

# Kerry Bog Pony

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*This book is the definitive guide to the Kerry Bog Pony; it is also a celebration of a local success story with worldwide significance...*

- An incredible story of survival – The Kerry Bog Pony, a small working pony, found in the hills, valleys and bogs of South Kerry, has clung to existence while many other local breeds have become extinct.
- Filled with superb photographs and illustrations, this book examines the history, the environment and the economic conditions that influenced the development of the Kerry Bog Pony. Specialist contributors ensure the most up-to-date and accurate information available is included.
- The steps that have led to the recognition of our third national equine breed are documented, from the early actions of a few concerned individuals up to recognition and support from the highest levels in Ireland and the E.U.

**Intended readership:** Horse and pony enthusiasts of the world. Natives of Kerry and all those interested in the Kingdom and its heritage. General readership interested in Biodiversity and the combined use of the latest scientific methods and traditional knowledge to ensure the survival of an endangered breed.

**About the authors:** Mary McGrath and Gay Keogh are sisters and were raised in a horse-loving environment at The Curragh, Co. Kildare.

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