

THE WATERFORD TIMES

1st Edition

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Welcome to the first edition of Waterford Farm's newsletter, the Waterford Times! This is a new element of our website that we will be featuring on a weekly basis, containing news, current events and interesting happenings around the farm. My name is Samantha and I am writing this newsletter as the new horse assistant at Waterford, I have joined the team and will be working with Pete and helping with the horses, as well as keeping you in touch with what goes on around our beautiful farm.

Winter at Waterford so far has been very mild, with chilly nights but gloriously sunny days, although we have had one snow-fall on the mountain peaks. We have not had many foals born in the last few months, however the most recent was a black Arab colt, which entered the world on the 19th May. He is sired by Fame's Venture and his dam is Inbiaath Duna, and we hope he will be an exciting endurance prospect in a few years to come!



The most recent addition to the Waterford family, this little pitch black Arabian colt was born on the 19th May



Snow on the Southern Drakensberg mountain peaks

On the weekend of the 8th of June Pete and Barbara hosted the annual CPD (Continued Professional Development) Veterinary weekend which was sponsored by MSD Animal Health. The weekend included many interesting lectures by equine veterinary specialists on topics such as equine anatomy, reproduction, surgical procedures, physiotherapy and uses of new treatments and tools. We were privileged to have with us iconic equine surgeon Prof Sybrand van den Berg, as well as Prof Richard Fayer-Hosken, a visiting Head of Equine Reproduction from the University of Georgia in the USA. Prof Richard gave some very educational lectures on dystocia and semen collection and also demonstrated the use of a new tool used for castrating horses in the US, called the Henderson tool. A demonstration on the use of this tool was done on a Zonkee – a Zebra X Donkey stallion that has been living at Penwarn for a number of years, who due to his dominant nature has chased away all other Zebra stallions, and because he himself is infertile, has meant that Penwarn has not had any Zebra foals for some time now! We hope that since his castration he will live peacefully with the Zebra and we will be able to introduce a new stallion soon and hopefully have news of Zebra foals for you! Other interesting talks were given by Dr Caryl Furniss who is an ex-equine surgeon now working as veterinarian at uShaka Marine World, and Dr Jacques Flammand, a wildlife vet who is leading the Black Rhino Expansion Project in South Africa.



Dr Helen Tiffen and Dr Pete Dommert completing a cryptorchid surgery in the snow!



The Zonkee stallion after being darted, being prepped for surgery



A bit dazed and confused, but in good health under the watchful eye of Dr. Oliver Tatham who did the darting and sedation

This last weekend Waterford and Penwarn Lodge was also privileged to have a visit from Debbie Esmonde-White and her husband Wes. Debbie is a Senior Dolphin Trainer at uShaka Marine World, and Debbie and Waterford's horse trainer, Monde, had some interesting discussions and compared notes about the training of their respective species!

Those of you who enjoy looking at the photos on the website might like to check out the new pictures under the 'Happy Homes' tab. That's it for now; I hope you enjoyed reading this first edition of our newsletter. Please feel free to contact us with questions or stories of your own, and look out for the next edition of the Waterford Times!

From the Waterford Family