

My name is Chris Layton. After spending much of my life in journalism, politics and the European institutions, I have become involved in the ecology movement during the past twenty years. I first saw Paddy, a twenty year old Irish Cob, in late July 2006. He walked stiffly, had difficulty in trotting and stumbled uncomfortably when asked to walk in a sharp turn. There were signs he was in pain and it was difficult for Rosie to make him move at all. He had ugly, hard patches of skin without hair on his back and neck. He had, I was told, been suffering all his life, apparently from a condition known as Sweet Itch.

When I saw Paddy again three weeks later, after his remote treatment, he seemed like another horse, full of energy and youthful vigour! He walked taller than before, reared up in play with a young man and had a bright and challenging eye. He cantered round the field competing with the three year old filly, Dolly. All signs of pain or stiffness were gone. I have never before seen an animal (or any creature, for that matter) transformed in such a radical and positive way in so short a time. The bare patches of skin where sweet itch had been (for example at the base of his mane) were covered with fresh and healthy looking hair; the hard, scabby skin was totally replaced with the new soft skin of a normal healthy horse. It was amazing to see and to feel.

What I have witnessed with my own eyes and now have seen on the before and after videos of Paddy is truly astounding. It is clear to me that Paddy has been given a new lease on life -- he is now running all over the field with Dolly as if his previous pain and suffering had never existed.



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