



# Hoof beat Junior Newsletter

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Dear Junior Club Members

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This should have been the Winter 2009 Newsletter, but we were a bit busy, and have had so many new members, that this will be a SPRING edition.

It is so nice that Winter is finished, and we are getting some sunny days. Even though it is wet, it is warmer and the ponies love lying in the sun, and scratching or having a brush to get rid of their winter coats.

The birds love it too, as they come and collect the hair that the ponies have lost, to make their nests.

### JUNIOR CLUB MEMBER CARDS

The State All Welsh Shows will soon have classes for Junior Club Members, so remember to check the program for your State All Welsh Shows, and if there are classes, take along your Member Card.

## **CARING FOR YOU PONY IN SPRING**

### **LAMINITIS**

As you know, ponies LOVE to eat grass and anything else tasty. They don't know when to stop, so we have to keep a very close eye on them at this time of year, as they can put on lots of weight, VERY quickly. Sometimes they will need to be locked up and fed hay or feed that will not increase their weight. Your pony may not like this, but it is important to keep them healthy.

*You might need to ask someone older to help you understand this information about Laminitis and founder. It helps to understand how to stop this happening, and what to do if it does happen-*

#### What is the difference between laminitis and founder?

Laminitis is an inflammation of the supportive tissues that join the foot bone to the hoof. It is a very painful condition.

Founder often follows laminitis. Founder is where laminae weaken, allowing the foot bone, properly termed the pedal bone, to sink downwards into an abnormal position. In severe founder, the pedal bone moves so much it starts to come through the sole of the hoof.

For instance, laminitis is often caused when a horse eats too much grain or over-grazes on lush pasture. After engorging in such a manner, the normal gut bacteria change and produce endotoxins. The endotoxins are absorbed from the gut into the blood stream and subsequently reduce the blood supply to the outlying areas of the body, especially the hooves, and thereby the laminae. (Continued on back page)



### DID YOU KNOW?

The equine eye is the largest of all land mammals





## Are horses colour Blind?

The answer is yes and no. Horses are not totally colorblind, but they do not see the range of colors we see. They see mostly in the yellow, brown and grey ranges.

Blue eyes can exist in any breed that carries the genes that cause them. This is a recessive charac-

"Some of our yung riders enjoying their ponies"



Haylee Buck & Sasha Melton Show 09



Abby Green



Shannon Meakins & Judaroo Lowri



## AMAZING FACTS

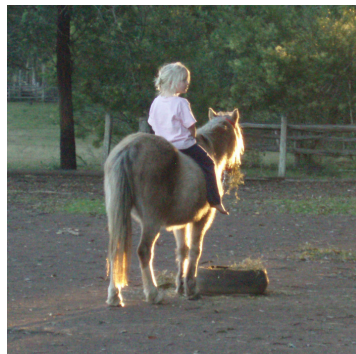
- The original name for the butterfly was 'flutterby'!
- There are more than 50 different kinds of kangaroos. Kangaroos are native of Australia. A group of kangaroos is called a mob. Young kangaroos are called joey
- No two zebras have stripes that are exactly alike. Zebras enemies include hyenas, wild dogs, and lions. Male zebras are called stallions. Zebras usually travel in herds.



Georgia Mc Diarmid at Barastoc 2009



Nikita Mc Lean & Smokey



Eden and Twinkle: Not an immaculate show turnout, but just as precious - a five year old and her totally trustworthy Welsh pony at evening.  
Eden Flower is part Welsh, and Silverthorn Twinkle is a Section A.



Lauren Harris rode Amaranda Summer Storm at the Autumn Welsh Show on the National Show weekend to win the 12hh to 13.2hh Children's ridden pony under 17years Lauren had only turned 10 in February and this was the first show she had gone in apart from Pony Club Rally Days What's more she had only ridden the pony 4 times previously.



Lara Parnell Qld All Welsh 09

The Victorian Equestrian Interscholar Championships were held over 4 days in July at Werribee Park. More than 320 primary and secondary school riders from 130 schools competed in a wide range of events.

Natasha, who is 8 years old in Grade 2 at Toorak College, was the joint winner in Nan McArthur Award for the Overall Individual Rider, riding her Welsh Pony Wyann Sonic.



## Members who have recently joined JUNIOR CLUB



**PAIGE LENA** from Kadanga: Paige is 5 years old and says – ‘My grandma is Pam O’Shea, who breeds ponies. I go to Nanna’s farm to ride my pony and see the dogs, cats and chooks. I start school this year.’

**JESSICA REED** from Samford, Queensland: Jessica is 11 years old and says – ‘I live on 5 acres in beautiful Samford. I have a part welsh mare, Annie, a welsh cob, Mr Jones, 2 rats, 3 chickens, 1 dog, 1 cat and 2 brothers.’

**RILEY PICKARD** from Jimboomba, Queensland: Riley is 8 years old and says – ‘I have an older brother names Corey and we breed horses and ponies. My Section A Welsh gelding is Llanfairbryn Flying Fox.

**BRIDGETTE, JOSEPHINE & ELI QUODLING** of Cedar Creek, Queensland

**CAITLIN & JESSICA EMMERSON** of Plainland.



**ALLY WAKE** from Hensley Park, Victoria: Ally is 9 years old and says – ‘I attend Dunkeld Pony Club and am in Grade 2 / 3. I have 2 sisters, 2 cats, 1 dog and five ponies, including Part Welsh, Bamborough Cilento who is 12.3 hh.

**VICTORIA WAKE** from Hensley Park, Victoria: Victoria is 7 years old and says – ‘I am in Grade 2, and my best pony is Dalgangle Folly, a Welsh B mare. I attend Dunkeld Pony Club.

**HAYLEE BUCK** from West Melton, Victoria: Haylee is 6 years old and says – ‘I have a Welsh A pony called Sasha, 2 dogs named BJ and Cara, and I have two brothers.

**NIKITA McLEAN** from Narangba, Queensland: Nikita is 6 years old and says – ‘My name is Nikita and I have 2 ponies. Their names are Sonata & Smokey. Sonata is a mini horse, and Smokey is a Part Welsh.

**SHANNON MEAKINS** from Wungong, Western Australia: Shannon is 8 years old and says – ‘My name is Shannon Meakins and my pony, Judaroo Lowri, is the best pony ever! My pony and I are both 8 years old. This is a photo of me jumping Lowri over 80cm at Wal-langarra Pony Club.

**MISTY WARE** from Nugent, Tasmania: Misty is 8 years old and says – ‘We have 2 pets. Oshen the dog, and Kelpie, a rabbit. We have 4 horses, Lilly, Jim, Pokey and Shara.

**ABBY GREEN** is four years old, and from Mingenew, Western Australia.

**LARA PARNELL** from South Maclean, Queensland: Lara is four years old and says – ‘My pony is Flowerdale Trudinks (Elmo). I love him. He swims in the dam with his rugs on.

**OLIVIA SELLERS-BENTLEY**

**GEORGIA BARLOW** from Longwarry North, Victoria: Georgia is five years old and says- ‘My pony’s name is Kenda Park Chardonnay. Chardy got Supreme Ridden Exhibit at Neerim Show. We have just started Pony Club. I have a little sister, Charlotte. She fell off Chardonnay and now she is scared. I have a dog called Stewart.

**MATILDA BALDWIN** from Alice Springs, Northern Territory: Matilda is six years old and says- ‘I like horses and cattle.’

**JACK BALDWIN** from Alice Springs, Northern Territory: Jack is seven years old and says- ‘I live on a cattle station with my horse, Beth, a Welsh B.

**GEORGIA McDIARMID-ADAMS** from Euroa, Victoria: Georgia is seven years old and says- ‘I own a Welsh Section C, Talinga Park Cherish. We wond our first Barastoc Horse of the Year together in 2009.

**JESSICA SHEPARD** from Forthside, Tasmania: Jessica is six years old and says- ‘I have two ponies. Miss Prissy and Sunny. Prissy is a grey Welsh A mare and Sunny is a palomino gelding. I have a dog called Princess Lilly and she really thinks she is a Princess, but she does not look like one. I love my ponies and Lilly and we do stuff together all the time. I have sent a picture of me with old Witchy. She is Miss Prissy’s mother.

**LILLIAN MILLS** from Jerrys Plains, NSW : Lillian is eight years old and says- ‘I live on 25 acres and go to a small school of about 23 kids. I have 2 chooks, and cats, 1 puppy dog and horses, Howard, Elvis and Roxy.

**WILLIAM MICHAEL GUINANE** of Inverleigh in Victoria.: Wiliam is three years old and says- ‘I live on a big farm and like to help out. I first rode when I was four weeks old, on Gran’s stallion, Tooravale Cadenze. Since then, I have three ponies. Fantasy, Vanita and Radiance. I love Radiance and she is teaching me to ride with Mum’s help. I have a Border Collie called Barnie, and cats, Ruby and Pudy. I like to read books, fix things and do the vegetable patch with Mum and Dad.

**CLEMANTINE BENSON** of Heathfield, South Australia: Clemantine is eight years old and says – ‘My Grandparents and Aunty breed and show Welsh Mountain Ponies. I ride them when I can. I also do Ballet and Gym and have a dog and cat.

**SEBASTIAN MACLEAN** of Hackney, South Australia

Sebastian is nine years old and says – ‘My mother and Grandparents breed and show Welsh Mountain Ponies. I sometimes ride them, but I really like cricket. I have two dogs, Snowy and Sally.

**KATE WORSNOP** of Kemps Creek. I have 4 horses Jordi, Monty Brian and Domalir. I also have 3 dogs Honey Ben and Puggy. I have chickens as well.

**SCOTT & LAURA SAUNDERS** of Logan Village: Their family has 2 Welsh Ponies Scott loves to camp at the Welsh Shows. Laura likes to feed and brush her ponies and is learning to ride better.





**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**  
All the Horses and Ponies  
on the



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**How can I tell if my horse has laminitis?**

Suspect that your horse has laminitis or founder if it is lame in any way. This will be more evident in the front feet because they bear more weight than the hind feet.

The pain in the front feet causes it to take short steps, or may make it reluctant to move at all. It will look stiff in the front legs. Your horse will also shift weight from its front feet by moving them forward and onto its back legs by moving them further under its abdomen than usual. This is easily noticed. Often, an affected horse will spend a lot of time lying down to stop the pain.

**How does a veterinarian treat laminitis?**

Laminitis and founder are conditions that require immediate veterinary treatment if permanent damage to the horse's foot is to be avoided.

Call your veterinarian immediately but meanwhile, see if you can get your horse to walk on soft ground as this increases circulation to the feet. However, don't force it as this can cause further injury to the foot.

Your veterinarian is likely to treat the laminitis with medications to reduce the pain and inflammation in your horse's hooves.

To help nurse your horse back to health, house it on soft bedding such as straw. This will help to reduce the pressure in its feet.

Hoof care will be essential. Your horse may need specialised trimming of its feet to ensure the pedal bone does not move or to correct this problem if it has moved. Sometimes special shoes are used to reduce foot pain.

Because many cases of laminitis are caused by horses engorging on grains, it is important to prevent your horse from getting into the food stores. Keep all of your horse's food in a secure container or shed that the horse cannot get into. Be careful not to exercise your horse continually on hard ground and, most importantly, don't ignore any lameness that your horse develops.



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**COMPETITIONS**

**Has your pony done anything silly or naughty?**

Write and tell us what they have done, or send a photo of them being silly or naughty.

The best entry will win a prize.

**How many daffodils can you count on these  
pages?**

Daffodills are the flower symbol of Wales, where Welsh Ponies and Cobs originated.

The first correct entry posted in will win a prize.

