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SAYING GOODBYE

This month we have said goodbye to two of our favourite horses on the farm, who have both gone to wonderful new homes. The first is Gentle Giant Pluto, a purebred 3 year old Percheron gelding. Pluto captures the heart of everyone who meets him with his gentle nature and big personality. He is a real charmer and sweeps every girl (and boy!) who meets him off their feet! Pluto is now living in Durban and we wish Bruce all the best with his beloved new horse.



Gentle Giant Pluto

We have also recently said goodbye to Spirit of Faith, a 3 year old Arab gelding that we featured in two previous editions of the newsletter. Faith has been bought by Lauren Louwrens of Amra Arabians and left us this week for his new home in Kokstad. Lauren plans to do endurance on Faith in a couple of years time when he is old enough (endurance horses can only start competing at 4 and a half years of age), as well as showing him, so we look forward to seeing how our star will do!



Spirit of Faith at his new home in Kokstad

Two others horses who will be leaving us before Christmas are Gentle Giant Defy and Gentle Giant Exhibit, both Percheron fillies. Defy is 3 years old and is in foal to one our black stallions, Gemini Monty. She is a stunning strong horse and will make a superb riding and draught horse. Exhibit is 2 years old and will be going to live with Colin and Jackie Corbett in Johannesburg in a couple of weeks time. Colin and Jackie came to Waterford to choose a Clydesdale, however Colin took one look at Exhibit and fell in love! Exhibit is very lucky to be going to this wonderful, loving home, and we know that Colin and Exhibit will have a long and happy friendship!



Gentle Giant Defy



Gentle Giant Exhibit

FEATURED HORSE – AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE: PHILYNN'S NIFTY DUNNIT



Philynn's Nifty Dunit, or 'Dunit' is a stunning dun registered Quarter Horse stallion at Waterford. Dunit is 10 years old and has produced some beautiful dun and palomino foals. In true Quarter Horse style Dunit is a strong, muscular horse with a very calm temperament.

The **American Quarter Horse** is an American breed of horse that excels at sprinting short distances. Its name came from its ability to outdistance other breeds of horses in races of a quarter mile or less (1 mile = 1.6km, so a quarter mile is approximately 400m); some individuals have been clocked at speeds up to 88.5 km per hour! The American Quarter Horse is the most popular breed in the United States today, and the American Quarter Horse Association is the largest breed registry in the world, with more than 5 million American Quarter Horses registered.

The American Quarter Horse is well known both as a race horse and for its performance in rodeos, horse shows and as a working ranch horse. The compact body of the American Quarter Horse is well-suited to the intricate and speedy maneuvers required in reining, cutting, working cow horse, barrel racing, calf roping, and other western riding events, especially those involving live cattle. Reining and western performance riding is a fast-growing sport in South Africa, and is recognised by SANEF and FEI. For more information about Reining and Western Performance you can visit the SANEF website (www.horsesport.org.za). Waterford Farm regularly has Quarter Horse colts and fillies for sale, please visit our website for details of horses available (www.waterfordfarm.co.za).

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. For any of you who might own Waterford horses please feel free to post photos of them on this page so we can share it in our "Happy Homes" album – we always love to see how our horses fare once they leave us!



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