
TAREE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

JULY NEWSLETTER

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At last a bit more rain, and a bit more widespread. Some coastal properties now have heaps of clover

We have been bull testing this month prior to sales coming up and it is the first year using the iSperm software. This measures sperm concentration, motility and abnormalities if any, then records it all. The only teething problem we've had is the motility seen in real life was greater than what the computer software was "seeing", so under instruction from a veterinary sperm morphologist we've changed some measurement parameters to lift the motility

scores. This is because the software was originally written for Taiwanese pig farmers !

Bull Sales - see respective websites for sale and bull details, inspection dates etc
Curracabark Monday 22nd July, Angus and Hereford

Knowla Friday 26th July, Angus

Dingo Bend Angus have two 2yo bulls for sale ph Ross or Elissa 65505035

And still on bulls, I did a vasectomy for the first time. The client wants a bull for heat detection, mainly for his ET programme, that cannot achieve pregnancy. There are a couple of techniques and I naturally chose the easy one, but it was still a challenge. We will now wait 3 months and electroejaculate him to see that he is firing blanks !

There is some Vibrio in the area and I can't emphasise enough the importance of bull vaccination, dairy and beef. We keep vaccine all the time and can draw up a couple of doses if you have only one, two or three bulls. It is a major cause of preg testing disasters.

Cattle Diseases of the Month
calvings
eye cancers
lame cows
prolapses, uterine and vaginal

And in the Horses.....

The big news this month was the Hendra case just outside of Scone. Several years ago some of the large studs were proactive and vaccinated all their brood mares. Now that Hendra has occurred in the Hunter , most of the studs and veterinary practices have now made vaccination mandatory in response. With regards to OH&S laws, you must provide a safe workplace.

If you are planning to send mares for walk on cover check with the stud what their requirement is, so you can plan how far ahead vaccination will have to be done by.

We have done a few Hendra exclusion tests recently. Clients should always take care when handling sick horses, such as wearing gloves and washing any body fluids off themselves. The virus is not especially tough and doesn't survive in the environment for long. It is also killed by soaps/detergents.

Vaccination is still the best prevention.

I have bought the equine software for iSperm, which will calculate the volume of semen needed to go with the extender, as well as concentration and motility.

Foalings will start next month, so now is the time to prepare. Check that Caslicks have been undone, check foaling date, iodine for umbilicus, enemas for colts, plastic garbage bags for membranes or abortions. Mares foal quickly, so if worried call for help early.

Horse diseases of the month
Cuts and Colics
lamenesses
foot abscesses
tooth root abscess
sarcoïd removed, and one treated in a donkey
choke
Cushings

RUN DATES FOR JULY

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