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THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

HOW FAR WILL TOO CHIC GO!

Dear valued clients and friends,

Spring springs eternal hope, especially for our little munchins who are enjoying their school holidays. Our twin granddaughter's Emma and Grace (in the pink) are pictured with vet James, who is the star of Emma's favourite TV show, 'The Village Vet'. James, along with his business partner Anthony, runs their practice from the heart of beautiful Berry. Emma is aspiring to be a vet and so James was most gracious with his time and words of encouragement. (I think it's more than hope for Emma, she'll do it!)



Emma, James (The Village Vet) and Grace

Berry is where we girls headed for a much needed short break away, but mainly to quell the girl's desperate desire to join Monique Robinson's, 'Ready Set Trot', riding school. Needless to say they had a ball. Monique runs a wonderful horsemanship school, yes, not only



Grace and Emma at Ready Set Trot

riding ponies, but from the ground up, which includes the most important aspect of being a good horseperson; caring and understanding your horse. I was impressed and so were Emma and Grace. "This is so much fun Nan." They said and so I'm sure Lisa will be nagged (get it) to take them back at every opportunity. What better way for kids to spend their holidays?



[Click here to watch a short video of Monique giving a lesson at Ready Set Trot](#)





Wade and Too Chic

Our darling TOO CHIC , I suspect, may have read my previous news letter, as she exceeded all my expectations, firstly by stepping up from 1500 to a 1800 mt WIN, (most convincingly) and consequently showed us that long distance is her forte. In her delightful win at Hawkesbury on the 11th, Too Chic was guided home by top hoop Tommy Berry. When Tommy dismounted, he declared she would relish even further. And so it was. She was given her chance to prove Tommy correct, when on the 25th Chic returned to her home track and saluted the judge once again after winning the 2100mt race by 6 lengths!!!! Now the question is; how far will she go?

Chic is being freshened up in the ready to contend the final of the stayer's cup series. This will be held at Hawkesbury on 'Ladies Day', 9/11, coinciding with Melbourne's Oaks day.

Hawkesbury holds a great Ladies Day, full of glamour and excitement; I suggest you dress in your finery and head on out, to help cheer TOO CHIC on to win the final! Take note that her last win on the 25th was Chic's 11th start this prep and her 4th win in the same prep. I'm sure we can put it down to her peaceful, happy lifestyle on the farm and of course Wade's training prowess!

AUSBRED LACE made her racing debut at Royal Bathurst on the 19th ; after having an easy trial on the 15th. Lace travelled comfortably mid field in the 1300 mt race; however, she was a little hesitant to chase the leader once headed for home; suddenly she woke up to what was needed and in that same instant, the horse in front of her fell, plus the jockey on her outside fell off her horse. These events hampered

Lace's effort to the point where she was forced to play dodgem cars over the final 60 mts. Lace ended up 4 lengths behind the winner and should have-- could have, finished a lot closer. She was definitely doing her best work on the line. Unfortunately there are no ideal races for her at the moment. However, there's a fillies and mares maiden on the 26th of October at Hawkesbury over 1500mts; plus a trial on the 13th to tune her up for the 1500mt race. We trust with good luck on her side, she will improve greatly and be right in the finish at Hawkesbury.



[Click here to watch a video of Ausbred Lace having a pick of the grass in her yard.](#)

BLACK PIRATE trialled very well on the 15th and is ready to rock and roll next Thursday the 2nd/10 at Wyong over 1350mts. This will be his first start back for this prep; we then look forward to setting him for 1500 mts, at Hawkesbury on Sunday the 12th, which is also the wine and food festival day, so a good day awaits us all. We will then slowly increase Pirates distance ----- with the hope he will eventually win over a mile and a half, or further; who knows?

BELLE RULER excelled in her trial on the 15th by winning without pressure. She was to race at Hawkesbury last week, but with having ulcer's on her gums, which needed to be treated with Bute, Wade was forced to wait and trial her again on the 13th at Hawkesbury, before her racing debut a week later.

VENCEDORA'S attitude has improved almost beyond belief since returning to work. I have always said, his intelligence and his kind nature will see him through his nervous disposition and it has. He's such a smart man, almost to the point of teaching our younger horses how to behave. He swam gracefully, after being asked only once, to enter the swimming channel. He's now enjoys working up close to other horses and refuses to shy at anything, unless it jumps up and bites his nose!

ROVING EYE it seemed was a little overwhelmed with his first fair dinkum trial at Hawkesbury on the 15th, although he loaded into the barriers, jumped well and showed tremendous pace, but like a lot of new comers who at first won't relax and breathe properly, he duly ran out of puff. His track gallops are excellent and we're assured, he's learnt a hell of a lot from that trial and therefore, he'll put in a much better performance on the 13th/10.

AUSBRED CUTIE returned to work from her spell and has furnished very well, both physically and mentally. Cutie showed us quite enough in her first prep, to look forward to her at least breaking her maiden this time in.

AUSBRED CONGRATS is the filly shown at the open day and was snapped up quickly by interested lessee's. So welcome to all! She entered her first racing preparation on the 1st of September and since, has impressed us with her willingness to work, her effortless long stride and her barrier manners. We always take the young ones into Hawkesbury with the fast workers to canter them around, so as to get them used to not always being asked to go fast; then they relax more. And of course it gives us the opportunity to walk them through the practice barriers, before they take on the next step, which is to ask them to jump and run. We will begin swimming lessons next week; this may help prevent the usual bout of shin soreness. She will be taken as far as she wishes this time in, hopefully that will be at least a barrier trial or two.

DANE RULER, well now---- I bet you think--- (not a bad name for a horse) you've definitely heard that name called in a race before, well you haven't!! Who would have believed we could have secured such a great name for our colt, who is the half brother to Shade of Green and is by King of Danes. His stable name is Rambo, christened so by Vanessa; I've shown a photo of him before, in the newsletter about twelve months ago, while he was having his feet

trimmed. Since then he's been joined up (broken in) by Paul Prentice who also rides work for us. Rambo is so relaxed with everything, he's one cool dude. I suppose the name Rambo suits him after all. We can only hope he lives up to his race name, 'Dane Ruler,' when he races later this year.



Dane Ruler "Rambo" June 2013

All horses are doing very well; including the Windermere spellers, Sacred Journey, Stradazzle, Sniparose and Ausbred Sky.

Two lovely fillies returned to work towards the end of September, the Aussie Rules Filly, Blue Sawn and La Chic. Not long to go now and Footy Fan will return to work after her set back.

Sending rainbows,
Dor & Wade

Peggy's Corner



Standoff at the "OK Corral"

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I was honoured to be invited as an author, to 'The all schools Book Feast' at Burwood RSL Club on the 11th of September. I sat with a table of nine students from the Girraween Public school. At question time, one boy asked me what did I like best about writing stories, I said, "sitting down for a while." After his gobsmacked look, I then had to explain how physically hard I work; he then understood and had a giggle. It was a great experience, although the kids were a little too old for my picture books. So I promised I would write a humorous chapter book for them and my ageing grandchildren. I have begun and they are critiquing it. So far my best score has been 9 and a half out of 10. Not bad for an old girl. I should be finished before Christmas.



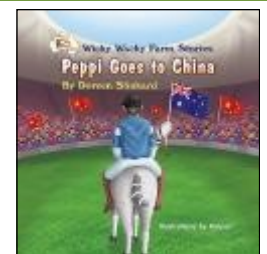
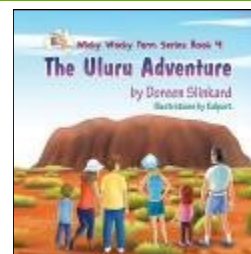
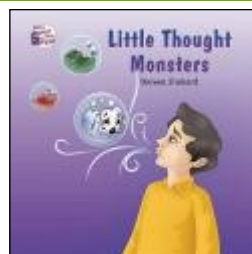
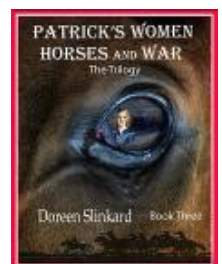
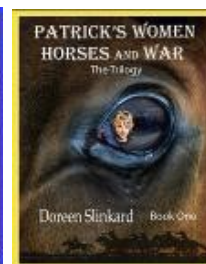
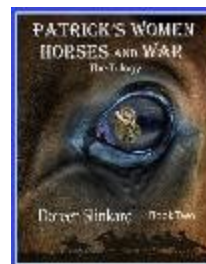
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