I was riding two four year olds, Mille and Molly but was really shopping for a well experienced all rounder to help me get into the swing of things properly. When the search proved unsuccessful I decided that Molly and I would have to get experienced together. My sister Maeve then took on Millie as her riding club horse. My interest in horses and breeding came long before riding so a homebred was a great link back to the family in Cavan. Molly is an Irish Sport Horse, by My Paddy's Clover (his sire Cloughjordan Boy is by Clover Hill and his dam is Lambada), her dam Omard Sadie is by the thoroughbred horse Love Tale(TB) and her grandsire is Colinstable (TB) so she has her fair share of thoroughbred in her family tree. Her first Donegal residence was in Glenswilly where she decided to demonstrate her ability by jumping out of the arena on day one. A few months later she moved to Ramelton and joined the team of horses at Glenleary Stables.

Molly made her riding club debut at the Donegal Gaeltacht beach show in 2008 where she placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the advanced primary dressage. The next day we both did our first showing class for both of us at Bonagee show.



The omard crew came to visit our dressage friendly in Omagh and provided a rare opportunity for a family snap, pictured left to right, Orla, Joey and Maeve all riding horses home bred by the O'Reilly family. We hooked up again at the Riding club festival in Stradbally where Molly was placed in the Riding Club Horse (advanced primary).



Later that year she made the trip via her old stable in Cavan to the National Dressage championships in Naas where no ribbons were had but lots of learning for both horse and rider.



Libby introduced Molly to the art of cross country with their first competition the pairs at the Benbulbin cross jump, with a great lead from Nadine and her Molly, the taste for cross country was well cemented with Libby & Molly going on to finish second in the day's advanced primary individual (being too fast was all that held them from the red ribbon). Molly ventured to Flowerhill with Libby the following spring and all went well – if only there'd been no water jumps!





In 2009 we returned to the beach show, this time chancing show jumping and finishing in a speedy first place in the primary jumping and placing in the advanced primary dressage. The beach show is her lucky venue returning in June 2010 to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the advanced primary dressage and to win the dressage to music. At the same venue in August she finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Primary jumping, 2<sup>nd</sup> in each of the small hunter and lightweight hunter showing classes.



Getting to like this towing lark, in July 2010 we travelled to Cavan again, this time for the inaugural Equifestival of Ireland where she placed 5<sup>th</sup> in each of the small hunter and light weight hunter and 3<sup>rd</sup> in dressage to music.



Definitely not a one-rider horse, Molly and Lisa did their first 1m track and finished a respectable 4<sup>th</sup>. Now all I need to do is catch up! Thankfully she's much better at figuring out where to take off for jumps than her owner is!



Molly is maturing into a well travelled and experienced mare and has turned her hand to a wide variety of disciplines from dressage to showing and from show jumping to cross country, she has even turned her hoof for formation riding in fancy dress!



Favourite things: Games, tea (well any food really including Annette’s chicken sandwiches), posing for photos and getting spruced up for shows.

Dislikes: turkeys, manhole covers and getting her feet wet.

