



NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2013

BREEDING SEASON WRAP-UP

With the breeding season all but over - we would like to thank all our valued clients for their continued support. With only a handful of mares left at the centre - we have bred over 150 mares this season.

Quipolly stood three resident stallions and shipped out 182 doses of chilled semen and froze over 1500 straws for storage. Needless to say it has been a busy season.

Now that the mare work is at its completion we have vacancies open for stallion semen freezing. If you are interested in having your stallion frozen for domestic and/or export to the USA/Canada or NZ, contact our office for pricing and availability.

If you would like to contact our Centre please telephone on 0467 462 088 or email us at qec@qvg.com.au.

STAFF PROFILE - DR LEANNE POLSEN

Dr Polsen grew up on her grandparent's beef cattle farm near Denman in the Upper Hunter. After leaving school, Leanne completed a Degree in Agriculture at Hawkesbury, and then returned to the Hunter to work as a veterinary nurse in the thoroughbred industry. Leanne then decided to pursue a career as a veterinarian and ventured to Murdoch University in Perth to study. Since completing her degree, Leanne has completed an Internship at the highly regarded Goulburn Valley Equine Centre. She has also worked with some noted equine veterinarians and high profile patients such as Lohnro & Makybe Diva.



LANDMARK STALLION SHOOT-OUT

Quipolly Equine Centre again sponsored the Stallion Shootout at the Landmark Classic Campdraft and Sale for 2013.

Our Staff would like to congratulate Terry and Christine Hall on their win for the second year running on Hazelwood Conman.

Conman snared the win after a run off with Micheal & Jan Wilson's stallion Soda Justice for top honours.

We are proud to be associated with the Landmark Classic Sale and would like to congratulate the vendors and purchasers on another successful sale.



QUIPOLLY STAFF OFF TO THE USA

Our head veterinarian here at Quipolly Equine Centre, Dr Leanne Polsen along with our Stallion Manager, Paula Thomas, will be off to spend three weeks in Weatherford, Texas in April.

Leanne will be using this opportunity to bring herself up to date with the latest embryo transfer techniques and research. Leanne will be dividing her time between Dr Justin Ritthaler at Weatherford Equine, Dr Justin High at Reata Equine and Dr Baker of Alpha Equine Breeding Centre. These three clinics are held in high esteem for not only their sports medicine but their embryo transfer and stallion work.

As most of our clients are aware Paula spent many years in Weatherford working for some of the USA's best cutting horse trainers and breeders, she will visit with many of the Ranches whilst she is there, as well as give Leanne a guided tour of the Cutting Horse Capital of the World, and of course all the top shopping spots!

A FIRST FOR AUSTRALIA – Advanced Lameness Detection Technology

Whilst Dr Polsen is in the USA, she will be taking possession of an Inertial Sensor System or commonly known as a Lameness Locator. This will be the first and only one of its kind in Australia. The Lameness Locator is non invasive technology that utilises small, wireless body mounted sensors giving the veterinarian information on the amplitude of the of the lameness, limb or limbs involved and the stage of the motion cycle at which the peak pain is occurring.

The Lameness Locator will be used as the objective measure for the Regeneus Stem Cell research work Dr Tony Batterham will be conducting here at Quipolly this year.

For more information visit www.equinosisis.com or contact our clinic.



COMING UP AT QUIPOLLY EQUINE.....

Quipolly Equine Centre will be hosting an Equine Dental seminar in July with the date yet to be confirmed. We are encouraging all horse owners to attend this event. Dr Shannon Lee, regarded as one of Australia's leading equine dental veterinarians, will be conducting this informative session. Details of the seminar will be included in our next newsletter. If you would like to register your interest prior please call our office on 0467 462 088.

In our next Newsletter:

- Dental Seminar with Dr Shannon Lee
 - 2013 Breeding Season preparation
 - Report from Dr Leanne Polsen's trip to Weatherford, Texas
 - Staff Profile: Jessica Schofield – Vet Nurse
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EQUINE FACT SHEET

VACCINATIONS

TETANUS AND STRANGLES

All horses should be vaccinated against Tetanus and Strangles – Ideally you should commence a vaccination program on foals at 3 months of age. To ensure maximum coverage for both Tetanus and Strangles animals should be given a course of three injections over a six week period.

Initial injection - Equivac 2 in 1
2 weeks later - Equivac Strangles
2 weeks later – Equivac 2 in 1

Once the animal has completed this 6 week program they will need to be given a Yearly Booster of 2 in 1 to ensure coverage.

TETANUS

Tetanus is a horrible bacterial disease and is fatal in 80% of cases. The organism lives in soil and manure and thrives in deep wounds where oxygen supply is limited. Puncture wounds are the ideal site for tetanus to start. Signs will not be instant – first sign can be anywhere from 1-3 weeks, and the horse will exhibit an unusual resting stance.

As the tetanus organism *Clostridium tetani* produces a powerful nerve toxin, it causes strong muscle cramps of many muscles in the body.

It is an agonising death for animals that are unlucky enough to get the disease. Those that do survive the disease require intensive care, tube feeding, powerful sedatives and muscle relaxants.

Horses that have an open wound should be given an Equivac antitoxin injection. This will provide short term protection against the disease.

STRANGLES

Unfortunately vaccinating against strangles is not fully immunising your horse against the disease, however if your horse is in situations where it may be exposed to the disease and it is unlucky enough to get it, the vaccination will reduce the risk and lessen the severity of the disease.

Strangles is transmitted from horse to horse, and is common on studs where horses are constantly moving between farms, showgrounds are another common place to put a horse at risk of the disease. It is always advisable to use your own water and feed buckets to reduce any risk of infection from public water troughs when out and about with your horse.

Other vaccinations that are available for horses include:

- Equine Herpes Virus
- Salmonella
- Hendra Vaccine.

If you would like more information on these vaccinations please contact Quipolly Equine Centre and speak to our Staff.

Dr Leanne Polsen – Veterinarian
Max Batterham – Manager
Paula Thomas – Stallion Manager

Dr Tony Batterham - Veterinarian
Jessica Schofield – Equine Nurse
Katherine Wellings – Secretary/Accounts
