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EXCITING NEWS!

Quipolly Equine Centre welcomes Texas veterinarian Dr Mark Nevill to our team!

Quipolly Equine Centre is excited to announce the addition of Dr Mark Nevill D.V.M to our team for the 2013 Breeding season. Dr Nevill has been the resident veterinarian at Granda Farms in Wheelock, Texas since 1994. Granada Farms stands some outstanding sprint bred Quarter Horse stallions and offer all re-

productive services. Dr Nevill is a Texas A & M University Graduate and comes highly recommended from some of the leading repro vets in Texas. With countless Embryo Transfers completed in the last 19 years we have no doubt that Dr Nevill will be a valuable addition to our Centre.

Dr Nevill will be working alongside our resi-

dent veterinarian Dr Leanne Polsen, who most of you are familiar with from last season.



FUTURITY TIME

Its here again!

Good luck to our clients competing at this years futurity.

If you require veterinary attention one of our veterinarians will be onsite throughout the duration of the show.

Phone 0467 462 088



Dr Leanne Polsen's trip to USA

I was fortunate enough to be sent to Weatherford, Texas to visit with a number of veterinarians leading the field in reproduction, and sports medicine. I was able to observed first hand some of the latest techniques being used, some of which I would like to implement at QEC in the near future. The first stop was ESMS (Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery) where I spent most of my time with Dr. Chris Ray, who is renowned within the cutting and racing quarter horse fraternity for his chronic injury rehabilitation, orthopaedic surgery and joint and soft tissue management.

With the Super Stakes in full swing there were many cutting competitors that travelled to have horses assessed and treated to improve performance.

I then visited Dr. Baker at the Alpha Equine Breeding Centre where the motto is "standing top stallions, raising tomorrows champions". Alpha offers a complete breeding program for resident, seasonal and hauled in mares. Of particular interest was the foaling down services offered, mares arrive at the facility 4 weeks prior to her foaling date, the appropriate vaccinations are given, as the mare progresses towards

foaling and alarm system is implemented. All mares are observed foaling and assisted if required, the mares colostrum is measures and the foal examined and monitored so early intervention can occur should there be a problem. This service is very popular in the area and takes the relieves the stress for many owners.

Once I felt comfortable driving on the right hand side of the road I headed 3.5 hours south to Granada Farms to meet with Dr Mark Nevill.

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Breeding Season Preparation

Whilst it is almost the dead of winter, and most of our horses are turned out, or soon to be turned out – the last thing most of us are thinking about is the upcoming breeding season.

However with Futurity only days away, it is going to get many minds ticking over about the stallions that sired the finalists and the availability of genetics from around the world.

Regardless of weather your plan is to breed a futurity champion or an Olympic champion, get thinking about your options and if you have a budget to stick to remember to take into consideration all the costs that are going to be associated to get your mare in foal.

If you are new to the breeding game, contact multiple breeding & veterinary centres and ask lots of questions, ask them to explain the breeding cycle and what will happen to your mare once she is admitted.

Other questions to ask could include:

- Pricing, and fee's
- If using frozen semen—ask if the veterinarian is experienced in using frozen horse semen
- Centre facilities
- Previous seasons result

(Keep in mind that there are several factors that can influence these results from year to year)

And ask to come and view the facility, and meet the staff.

Finally, always read the breeding contract, don't just sign on the dotted line. If breeding to a stallion offering frozen semen, ensure you are fully aware of your rights and obligations before committing. Frozen semen often incurs additional transport costs, storage of the semen at the breeding centre and the cost of the return of unused semen to the stallion agents.

If in doubt double check with your stallion owner/agent.

If you would like to enquire about our services please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email.

We are more than willing to help you!

Stallion Station

If you have a stallion that you would like to stand to the public this coming season, and are looking for a facility to do so, put Quipolly Equine Centre at the top of your list.

Our experienced staff, provide professional top quality care to your stallion whilst in our care.

Our stallion manager has many years working in the USA with some of the most famous cutting

sires to date. She has an exceptional eye for detail and you can be guaranteed that your stallion will be in the best of hands.

Located under 1 hour from Tamworth, QEC has access to all major road and air freight services

Please feel free to come and inspect our facilities. Call 0467 462 088 to arrange a time with our staff.

Quipolly Equine Centre also offers:

- AQIS approved quarantine facilities for collection and freezing of frozen semen
- Collection and analysis
- Training the stallions to an AV and Phantom
- Storage and Distribution facilities for frozen semen

Staff Profile - Vet Nurse - Jess Schofield



This months newsletter we would like to introduce our dedicated vet nurse, Jess Schofield.

Jess grew up in the Hunter Valley and completed her Certificate IV in vet nursing at Scone Tafe. She then spent a season at Scone Equine Hospitals—Clovelly Foal ICU unit.

Jess works closely with our Veteri-

narians during the season and overseas the mares and foals on a daily basis.

Jess is a valuable member of the Quipolly Equine Centre staff and her friendly caring nature ensures your mares and foals are receiving the attention they deserve.

Dental Seminar 6th July 2013

Quipolly Equine Centre would like to invite you to a free Dental Seminar to be held on Saturday the 6th July.

The seminar is being led by Dr Shannon Lee.

The seminar will cover give the horse owner a look at the importance of dental health and its relevance and importance in their performance.

The topics that will be covered will include:

- Sedation for thorough examination.
- Different stages of dental care
- Tooth Extraction

- Manual V's Power tool's
- Dental Health and its effects on Performance
- Common signs of Dental problems

During the day we will also be introducing our latest piece of equipment the Equinosis Lameness Locator, we will be running a demonstration to show you how this new technology assists in lameness detection.

The Lameness Locator is the first in Australia—for more information see the case study on the back page of this newsletter.

The seminar will commence at

10 am and Morning Tea and Lunch will be supplied.

If you are interested in attending our information session please confirm with our office by Friday 28th June.

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"We used Quipolly equine for our breeding season in 2012. We found the facilities great, all of the staff were brilliant and most of all we finished with very good results from our two best mares Winderadeen Whiskey Cat and Duloc Peppys Destiny. We would highly recommend them"
Jason and Rachel Leitch, JRL Stud.

Dr Polsen's trip report continued....

Dr. Nevill is joining us at QEC this coming season. Dr. Nevill has over seen the reproductive services offered by Granada Farms. As the resident veterinarian Dr. Nevill also sees a number of surgical and medical cases on farm, whilst there we performed corrective surgery on a foals angular limb deformity and provided intensive care for an ill foal. It was great to see Dr. Nevill in his home environment, we look forward to Dr. Nevill joining our team at QEC.

It was then onto Arnold Reproduction Centre, Dr. Leea Arnold, walked me through her extensive embryo transfer program. Dr. Arnold has a very large recipient mare herd and has built a reputation for having no fuss quality recipient mares that do not require hormonal supplements.

Dr. Arnold receives embryos from all over the mid west for transfer into her mares. Whilst the centre offers other mare and stallion services Dr. Arnold is best known for her embryo transfer work.

My next port of call was the Reata Equine Hospital, where Dr Justin High and his team provide a full service equine hospital including: surgery, medicine, lameness and podiatry centre, specialised reproductive services and a wellness program. The equine wellness program is designed to have horses vet checked annually as would a companion animal when it receives its annual vaccinations. It includes, a physical examination, dental check and performance float, annual vaccinations, nutrition advice, lameness evaluation and worming, with the aim of prevention and early

intervention of common conditions that may be encountered.

During my final week in Texas I visited both the Weatherford Equine Medical Centre and the Weatherford Equine Breeding Centre, both of these facilities are beautifully designed.

The Weatherford Equine Medical Centre is a fully equipped hospital with ambulatory services. They service some of the best cutting, rodeo, and reining horses in the world. Dr. Heath Qualls had some interesting intensive care patients in hospital including foals, a mare with neurological signs after head trauma, and a mare with endotoxaemia following abortion and retained foetal membranes.

Leanne looks forward to continuing her visits to these clinics in the near future.

Case Study—Diagnosis using the Equinosis Lameness Locator

“Emma” is a 23 year old pony mare that sustained an acute tendon strain during a cross-country event. She presented to the clinic at Quipolly on 22nd April with a 3/5 lameness of the left fore limb, with associated swelling and heat in the flexor tendon sheath. Ultrasound imaging demonstrated that whilst there was increased fluid in the tendon sheath, the tendon injury itself was not severe.

Assessment of Emma's lameness with the Lameness Locator system was extremely valuable as this provided a benchmark to chart her recovery over time – objective analysis of her lameness can be seen in the charts provided.

The truly fantastic feature of the Lameness Locator is that the system was also able to demonstrate a very common feature of these types of lameness whereby the diagonally opposite limb, in compensating for the lame limb, can appear to have a gait abnormality also. In this case, the Lameness Locator was able to identify the right hindlimb as having a gait abnormality consistent with a lameness, however the analysis provided also stated that the left forelimb should be considered as the primary lameness limb.

This technology is a remarkable aid to the veterinarian evaluating lameness in horses, and in Emma's case we will use it to objectively grade her lameness as she recovers at the 2, 6 and 12 week checks - in addition to the ultrasound examinations performed at those checks – as the Lameness Locator also provides calculated values that determine the degree of lameness also.

Emma was treated with immediate emergency treatment for tendon injury which involved ice therapy, oral anti-inflammatories, box rest and wrapping. In collaboration with her farrier, we also developed a podiatry plan to reduce the stress on her flexor tendons and limit the chances of this type of injury in the future – this team approach between the veterinarian and farrier is always the best way to manage injury and rehabilitation in your horse. Emma is progressing well and we expect a full recovery – Lameness Locator charts demonstrating the improved lameness throughout her rehabilitation will appear in future newsletters.

