



AGONY: Mariah Carey

NO MORE KIDS FOR MARIAH

MOTHER OF TWINS
Mariah Carey has vowed she won't have any more babies after going through "agony" during pregnancy.

The 44-year-old five-time Grammy winner underwent gruelling fertility treatments before giving birth to son Moroccan and daughter Monroe in April, 2011.

They arrived at 35 weeks via Caesarean section after Mariah suffered a series of complications.

Mariah said: "It was such a difficult pregnancy and I was alone most of the time because my husband Nick was working."

She also revealed she suffered back problems so serious "I feared I would never walk properly again".

"It was really tough. I really don't know if I could make it through another pregnancy."

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SUFFERING: Cathy Griffin, Geraldine and Conor Dowling with Tiny Tim



RECOVERY: Ger at the National Animal Centre

FOAL PLAY



HEARTBREAKING: Horses are found in terrible condition before recovering in ISPCA centre

BY GERALDINE COMISKEY

HE LOOKS like a child's rockinghorse, but this little pony is very real – and so is his pain.

Staggering on weak legs which can barely support his weight, riddled with worms and arthritis, his tummy bloated, hooves overgrown, a deep cut in his neck caused by a noose-like tether, 'Tiny Tim' is still in Horse Hell – nearly 24 hours after he was rescued.

Dumped

The tiny stallion had been dumped in a field in Co. Kildare during the recent storms and was left to die, ISPCA inspector supervisor Conor Dowling tells the *Sunday World*.

"The landowner apparently didn't know he was there. He was just abandoned," says Conor.

As ISPCA equine supervisor Cathy Griffin led him out of the stable, his hind legs buckled under him. He struggled to stay upright, leaning on his forelegs and balancing on overgrown hooves.

The pony's unnaturally short, weak legs are the result of bad breeding, says Cathy. While reputable breeders use a stud book when finding a mate for their animals, so as to avoid the problems caused by inbreeding, Tiny Tim was bred by "someone who just wanted a small pony to sell as a child's pet, so they kept breeding small ponies together."

"He also suffers from arthritis – which you don't expect to find in such a young pony. We have him on painkillers but he's still suffering," Cathy says.

In the nearby paddock, a small string approached us for a pet – and some carrots. In the distance, they looked like normal, healthy horses, but up close they had scars and rope marks.

Pandora, a black mare, was one of more than 50 emaciated horses found wandering on a mountain in Co. Tipperary.

A handsome grey cob casually nibbled a carrot. Just two years old, he was already strong and stout, and no longer resembled the

Irish owners turning their backs on neglected horses

wretched creature he was when he was found on Bray Head in Co. Wicklow.

They are among 27 horses currently being nursed back to health at the charity's headquarters in Keenagh, Co. Longford. A further 50 are in their main horse sanctuary Mallow, Co. Cork.

Noble

While horses were once a symbol of Ireland, the nation's love-affair with these noble beasts is clearly dead and buried.

Starved, neglected, abandoned and even tortured, the inmates at the ISPCA centre in Keenagh range from travellers' ponies and carthorses to pet donkeys, children's riding ponies and even race-horses.

"People are just dumping race-

horses in fields because they don't want to feed them or spend any money on the vet," says Conor.

Sulky-racing is to blame for a lot of cruelty to horses, he adds.

"Not only are they breaking the law, but the horses are simply abandoned if they have an accident."

But many of the rescued horses have gone on to live happily ever after – and even found fame.

Misty, a grey pony rescued two years ago, has gone on to become a Grade A showjumper and took part in the Pro-Am competition at last year's Mullingar County Fayre.

And viewers of TV3's Ireland's Animal A&E last week were heartened to see a happy ending for two starving donkeys which had been found in a field in Co. Offaly. Luckily they were nursed back to health and found good homes.

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