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Miss Park & Lady Violet



by Lynn Gallup

The telephone rang early one fall morning at Gracewood Farm. The woman caller was inquiring about the Paso Fino breed and seeking advice regarding a purchase. She was looking for a first horse for her ten-year-old daughter, and had responded to a classified ad for a three-year-old, green, Paso Fino filly. I recommended caution at purchasing a too-reasonably priced young and untrained Paso Fino from a questionable horse trader. Meanwhile, the family commissioned the local veterinarian to examine the Paso Fino filly, who found her in fine health with the exception of a clubfoot. By this time, the young girl named Park

had fallen in love with the young Paso Fino named Violet.

How could Park's parents say no to the purchase of Violet? Park had seen countless numbers of specialists attempting to diagnose the weakness she had been experiencing in her legs. She tolerated many painful procedures while the doctors contemplated what the diagnosis was. It's hard to say "no" to a horse-crazy girl, one with a shelf full of model horses, and who jumps with anticipation at the very word "horse." Park's parents said "yes."

Shortly afterwards, Violet became a full-fledged member of

Miss Park & Lady Violet

Park's family. Meanwhile Park still kept visiting the doctors and endured two long and dreadful hospital stays. Park would look forward to the day when she would go home

to see and hug her horse Violet.

Violet and Park seemed destined for each other, and immediately formed a strong bond. Each responded to the mutual love and attention they re-

ceived. The doctors believed Violet to be physically therapeutic for Park. When Park rode Violet, her weakened leg muscles were stimulated. Although this determined young lady needed help mounting, Park rode tall in the saddle and always wore her safety helmet in the event of a fall. Violet's smooth and steady Paso riding gait proved very comfortable and easy for Park, also helping her maintain her balance in the saddle. They would walk or corto around the pasture, and eventually ventured out trail riding.

Park was ultimately diagnosed with muscular dystrophy. Park, a talented ten-year-old, plays the violin, and has just entered the sixth grade in the gifted program. She is a member of the local Paso Fino horse club, and attends the meetings and training clinics. With a little guidance and strong perseverance, this dynamic duo dealing with physical disabilities has achieved unity in riding. They are as one — an inseparable pair — Miss Park and Lady Violet.

2006 Update: Eleven years later, Park is now in college, studying art and Chinese. Violet stays at a family friend's farm and continues to give rides to young children.

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