



At the end of the day I left the horse fair with my new owners. Farmer Thoroughgood and Willie bought me for five pounds. I was so happy because they seemed kind and they knew all about horses.

At my new home, life was wonderful. During the day, I ran around the farm and I felt like a young colt again. I remembered the days when I was little and played in the field while my mother went to work. I soon got better with plenty of rest, good food and gentle exercise. My legs improved and I felt and looked young again.

Willie was in charge of me and did a great job taking care of me. He made sure I had everything I needed and, sometimes, he gave me carrots or other nice things to eat. He spoke to me with kindness and very soon I forgot the bad times with Skinner. I was glad to be alive!

Farmer Thoroughgood was pleased with me. 'Good job, Willie!' he said. 'Old Crony will be as good as Ladybird soon. He has a beautiful mouth and his legs are now strong enough to do some light work.'

'Aren't you glad we bought him?' asked Willie.

'I certainly am,' said Farmer Thoroughgood. 'Thanks to you, Willie, this horse is well again. All we need to do now is to find him a good home.'

'I'll be sad to see Old Crony go,' said Willie. 'He has been so good!' 'Don't worry, Willie!' said Farmer Thoroughgood. 'Old Crony will go to the home he deserves.'

