

# THE WATERFORD TIMES

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Spring has arrived at Waterford and we have already had almost fifty foals born this year! Amongst these have been some beautiful and interesting colours – we have had several paint foals, both red and white and one black and white filly. From two of our quarter horse mares we have had both a dun colt and a palamino colt, and from one of our black Arab mares we have had a pitch black little filly. So things are very colourful at Waterford at the moment! We are still expecting many more foals to come so it is going to be a busy couple of months here at the stables. Fortunately we have already had lots of rain so our grass is getting longer and greener by the day!



Red and white Paint filly



Dun Quarterhorse colt



Dun and Palamino Quarterhorse foals with their mothers out in the paddock

## ENDURANCE

Waterford Farm is in the process of putting together an endurance team. One of our Arabian geldings, Skarabee Aziim, completed his first 60km endurance ride at the Tala Endurance Ride on 11<sup>th</sup> August. This was Aziim's first experience of an official endurance ride and he took it all in his stride, and performed very well. Since then he has been in training and will be going to the Underberg Endurance Ride later in October where he will hopefully complete his first 80km ride. Endurance horses are considered "novice" horses until they have completed over 240km –usually done by doing 3 x 80km rides. Whilst a horse is still a novice they cannot exceed an average speed of 16km/h at an endurance ride, otherwise both horse and rider are eliminated. This rule is to protect young horses from being raced too fast and hard in their first season. However once they are "out of novice", they can then race competitively and are eligible for placings and prizes. We will let you know how Aziim's next ride goes!



**Waterford's Skarabee Aziim at his first endurance ride at Tala on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

We also have some stunning up and coming young endurance prospects – two 3 year old geldings by our imported Bey Shah stallion, XA Fame's Venture, named Spirit of Faith and Spirit Future. Faith has been running with a herd of mares for the last year and we have the first of his foals on the ground, however he has now been gelded and is going to start being ridden soon. Both of these are exciting future prospects which we can't wait to get going!



**Spirit of Faith, 3 year old gelding by XA Fames Venture, our future endurance champion!**

## STAYING CONNECTED

Just a reminder that Waterford has its own Facebook page, that is updated on a regular basis with news and photos from around the farm. Please take a moment to find and 'like' our page and feel free to add photos and comments of your own! The page can be found at

[www.facebook.com/WaterfordFarmSA](http://www.facebook.com/WaterfordFarmSA). We have also recently updated the website with new photos of some of the other animals around the farm, as well as of the snow from last month. We will shortly be posting photos of Pete's trip to Mongolia for the Mongol Derby which you won't want to miss!



Until next month, ***From the Waterford Family***