

SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

A Month of Mixed Emotions!

Dear valued clients and friends,

From a totally joyous June, to a mixed bag in July, I shall begin with the sad news. Our dearest and best dog ever, Jack, the Border Collie passed away on the 6th of July. I have written a poem (below) to commemorate what Jack meant to the family and friends that knew him. For the sake of the children we purchased another Border collie pup and named her Peggy, after the lady who gave us Jack and also went to great lengths to find this delightful pup.



Our dear beloved Jack has passed away. Jack had a rare disease called Addison Syndrome, we battled for many years to keep it manageable, but his heart weakened with his trauma's and it finally took him peacefully on the 6th of July after he'd had fun chasing his ball. He laid down for a rest and never woke up.

JACK

THE DEFINITION OF A BEST FRIEND

The definition of a best friend
 Is the one who'll be with you at the end
 The one that waits patiently for your return
 And greets you with love to burn
 They join you in your sorrow
 Have fun with you like there's no tomorrow
 They respect your every word with unconditional love
 Jack our dog was all of the above
 He was one of the kids and followed in everything they did
 Be it swim in the pool, or wear a hat to look funny and cool.
 He'd bring back the tennis balls
 And come in an instant whenever you called
 He loved to sleep on your feet
 And fart when he had too much to eat.
 To say we loved him dearly
 Would be an understatement clearly
 He was everyone's best friend
 And our love for him will never end.

The health demons sought us all out this past month, but thankfully we have beat them off and look forward to finishing winter in fine health heading into spring.

Our horses continued mostly on their winning way. However, as lady luck spins her wheel we have to take the good with the bad. We should have, could have, would have, won three races with BLACK PIRATE in July, rather than one.

His breath stopping win at Bathurst on the 2nd, confirmed to all that witnessed his--- come from behind round 'em at the turn and win with a clear run tactics. That it is the only way to ride Pirate. He truly loves the challenge. So off to Wyong on the 18th over 1350, needless to say I didn't go,



(I'm Cinderella these days, holding the forte so to speak). The instructions seemed to get lost in the vocalizing by the husband and Nathan chose to sit last, GREAT, but he stayed there, like a stunned mullet and to HIS better judgment, he chose to take the chance for an inside run. OOHPS, no cutaway rail that day, he must have forgotten? Racing Live--- played the replay twice just to confirm that the backed into favourite--- Black Pirate----- was jammed in and was an absolute certainty beat!!! We then decided after he pulled up well, to back him up over the mile at Goulburn on the 26th. I knew he'd want to run a little keener with the slower pace of the mile. Anthony rode him well, without letting him go too forward he steadied him calmly running third last. Split second decisions are made when riding in a race, Tony tried hard to go to the outside, in doing so and in hind sight, if he had of stayed on his line, he would have got the clear run needed. He went down by a head after stumbling when entering the straight, plus having horses up close on both sides--- hampering his enormous stride. Another stride, Tony say's he wins. At least we have him happy, sound and looking forward to the next race, which should be in 2 to 3 weeks time.



The new walking machine for the horses. It's top of the range and the horses have taken to it like ducks to water!!

GRAFTON was certainly worth the trip, as I said last month, Tom Sewell's little Trojan horse FOOTY FAN, should kick a goal and she did!! She won the Fillies and Mares Quality, over 1200mts by 4 lengths. She is now being set for the Ted McCabe Trophy race at Hawkesbury on the 25/8. They have put that race forward since we won it two years ago this November with Hamberg, (Tom Sewell's horse again) so a repeat performance by FOOTY FAN would be most welcome.

APPLIANCES of course accompanied Footy Fan to Grafton; unfortunately he had no luck in

running after missing the jump. A commendable effort afforded him to run 5th. Maybe we backed him up a little too soon at Hawkesbury on the 21st, as he was a little disappointing over the 1400. He's having a freshen up in his favourite paddock.

SACRED JOURNEY raced at Bathurst on the 2nd and unlike Pirate who rattled down the outside of the very heavy track; once again he came up the fence after a very controversial ride by his normal jockey Patrick. We simply have to forget that he ever raced on that day. He never received a run at Goulburn on the 26th, which was a shame as Sacred's attitude and work gave us every indication that he was on fire and ready to enjoy being finally on top of the ground for a convincing win. His persona remains the same and he is racing to prove his ability this Thursday at Gosford 1/8. All going well he will back up at Hawkesbury the following Thursday, 8/8.

AUSBRED BENZ after his victorious win at Bathurst was freshened in the intent to put some weight back on him. (He does seem to drop it considerably after racing), however, sometimes the step up in company after a maiden win takes a couple of goes. This is the general consensus, so at this stage we take heed towards his disappointing run at Hawkesbury on the 21st and look forward to this coming Saturday 3/8 at Kembla, where he will be given the chance to redeem himself over the mile.

Hi Doreen,

Just wanted to let you know that Robbie and I have returned from our ride around Australia. It was a wonderful experience seeing parts of our beautiful country we hadn't been to before. Best of all our group of 23 bikes raised over \$ 225,000.00 for childhood cancer research which was so much more than was hoped for by the Steven Walter Children's Cancer Foundation and the Sydney Children's Hospital research team.

We just wanted to say a very big thank you to you, Wade and your clients for supporting our fundraising.

Lots of love and best wishes
From Carol and Robbie.





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VENCEDORA was going well with his barrier practice (all be it in a stock saddle). Unfortunately, he took advantage of the light weight working pad when it was introduced and duly misbehaved. We promptly decided to send him to Mitch Newman who is based at Hawkesbury track, where he is undergoing intense barrier practice. All reports and viewings are favourable and at this stage he will be entered in the un-official barrier trial on the 12/8 and one week later in the official trial both at Hawkesbury.

Horses in work from the first of July are coming along just fine, including SNIPAROSE, TOO CHIC, RUBY, LORDROW, and AUSBRED CUTIE. We have some un-named 2yr olds coming into work during August, it's always exciting to have the potential champions, (until proven otherwise) gracing our stables.

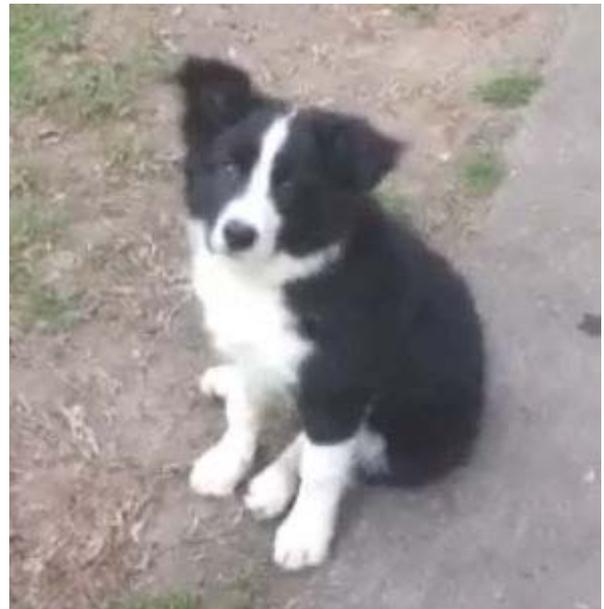
This is a last fling of the life rope, to help a lovely young lady of who worked with us many years ago, Kerren McGill, in her quest to raise money for cancer research, what better cause, life without cancer ---- a wonderful thought. [Click here](#) to read Kerren's story.

If you can't send money, please send love and support. Thank you.



To all of you that battled bad health this winter, we send special rainbows and thank the people who kept Leonie Hardman in their prayers, as her health, and exploratory operations have all proved to be heading in the right direction.

Thank you to everyone who sent their love and condolences concerning Jack. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered, and will always have a very special place in our hearts.



Our new puppy, Peggy, is 4 months old today.

[Click here](#) to watch a short video of Peggy learning to stay and sit, a bit shaky, but getting the message. She stays better if she's not aware I have a treat in my hand, it's just too exciting!!!

Good luck and good punting!!

Sending rainbows
Dor and Wade

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Ozbred



Cleo's Gift (aka Mischa)

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My friend/editor and part owner of Vencedora, Margaret Mooney is coming to stay for 4 days from this Saturday. We will have great fun trying to finish the edit of my adult Trilogy to present to the publishers. I say great fun because I'm sure with her great sense of humour, being topped up with red wine, she'll find some very funny mistakes!!!

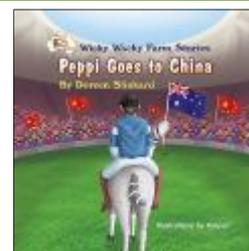
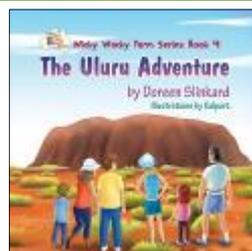
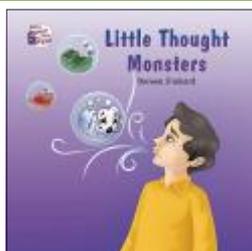
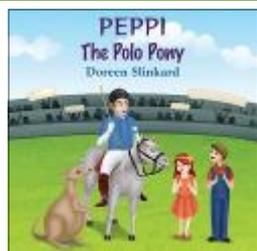
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