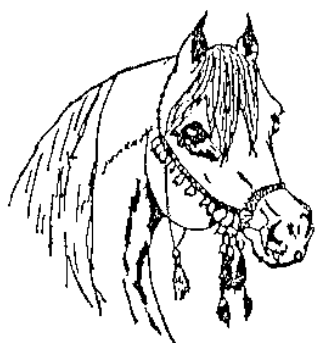


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REMINDER – DOYLE & KATE DERTELL CLINIC 18 & 19 SEPTEMBER 2010

**2010 NATIONAL CAPITAL HORSE SHOW PROGRAM NOW ONLINE VISIT
WWW.ARABSINC.COM.AU**

FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

Hi Dear Members,

Well the AGM is over for another year and I am excited to say that the new committee of Arabs inc is very much unchanged. We thank you all for your vote of confidence in us. Your new Committee is President: Ally Hudson, Vice President: Kevin Cantwell, Vice President: Jane Hanson, Treasurer: Kem Hazelton, Secretary: Chrissy Millar, Assist. Secretary: Nicola Roach, Publicity Officer: Alison Smith, Committee: Sandra Gebbie, Linda Arnold, Lizzie Bloomfield, Sue Kowalski. Unfortunately Judith Perkins and Mandy Lewis did not stand again this year. We are grateful for their help throughout the past year, and look forward to their continuing support when they are able. On a personal note I would very much like to thank my 'active' committee members for their hard work and dedication during the past very difficult year. You were superb all of you. Thank you so much. It has indeed been a difficult year for us all and at last, we are in a more comfortable financial position with over \$13,000 in the bank. I would like to emphasise that we do not have closed committee meetings and any one who wishes is welcome to attend our monthly meetings at Eastlakes Football Club on the first Friday of each month. We generally meet for dinner at about 6.00pm and then commence meeting at 7.30pm and you are all most welcome. We have had an exciting development for this years NCHS, we are co-hosting the NSW/ACT Dilutes Regional Championships show, which will be held on the Sunday of the National Capital.. We have expanded the coloured ring on Saturday to encourage more entries. We are looking forward to working with this group and seeing lots of lovely coloured horses. Of course we remain committed to putting the fun back into showing and committed to promoting our beautiful Arabian horses wherever and whenever we can.

Remember your contributions are necessary and welcome. We need your **news**, so keep sending it in to me at quartzhill@yless4u.com.au. When we have enough news to send out an interesting newsletter then we can publish it. Remember: **No news, No newsletter.**

Ally Hudson

WHERE & WHEN!!**Next committee meeting**

Friday 3rd September 2010
 Eastlakes Club, Kingston – 7.30pm
 (6.30pm dinner)

ARABS INC ACTIVITIES**SEPTEMBER**

- 3 Arabs Inc Committee Mtg,**
 Eastlakes Club, Kingston - 7.30pm start
- 18 & 19 Seminar/Training weekend
 with Kate & Doyle Dertell – see
 website for more information**

OCTOBER

- 1 Arabs Inc Committee Mtg,**
 Eastlakes Club, Kingston - 7.30pm start
- 4 Morongla Show,** see website for
 more information
- 8 Entries Close for National
 Capital Horse Show,** see website
 for more information
- 16 & 17 Spring Fling - @ Bungendore**
 Showground - tbc

NOVEMBER

- 5 Arabs Inc Committee Mtg,**
 Eastlakes Club, Kingston – 7.30pm start
- 26, 27 & 28 National Capital Horse
 Show, EPIC, Canberra ACT -
 (combined with Dilutes Australia
 Championships), see website for
 more information and updates**

For more information please visit
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Round Yard

Highpoint Winners!!!!

Congratulations to our 2009-10 High
 Point winners:

**Mandy Lewis with Lac La Biche
 Playboy**

Halter - Derivative Gelding 4 years and
 over
 Versatile/Ridden - Derivative Gelding
 Overall

**Judith Field with Jindalla Park Make
 N Magic**

Halter - Derivative Gelding 2years and
 under 4 years

Well Wishes....

We wish Sandra Weavers of Al Ruqa
 Stud all the very best for a speedy
 recovery from a serious operation after
 a sudden rush to hospital. She said it
 was a very effective way to lose weight,
 hope you are feeling 'bright eyed and
 bushy tailed' again soon Sandy

In the Saddle.....

Alison Smith is very excited. she has
 just got her dear little Arabian pony
 /Welsh B, Rokewood Violet, home from
 being broken in. The trainer said Violet
 was a 'delight' to break in and there is a
 long list of people wanting to buy her,
 including the breaker herself. Alison
 cant wait to get her out and about this
 coming show season and to see her
 daughter, Macy, riding and enjoying her
 pony again.....fun!!!!

HORSES BIRTHDAY

By Judith Perkins

Horses' Birthday Celebration 2010

There must be something about the date of 1 August as it always seems to fall during inclement weather (reference the first celebration in 2009 at Quartz Hill Farm), but this did not hamper the attendance of a large number of ARABS Inc members from making their way to Meracious Arabians at Bungonia, NSW.

The members followed directions provided by our hosts, Ian and Nicole Mephram, where it took somewhere between 40 minutes and an hour and a half for us to drive from our starting points to our destination. Coming from Gunning I drove into parts unknown, a journey taking me through the beautiful village of Bungonia, with its lovely stone cottages and of course the popular gorge.

After taking some interesting gravel roads, I found my destination "Meracious Arabians". Meracious means "being without mixture or adulteration; hence, strong; racy", and this definitely would fit the Purebred Arabian breeding pathway that Ian and Nicol have committed to in their selection of bloodlines.

Ian and Nicole showed us around the stud with its well maintained fences and grounds sheltered amidst native forest, a truly unique Australian environment. The horses came up to us for scratches and cuddles, and seemed to really enjoy the attention.

There was an opportunity to see how Ian and Nicole introduce a maiden mare to be bred to a stallion. At this point their beautiful stallion, Karbon (TS Malik [Br] x Karmaa [US]) was paraded to the crowd with cries of oohs and aahs. He is definitely a lovely stallion, with smooth profile and lovely reach of neck ending in a beautiful head. He will do the stud proud.

At this point we were directed to the BBQ area where we were introduced to the wonderful Meracious hospitality - nibbles,

salads and gourmet sausages. The scene became quiet as we quaffed local wines and sampled the foods, by this time the weather that had been cold, became colder and windier, with almost blizzard like conditions threatening. However, this did not deter the members as we feasted on Nicole's home made desserts – mini cheese cakes, pastry things filled with chocolate and berries. Nicole I would like the recipe for the ricotta balls with the rosemary and other herbs to garnish a wonderful warm entrée!

By this time the weather was coming over quite nasty with the clouds now dark and threatening, so we thanked our hosts and made a hasty retreat.

On behalf of ARABS Inc I would like to thank Meracious Arabians for their wonderful hospitality, the great foods and for sharing their beautiful horses with us.



WHO HAS HEARD OF PURPURA HAEMORRHAGICA????????????

By Sandra Gebbie

Has your vet ever warned you of the potential adverse effects of some vaccines???????

MINE HASN'T. Have you always assumed that vaccinating your horse would be doing it more good than harm????????? YES I HAVE

Don't get me wrong..as most of you know I am very passionate about communicable disease control and believe the same principles for people apply to protecting our animals and I am certainly not anti-vaccinationbut...after seeing my poor pony swell up to the extent that his skin started to split, I for one need to be less assuming that the duty of care our vets have to warn us about nasty things like this will automatically be provided if there is a risk.

The culprit in this instance was strangles vaccine. This was Spike's second strangles vaccination. As most of you know strangles is a highly contagious and potentially fatal bacterial disease...so why wouldn't I want to protect my ponies from it?

How it started – the day after an inter-adult riding club competition Spike was a little lame on one hind foot, so I assumed he might have just done a little twist at the competition or coming off the float or something..the next day another hind foot was a bit sore and both hind feet were now a bit puffy..so I got the vet out. The vet suspected that it was feed related as horses can swell up with increased protein load from rich feed etc...next day another foot..next day another foot..next day and I kid you not his legs were huge and his knees and hocks were the size of watermelons (and this is not a huge horse)..while giving him the once over I notice slightly blood tinged mucous coming out of his nose and checking all his mucosal surfaces noticed little haemorrhages (thought I may have discovered a new haemorrhagic fever..we do have little bats in our paddocks! hahaha)..Spike was otherwise totally well..no fever, no lethargy, healthy attitude and appetite, normal gut sounds and totally normal blood work....

The vets did their homework and came up with the presumptive diagnosis of purpura haemorrhagica (PH)..an extreme autoimmune reaction to the vaccine but usually stemming from a previous exposure to strangles...Spike's symptoms fit perfectly and his symptoms occurred 2 weeks after his vaccine (NB Im not a vet so this is my interpretation of what went on!). PH is a fairly rare condition that can be fatal but I think fortunately we caught it quick and treated with high dose steroids to switch off his immune reaction, as some of you know if your immune system is switched off you are more susceptible to infection so Spike was also on high dose antibiotics...high dose steroids also place the horse at increased risk of founder, so I had to starve the poor bugger as well as frequently stabbing him with needles. (NB never give bute when on steroids either as it increases the risk of ulcers!)..

Gradually over a week or so the swelling went down and you always come off steroids on a gradual downward sliding scale. Now apart from some residual skin cracks he has healed completely and is totally back to his happy chirpy little self...needless to say he will never have a strangles vaccine again.

Through this experience I have become aware of many peoples' different concepts and beliefs about vaccination (some apply to people too)...if everyone else does it I don't have to??? Those diseases (including tetanus) aren't around any more so I don't need to vaccinate and many more....my horses are on a private property or private paddock...

In terms of tetanus, it lives in soil and is all around us always, strangles remains the most? significant contagious disease in horses....so anyhow I have probably raved on enough for now, but as I'm sure you all do...try to be as informed as you can about all things and better to seek the advice of your vet early, prevention is better than cure!...TRUST NO ONE??????

For more info on strangles:

http://www.canberraequinehospital.com.au/index2.php?option=com_content&do_pdf=1&id=28

Girls' Road Trip

By Letitia Toms

Sandra Gebbie, being the excellent friend she is, once again accompanied me into the depths of Victoria in search of my next Arabian bred show horse. About the same time last year I dragged her down to Victoria to visit Illarak, Deveron, and Buckwell Park to look at the youngstock they had on hand at that time that would meet my needs (a horse that is Arabian bred, a gelding and will grow over 16hh). That trip resulted in my purchase of Buckwell Park Endeavour (by Deveron Di Maggio), a lovely young Arabian warmblood gelding who didn't grow as tall as expected. With "Danny" re-homed with a lovely couple near Murrumbateman, Sandra and I hit the road again in search of my next superstar.

This year we visited Al-Kareeme, Warrawee, and Deveron. Sandra was also "sort-of" looking for a new project horse too, so we also visited Arinya Park to look at a couple of youngsters.

Our first stop was Al-Kareeme Stud near Seymour. Bec, the stud owner, had gone to so much trouble to get the horses ready for us in very rainy, wet conditions that we were just overwhelmed. I saw a lovely bay rising 3yo gelding by Warrawee Versacee, and Sandra was interested in a 4yo purebred grey gelding by Remarni Park Hotshot. Both horses had lovely temperaments and coped with the very wet conditions underfoot.

Our next stop was Warrawee Stud near Lancefield. At Warrawee we looked at two potential horses for me; a yearling bay Arabian warmblood gelding by Royal Hit, and a weanling bay Arabian warmblood gelding by Warrawee Deecor.

There were no horses at Warrawee to interest Sandra; they were all too big! Both horses at Warrawee were lovely youngsters. The Royal Hit yearling had already been out showing and taken home supreme over older horses, and had exceptional movement, especially if dressage is your sport. The weanling was very sweet. He was quite scared about being let into the arena and made to run around – he just wanted to be with the people!

Our last stop for the Saturday was Arinya Park Stud, near Romsey. Sandra was interested in a couple of their young fillies. They hadn't had much handling as the stud owner, Laureen, had recently had a major operation, and of course the weather was hideous when we were there: windy, wet and cold! But the horses were well behaved anyway, and glad to be tucked into the stable out of the wind while their friends were still in the paddock. We overnighted at my in-laws in Bendigo before starting our journey home.

Our last stud stop for the trip on Sunday was Deveron Stud near Tatura. Last year when we visited, Sandra and I fell in love with their resident stallion Deveron Di Maggio, so it was wonderful to see him again. Deveron had a weanling brown gelding by Di Maggio for sale. He was exceptionally well conformed, with very pretty markings, but it was difficult to assess his movement as there had been a large amount of rainfall in the preceding week and there was no safe place to trot him out. Paula had also gone to a huge effort to welcome us, and show her horses off to the best advantage.

The end result was one weekend spent in Victoria, 1400 kms travelled, and one new horse! "Ricky" as he is affectionately known, arrived home the first weekend in July. Ricky is the bay weanling from

Warrawee, and his show name is Warrawee Bellageeo (Warrawee Deecor x Warrawee Katareenah). I can't wait to see what he looks like under all that fluff! Pat from Warrawee has done an amazing job raising this young man; he's settled in so well and is already an absolute delight to have around the paddocks. Only four days after arriving I was confident to let him out into the paddock and know that I'd be able to get him back! You'll see Ricky and I in a show ring come October (I hope!), so come and say hello.



For Sale



QHF EMINENT - Bay/grey gelding, rising 3yo. (Sire: Om El Eminence (imp USA) Dam: QHF Luv Me Too). Very handsome gelding, with the most exciting movement. Already 15hh and still growing. This sound and unblemished horse has a lovely, quiet and trainable nature. He has been clipped, washed, floated, rugged, halter trained and taken to National Capital Horse Show AA Class, where he was awarded Champion Gelding at his first outing. Eligible for Australian National Championships. This lovely horse is just waiting to do something more, he is ready for breaking in, all the hard work has been done. He is only for sale as we no longer ride and he is too exciting to be wasted in a paddock. Price is negotiable to the right home. POA ph 6236 9335

QHF ERAGON - (Sire: Shakla's Silver Shaklan Dam: QHF Luv in the Mist) A exceptionally pretty gelding, sound and unblemished, lovely smooth even paces. He also has a quiet and trainable nature, always willing to please. He has been shown once as a yearling for a 2nd at the National Capital Horse Show AA Class. He is only for sale as we no longer ride and he will make a fantastic horse for anyone in any discipline. Going to waste in the paddock. Price is negotiable to the right home. POA ph 6236 9335

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