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# TAREE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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This year's Mandarin Competition will have to be a tie between an approximately 100 year old tree at Craig Emerton's, and a tree on the river bank at Pat Neal's. Like all good mandas there has been no care but a lot of cross fertilisation, or in-breeding, to produce unique competition winning fruit. And these could not be split. Each winner will get a fish !

This month has had some drought easing rain on the coastal strip but patchy to nil from Wingham to Gloucester. Really dreadful and unprecedented conditions. I have given up on religion, radar, black

cockatoos and ants. Even the ants have given up on ants to predict rain. Bizarre that I saw a bloat cow last week on clover , chickory and rye, on the islands, and no grass at all around Bakers Creek.

Bloat cows can have a life saving decompression by stabbing or trocarisation on the left side, midway between the last rib and the hip, a hand span below the short ribs. We use screw- in threaded trocars that Shoof have, that hold the rumen to the hole in the skin by their thread. This makes peritonitis from the rumen leaking into the abdomen less likely after decompression.

Down cows can be difficult in good conditions, let alone drought. Poor body condition, pregnancy, low phosphorus and calcium make a disastrous combination. Lick blocks for late pregnant cows are helpful, and if down, ceton drenches to boost energy. Inducing the foetus may also be an option.

Cattle Diseases of the Month  
calvings, including a twisted uterus  
milk fever  
eye cancers  
eye removals  
tapeworms in calves  
lame cows  
prolapses, uterine and vaginal  
dysentery on lush rye !  
ticks

a couple of abortions of twisted calves, possibly from insect borne diseases in early pregnancy, such as akabane

Photosensitised cow, possibly from access to lantana or weeds in bought- in hay, such as Patterson's Curse.

And in the Horses.....

It has been a month of difficult and unusual cases.

We have had one particularly difficult foaling where the mare had to be anaesthetised to remove the dead foal. The presentation had the foal's head and neck stretched back. She then had retained membranes that needed removal and flushing the next two days. We've had another couple of retained membranes that have gone well.

Retained membranes in mares is not an emergency but must never be underestimated, as they can be potentially disastrous with toxæmia and laminitis.

We had a low grade colic in a yearling over a couple of weeks that worsened, and the final diagnosis was by post mortem. He had adhesions in the intestines where some bowel had looped through an adhesion and then strangulated and ruptured.

An old pony had a cold back leg due to a clot in the artery supplying the leg. The owner had observed the leg had ticks on it as there was no blood supply to carry the Easydose, but the rest of the pony was tick free.

We saw an old horse with an enlarged guttural pouch and bleeding from the nostril on the same side, presumably a tumour or erosive fungal infection.

Horse diseases of the month

- Cuts and Colics
- lamenesses
- foot abscesses
- tumour in ear
- rain scald !!
- eye ulcer
- ticks
- Cushings disease

### **RUN DATES FOR OCTOBER**

<b>LANSDOWNE.....</b>	<b>THURS 3RD</b>
<b>OXLEY/MITCHELL'S IS.....</b>	<b>TUES 8TH</b>
<b>HANNAM VALE.....</b>	<b>THURS 10TH</b>
<b>DYER'S CROSSING.....</b>	<b>TUES 15TH</b>
<b>WINGHAM.....</b>	<b>THURS 17TH</b>
<b>LORNE/COMBOYNE.....</b>	<b>TUES 22ND</b>
<b>COOMBA AND THE DEEP SOUTH....</b>	<b>THURS 24TH</b>