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## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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The end of the year, the silly season. It has been a very busy year for us here. It started off wet, then Kirra and I had a car accident, then Covid, then it got much wetter, in fact 300 ml in one night. Drug shortages. Fertiliser prices skyrocketed. Then we had FMD on our doorstep causing heightened biosecurity concerns. As a dairy farmer said to me this week, it's a lifestyle choice !

The wet weather meant this year we saw stomach fluke cases like never before, as in adults as well as calves were affected. Nilzan became impossible to find. Salmonella was seen in dairy herds, and we had two herds with strep ag. Probably all related to wet weather. Theileria was

widespread and we had a case of bracken toxicity.

On the plus side we had great cattle prices and record breaking bull sales. What a year.

The highs have been helping clients to achieve good results in bull production, ETs, pregnancies and profitability. The lows have been a few bad calvings and one really awful prolapse.

This month I had a first in 35 years. I was ET flushing a cow that has had two calves. I placed the catheter in the left horn, no problem to flush. But then I couldn't redirect the catheter into the right horn. After 30 mins of frustration I decided to go back to the beginning and manually examine her. She has two separate cervixes, each with its own horn and ovary. I then flushed her right horn. It's called uterine didelphys and unfortunately it's genetic.

### Cattle Diseases of the Month

Theileria  
calvings  
prolapses, vaginal and uterine  
eye removal  
lame cows  
abortions from Neospora  
uterine didelphys

And in the Horses.....

In the horses this wet year we had lots of foot abscesses and several cases of Ross River Fever. We also saw Big Head and lamenesses in horses on setaria paddocks. I hate setaria.

Other odd things this year included removing a giant penis bean, a Giant Cell tumour removal surgery, a lactating mare due to Cushings disease, Crofton weed toxicity, Shipping Fever pleurisy and scanning triplets.

The highs have included foalings and seeing AI pregnancies right through. The lows have been some colics.

This month I saw a horse with a slightly bloody and mucoid nasal discharge from one nostril. It was not responsive to antibiotics so I scoped it to find an ethmoidal haematoma - which is a type of tumour. There are some treatment options but we decided against them.

#### Horse diseases of the month

Cuts

Colics

lamenesses

chip fracture

foot abscesses

retained membranes

a thoroughbred with grass seeds in its ear, removed under GA. A client told me to use RoundUp.

Thank you for your business this year. It has been difficult for us at times to schedule visits because we need more vets for the amount of work we have, so thank you for your patience. Our work is unpredictable enough, but throw in floods, Covid, phone and computer problems and you sometimes get mayhem.

We wish you a happy Christmas and a 2023 of perfect weather, good prices and healthy animals. Good health to you all !

### **RUN DATES FOR DECEMBER**

LANSDOWNE.....	THURS 1ST
OXLEY/MITCHELL'S IS.....	MON 5TH
HANNAM VALE.....	THURS 8TH
DYER'S CROSSING.....	TUES 13TH
WINGHAM.....	THURS 15TH
LORNE/COMBOYNE.....	TUES 20TH
COOMBA AND THE DEEP SOUTH....	THURS 22ND