
TAREE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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NEWSLETTER

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Merry Christmas, and a Happy new Year to you all.

Anoestrus cows are difficult to deal with since we can't use oestrogen in milking cows any more. Many programmes for non cyclers have very poor submission and conception rates, especially with fixed time insemination.

The best one to use, I think, is Day 0 insert CIDR and inject GnRH (Gonabreed, Receptal), pull CIDR at day 7 and Pg, day 9 GnRH pm, day 10 AI in the morning. This is a fixed time AI programme. Then you can put a CIDR in again at day 24 for 7 days

and AI any cows that come on 2 days after removal.

But you must be realistic about conception rates in these non cycling cows. We are always told how costly these cows are in a herd. But other options such as being patient, or drying off and running with a bull, or selling them are valid choices. We can still use oestrogen in non cycling beef cattle AI programmes, unless you are EU accredited.

An Ad !

Dingo Bend Angus at Bobin has the following cattle for sale. Three Angus bulls, 22 mths old, vet checked and semen tested, grass fed, ready to work. see www.dingobendangus.com.au , or phone Ross and Elissa on 65505035

Cattle Diseases of the Month
calvings

eye cancers

down cows

calf with broken jaw that has been wired
prolapses

And in the Horses.....

The storms in Sydney coincided with a semen delivery this month, and nature won the day. We rely on a small freight plane from Toll since Rex stopped flying to Taree. So weather and logistics can make AI very frustrating. However, Bree's first ever frozen semen AI was a success in a warmblood.

We had a horse this month with ringbone. This is arthritis of the pastern and you get bony ring like growth around the pastern. It happens very slowly, and if it involves the joint the chronic arthritis is very painful.

Three months ago you would not have thought horses would founder on the grass we had, but summer is here and we've had cases of laminitis and metabolic disease in ponies. Treatment for both involves restricting food intake, and changing the feed to something with less carbohydrate. Then antiinflammatories, corrective shoeing etc.

Horse diseases of the month

- Cuts and Colics
- eye ulcers
- lamenesses
- IgG tests in foals
- club foot
- ringbone
- foot abscesses
- founder
- pulled a molar tooth

Looking back on 2018 it was dominated by drought. Not that it was that severe here compared to the State's west but it affected everybody and still is. Early in the year we had lots of bug problems, ranging from Theileria and Buffalo Fly in cattle, to Habronema infection in horses. We had some interesting bull cases such as corkscrew penis, and gastric ulcers in horses in the middle. A highlight for me was visiting Nick Jonsson in the UK, playing golf

in Scotland and visiting my great grandfather in France, 100 years after he was killed there, which was far more moving than I anticipated. And Mark Murray won the mandarin competition in a tough year.

Once again than you for your business this last year and I look forward to more in 2019.

RUN DATES FOR DECEMBER	
LANSDOWNE.....	THURS 6TH
OXLEY/MITCHELL'S IS.....	TUES 11TH
HANNAM VALE.....	THURS 13TH
DYER'S CROSSING.....	TUES 18TH
WINGHAM.....	THURS 20TH
LORNE/COMBOYNE.....	MON 24TH
COOMBA AND THE DEEP SOUTH....	THURS 27TH