



Wing Mail

May/June 2008

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We now have, thanks to Lottery West, our wonderful Spyder display stand which we cannot wait to 'show off', and we need help with upcoming fundraising events.

Our aim is to raise awareness about Save Equus and hopefully recruit some more members and volunteers. Are any current members available to help man the stand in shopping centres and at equestrian events when we organise dates, etc?



Also, we have arranged for a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Maddington on the weekend of 22 & 23 November. We desperately need help with this, as we are obliged to have three people at one time. To make this easier we would like to split the roster into two, therefore we need three people for both mornings and three people for both afternoons, a total of 12 volunteers in all.

If you are available and happy to help, please contact our Fundraising Co-ordinator direct (preferably via email). She is looking forward to hearing from you

Contact: Paula Lavender Email: Horseanalties@bigpond.com Mobile: 0411 419 447



Winner of the 2007 Christmas Angel Tree Appeal, Melissa Jenkins of Yarloop and her daughter, Hannah, with the winning letter advising of her \$500 prize from Prestige Loans, some of which was used to buy the smart new rug for Hannah's pony.

SAVE EQUUS UPDATE

The Save Equus Management Committee has been very busy as usual. The Fundraising Team held a very successful movie night, and a great movie was enjoyed by all. Our special thanks to Save Equus member, DJ Fred, who organised a Disco Fundraiser - the whole Save Equus team was on the dance floor that Saturday night! Our new promotional equipment funded by Lottery West is part of our fundraising and awareness raising program. Members may see us at shopping centres or at equine activities - come over and say hello and see our new equipment. Also look for us at Bunnings in Maddington in the coming months - we will be selling hundreds of sausages over the weekend. The Fundraising team also have chocolates and a host of other things to sell to raise funds for the work of Save Equus. Further details of these activities are in this newsletter.

We have an additional 3 horses in foster care over the past 2 months and have undertaken dozens of interventions. We welcome the addition of 4 new Foster Carers to our program. We have worked closely with the RSPCA on several interventions in the past few months and hope that a further intervention with RSPCA involving a large number of horses will be taken forward by them. The foster care Australian Bred mare in our care has been started to saddle, and has almost completed her education to be available for adoption.

We are commencing the very important promotion, prevention and early intervention work which is outlined in this newsletter. This work is an investment in a future of improved equine welfare, of less neglect and cruelty. We are preparing for our Annual General Meeting, and as the financial year came to a close a week ago we are still looking for a Chartered Accountant interested in any very simple pro bono work for Save Equus.

We welcome 3 new volunteer officers in the Save Equus Animal Welfare Team. We have a new Triage officer and the work of the Foster Care co-ordinator has been split into two because the job was getting just too big for one person to manage.

The following three positions are big, essential jobs for the work of Save Equus. The work of the Animal Welfare team and the effectiveness of our Animal Welfare Officer depend on this work.

We welcome the commitment of these three women and we are grateful for their dedication and the very big difference that they make to the Equines in our care. They are all volunteers.

Welcome Siobhan Duffy - Save Equus Triage Officer.

The role of the Triage Officer is to:

- Receive all emails reporting concern for an equine's welfare.
- Undertake interim risk assessment, guided by the Complaint Equine Algorithm, and negotiate for urgent support if necessary.

- Triage complaints based on the interim risk assessment assigned compared to the complaints on hand.
- Liaise closely with the Equine Welfare Officer and refer new complaints triaged against on-hand complaints, relaying all information necessary.
- Notify either the Chair Person or Deputy Chairperson when more than four Level 4 interim risk assessment complaints are on hand.
- Document all interim risk assessments undertaken of those emails picked up by Save Equus and provided to the Equine Welfare Officer.
- Maintain a register of all emails in and action taken, report information monthly to the Animal Welfare Officer.
- Have knowledge and maintain a resource file on the Equine Welfare Sector and refer non-cruelty contacts to more appropriate place or action.
- Regularly liaise with the Equine Welfare Officer on the reported cruelty cases at hand.

Welcome Tine Biedenweg - Save Equus Foster Care Coordinator, New Equine Placements

The role of the Foster Care Coordinator - New Equine Placements is to:

- Develop and maintain a close working relationship with the Equine Welfare Officer
- Keep the Animal Welfare Officer advised of the status of all new and prospective Foster Carers.
- Assist in the recruitment of Foster Carers for Save Equus.
- Assist in the recruitment of Adoption homes for Save Equus.
- Supervise and undertake interviews, assessments and approvals for Foster Carers as well as adoption homes.
- Supervise and undertake assessments of foster care and adoption properties.
- Obtain and keeps Foster Care Agreement to formalise the relationship between Foster Carers and Save Equus.
- Keep an effective working relationship with new/prospective Foster Carers.
- Maintain a current list of approved Foster Carers along with all signed Foster Care Agreements.
- Maintain a list of approved adoption homes keeps record of all signed Adoption Agreements.
- Advise the Animal Welfare Officer on Foster Carers details when jointly considering places for rescued Equines.
 - At the direction of and in conjunction with the Animal Welfare Officer, negotiate with Foster Carers to take a rescued equine.
- Monitor placed Equines and Foster Carer for 1 to 2 weeks after placement.

- Liaise with Foster Care Coordinator - Equines in Care to hand over information for the ongoing liaison and monitoring of the Equine and Foster Carer
- Refer resource needs to the Animal Welfare Officer.

And last, but by no means least ...

Welcome Fiona Adams - Save Equus Foster Care Coordinator - Equines in Care

The Role of the Foster Care Coordinator - Equines in Care is to:

- Develop and maintain a close working relationship with the Equine Welfare Officer - keeping the Animal Welfare Officer advised of the status of Equines in Foster Care.
- Keep a supportive and effective working relationship with active/existing Foster Carers.
- Act as the first point of contact for Foster Cares if a concern over the Equine arises.
- Liaise with the Animal Welfare Officer on every contact that raises concern over the Equine.
- Act as the first point of contact for Foster Carers needing additional resources to care for the Equine.
- Liaise with existing Foster Carers once a month over the care and condition of the equine in their care.
- Obtain written or emailed monthly reports on the condition of the Equine.
- Follow up supportively with Foster Carers who have not provided a monthly report on the condition of the Equine in their care.
- Report monthly update records on all Equines in Foster Care to the Animal Welfare Office.
- Refer resource needs to the Animal Welfare Officer.

Chairperson

Save Equus Management Committee

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FOSTER CARER PROFILE

Mother and daughter, Natalie and Marion Best, are both foster carers for Save Equus. Initially they joined our organisation just as members, however it wasn't long before their nurturing instincts kicked in and they decided fostering is how they wanted to help.

Their first foster horse was Bobby, the foal that was in a very bad way when he was recently rescued, and he has flourished under their care.



Natalie (left) and Marion with Chester.

Marion and Natalie are also emergency foster carers and will assist Save Equus in the transportation of a rescued horse and provide a paddock and shelter for a short term until a more permanent home is available.

Currently Marion and Natalie are caring for 'Chester' (see more about him later in this newsletter). He is still a little bit on the skinny side but is slowly gaining weight, and Marion says he is a perfect gentleman.

MARION & NATALIE'S TRIVIA

Marion is originally from the UK and emigrated to Australia in 1969 with her husband and two boys. They settled in WA and in 1973 Natalie was born. Marion talks about how they always loved horses, but it was never possible to have any of their own until they purchased land in Cardup 8 years ago, and there begins the story. Marion and Natalie own 2 Andalusians, 2 Standardbreds, and as a family they also have 3 cows, 4 dogs, 9 chickens and a rooster.

Marion says, "I love caring for skinny or mistreated horses because I can see the change in them as they gain weight and learn to trust. I want to help as many as I can, and I will always keep a record of their time with us. I love them all and give them as much love as I can. I find it so rewarding and would thoroughly recommend fostering."

FUNDRAISER CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

Hello Members

As you all know, on 10 May Save Equus held their first fundraiser Movie Night at the Cygnet Cinema in Como. I am pleased to report that the evening was a success and thank you to all members and friends who attended and supported us. \$528.00 was raised for our rescue horses.



Our door prize, which consisted of wine, chocolates and carnations was won by Sue Mills of Darling Downs.

The Karalee Tavern in Como had kindly offered free wine, beer or soft drink to anyone showing their movie ticket, and I am pleased to say a good many of you took advantage of their kindness. I know I did, and it was refreshing to see so many book a meal and support our supporters.

I would like to also add a great big 'Thank you' to my team, Jackie Bern, Julie Archibald, Linda Cole and Tanja Baker for their help and support in organising this event.

We are currently selling Cadbury's *Freddos* and *Caramellos* and, as has happened in the past, these are mostly being sold via our committee and some members, therefore we have always ordered conservatively. However if any members are interested in selling a box of chocolates for us please do not hesitate to contact me direct. We would certainly appreciate your help.

DISCO FUNDRAISER

DJ Fred Lopez held a disco at the Serpentine Tavern on 26 April and all proceeds were donated to Save Equus



← DJ Fred in action

Check out the
groovy leather
pants!! →



**THANK YOU, FRED, FOR YOUR TIME AND GENEROSITY -
IT IS MUCH APPRECIATED BY ALL AT SAVE EQUUS!**

Paula Lavender
SAVE EQUUS FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR

The Dimensions In Equine Cruelty And Neglect

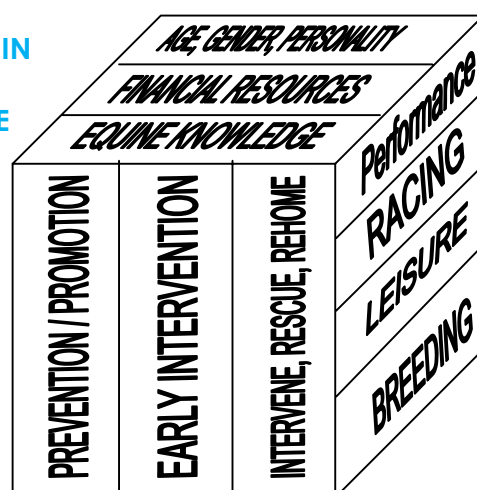
What About Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention

The Management Committee of Save Equus gives considerable thought to the reasons for equine cruelty and neglect, because to understand that which we are dedicated to eliminating gives Save Equus the best opportunity to achieve our objective.

We all recognise that human behaviour is complex and human behaviour that results in equine cruelty and neglect is even more complex and difficult to understand - at first. The Management Committee of Save Equus works to break down this complexity and make human behaviour more understandable. Some of the ways we do this is:

- We research and investigate the patterns in the animal welfare issues that we and our Animal Welfare Team experiences:
 - We look at how the world sees this cruelty and how the world deals with it - We learn from these world lessons.
 - We then take a fresh look back at our experiences to see if there is a pattern or a trend - we make sure of our facts.
 - We then work out what can we do to prevent this neglect or cruelty happening in the first place, with the lessons we have learned.
- Sometimes the action we take to prevent equine cruelty and neglect will take a while to have an effect. So, in the mean time, Save Equus takes action to rescue and intervene in cruelty situations happening now. At the same time, we invest our research into preventing that cruelty in the future. This cube explains this approach and how we prioritise and take action.

HUMAN
FACTORS IN
EQUINE
WELFARE



EQUINE GENERAL
ACTIVITY
AREAS

SAVE EQUUS
INTERVENTIONS



At the moment Save Equus is working on the intervention areas of:

- prevention of equine neglect and cruelty
- promotion of responsible and sound equine care
- early intervention into situations that could become equine neglect and cruelty

For those with an interest in this area, our work will include considering ways to change behaviour in several areas. For example: introducing/strengthening equine welfare-enhancing behaviour, and weakening/eliminating equine cruelty and neglect-compromising behaviour. The Save Equus Management Committee will be thinking about environmental, personality and behavioural ways we can influence human behaviour and improve equine welfare.

It certainly looks like a big job, but making a start is the best way to make that job smaller and easier.

The Save Equus Management Committee is a very dedicated group of people. The words of the famous Anthropologist, Margaret Mead, tell us of the possibilities*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

A FRIENDLY REMINDER



Membership renewals for the 2008/2009 year are due on 1 August 2008.

Have you renewed your membership yet??

It is simple to download the form from our website.

DO IT NOW!!!

NEWS ON OUR RESCUE HORSES

Bobby

This little foal has progressed well whilst in the care of fosterers, Marion and Natalie Best, and has learned to play with their other horses, slowly building up his trust. Marion says he can be very mischievous but it has given her great pleasure to see his progress on a daily basis.



Bobby loves carrots ...



... and kisses ...



... and a back scratch!!

Bobby has now moved on to another Foster carer for the next stage of his rehabilitation. Here are some pictures of him leaving Marion and Natalie's



Haltered and ready to go.



Gently and calmly does it.



A goodbye hug from Marion.



Watching Bobby leave.

Chester

A new addition to Save Equus is Chester, a 14 year old Thoroughbred gelding who was picked up wandering the streets at the beginning of April. Since then the Town of Kwinana and the RSPCA had been involved and nobody has claimed him as theirs, so he has been signed over to Save Equus by the RSPCA.



Chester is in the care of foster carers Marian and Natalie Best, who will ensure he will be looked after and, with their many years of experience, build up his weight before he is offered for adoption after a period of 3 months. He seems a very quiet and content gelding, has floated easy, gets along with other horses and has no problem having his feet picked up. Once his weight has been built up to a satisfactory level, he will be trialled for riding and further assessment. We will keep you informed and publish any news on Chester in our next issue.

Kiowa

This little Palous pony has been in our care since March and has developed into a content, trusting, cheeky and joyful little pony in the company of two older, experienced horses. Coming to us basically 'untouched' but very tense about having any kind of human contact, he is now easy to touch and handle, and has managed to wear a rug for short periods. He is curious, can be led in a halter and lets us easily do his small feet. He is an absolute joy to have around, always curious about what is going on. Kiowa is approximately 3 years old, 13 hands high and unstarted. We feel that he has all the potential to make a lovely riding pony with the right person, or under the supervision of someone experienced and willing to slowly and gently train him to build up a confident relationship. If you are interested in adopting this pony please contact us and we can arrange a meeting between you and Kiowa. Adoption comes with a 3 months foster care period at first, to ensure for Kiowa a steady and secure home and partnership.



Morgan Lee



Another new addition to Save Equus is Morgan Lee, a 5 year old Standardbred, around 15-16 hands high who was bred to harness-race and, as we have been informed, was very spoiled as a foal. She lived in a paddock with a herd and was well-fed and cuddled. This all abruptly changed when she was sent away to be trained. Morgan Lee returned with a bad report from the trainers, and

she was pregnant. We have been told that she had been easy to catch and lead and load as a youngster, but the horse we met only a few weeks ago never learned to lead properly and probably never understood what was happening to her. In the professional opinion of our Animal Welfare Officer, Jayne Lavender, Morgan Lee was probably just compliant at the end of a lead rope, until she got scared and has continued to carry that fear in her mind.

We'll never know what actually happened to Morgan Lee, but she gave birth to a stunning foal and has taught her daughter how to avoid people and keep safe from them. Having taken the time over several sessions to gentle Morgan Lee and teach her how to lead, Jayne was able to catch and float Morgan Lee (and catch, halter-break and load her filly, all in one day!) and take her to her first Foster care destination, where she spent the first week settling down without her filly and is progressing well.





Mimi

A 3 year old Standard Bred Mare, Mimi's education is continuing and it is hoped to prepare her for fostering or adoption as a ridden horse. She is progressing extremely well, and is now being started under saddle for her next permanent home (we hope!).

Here she is wearing a saddle for the first time. It is one bought with Lotteries funding, and the beautiful orthopaedic saddle-blanket has been donated by Saddles Plus in Byford.

LUCKY LUKAS UPDATE

It is now over 12 months since Lukas arrived in my garden in the middle of the night, and so much has happened. Here is an update on our journey together.

Lukas spent 5 months throughout the winter with a herd in Mardella. I had been advised that he probably needed to learn to become a horse again after his racing career had ended. Amazingly it did not take him long to become the herd leader, which surprised me somewhat as when he arrived he spent the first 8 weeks at Julie Archibald's place and he was bottom of her herd, even below "Jake the goat".

So here's my little man asserting himself. "Good on you", I thought, "that's my boy." Little did I know what would happen later.

I visited Lukas 3 times a week and gave him a nice feed, grooming him whilst he ate and he was totally fine with this. In June, Ian Warton, the equine dentist, was visiting from the Eastern States and I took the opportunity to have Lukas's teeth done. They weren't too bad, but he did need work. Lukas took it all in his stride and sailed through the sedation, however I was a mess! I had never seen anything like this before and I really thought he would fall over but no, all was well.



In October 2007 we moved Lukas to my daughter's property to join her herd of three, and this is when we got to see the real Lukas. My daughter, Jayne, is a natural horse teacher and is a true advocate for all horses. She understands them and is exceptional at analysing their personalities, sometimes in a very humorous way.

Lukas was quite aggressive to the herd, had little patience and didn't ask questions. His attitude was straight in, ears back, kick, bite, "NOW TAKE THAT AND DON'T MESS WITH ME!!" However in most other ways, like handling him, floating, grooming him and having his feet, done he was very easy. Lukas was the first at the fence/gate when anyone arrived on the property and we discovered he really didn't like horses much, just wanted to be with humans, demanding attention and quite manipulative!

Jayne says he comes out fighting with his fists raised and beckons other horses to dare to take him on, until he meets his match, and because Jayne teaches on her property and horses come and go it was only a matter of time before he met a horse that would be more than a match. Needless to say, we've had hair missing on many occasions. Lukas has a real issue with feed. He becomes quite threatening if he's loose and you're carrying a feed bucket full. I have had to really work hard on this one and he has worn his food on a couple of occasions until he comes back with a better attitude.

Lukas and I began our training back in November and we are progressing very well. He's quite a smart boy and the difference in his attitude is wonderful. We work a lot at liberty and we've progressed from him stamping his front legs in frustration, ears back and basically swearing at me, to a very accommodating Lukas who looks and listens. Naturally I'm learning too, so I sometimes give the wrong signals, but he's becoming quite patient and we have heaps of cuddles, which he loves. The saddle has now been introduced, all at liberty and all good so far, and I've even sat on his back (though that was cheating because it was in the ocean). I'm sure it will be interesting when I finally get to sit on his back with a saddle.

Lukas did have trouble keeping weight on, but having access to 42 round bales of meadow hay 24 hours a day has helped in that area. Also, interestingly, since his feet have been trimmed regularly and properly under the direction of Yvonne Heisler-Taylor, his whole body is transforming and his overall shape has improved. I truly



Lukas particularly loves scratches on his hips. I think they give him a bit of trouble sometimes and the first time I was massaging that area he practically sat down. He was in heaven and the top lip was protruding so much his face looked like a camel!

I truly believe if the feet are not trimmed correctly it affects the whole conformation of the horse, and in Lukas I have seen the proof.

So, all in all, my boy is doing well and I love him dearly. He is an inspiration to me and I thank him constantly for coming into my life. This year we will be riding off into the sunset it's only a matter of time now!

Paula & Lukas

THE VALUE OF THE SAVE EQUUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Management Committee of Save Equus believes in the principle of transparency. This means we believe that Save Equus members have an important role to participate and be involved in the work we do. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a very important part of that transparency.

The effort that goes into making the AGM interesting, informative and enjoyable is considerable. Therefore, the Management Committee of Save Equus asks members to attend and participate. The value of an Annual General Meeting is:

- **Accountability:** The Save Equus Management Committee wants to report to members on the progress made. Members will have time to raise questions and concerns. We want to have discussions with members about the work that we have done and the work ahead.
- **Succession:** The AGM is the time when rotation in leadership occurs. It is at this meeting that the Save Equus Management Committee is elected. As a Save Equus member, come to the meeting to meet those people who have nominated to be on the Management Committee, hear about their hopes and visions for Save Equus. Perhaps you might even consider nominating to be on the committee yourself? Cast your vote for the 2009 Save Equus Management Committee.
- **Member Input:** The Save Equus AGM is about enabling members to give input and direction to the work we do. The outgoing Save Equus Management Committee will have many things to discuss and tell you about what we have been doing in the past year, and will consult with you about plans and ideas for the future, for the new Management Committee to take forward.
- **Improving Save Equus:** At the Save Equus AGM we will be celebrating our successes. We have a guest speaker at our AGM, who is informative, inspiring and often thought-provoking.

The Save Equus AGM date and program will be announced shortly. We ask members to consider nominating for the Management Committee, or becoming a volunteer for the welfare team, foster caring, fundraising or perhaps volunteer particular skills that would contribute to our objective of improving equine welfare.

Most important of all, the Save Equus Management Committee asks all members to attend our 2008 AGM and to take a role in directing the future of Save Equus.

See You There!

Save Equus - Management Committee



HERE'S A CUTE ARTICLE TO MAKE YOU SMILE ...



Odd pair proves you can put the CAT before the HORSE

Tigger the cat loves to horse around with his big pal, Annie – and play nuzzle the muzzle. Their unusual relationship is the talk of the barnyard at the Victoria, Australia, home of contractor Jack Bellman.

“Tigger is a nasty old cat, who will bite and hiss and scratch, but he just melts around Annie,” says Jack. The paddock

pals bonded immediately. The 3-year old feisty feline lives to jump on the rail fence for a tete-a-tete with 2-year old Annie.

“They have formed an incredible attachment,” says their owner. Tigger even sleeps in Annie’s food bin. Concludes an amazed Jack: “They are real buddies.”



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - CODE OF CONDUCT

How we will conduct ourselves with each other with the work we do:

1. We work as a team, together in the spirit of co-operation
2. We work with honesty and integrity, we act ethically and fairly
3. We work with respect for each other, and welcome and accept differences as well as commonalities
4. We have commitment to Save Equus, we strive for excellence and do our best
5. We embrace work with passion; a position of action and enthusiasm
6. We maintain consistency of our language as ethical, unemotional, unbiased language - no bad mouthing
7. Our behaviour is impeccable, unimpeachable and unsullied
8. We run events that are professional
9. We are positive in all communication and images; we work to turn negatives into positives
10. We maintain a responsible distance and detachment from the cruelty and neglect, while...
 ...We convey our caring and concern about that cruelty and neglect;
11. We are always objective in the advice we give to people who are asking for help
12. Our behaviour is in accordance with our priority values of Integrity, Caring and Sustainability
13. We guarantee confidentiality
14. We convey both short term solutions and long term views for better outcomes
15. We consider multi-faceted solutions and the larger picture in our approach in this way we seek holistic solutions to equine welfare situations
16. We are receptive to advice and feedback - denial and withdrawal from issues are just not acceptable
17. We take on only sustainable work and issues
18. We approach all issues with self control; analysis first and action second
19. We are outcome and achievement orientated
20. We always bring conflict into the open - deal with it to minimise it
21. We attend all meetings possible - no more than 3 consecutive meetings should be missed without explanation.

MEMBERS' PAGE

On this page we offer members the opportunity to advertise their equine-related products and services.

Terms and Conditions

- Save Equus Members = \$30.00 for 12 months/6 issues. Your ad will appear once payment has been received.
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