



# SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE



Hope you all celebrated as much as we did for the festive season

## Happy New Year From Windermere Farm

Dear valued clients and friends,

Another year has flown by! Somebody said to me once: life is like a long five minutes. Not a bad saying, now the only thing we need to go fast in 2011 are the horses!

So we wish you all a leisurely, happy new year, enjoying all the simple but nonetheless important things in life. I think winning a race or two comes into that category!

Down to business - unfortunately we have joined many a training stables with most of our horses contracting a coughing virus. Due to this we had only a few make it to the races this past month.

Fresh Tell ran a great second up at Hawkesbury and once again

surprised us by running a close fourth in a strong field.

Two weeks later we thought he may be a chance at Wyong over the mile, but Murphy's Law stepped in and he screwed a shoe and bruised his heel. So, I don't know if you've ever run in a race with a nail in your foot? Not nice! The foot has healed and he's on track for Mudgee, on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>.

At the same Hawkesbury meeting Lady Green raced over 1400 and we learnt a lot more about our sneaky coughing virus.

We thought the couple of coughs she had in her work weren't anything to worry about. She didn't have a temperature and was eating everything, not to mention bucking her brand off. So she ran and then told us in no uncertain terms, she didn't feel

well. I must say it was a shock, as her first up 2nd placing at Goulburn was a bottle and she showed no signs of being under the weather since that day, except for the odd cough. She's been scoped for a 98% good prognosis. If the next scope this Thursday proves to be 100% then she's off to Mudgee.

We love Mudgee! Do you remember last time we went? Three out of three winners! Fresh Tell, Lady Green and Swing and Sing. May as well have another crack and throw Swing on the truck and Ausbred Royal just to try and make it four out of four!

Ausbred Royal has been held up since her Goulburn start, as she also had the cough, plus a bruised heel. Watch out Mudgee here we come!

Swing has been in the same hospital ward as Royal, they of course have both been released with the vet's approval. Nice trophies at Mudgee!

Gold had a night out at Canterbury - she put up a great performance to run 5<sup>th</sup> beaten 3 lengths after leading all the way and breaking the class record. She certainly did all the bullocking work and I certainly didn't agree with the tactics. I still feel if she hadn't been ridden out of the barriers with the intent to lead and sat a comfortable fourth, like the eventual winner did, then she would have won or been in winning photo. I rest my case!

I must say though, it is nice to know that she can take closer order and not have to pass so many horses in the straight to win. She's happy with no coughs, thank heaven, so the 5<sup>th</sup> at Randwick over 2100 should suit her well - and so should another win!

Toga was extremely impressive in his Rosehill barrier trial, winning hard held. He also made a good effort when first up at Canterbury over 1250, taking an early forward position. He boxed on to only be beaten by 2 and a 1/2 lengths, a very good effort for a middle distance horse.

Hamburg was disappointing at his first two efforts this month, however we've found the problem. Before I tell you, I must explain that we never let our horses off the bit in track gallops. He's a horse that always seems to go better with swimming and walking. When we've given him a little run up at the track, he's gone extremely well and so he did in his races until the pressure went on. When having to stretch right out at the end of his races, he'd shorten his stride. An x-ray was called for and we found a small hairline fracture in his fetlock. So he's out for 3-4 months, but it's a relief to understand the problem.

Black Pirate is one of our horses that has been coughing, which is frustrating as I'm trying to get him ready for the Inglis Classic race at Rosehill on the 22/1. However it's not looking too good at the moment. He was to trial on the 4/1 at Rosehill but with the cough and temperature returning a few days after he'd finished his treatment, it doesn't look promising. His work on the track has been



We hope Santa made it to your house too!

exceptional and Grant Buckley has engraved his name on his rump! Only joking, but he does love him, as we all do.

Freddy has been in work for 8 weeks now and looks magnificent. He will now commence fast work, so by the end of February we should be cheering GO FREDDY! I love that name.

Madame Medusa is fabulous, a real stunner.

Smart Ausbred has furnished into a lovely young stallion.

Kampinsky filly is a guts and we should charge extra for her never ending appetite - no she's really a gem!

Biensong has also returned, and we all predict exciting times ahead for him.

Billet is very happy to be back, especially in the rain. We just handed him his rug and he swung it up and over himself, (If you believe that, you'd believe anything!) The above are the horses being pre-trained, as we call it.

We will try and plan an open day in March just before Easter.

Cheers and HAPPY NEW YEAR from all at Windermere.

Sending Rainbows,

Dor xxx

# Did You Hear About Millie In The Mud?

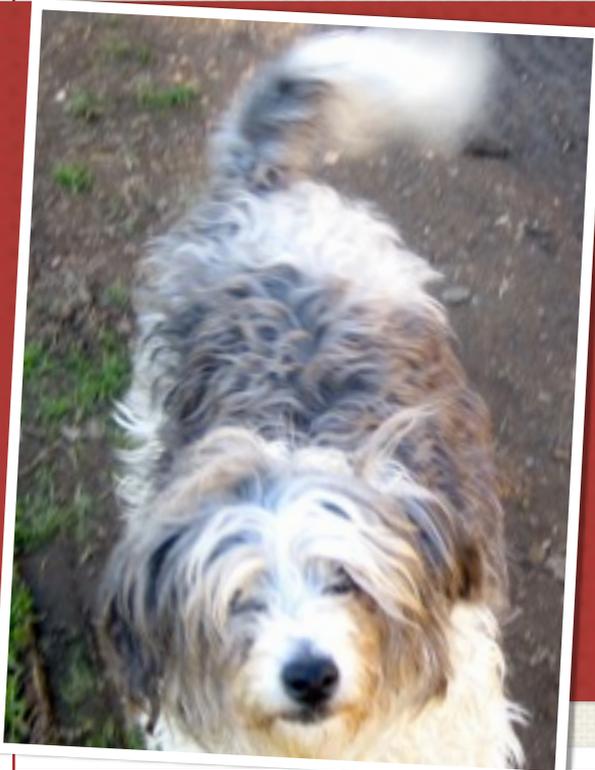
December has been a month of excitement with young Millie becoming stranded in the mud after a week of heavy rainfall.

SES crews quickly came to the rescue to winch the young mare out, after she galloped through a deceptive appearing swamp region in her paddock.

Millie is now safe and sound and no doubt the topic of another great Wicky Wacky Farm Story!

## A Sad Farewell

This week we said goodbye to a familiar face at Windermere Farm, as Scraps sadly passed away. The cheeky companion to Jack the Border Collie, Scraps will be greatly missed.



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## Tug o' war tale to save Millie the filly



Millie the horse was going out for a spell from training when she found herself in a sticky situation. Photos: Top Notch Video

by Cerise Burgess

A WILDBERFORCE horse was found "literally stuck in the mud" recently.

Owned by horse trainers Wade and Doreen Slinkard – who is also a children's author – Millie the horse was going out for a spell from training when she found herself in a sticky situation.

"Millie knows that paddock like the back of her hoof, but with all the rain, she didn't count on the natural creek that flows through that paddock to be so full of mud," Mrs Slinkard said.

"In 37 years of us training horses on Windermere Farm (Wicky Wacky Farm depicted her books) not one horse has done this."

She said it was lucky that Mr Slinkard went to check on Millie just minutes after letting her go with a couple of mates.

Mr and Mrs Slinkard thanked the SES, Jane Tulhurst, David Baxter, Kate Collins, Kyle Russell and Neil and Warwick Fotheringham for their quick response to their call for help.

Thanks also went to their staff, who "helped and stayed until the vet had finished treating Millie", and the vet who "did a great job" entering the water to sedate the horse.

Mrs Slinkard, the author of a range of children's books, rewarded all the SES helpers with copies of her publications.

She said they asked if she could write a Wicky Wacky Farm story about Muddy Millie which they were all part of.

"They were great people, and did an amazing job," Mrs Slinkard said.

"They should receive more recognition for their hard work and dedication."

Mrs Slinkard said Millie is fine, however she is suffering with a bit of shock plus a few cuts and abrasions.





## THE WICKY WACKY FARM UPDATE

My China exploits are beginning to show their popularity! I now have two publishing companies vying for my books. When this is concluded, the TV series starts! Just think, apart from being on the Peppi boat, you may become a character in the Wicky Wacky Farm series!

**Check out the new Wicky Wacky Farm [Website](#) for more information or buy Peppi the Polo Pony online today at Alibris, Booktopia & Amazon.**

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