

# INTERNATIONAL SPORT PONY BREEDERS END HOUSE STUD - UK

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End House Stud in the UK are celebrating another triumph after their 3 year old stallion, Thursden Vallye Raphael, won the National Accolade at Ponies UK, a prestigious Show at National level, of 1st Reserve National Champion of Champions together with 1<sup>st</sup> and Champion Competition Horse/Pony. This superb pony began his first season showing at County Level this year has also won at every County level show he has attended throughout 2006 including 2 Championships, 1 Reserve Supreme and 10 Reserve Championships.

Raphael is by the dressage stallion Aimbry Chester, who also belongs to and stands at End House Stud. Aimbry Chester is a Lifetime Graded Sports Pony who has competed and been placed at National level. He was one of the first warmblood stallions to be ever licensed with The National Pony Society. Chester stands at 15Hh and we were convinced we could breed the equivalent ponies in Britain that clients were purchasing from mainland Europe. The riding pony mares were the equivalent, in our eyes, of the thoroughbred mares, only smaller. Thoroughbred bloodlines have been used to inject quality into the heavier warmblood breeds, therefore we thought by using riding pony mares and also Welsh Section A and B mares, we could breed quality ponies with the movement, temperament and quality that is the epitome of the British Sports Pony standard. To this end we have proven our theory by breeding Raphael, a 14hh pony stallion that can win not only as a show hunter pony but also as a riding pony. This pony not only shows a classic technique over a very big fence but has the huge expressive warmblood paces of his larger counterparts.

The stud has leased in 2 pony mares who were bred by the prestigious Waxwing stud in Scotland, whose top class pony bloodlines when crossed with Aimbry Chester should continue the successful breeding formula, both mares are due to foal May 2007.



Trudy Goulding, Proprietor of End House Stud says, "This outstanding 14hh bay stallion just oozed star quality and that incredible X factor even at 5 days old, he was everything I wanted in a pony stallion. He has rewarded all the faith we invested in him by surely becoming one of the top In Hand young stallions of

2006. There has been a lot of interest from clients in Europe wishing to purchase him and we have turned down several substantial offers, this exquisite pony will remain at End House Stud indefinitely, as his first crop of foals born this year are truly outstanding."

In 2007 he will continue his in-hand showing career as well as competing under saddle, aiming to qualify for the final of the Potential International Dressage Pony Series. His long term career plans are to be produced as a potential JA and FEI event pony as well as an outstanding ridden show pony, his career potential is unlimited.

End House Stud were established in 1988 and have built up a top class stud with an excellent reputation within the equine industry, they now stand 10 stallions from a whole range of disciplines. Following the huge success of Raphael they have recently purchased Rotherwood Signature, a stunning grey Welsh Section B colt by Douthewaite Signwriter from his breeders Mrs Elizabeth Mansfield of The Rotherwood Stud. This pony will be produced as a potential stallion of the future, who has already won at The British National Foal Show.

Frozen semen for Thursden Vallye Raphael is available for International export at present covering Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

To find out more about End House Stud and their top class stallions go to [www.endhousestud.co.uk](http://www.endhousestud.co.uk)

