



Meet Salty, A Baby Newfoundland Pony

Love is in the air in Manuals, Conception Bay South! In a stable, to be exact. That's where Sarah Kean's Newfoundland Pony, Belle, gave birth to sweet 'Salty' on July 7.

"We were waiting and watching for signs, and she surprised us," said Sarah's Mom, Kelly Power-Kean, who is also the registrar for the Newfoundland Pony Society. When Bruce Metcalfe, who owns the barn where Belle lives, dropped by to check on her, tucked away with Belle was her newborn baby.

Belle is a 10-year-old registered Newfoundland Pony, #734, "Gusty's Jewel of Bell Island Sunrise." Salty's sire is "Deerfield's John Peter Payne," registration #577. The birth of a Newfoundland Pony is especially meaningful to Power-Kean. As the volunteer registrar for the Newfoundland Pony Society, she is dedicated to tracking down as many as Ponies as possible and adding them to the Registry.

"As a critically endangered species, every foal that is born helps the numbers," she said. She estimates the current worldwide population is about 450 animals. In the 1960s, there were an estimated 12,000 Ponies on the island of Newfoundland. The numbers dropped to fewer than 100 by the 1980s.

"The herd is growing every year. Newfoundlanders could not have survived without these incredible, hard-working animals. Now it is our turn to help them," she added.

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