



SURKIT'S EQUUELS

14'1"

Grey Mare

3/4 Arabian

"FOOL"

Friend of Faye and Bud Nelson

Surkit's Equuels (Fool) was born in June 1975. Her breeding is on the Crabbet-Davenport strain on her sire's side and back to Fadi on her dam's side. She was the second foal born to the Nelson clan. She was a dainty foal, hence the name Equuels, which is Latin for "little horse". The stud fee at that time was \$75.00. Fool has not grown tall in stature, but is huge in heart. Her attitude, at times, is silly, and she sees many gremlins along the trail. Yet on the trail, it's out in front that she wants to be. She started in competitive trail rides at the age of 4 and placed 2nd on her first ride. She reached her 1,000 miles at the age of 7, doing both competitive and endurance. She placed 5th in UMECRA Top Ten Competitive in 1982, ridden by Bonnie Kaufman. During that year she finished 565 miles. Several times going endurance on Saturday and competitive on Sunday, placing in both on several occasions. In 1983 she placed 2nd in UMECRA limited distance and also had the honor of Reserve Champion 100 Mile 1/2 Arabian at Cascade, Ia. Fool won a lovely bronze statue for her estacic owner.

Fool is a friend to me and is a joy to be with. She is also a challenge to ride. She and I are learning to ride endurance together. Fool is versitile, riding the trails in spring, summer and fall. During the winter, we hitch her to our one horse open sleigh and merrily fly through the woods or down the road with sleigh bells jingling.

Following is a poem about the Fool written by Bonnie Kaufman after her year with Fool. It says it all.

The Fool

They call you a fool,
and I guess you are.
Shying at rocks
and ghosts in the grass.
Skimming through pines
tossing your head to go faster.
They all know the Fool
with coat of icy white

And an eye for mischief
and the spirit of one possessed.
They call you a Fool,
but who can outdo you?
Your legs never tire,
Your spirit never wanes.
A fool you may be,
What's wrong with that?

For I'm proud to know you,
You are the Fool.