

## My Best Friend, Meo

Strathspey, 4 Couples, 32 Bars  
Tune (suggested): Miss Irene

Devised by Preston Park

### Bars

- 1-2            1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> couples set.
- 2-4            3<sup>rd</sup> couple cast up to 1<sup>st</sup> place while 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> couples with near hands joined briefly dance down one place and turn away from each other to finish 3124 on own sides.
- 5-6            1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> couples dance four hands round half way.
- 7-8            3<sup>rd</sup> couple dance clockwise to finish in 1<sup>st</sup> place on own sides while 1<sup>st</sup> couple turn with both hands to finish between 3<sup>rd</sup> couple retaining both hands.
- 9-12          Retaining hands, 1<sup>st</sup> couple dance a half poussette figure by themselves but finish with a 3/4 turn to end in the middle in second place ready for half poussette with second couple. 2<sup>nd</sup> couple dance in on bar 12.
- 13-16        1<sup>st</sup> couple with 2<sup>nd</sup> couple dance a half poussette, finishing on own sides 3214.
- 17-24        3<sup>rd</sup> couple with 2<sup>nd</sup> couple and 1<sup>st</sup> couple with 4<sup>th</sup> couple poussette right round.
- 25-32        3<sup>rd</sup> couple with 2<sup>nd</sup> couple and 1<sup>st</sup> couple with 4<sup>th</sup> couple Tournée. Finish 2341.

### Notes:

- \* Bars 9-24 are all setting steps.
- \* Preferred method of foot change for the dance is a quick hop to the other foot on the beat.
- \* Written for Korbkarn “Meo” Hanutsaha, 10/16/1952-10/21/2011, a long-time Scottish Country Dancer, RSCDS member, and teacher for her benefit dance held May 18, 2012. Donations for the dance were given to the American Kidney Fund.
- \* She loved Strathspey, Poussette, Difficult Dances, and Beautiful Dances. I hope I got three out of four.
- \* “Meo” (Thai: แมว) is pronounced like meow except the “e” is pronounced like the “a” in “cat.” It means “cat” in Thai. (Not like the Chinese Mao though.)



Korbkarn “Meo” Hanutsaha

video url: <https://youtu.be/88CdCb-Dyxx>