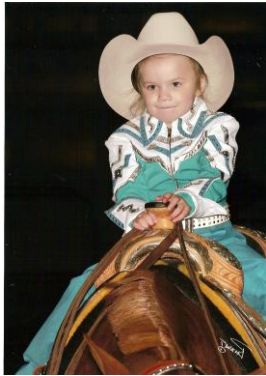


# A Wish Come True

Two and a half year old Lillian Clary, daughter of Miranda Clary, was having her blood work done at Doernbecker Children's Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Attempting to distract her, the nurses asked, "If you could wish for something, what would it be?"



Her immediate reply was, "I want to ride a big neigh neigh!"

Lillian Clary has auto immune lympho-proliferative syndrome. This disease produces too many lymphocytes from her bone marrow, and they attack her blood and main organs. This destroys her immune system and makes her immuno-incompromised.

She has resided at Doernbeckers off and on since she was five weeks old. The diagnosis of this rare disease took nine months to determine. At present there is no known cure for this disease. At this time her oncologist, Dr. Kurre, and her immunologist, Dr. Gaine, are seeking acceptance for her to the Seattle Children's Hospital in Washington.

Lillian's wish, "to ride a big neigh neigh", was granted on May third, two thousand nine at the Oregon Pinto Horse Show in Albany, Oregon. A friend of Lillian's family, John Gust, approached the Oregon Pinto Club, and they gladly granted permission for her to enter in the lead line and pee wee driving classes.

Upon hearing that she was coming, the vendors at the show volunteered to donate the attire she would need to participate in the classes. Much thanks goes to the wonderful vendors who in a very short frame of time outfitted her. Her teal, white, and silver lightning bolt design western pleasure jacket, pants, chaps, and alterations were donated by Show Me Western Designs owned by Donna Weatherspoon of Boring, Oregon and Carolyn Horning of Redmond, Oregon. Her boots were donated by Steve Patterson of Champion Feeds, and John Gust, both of Salem, Oregon. Her silver belly Stetson hat was donated by Jorge Olvera of Albany, Oregon. Jorge expertly sized and cut down the hat to custom fit Lillian. Her belt was donated by Barbara Williams, the proprietor of High Country Cowgirl in McMinnville, Oregon. Sta-Sound's proprietors, Wayne and Donna Beauchamp of Salem, Oregon presented Lillian with a backpack in which to carry her new acquisitions. Margie Franz of Cascade Quilting in Salem, Oregon donated a stuffed animal horse. Whenever Lillian plays with this horse, it will serve as a reminder of her horse show debut.

Darrel Bilke, executive vice-president of the Pinto Horse Association of America, paid her national membership. Her class fees were paid by Jackie Brittan. A Classy Sensation, the horse Lillian rode, was provided by Charleen Gust of Salem Oregon, and Kendall Brittan drove her miniature horse with Lillian seated beside her in the pee wee driving class. Jim Bortvedt of Portland, Oregon, who served as photographer at the horse show, donated a beautiful close up five by seven picture of Lillian sitting on her mount in the lead line class.

As is evident from her smile seen in the photos, this little girl was elated with her experience! She had the time of her life! She was so proud of her outfit that she insisted on going to bed that night with her boots on! Lillian continues to wear her boots nightly, and after she falls asleep, her mother sneaks in and takes them off for the remainder of the night.

If it weren't for all the support of the Pinto Club and the vendors working together at the show on behalf of making Lillian's wish come true, this special day would not have been possible. A special thanks to her vendors from the pinto vendor co-ordinator, Ann Ebner of Mt. Angel, Oregon. We all hope that Lillian will be up to attending future pinto shows in Oregon. Lillian's opportunity "to ride a big neigh neigh" is a prime example that wishes *can* come true!

If anyone would like to visit Lillian on her website, they may do so by going to [www.caringbridge.org/visit/lillianclary](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lillianclary)