

Galloways

With the low entries generally in the NZ Show rings and no answer to increasing and encouraging more entries we can't go on year after year and watch the numbers keep declining. I did a lot of travelling last season and saw this at big shows which truly saddened me.

Enough is enough, we all know that the Park Hack Section carries a large number of animals that are Riding Pony crosses they in general lack hack type qualities and are there only because of height as that is where they have to be. Many overage riders take their show ponies overheight with them to continue riding.

The quality park hack a smaller version of the Hack cooing Hack Qualities is now very thin on the ground.

What I would like to lead is a discussion hopefully ending in a remit next year to introduce this section. I am not here today to determine heights 1st of classes that is not what today is for. But generally the section would include basically a show galloway and hunter galloway + Championships A Novice class, Best Presented etc.

The Hack section which would open the smaller hack class to be over 14.8 → and then the larger hack class. I will hear

you all saying the small hack won't beat
the big hack for champion. That's rubbish
if the smaller one has the better
conformation + quality it will and how
many times has the smaller hack taken
Supreme!! I also liken it to a 128 cm
Pony taking Supreme over the bigger ponies
happens often!

So the Sections I see for the future
would be Hack, Galloway, Hunter
+ Riding Horse

I haven't ruled out that if an animal
height wise fits it could start in both
The small hack class + galloway but
jury out at this stage its just an idea
and may boost entries. It would be
then the judges deciding is it a small
hack or galloway?? This also would
boost entries and revenue for the
shows so hence haven't closed the gate
on that.

As I say its ideas suggestions to
re invigorate something into showing which
I don't feel will ever get back to the years
ago era but I damned if I wish to watch
year after year the demise of something I
have my heart attached to and has given
me many memories as a competitor which led
me to wonderful many judging experience.