

# Dunstan Horsefeeds

## LIFE AFTER RACING



If you take a moment to look at Cool Cobber's pedigree you can see why he raced as a pacer and a trotter. Sired by Pegasus Spur and out of Cool Maiden who was sired by Safely Kept (USA) (pacer) and out of a trotting mare - Cook Yankee.

Cool Cobber had 59 starts in total, 49 of these as a trotter and 10 as a pacer. He won nine races as a trotter and placed 14 times.

During his racing career Cool Cobber was trained firstly by Colin Baynes and Robin Swain and then went to Derek Balle. He ran his final race in 2016 and was rehomed to Kat Franklin in Hamilton a little over a year ago.

Kat describes Cobber as being like Jonah Lomu in a game of rugby; "He is very hard to catch and dodges me even with food." Kat explains once the game of dodge has finished he actually likes cuddles and will come over to be caught. "His main funny trait is flicking his tail when being groomed or trimming his feet and whipping me in the face," said Kat, "He can also get through fences without damaging them to get to new grassy paddocks."

Although Cobber is quite the character around the stable he is doing really well in his life after racing and trying his hand at some Cowboy Challenges. Cowboy Challenges are designed with obstacles to push the horse and rider out of their comfort zone and test communication and horsemanship in the rider. Cobber and Kat have competed competitively in two challenges so far for a 6th and a 3rd. "I love his ability to try so hard and his kind eye," said Kat.

Cool Cobber was versatile on the race track and to be able to compete in Cowboy Challenges just shows how versatile he is off the race track as well.

