



NORTH RUN MACATA
7 yr old 14 hand 1/2 arabian 1/2 welch pony.
owner: Connie Gray

Macata came in to our family while I was recovering from a accident. Jan Worthington had her feelers out for a nice calm horse for me to start back into distance riding. I remember it was just before Thanksgiving, 1985 when I got the phone call from Jan that she had the perfect horse for me that had some backround in our sport. We went immediately to see him and my comment was "I've always wanted a pony anyway." 3 weeks later we brought my fuzzy little pony home, then I started to get excited! In March I found out what a perfect horse he really was. He didn't mind the fact that I had to go catch him hobbling along on my crutches, nor the fact I had to mount him on the wrong side. He patiently walked me through many miles of early conditioning taking care to be sure footed and never minded the traffic or other distractions. I believe I needed more conditioning than he did. Over the next two months he took care of me and we both changed and returned to some image of our former selves. The more I rode the better I felt and the stronger we got. By July after doing reasonably well on the competitive rides, and with encouragement from friends and family I decided to go for it and try to make the top 10. Macata wasn't getting tired with the longer rides he was getting stronger. On the rides I'd set him at his pace and he'd steadily trot through the ride not minding other horses or excitement around him. He was often chosen as the leader of the group I was riding with because of his steady pace. At the end of the 1986 season he placed 7th in the top 10 lightweight competitive division with 590 competitive miles. when I combined them with 1983 125 miles, 1984 190 miles, and 1985 100 miles which Carol Thurman his previous owner had accomplished on him I realized I had a 1000 mile horse! I attribute his accomplishments to the fact he had some good basic miles before I owned him, and He's just a very tough little pony.