# SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE



#### A MONTH OF DOUBLES!

Dear valued clients and friends,

We were given bundles of joy in June – two at a time!

Firstly, God daughter Amanda and husband Tom gave birth to their daughter Dimity, who is lucky enough to have two ready made brothers, Digby and Hunter! Not to be outdone, Amanda's brother Adam and his wife Bianca gave birth to Florence. No brothers yet, Florence is a front runner!



Dear friends Jane & Mark Tolhurst were given double delight with two granddaughters. Adam and sister Amanda parenting one each.



First winner for June - Legislation. Love him he's such a trier 公公公

Then two great wins by Legistation sealed June as one of the most joyous in recent memory.

OUR ANNIVERSIRE, gave a better show at Hawkesbury 10/6, than her previous two starts away from home. Luckily, we had Jean Van Overmeire, Annie's favourite rider report. "she tried, but it was a tired effort." So, Annie is out to spell for a month. Though mind you, she sports a warm rug and since it has been raining, she is brought into a stable - only at night.

TRADE STAR also ran at Hawkesbury 10/6. He's had issues with the barriers and after being banned twice at the races, he was made to barrier trial twice. This he did without too many problems. However, the problems totally ceased once he wore the 'Monty Roberts' invented - barrier blanket. Monty in his brilliance, well common sense really, had a long think about why horses muck up in the barriers. Of course! Predators always bring horses down by attacking their flanks. I ask you, where are the stands that barrier attendants and jockeys use? They are inside the barriers, directly at the horses' flanks, so if they experience any pressure there, they respond by trying to escape. Hence the heavy



blanket that protects their flanks. Makes a lot of sense, doesn't it? TS, (initials of another champ) gave a very green but talented performance to run second. Thank God for the barrier blanket!

LEGISTATION hadn't had much luck in his prior two starts this prep. But he made up for it on his home track. Joining four of his stablemates at Hawkesbury 10/6, he showed them where the winning post was; leading most of the way and winning comfortably. Jockey, Chad Leaver, a very nice bloke, looked relieved when returning to scale. "I was praying he had some petrol left in the tank for the finish, but he had a reserve tank, he actually kicked again on the line! Great effort!"

STRADAZZLE ran in the same race, which of course was far too short. Though it was a pleasing effort. He was not beaten far, ridden by his favourite jockey Clare Nutman, soon to be Mrs Clare Cleaver!!! I hope Chad at least took her out to dinner after his Legistation win? A lot of C'c's there.



No-one ever wants to leave Wicky Wacky Farm.
Ricky does not want to go home with Lisa
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KINVARRA STAR had her debut 10/6. The thousand meters being far too short. Jean V.O rode and reported the run was better than it looked. She was off the bit chasing while making a decent effort to keep in touch until the final 150. "Put her in a 1300 -1400 and she'll be a lot happier and go a lot better."

Back at Hawkesbury on the 20<sup>th</sup> STADAZZLE raced against LEGISTATION over 1400 mts. This time Stradazzle ended a little closer to Legi, being that the distance was a bit further. Once again Legi showed his intestinal fortitude by throwing himself at the line to win by a narrow margin this time. It doesn't matter how they win; the prize money is still the same! Go Legi!

TRADE STAR was on the same truck, but had little luck in running, this saw him run fourth and not second again. TS is a race horse in the making for certain, his sister Annie, we know, is proud of him.

VENCEDORA has had an injury battle after being hit severely in the eye with and apposing jockey's whip in his last start - May. After a lot of TLC, Veni's eye recovered and he was given a jumpout – a mini trial - Friday 22/6. His rider reported, he galloped well but hung out badly on the turn. Something he'd never done before. Ken Butler our horse chiropractor checked him the following Tuesday to find he was out in the neck and mid back. It stands to reason after being hit in the eye. Imagine being in full flight and having to escape the pain of being struck in the eye? His vertebras would be separated when a sudden change of direction was needed it would place them askew. The good news is he is back in shape thanks to the genius of Ken and his sons. Thank you. Veni is heading for Nowra Sunday 8/7 and we have the rain on our side, so it's time for Veni to shine once again.

Owners will be informed in plenty of time to when their horses will start next.

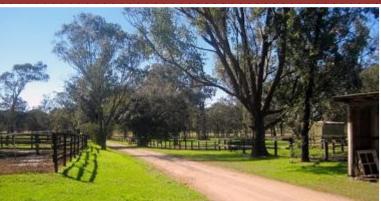
All horses spelling are doing well and again owners will be informed as to when their horses will return to work.

Sendng Rainbows, Dor and Wade

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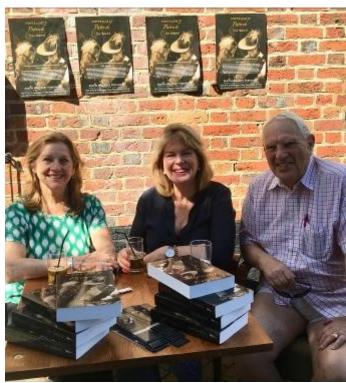






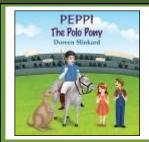
What an adventure I had in the UK. initially accompanied by friend and client Helena Downie, until she left me at Northumberland to join Ross, her adoring husband on a continued, massive European excursion.

I have added photos but would like to take this opportunity to thank once again our generous warm hosts.

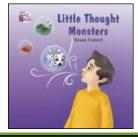


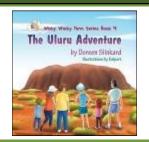


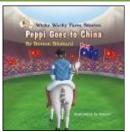
First port of call. Val and Bryan Mason, who set up my first book launch, 'For the Love of Patrick,' at their local 'Old Mill Pub'. We had a lot of laughs enjoying beautiful Spring weather. Thank you, my darlings.











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Next stop Pip, or Ed Ward, at her five-star boarding kennels for cats and dogs. I hope I come back as a dog and spend my holidays at Pips kennels! Your hospitality knew no bounds. Thank you, my friend.



Mandy and Rob Shepherd. I just adore staying on their farm and helping Bea muck out the stables each morning, ha-ha. Wish they lived up the road. We have such fun, especially being nominated to drive the float carrying two Shetland's to The Royal Windsor Horse Show! What a hoot, it's hard to believe what an extravaganza this show is. Every horse event imaginable happens on the Palace grounds and you may be lucky enough to grab a glimpse of Her Majesty enjoying the sights. I saw the Royal scarf bobbing along among body guards. Then to top it off, we had another great book launch at the Shepherds local pub! Gee the Poms love their pubs.



Helena and I then drove up to Northumberland from the Salisbury plains. A 9-hour trip. There we stayed with our gracious hosts, Karen and Tom Burn, owners of 'Hunting Hall.' The best farm stay in the UK!

This came about through tracing my father's Forster family, who I knew came from old English stock.

It lead me to common ground and also a Castle owned by the Forster family, 'Bamburgh.' Well I'll be blowed!

#### **BAMBURGH CASTLE**











Last but not least, the Baron and Baroness, Steve and Anette Von Kohorn, friends from when they lived in Aus. They spoilt me rotten! Especially hosting an extravagant book launch. Thank you. The grandeur of their new home, where they are in the process of launching their 1881 Club, was nothing short of spectacular but at the same time warm and homely. The 1881 Club is foundered on good manners. empathy for others, world class cuisine, international arts and traditions. Steve and Anette with their generosity and warmth will make the Club a great success.

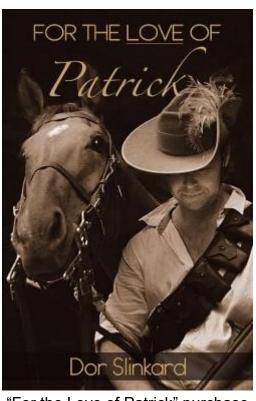
I must add, last night poor Wade waited up until all hours worrying about a horse that was not eating. He paid many visits, trying different feed, as the horse had no temperature and ran around happily when he put him in the paddock for a run. I kissed him goodnight with sympathy and said, "Don't you wish you were the writer?"

"Yep, I'd be travelling the world plus Australia, staying with friends. Sitting by the fire writing, drinking hot cups of tea on freezing mornings and not having to go outside until it warmed up!" Sorry Wally.



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