

Duplicate - a chip off the old block

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Above: Duplicate as a six year old, with Emma Blair riding, competing at HOY in 2008 in the Jump off to decide the Amateur rider of the year

Waitemata in Feb 2009, winning the 1.30 Championship at Taihape SJ Champs in February 2009, where she was also placed second in the 7 year old Championship. She won the 1.25 North Island Show Jumping Championship at Hawera in March 2009. During this time she was ridden by Lisa Coupe, because Emma's work and study commitments make it difficult for her to find time to ride. As well as Duplicate, Emma has her younger full brother, Ditto, a five year old. Ditto is beginning competing this season in the 5 year old series SJ classes 1.10 - 1.15.

Emma rides one horse before and the other after work and has to be constantly well organized, or else late for work!

Jane Vallings purchased Antipodes as a weanling from breeder Janet Ellwood. Attempts to breed a Hanoverian foal from her when she was a three year old were unsuccessful, so Jane used a Thoroughbred stallion and the result was Percival Gull. He was very successful as a show hunter, and eventually sold overseas. Antipodes went on to have a successful showjumping career with Jane's son in law, Lance Blair, and later, with Jane's granddaughter, Emma. She had many Young Rider & Grand Prix wins and placings, and was obviously a special horse.

By the time Antipodes was 15, embryo transfer had become available for horses. Jane and her family

Duplicate (Dream Boy/Antipodes, breeder Jane Vallings), has carried Emma Blair to victory in the Northland round of the Iverquanel Amateur Rider Show-jumping Series 2009-2010, held early in November this year. The pair also won the Eastern Bay of Plenty round held in October. Duplicate, now an eight year old, is the first of three Dream Boy foals from Antipodes (Allermund/Witzbold).

If the YouTube video of Duplicate competing in the jump-off of the seven year old championship at the Taihape show in February this year is anything to go by, she is a chip off the maternal old block. You can view the video here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OHPA--Ieie4>

The pair placed second.

Major placings for Duplicate in the 2008 - 2009 season were winning the 7 Year old SJ Series class at



Above: Antipodes and Emma Blair competing at the HoY show 2000, in the Lady Rider of the Year competition.

decided that this would be the way to get a foal from Antipodes without interrupting the success Emma was enjoying with the mare. The story of this adventure is both entertaining and informative, and can be read online here: [\(link to article \)](#)

Antipodes, now aged 25, is happily retired. However, Duplicate and Ditto have a third full sibling, a three year old filly, paddock name Dawn, which, all going well, will be served by Prestige VDL this season.