



# Ponies Association (UK)

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## **Ponies (UK) President Received Queens Award**

P(UK) Chairman Davina Whiteman said the Association was proud to learn of the presentation of The Queens Award for outstanding services to Equestrianism to Mrs Pat Campbell the Association's President,

In her experience no role was too menial or too large and in normal "Pat Style" she would be in the prize money office at the Supreme Championships chatting to the exhibitors and handing out their prize money.

Huge to congratulations to Madame President from all of our members.

### ***Parachuting Pat receives Queen's Award!***

A dedicated equestrian who spent her 80th birthday jumping out of a plane to raise funds for horse welfare has received the prestigious Queen's Award for Equestrianism today (9 July).

Mrs Pat Campbell from Tonbridge in Kent was presented with the award by HRH The Princess Royal on behalf of HM The Queen at the Great Yorkshire Show in Harrogate.

The Award, which is made on the recommendation of the Trustees of The British Horse Society, is 'For Outstanding Services to Equestrianism'.

With more than 60 years dedicated service to the horse world, few people can claim to have given as much to British equestrianism as Pat. Every single position that she has held within the equine industry has been voluntary, from running her local branch of the Pony Club through to five years as Chairman of The British Horse Society. She has, over more than six decades, selflessly given up literally thousands of hours of her own time in order to serve Britain's horses and ponies.

Pat is particularly passionate about our native breeds and has championed them relentlessly since she began breeding native ponies in 1960. Over the years she has served on countless judging panels and held positions as Chairman, President, or both, for numerous organizations, including the National Pony Society and The Dartmoor Pony Society.

Welfare has always been Pat's priority and she remains at the forefront of the campaign against equine obesity in the showing world. In 2013 she raised thousands of pounds for horse welfare by undertaking a parachute jump. This is a remarkable feat under any circumstances, quite astonishing given that the occasion marked her 80th birthday!

On receiving her award, Pat said: "I am very honored and humble to receive this very prestigious award from HRH The Princess Royal."

The Chairman of The British Horse Society, Claire Aldridge, accompanied Pat to the presentation. Commenting on the award she said: "For the past six decades Pat Campbell has been one of the horse world's true unsung heroes. Few people in any walk of life have dedicated so much of their time, energy and expertise to helping others, with no personal or financial reward.

"I am delighted that her extraordinary, selfless achievements are being recognized by this award. There could be no more deserving recipient."