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# TAREE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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As I finish this off the radar shows lots of rain and the forecast is good. As long as it is raining somewhere, particularly out west.

The winner of this year's Mandarin Competition is Mark Murray from Moorland, well known dairy farmer and now Famous Mandarin grower, although some of his mandas may have come from other farms, but they all were from a short drive from one of his properties, definitely not the IGA. He will have the choice of locally caught snapper, pearly, trag, bar cod, jew or fillets of assorted reef fish from Qld.

A farmer recently had antibiotics detected in milk from untreated quarters. This can happen, because up to 5% of quarters can have sinus tracts connecting them. When we still had blue dye in intramammaries, in the old days, the dye would be occasionally seen in the other quarters' milk.

When conditions are tough preventive medicine becomes more important. There have been Blackleg cases this last month, a disease easily prevented by 5 or 7 in 1 vaccine, along with Pulpy Kidney. We have had several calves with paralysis ticks, preventable down to day old calves with several pour ons. Ticks also carry Theileria, which although not preventable its prevalence can be reduced by using pour ons.

When we get rain I hope we get a flush of rye grass growth. However, short, fresh rye is low in magnesium and can cause grass tetany. Magnesium oxide can be added to feed to prevent this. Cows will be agitated and can go down, with stiff legs, often induced by bad weather.

A new drug has been registered, Curacef Duo, which is Excel (ceftiofur) and Key (ketoprofen) combined in the one injection, with no milk withhold and 8 days for meat. I can see this being useful in cases of respiratory and uterine diseases, as well as bad footrot and painful foot infections. We haven't a price yet, but hopefully it's less than the two drugs separately.

Cattle Diseases of the Month  
calvings

eye cancers  
down cows, some starvation  
lamenesses

And in the Horses.....

The stud work and Als comprise most of the horse work at this time of year. We have even Al'd a miniature horse with frozen semen, about 11 hh tall, or short.

This month we had several difficult foalings due to abnormal presentations. The mare is usually the focus as the foal is often dead. Retained membranes and vaginal tears are the main concerns. Tears sometimes can be stitched, but usually need to be repaired several months later due to damaged tissue and faecal contamination.

Following on from preventive measures in cattle, foals in bush areas must have tick prevention, such as Kiltix collars or pour ons from Day 1.

There has been a case of strangles in our practice's northern range. This is classed as a notifiable disease, but has no real restrictions. It can spread to other horses by close contact through snot and water and cause upper respiratory disease and occasionally lung disease.

Horse diseases of the month  
Cuts and Colics, one referred  
eye ulcers  
lamenesses

Foalings, one upside down, one crown presentation.

Bulls For Sale

Dingo Bend Angus have cattle for sale.  
- 5 bulls, 20 mths old, vetted and semen tested, grass fed, ready for work.  
- 8 PTIC cows to calve Feb/Mar  
- 8 cows with Jun/Jul calves at foot  
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<b>RUN DATES FOR OCTOBER</b>	
LANSDOWNE.....	THURS 4TH
OXLEY/MITCHELL'S IS.....	TUES 9TH
HANNAM VALE.....	THURS 11TH
DYER'S CROSSING.....	TUES 16TH
WINGHAM.....	THURS 18TH
LORNE/COMBOYNE.....	TUES 23RD
COOMBA AND THE DEEP SOUTH....	THURS 25TH