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## **RIDER: LOUISE LYONS**

### **HORSE:**

**106 MURPHY'S MIRACLE**, dark bay gelding, 17.0 hh, 1998, s: Cavalier Royale, d: Fairweather Girl, *Breed:* TB x Holstein, *Country of Birth:* Ireland *Breeder:* Eddie & Anne O Costello  
*Owners:* **Anne Lyons**, Wirral, Cheshire, **Pip & Judy Roberts**, Blackburn, Lancs. & **Rider**

Louise (34) is the youngest of three sisters born in Castlebridge, Babington. She grew up showing hunter ponies and enjoyed numerous successes, including at HOYS and was inspired to try eventing after seeing it on television. For the last ten years Louise has been based at the family run competition and training yard on The Wirral established by parents Anne and Robin in 1976 and now run by the three daughters. Louise is a qualified instructor and she enjoys teaching clients for all equestrian disciplines from people who just ride for fun, Pony Club children, as well as competition, show and event riders. Her sisters Kelly & Caroline show working hunters and compete at HOYS & the Royal International.

Louise who trains with Gisela Holstein, Ferdi Eilberg and Ginny Elliot represented Ireland at the 2007 European Championships and The Beijing Olympics in Hong Kong in 2000 with Watership Down.

Outside of horses Louise enjoys skiing, hunting and has also participated in cross-country running; she completed the London Marathon in 2007 in a time of 4hr 3min.

Murphy's Miracle (ISH) is another by the Holstein sire Cavalier Royale. He is out of a Thoroughbred mare by National Hunt sire Strong Gale. Louise started eventing him when he was eight and has since 'flown up' the grades. When he was born he got stuck; 'the vet performed a miracle that allowed him to be born', hence his name.

Watership Down (ISH) is by the Thoroughbred Andretti (A son of Busted) out of a mare by the TB Santa's Sleigh

### **Recent results**

2010 – Burghley CCI\*\*\*\* 24<sup>th</sup> Watership Down, elim'd (Murphy's Miracle) before SJ after clear round XC

2010 – Saumur CCI\*\*\* 13<sup>th</sup> (Murphy's Miracle)

2010 – Bramham CCI\*\*\* 13<sup>th</sup> Watership Down

2009 – Burghley CCI\*\*\*\* 24<sup>th</sup> (Watership Down)

2009 – Bramham CIC\*\*\* 10th (Murphy's Miracle)  
2009 – Tattersalls CIC\*\*\*W 14th (Murphy's Miracle)  
2008 – Hong Kong Olympics 34th (Watership Down)  
2007 – Pratoni European Championships 20th (Watership Down)  
2006 – Punchestown CCI\*\*\* 3rd (Watership Down)  
2005 – Somerley Park CIC\*\* 1st (Watership Down)

### **Badminton**

2011 – First time for horse and rider