



NED Helps Locate Missing Horse



A Cheshire horse out on loan was returned to his owner recently thanks to a search on NED.

Eighteen year old chestnut gelding Siena was put on loan by owner Catherine, believing him to be safely in the hands of his new carer only to find that they had manufactured an identity to be able to take the horse, which was then sold through the auction ring at a market.

Siena was subsequently sold on once more to a riding school for a substantial amount. The riding school purchased Siena without a passport and the proprietor set out to apply for a new passport for Siena. Before she did, she checked to see if she could find Siena on NED by typing in his freemark and was amazed to see that Siena was already on NED and already had a passport. Alarm bells started to ring.

By this time, Catherine was already on the trail of her missing horse and as part of her quest she placed his details on the UK Horsecare Alliance website and made sure his details were correct on NED and that her own contact email was made available so that she was contactable.

This all meant that Catherine was easily located, Siena was returned home and the rest is history. A delighted Catherine says "Siena is now safely back here with me. I can't quite believe what has happened and I would advise all horse owners to be really careful and make sure their horse's identification information is on NED, and their own contact details as well, because it could happen to you".

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Additional information

NED is the country's National Equine Database containing details of over a million horses with UK passports, and an increasing number of horses with European Union passports as well.

NED can help horse owners protect their own animals by making it easy to input microchip and freezemark details so that, if they are stolen or go missing, the chances of recovering and returning them to their owners are much higher.

Owners can associate with their own horses, add security markings, upload a photo and add extra information about their horses and ponies.

NED also contains information on horse pedigrees and competition lifetime ratings for an increasing number of horses.

Horses can be "checked out" on NED prior to purchase, using the NED Passport Check service, increasing peace of mind for buyers.

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