

*** * HEVC – Spring ‘08’ Newsletter * ***

Spring has arrived, but the colder nights make it hard to believe, so please ensure you supervise your mares while foaling and keep neonates warm. Also a reminder to update your mare's tetanus and worming 4 weeks prior to foaling.

Our news this quarter is a mixed bag. As many of you already know, our previous employee and friend "Dr Ben Cunneen", very sadly succumbed to the deadly Hendra virus recently and many of us attended his funeral at Penshurst last week. He was a wonderfully kind and generous person and will be greatly missed. Our sympathy and condolences are extended to his wife Gill, and his family and friends.

On a lighter note we wish to congratulate our own Dr Kristi Goldman, on her recent successful completion of her membership in Equine Medicine. This is a great achievement and both clients and colleagues will now benefit from her extensive knowledge.

For those of you who don't know, our bubbly receptionist Louise Stubbs, had a healthy baby boy "Lachlan John" in July. We congratulate Louise and her husband Matt, and we are sure he will bring them much joy and happiness.

We would like to advise clients of changes to our unloading arrangements at the clinic, to further protect horses from our busy main road access. We have finished developing our property next door, which has not only a loading ramp, but a good safe unloading area and turning circle. We now wish clients to proceed up to the double gates, and then check in with the office, before proceeding through the gates to the safe unloading area behind.

We are very proud to advise our clients that we have received a commendation from the International Horse Breeders that we were their most successful practice for conception using Frozen semen last breeding season. Also for those of you wanting to try embryo transfer this year, we have now established and have available a good herd of excellent recipient mares.

Lastly we would like to remind those clients who didn't breed last year and who plan to breed this year, to start your program early as now is the most successful time of year for breeding.

Lets all hope for a trouble free stud season this year.

John & Tony