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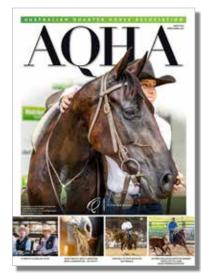


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Develop and implement procedures that ensure humane treatment of all horses and animals associated with the breed; Develop diverse educational programs, material and curriculum in order to position the Association as one of the leading organisations in the Australian Equine Industry; Record and preserve the pedigrees of the Australian Quarter Horse;

Maintain the integrity of the breed;

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2022 AQHA PRESIDENT REPORT - KIM JOHNSON

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS,

Start of our 2022 New Year is looking great, hopefully we can all get back some degree of normal, and enjoy showing our horses.

I feel that the number of breeders this year has increased, which will increase foal production, this will be a positive for us. Influences for this I feel are the bumper cattle prices, and huge horse sale prices in the cattle and timed events area.

AQHA is in a very good place, due to the consistent good management of our office and your Board of Directors. We have just witnessed the largest horse sale at the Nutrien Sale in Tamworth. Highest prices ever seen for Australian Registered Quarter Horses, moving forward AQHA will have a bigger foot print in this, we look forward to seeing the impact of this. We have some exciting events happening in the next few months, our National Show in April, the NCHA Futurity in June, our first Judging Convention happening in July. Our Youth Director Liz has been busy, our YWC Application forms are out , TRANS-TASMAN event coming up this year for our Youth and Amateurs, forms are out also. USA AMQHA Convention is at the end of February, we will be attending via zoom, not ideal but safer, as international boarders are only just opened up it was more practical. A full report of meeting will follow. I am getting lots of feed back from Members and breeders that they are excited to get back to showing in coming season 2022, this is exciting and adds to the confidence of the industries associated with AQHA. In January this year, the AQHA lost a valued member in Baillieu Myer at age 96 who was instrumental in the success of our breed in Australia. We offer our deepest condolences to the Myer family at this sad time. Make sure you read Gail Ritchie's Tribute to "Bails" the great horseman on page 12 of the AQHA magazine.

Thank you to the office, board of Directors and you the members. It has been a difficult time for all of us due to Covid, but we are getting back to Covid safe activities with in our industries, this is positive for the future of AQHA.

Stay safe and enjoy the ride.

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ATTENTION ALL AQHA JUDGES

Please put the weekend of the 30th and 31st July 2022 in your diaries for the AQHA Judging Convention, to be held at the Novotel Sydney International Airport.

The convention will commence at 10.00am on Saturday 30th and conclude 3.00pm Sunday 31st July.

AQHA members who are not currently judges but are interested in learning more are encouraged to attend. Stay tuned for more information or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office 0267626444.

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BAILLIEU (BAILS) MYER

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Australia and all of those who knew Baillieu Myer in the equine and livestock industries have suffered an immeasurable loss from his passing on Saturday, 22nd February, 2022 aged 96. He passed away at Elgee Park peacefully with his wife for 66 years Sarah by his side.

have read many tributes written about Bails which focus on his many business achievements, his philanthropy or what Bails preferred to be called a social or community investment, as well as being an agriculturalist and viticulturist. All of which he was, but he was so much more.

I have known Bails since 1968 when I first met him and Sarah at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Bails and his family came to the Block A Horse Pavilion to visit the King Ranch horses and to see the recently imported Clover Leaf horses that were at the show to perform cutting and cowhorse demonstrations. Both Bails and Sarah were foundation Councillors of the newly formed Australian Quarter Horse Association. Sarah's father was instrumental in the importation and development of Santa Gertrudis cattle breed and Quarter Horses in Australia. Bails became deeply involved in his father- in- law and wife's passions. He served as a Councillor and President of the AQHA and was instrumental in the success of the breed's introduction to Australia.

The Yulgilbar Quarter Horse Stud is celebrating it's 60th anniversary this year and Bails was very involved in organising the celebration activities. Throughout those 60 years Bails has supported Sarah in every aspect of their Quarter Horse Stud. Through those years as head of the Myer dynasty leading a demanding life in business, he never lost his love for the land and his wife and family. Sidney, Rupert and Samantha would religiously spend holidays with Sarah mustering at Yulgilbar when Bails would fly from Melbourne to land on the Clarence River only to spend a few days at a time.

Weekends were spent at Elgee Park, where again horses were the main activity until Bails decided to established the Morning Peninsula's first vineyard. This was his passion on "The Farm" and he spent days nurturing his vines as Sarah, Sid and Samantha and less so Rupert, rode horses.

Over the past 60 years Yulgilbar Quarter Horse Stud have bred nearly 800 horses all of which Sarah and Bails have supervised in some way. They were delighted to receive Hall of Fame Awards from the AQHA along with many horses they have bred. Winning the NCHA Futurity twice has also been a highlight of their 60 year breeding program. Despite many interests and proficiency in other sports, riding horses was not one that Bails had time to master. However, he never did faulter to support Yulgilbar Quarter Horses and his family. Not only did he support Yulgilbar Quarter Horses he also was generous in supporting the local, State and national AQHA and NCHA events through sponsorship.

In Bails latter years he spent more and more time on the land at Yulgilbar and Elgee Park. His quick wit, sense of humour and sage wisdom was nearly surpassed by his generous and inviting demeanour that he shared with all he met. I never saw him pass a person he knew at a horse show or cutting without having a chat. He loved singing the Yulgilbar song with Greg Anderson at his famous parties and telling jokes around the dinner table with friends. Most of all he loved Sarah and he loved his life. We who were lucky enough to spend time with Baillieu Myer can count ourselves as fortunate.

SIDNEY Baillieu "Bails" Myer, businessman, social investor, agriculturalist and viticulturist, has died aged 96. He was born in San Francisco on January 11, 1926 to Sidney Myer, retail entrepreneur and founder of the Myer Emporium, and his wife Merlyn Baillieu. Returning to Australia permanently in 1932, the Myer family settled at Cranlana in Toorak, where Bails and his three siblings grew up. During WWII, Bails enlisted in the Royal Australian Navy and rose to the rank of sub-lieutenant. He was aboard HMAS Pirie in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945, when Japanese officials signed the official surrender document on board the US battleship Missouri, marking the end of the war.

After the war, Bails spent one year studying commerce at The University of Melbourne before completing his studies at the University of Cambridge, where he attended Pembroke College, stroking the college's first eight, and graduated with a Masters of Arts, majoring in economics.

While he had worked as a boy in "the store", as the family called the Myer Emporium, he began his retailing career in earnest after graduating. He joined the Myer Emporium in 1949 and as part of his apprenticeship he spent time overseas studying retailing methods at Harrods in London and Macy's in New York.

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In 1950 he returned to Myer and was made an executive director in 1955.

That year he married Sarah Hordern, a member of the Hordern retailing family from Sydney. The couple had three children, Sidney, Rupert and Samantha, and enjoyed a happy marriage of 66 years. An avid sportsman, still skiing into his late 80s, Bails was a keen tennis player, swimmer and lifelong supporter of the Richmond Football Club.

Bails was influential in the Myer business from his earliest days in the organisation. He and his elder brother Ken believed the future for the retailer lay in the opening of suburban shopping centres to serve Melbourne's sprawling new suburbs.

Despite some reluctance from incumbent management, they commissioned research and pushed the idea, which was eventually accepted. The first suburban centre, Chadstone, was opened in 1960.

Through the 1960s, with Ken serving as managing director, the brothers successfully pushed their decentralisation agenda developing more suburban centres and expanding the Myer business nationally. In 1972, following the successful launch of Target, Bails stepped down from his executive position at Myer but remained on the board in a nonexecutive role. He was appointed non-executive chairman in 1978 following the retirement of his brother, Ken.

When the company was hit by a slump during a major recession in 1983, Bails was called back into executive management. He served as executive chairman and was instrumental in negotiating a successful merger with Coles. He then served as deputy chairman of Coles Myer from 1986 to 1994.



Bails also played a significant role in business outside the family retailer. He served as a director and chairman of National Mutual (1978- 1992) and had board positions with Cadbury Schweppes, Henry Jones, Elders IXL, The Commonwealth Bank, Ten Network Holdings and NM Rothschild and Sons. Inspired by his Russianborn father's desire to serve the community that had allowed him to prosper, Bails, in conjunction with his family, continued this work.

Using their philanthropic vehicle, the Sidney Myer Fund, they brought the Sidney Myer Music Bowl into existence in 1959. A landmark architectural work and music venue, it was a gift to the people of Victoria.

Bails preferred to be called a social or community investor rather than a philanthropist and it was an area in which he was very active. From 1958 to 2001, he served as a trustee of the Sidney Myer Fund.

With his brother, Ken, Bails also established The Myer Foundation in 1959. Bails served as vice chair and chair of The Myer Foundation between 1959 and 1995. He also served on the advisory board of the Salvation Army from 1987 until 1991.

With Sarah he shared a passion for rural pursuits, breeding Santa Gertrudis cattle and quarter horses on their properties at Grafton, NSW and Merricks North, Victoria. They established the first vineyard on the Mornington Peninsula at Elgee Park in 1972, the awardwinning Elgee Park Wines.

Bails is survived by wife Sarah, children Sidney, Rupert and Samantha, 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Rod Myer is the author of In Full Stride: The Life and Times of Baillieu (Bails) Myer.

A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR AS WE LOOK BACK ON NUTRIEN CLASSIC 2022

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Australia's leading campdraft competition and performance horse sale, the Nutrien Classic has once again exceeded expectations after a record-breaking year. The 11 day event wrapped up on Sunday 6 February, following the completion of the five day horse sale that followed on from the campdraft competition finals.





ith sales still under negotiation, the results published for the 2022 Classic have outdone any previous sales results in the event's 15-year history. The Classic horse sale has generated more than \$17.1 million,

surging past the 2021 gross of \$10.71 million. The average sales price was \$27,113.92, with a clearance rate of 92.31%.

Nutrien's Mark Barton said the team is thrilled with the events success.

"The event was established to showcase the performance horse industry and provide a platform for a quality performance horse sale. Over the years, we've faced various challenges whether it be drought, bushfires, or a global pandemic. 2022 has been no different, our team were able to deliver another outstanding event with high quality competition. The Nutrien Classic has gone from strength to strength as we've seen this year and will only continue to grow."

Topping this year's sale was the Willinga Park purchase of Bad in Black Q-94490 for \$550,000 on account of Holly Clayden from Loomberah Lodge Performance Horses. Other notable sales include the \$300,000 purchase of Terry and Christine Hall's Hazelwood Country Blues by Matthew Moy from Kooyong Pastoral Company; Peter and Shari Knudsen's purchase of Yaven Champagne Romance on account of John and Jenn Corbett for \$260,000; and Petes Pet Squirrel, on account of Donell Park Stud, who sold for \$190,000 to Koobah Performance Horses Pty Ltd.

Complementing the sale was the outstanding horsemanship and quality breeding on display during the campdrafting competition. Many riders competed for a share in \$400,000 worth of prizes – Australia's largest campdraft prize pool, and the winners were:

2022 Nutrien Equine Classic Campdraft Winner: Ben Hall from Muttaburra QLD, riding HUNTER VIEW CONMAZE, owned by Ben and Cheri Stanger, 266 points.

Prydes EasiFeed Australian Performance Horse Challenge Winner: Nathan Wilson, riding MITCHELLS CONTUCKY, owned by Darrin & Cathie Jones, 335 points.







2022 Martins Stock Haulage Open Campdraft Winner: Will Durkin, riding NONDA SOUTHERN CROSS, owned by Heather & David Pascoe, 269 points.

2022 4CYTE Masters Campdraft Winner: Ben Hall, riding MILLUNGERAS ALLEYCAT, owned by Lukas Roberts, 169 points.

2022 Dalgety Stallion Shootout Overall Winner: Ben Hall, riding SHEROS TRADITIONAL ACRES, owned by Andrew Sheridan, 205 points.

2022 Charlie Maher Memorial Young Guns Campdraft Winner: Will Edwards, riding PORTER, owned by Mac and Gayle Shann, 178 points.

2022 Coverdrive Dash For Cash Gelding Campdraft Winner: Dan Condon, riding ROYAL CROWN WHICKEY, owned by LE & CD Stewart, 89 points.

2022 Jimmy Matthews Memorial Ladies Dash For Cash Campdraft Winner: Kate Southern, riding EBS TOUCHMIASOMEMORE, owned by Kate Southern, 90 points. NCCA Champion Rider Title Campdraft Team/ Overall Individual Winner: Team ACA won the overall, with Ben Hall, riding CHISUMS CASH, 269 points to win the individual.

2022 Standardbred Campdraft Winner: Michael Wilson, riding MONIFIETH.

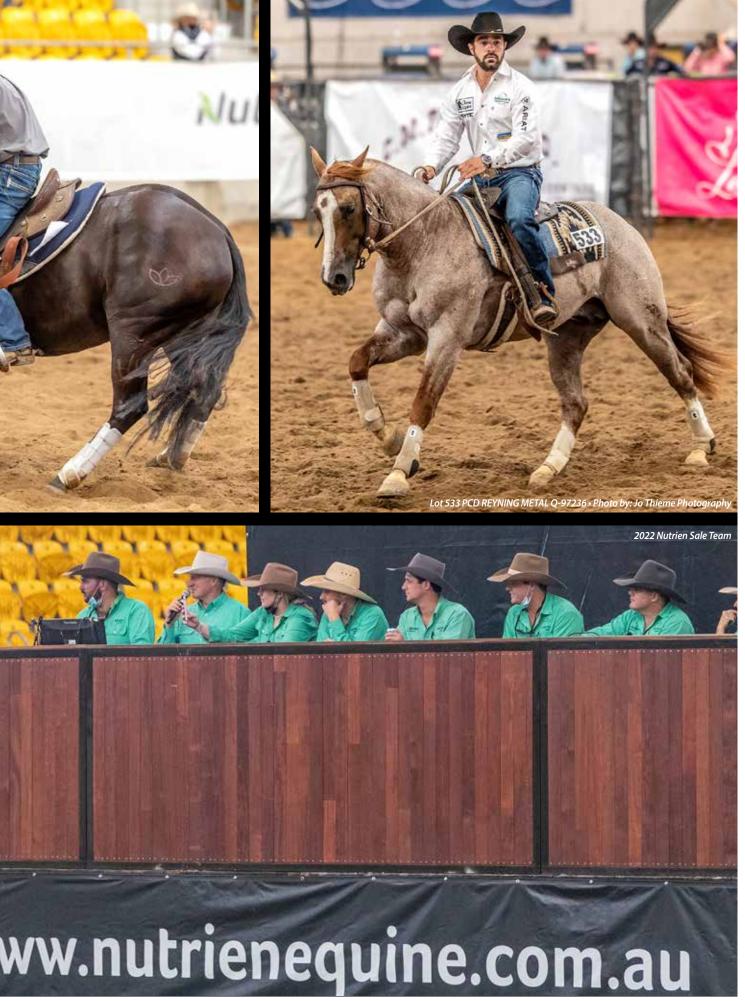
As in previous years, the Classic Ladies Foundation has gone above and beyond with their fundraising efforts, raising more than \$100,000. The funds were generated through the sale of the iconic Ladies Foundation caps, the Classic luncheon, charity auction and monster raffle. The group of women behind the Classic Ladies Foundation are located across Australia and come together for the event to give back to charities that advocate for causes impacting their community. This years' proceeds will be proudly donated to Bowel Cancer Australia and Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Ronald McDonald House Manager for Northern New South Wales, Rhiannon Curtis said "We're incredibly grateful for the donation from the Classic Ladies Foundation. The money received is the equivalent to one years' accommodation. It will be



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spread out nationally, providing relief for regional and rural families whose children are undergoing medical treatment."

In addition to smashing sales records, six former harness racing horses (standardbreds) were auctioned at the Nutrien Classic for the first time, as part of a new partnership between Nutrien Equine and the NSW Harness Racing Industry Standardbred Re-Homing Company. The partnership paired 6 standardbreds with professional trainers in the lead up to the Classic as an introduction to life after racing.

"Each of the trainers who have introduced these harness racing horses to their new life as a saddle horse have done a remarkable job," said Peter Nugent, Chairman of the



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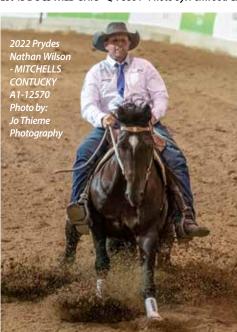
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The standardbreds were showcased in a freestyle event, utility work and campdraft before coming under the hammer. They are now headed to their new lives, some becoming working horses on a cattle station, and others joining riding schools in Southern NSW.

"It's great to promote the breed for their life after racing" Mr Barton said. "It's a great initiative and we will welcome it back in 2023."

To top off the record-breaking event, the 2022 Nutrien Classic Store Cattle Sale also exceeded expectations. The Tamworth Regional Livestock Exchange penned 5,700 head of cattle and 350 calves; making a gross total of \$13.8 million and the average price per head was \$2,420.

Nutrien Agent, Scott Simshauser said, "In its 12 years, the store sale has built a solid reputation. We saw cattle from across New South Wales and South-West Queensland come up for sale. Nutrien Equine

> 2022 Nutrien Equine Rey Denny Q-77262 \$500 Owners Incentive - Brodie Howe

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Attendees were overwhelmed by the quality of stock on offer, with many buyers securing premium lines of cattle. Top prices varied from \$2,920/head for Angus steers, \$4,075 for Pregnancy-Tested-In-Calf cows and a pen of cow and calf units sold for \$4,875."

"This event would not be possible without the ongoing support from so many people, organisations and sponsors. To all who attended; competitors, vendors, buyers or spectators, thank you for supporting our event that will be remembered in the history books as a record-breaking year," said Mark Barton.

"Make sure you save the date for 2023 as we're already looking forward to seeing you all for the 16th Nutrien Classic," concluded Mark.







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2022 Coverdrive Gelding Incentive Winner Dan Condon on Royal Crown Whiskey Q-91614 Photo by: Jo Thieme Photography



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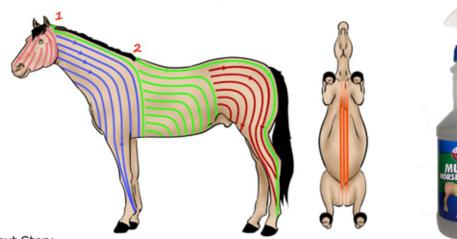
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THE AUSTRALIAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION HONOURS IAN FRANCIS WITH INDUCTION INTO THE HALL OF FAME FOR SETTING STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE ACROSS A BROAD SPECTRUM IN THE AUSTRALIAN QUARTER HORSE INDUSTRY BY EXTRAORDINARY PERSONAL EXAMPLE.



AUSTRALIAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

an has trained and shown Quarter Horses to become multiple winners in almost every competitive field in the Western tradition, and has been influential in the acceptance of Quarter Horse breeding as desirable in the campdrafting arena.

IAN'S ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE:-

An NCHA Hall of Fame Inductee An NRHA Rider Legend A Mitavite Living Legend An International Reining Council World Cup Champion

HE HAS TRAINED:-

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The complete list of his successes with Quarter Horses is aweinspiring.

Ian has always been an exemplary winner and philosophical loser – in either case, generous and helpful to fellow competitors. Top horsemen who were guided by and/or trained under him early in their careers and who went on to become rivals include Ken May, Mick Connolly, Raelene Higgins, Frank Greene, Melissa Rudd, Rick Tranter, Glen Wyse, Jedd Cameron, Paul Pownall, Dale Bennett, Shane Massingham, Gina Eddie, Damien Curr and John Arnold.

He has also helped encourage youth. His stables are always open and free to young people wanting to gain knowledge and experience. Ian has presided over 'umpteen' free youth clinics, including annual half-day clinics for youth at the AQHA Nationals. He has been generous in supplying horses for youth events and has trained a NZ Youth Team. Young AQHA riders helped by Ian include Melissa Deans (now Rudd), Fleur Falconer, James Hazeldean, Lani Fender, Zoe Wharten, Marie Albury, Christine van den Bosch and Nerida Cole.

An AQHA, HSAA and NRHA Judge, his services in the arena have been considerable.

Ian's contribution to the Quarter Horse industry has also included an on-going series of clinics on Horsemanship, Halter, Western Pleasure, Trail, Reining, Working Cowhorse, Cutting and Campdrafting in all the Australian mainland States as well as in the United States, Fiji and New Zealand.

He has promoted Quarter Horse excellence annually by the quality presentation of quality horses at the Rockhampton Quarter Horse sales, adding value to the breed by achieving very high top prices and consistently high averages. He is generally credited with lifting Rockhampton into its top place amongst Quarter Horse sales in Australia.



Apart from breeding excellent horses himself (The Equalizer, Hoodoo Voodoo – both out of the leading dam he also bred, Doc's Lyric) his advice to breeders, often sought, is always given with the benefit of the breed as his top criteria. His refusal to make recommendations to flatter or to further any other consideration has not always won him friends – but it has led to the production of horses which excel at the job for which they were bred.

Ian is a fine horseman and a great Australian, has proved you can start life with little and still make it to the top with hard work, high standards and a positive attitude.

Ian was born at Maryborough, Queensland on 28th June, 1945, the only son of a Maryborough carpenter, the late Snow Francis and his wife, Ella. He was educated at the local State Schools. He did not start riding until he was 11 years old when he got a part-time job helping out on a dairy farm. As a teenager he watched and worked with Barry Whitaker of Maryborough,



AUSTRALIAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

whose style and feel for horses caught his imagination and made him aware that *"there was more to horsemanship than basic transportation"*.

Ian graduated to Rodeo where, for 12 years, he made a name for himself riding bareback, saddle broncs and bulls.

While working on various Central Queensland cattle properties he moved on to Campdrafting. When the beef industry was in recession, he took the opportunity to manage John and Jenny Kingston's Kolora Quarter Horse Stud. There his knowledge and appreciation of the Quarter Horse breed was fine tuned. Ian credits much of his philosophy and attitude to life to John's influence at that time.

In 1980 he set up the Ian Francis Training Stables in a picturesque valley at Widgee outside Gympie, Queensland where, with Lexi Plath, he built and has maintained a reputation for presenting consistently well-trained horses in top condition for competition or for sale. Ian never fails to acknowledge the important role Lexi has played in the success of the outfit. Among many others who have figured in his rise to fame, Ian lists four key men. Along with Barry Whitaker and John Kingston, there was Lee Reborse, a Nevadan who moved to Rockhampton ("an excellent competitor specially in Reining and Working Cowhorse, a mild-mannered and very giving man") and top Australian horseman, John Stanton ("his advice and attitudes to competition and life in general greatly affected my thinking").

Ian Francis has made some several trips to the USA and Canada. Highlights were representing Australia at World Cups in both countries and winning the Open division of the International Reining Council's World Cup in Toronto in 1992. Among great horses trained and campaigned by Ian over the years have been King's Gaiety, King's Charge, Gold Astral, NBD King Poco Bar, Kings Gold, Dans Lady Cylip, Kolora Lunar Lady, D-Bar Paint Your Wagon, Kolora Classic, Murrumbo Fiona, BS Mingo's Lucero, Vogue O'Lena, The Equalizer, Spindle, Doc's Desert Rose, Doc's Wild Orchid, Amaroo Rock n Return, Pillamindi Roc, Doc's Kylie Anne, Riverholme Royal Oak, Doc's Gold Dude, Nonda Tall Poppy, Donrice Conchite, Yarrango Reggae, Nonda Nightbird, Havenville Crackshot, Jaylo Bushman, Whisp O'Lena and Star Carousel.



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AQHA SPONSORED NUTRIEN CLASSIC CAMPDRAFT - 5TH PLACE

HAZELS GIFT A1-13389

\$1,000 AQHA OWNERS INCENTIVE - MAC & GAYLE SHANN

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AQHA Owners Incentive Award recipients, Mac and Gayle Shann, of Cantaur Park, Clermont, can't speak highly enough of the 4yo chestnut mare, Hazels Gift. They purchased the extremely cowy filly as a 2yo, from Beaudesert Vet, David Ahern, through the 2020 Nutrien Sale, for \$56K.

red by 'Marshall Welsh Family Asset Trust', Hazel was ridden by Mac Shann, and competed as a 3yo to place 10th last year in the Nutrien Classic. However, this year, the 4yo ran a 91 & 89 and led going into the final with a 180, but dropped the yard and got a smaller score to end up placing 5th overall. Gayle says that Hazel's an outstanding type with plenty of size about her.

'The amount of cowiness she displays is incredible, and one of the best things we did was spending that money to buy her. Had she gone through either of the last two Nutrien sales, we probably wouldn't have been able to afford her.'

Hazel is sired by Seligman Spin Q-43083, and her dam, the highly credentialed Annie's Gift FM25586 (ASH), is by Conman out of an Acres Destiny Q-38961 mare, Otfordvalley Annie, who placed 2nd in the Nutrien Classic when she was a 3yo.

'We saw Hazel's potential early, embryoing her as a 3yo.' Gayle says. 'We have her 4 month old, One Moore Daddy colt on the ground now, on a recipient mare, one of the nicest foals we've ever bred, and we have two embryos in recipient mares. Mac competed in the Classic on Hazel the last two years, and was kicking himself this year, because he doesn't think he'll have the opportunity to go in with the top score again, and with decent cattle. But Hazel's an exceptional individual, so we just hope she draws a couple of decent cows next year.'

The Shanns have conflicting ideas on Hazel's future, with Gayle thinking she needs a fair bit of time off after some big hard runs while so young, then maybe a few Futurity runs later in the year. Mac, however, is keen to have some Futurity runs on Hazel as soon as their Campdraft year kicks into gear.

'She'll most probably do the odd Futurity, and head back into the Classic for her last shot at it. After that, we'll be embryoing her every year, and competing with her.'



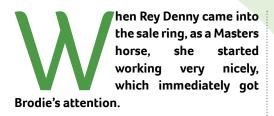
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REY DENNY Q-77262

\$500 OWNERS INCENTIVE - BRODIE HOWE

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Brodie Howe originally went to 2021 Nutrien Sale looking to buy a roan Quarter horse gelding, but ended up purchasing Rey Denny, a chestnut, and a mare at that, from Sandy & Paul Webb.



'I'd heard her name before, as a cutter, and noticed that she was very smart and stylish in the way she worked,' Brodie recalls. 'So I liked her even more. She worked sensationally, never putting a foot wrong, and never once letting the cow beat her. She was a very cool horse to watch, and I liked her sire, who was well-known for his very chilled, easy-going progeny. I eventually parted with just over 28K to take home Rey Denny, my first purebred Quarter horse!'

Initially, as Denny had only ever done Cutting, Brodie decided that as she'd bought a Cutting horse, she was going to go Cutting, and even did one small event with her, which they won. But Brodie admits honestly, that she had really no idea about Cutting, having always been in the Stock horse side of things, with showing and Campdrafting. So she sent Denny down to Morgan Webb, at Cootamundra, in early January, 2022. Brodie says that Morgan worked Denny on the bison he had, just to get her chasing them around a bit, adding that with the training and drafting side of things, she only worked with the bison, and only had about 3 weeks preparation with Morgan, prior to the Nutrien event. When Morgan commented on how easy Denny was to work with, Brodie quickly decided that he'd be the one to ride her in the 2022 Nutrien Masters Campdraft Event.

'Denny is my first Nutrien Sale purchase, and this year's event was her first Nutrien event,' Brodie explains. 'It was also her first time out of the gate, her first time in the camp, and her first time around the pegs!! So, we were obviously very shocked, but so excited with the result! I'm so proud of their success in this event! Denny put in an amazing effort and in her first ever Campdraft, she went home from the 2022 Nutrien Classic Masters with a 1st in the first round, won the cut-out and got an equal 2nd in the finals! Denny's an awesome little horse, and she's got me hooked on the breed. I don't think I'll buy anything else. I thank Morgan for the outstanding effort he put in with Denny.'



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BRADLEYS ROMANCED A1-12759

\$1000 BREEDERS INCENTIVE - RUSS & REBECCA BRADLEY

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Exhibiting lovely conformation, a beautiful length of rein and a sweet temperament, Bradleys Romanced is a lovely 2016 bay mare, by Hazelwood Conman FS-22426.

reeders, Russ and Rebecca Bradley of R & R Livestock, purchased her dam, Hazelwood Romantic Acres, as a yearling, from Terry & Christine Hall.

'I trained and competed on Romantic Acres as a Novice mare, until we bred her to Conman,' Russ Bradley says. 'From that breeding we got the lovely Bradley's Romanced. She grew nicely, was broken in and I rode her for about 12 months. We sold her for 30K, as a 3yo, to Tania and Phillip Curr, through the 2020 Nutrien Sale. I talked with Phillip and said Romanced needed to go out and do a bit more work and mustering. So, Philip got her going, did a lot of mustering, a bit of slow work and some cutting out, before sending her over to Will Durkin, about a week before the draft. Her first start was at the Classic where she ran a 90 in the first round, then an 88 and eventually came 3rd overall.'

Russ says that her dam, Hazelwood Romantic Acres has always been a beautiful, kind, soft mare, and everyone likes her. She's also a full sister to Hazelwood Mantic, a stallion that many people know. Both mother & daughter, Russ explains, are equally kind, nice flatrunning mares that really stretch out and very cowy horse. 'Romanced was the type that really just needed a bit more of that steady work, prior to competing, and Philip did a really good job with her, got her going, did that extra work and put in the bigger miles on her. So, I think with the three parties that had her, myself, Philip Curr and Will Durkin—it all just worked.'

Russ says that Romanced is going to grow out into a big mare and she'll be very competitive, and by the time she's 7 or 8yo, she'll be a good one. The Bradley's are pleased to also have Romanced's full-sister to look forward to.

'From a breeder's perspective,' Russ concludes. 'I really think this sale works in a very beneficial way. You know, to breed and then sell a horse and it falls into the right hands, gains a good rider, the mare performs, and we're pretty sure she's going to perform in the future that's very good, and it's exactly the situation you're looking for, as the breeder. We're proud of this mare—we bred her right and she went to a really nice family who we've now become friends with. We keep in touch, and it's just been a good all round experience for everyone, and we appreciate that.'



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TIMES UP Q-75580

\$1000 OWNERS INCENTIVE - PETER & JACINTA SHUMACK

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TIMES UP Q-75580 HAD A SUCCESSFUL WEEK D THE 2022 NUTRIEN CAMPDRAFT PLACING SECOND IN THE DALGETY STALLION SHOOT OUT AND SECOND IN THE MARTINS STOCK HAULAGE OPEN.

he Stallion has been the quiet achiever since he arrived in Australia in April 2013. Peter & Jacinta Shumack searched for a Sire to replace 'Racketeer Cat' (Q-51703) (IMP) and put over their 'Racketeer Cat' Mares. Friend, Eddie Flynn, had shown the Dam 'Boon San Kitty (USA-3955171)' and told the couple about Times Up Q-75580, he was purchased through a Fort Worth Sale in late 2012, and then went into quarantine in preparation for the journey to his new home.

Arriving in Tamworth one month before the NCHA Futurity he went straight into training. Times Up Q-75580 was the NCHA Reserve Champion Non-Pro Classic Challenge that year. He went on to win the Toowoomba and Victorian Non-Pro where he was Classics/ Challenge Champion. The following year in 2014 winning the North Star Non-Pro Classic Challenge. He also carried Matilda to an NCHA Youth Title in 2015 and won and placed in many numerous Cutting events.

Starting his Campdraft training in 2016 with Mike Cole from NEBO, Times Up went onto win the 2016/2017 ACA Rookie Horse of the Year and the Novice Horse of the year. He placed 3rd overall in the Open Campdraft at the ACA Finals held in Clermont. An excellent achievement for a young horse! Times Up Q-75580 spent the 2016/2017 breeding season at home in Tamworth, then returned to Mike for another successful Campdraft season.

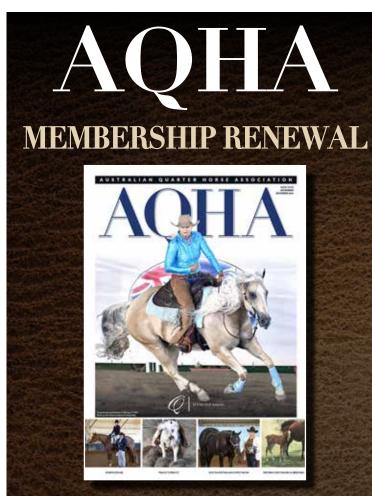
Initially, Hugh could only ride Times Up Q-75580 at Condamine. Still, after his performance there Hugh wanted to ride him at Warwick, and they made the final of the Stallion Campdraft, from then on concentrating on the bigger Campdrafts. 'He has the foot speed to get him there and the ability to control his beast.'

In 2019 Times Up Q-75580 won a round at the prestigious Willinga Park Campdraft. Last year at the Nutrien Campdraft, Times Up Q-75580 ran a 93 in the Stallion Draft's first round. Just recently in November 2020, the Stallion won the 1st round of the Open Draft at Coolah with a 91 point run taking home \$5,000 and the cutout prize of \$500.

Times Up Q-75580 sister Boon San Bunny, sold for \$400,000 at the NCHA Futurity sale Fort Worth TX Dec 2020.

Providing a Sire to the Campdraft breeders Times Up Q-75580 has been diverse in the industry, capturing the Rodeo competitors' eye, including Barrel Race and Rope & Tie competitors.





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483140	SHARON FULLER, WA.		
483230	KATHRYN PRIOL, NSW		
483176	LAURA WALKER, VIC.		
483259	LILLY D. HERZER, QLD.		
483294	KAYLA PIENAAR, QLD.		
483442	PAULA CAMPBELL, SA		
483382	BRIAN VAUGHAN, QLD		
483436	SABINA WEBER, NSW		
483428	RACHEL BELL, SA.		
483554	DUCKY BROWN, QLD.		
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To 'EAT LIKE A HORSE' means to have a very big appetite! Horses eat large amounts of food and they like to eat all the time. Horses are also not particularly concerned about their weight. But, being overweight is as problematic for horses as it is for humans and the underlying causes are often the same — too many calories and not enough exercise. Left unchecked, excess weight can lead to some serious veterinary conditions. Horse obesity is a major health and welfare issue. Regardless of their age, horses that are overweight are at higher risk of overheating and poor performance, laminitis, tendon and joint issues.

besity can also have significant consequences for mares and their offspring. Mares that are too forward in condition are more likely to suffer from laminitis during pregnancy, 'run milk' before foaling and

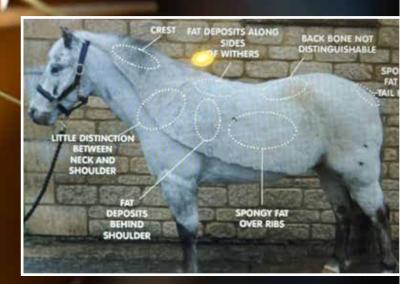
their foals have an increased incidence of developmental orthopaedic diseases such as bone cysts and OCD.

IS MY HORSE OVERWEIGHT, FAT, OR EVEN OBESE?

Surveys in Europe, North America, Australia and New-Zealand variously indicate that 2% - 72% of horses are considered overweight and 1 - 19% are considered obese. It has also been shown that horse owners consistently underestimate the body condition of their horses, the researchers noted. Several methods are available to help determine if your horse is overweight. If more than one of these methods indicates your horse is overweight, work with an equine veterinarian to plan a body weight loss program.

BODY CONDITION SCORE (BCS)

Similar to humans, horses tend to deposit fat in specific areas. The BCS evaluates fat deposits under the horse's skin in six areas: the crest of the neck, withers, behind the shoulder, along the back/topline, over the rib area and at the tail head (TABLE 1 FIGURE 1).



The Henneke scale was developed for pregnant Quarterhorse mares and ranges from 1 (very poor/ emaciated) to 9 (extremely fat). By palpation (ie feeling with your figures the depth and 'squishiness' of fat) and visual assessment, a numerical value is assigned based on the fat accumulated in all six areas (Table 1). A score of 4-6 is ideal and of 7-9 is overweight to obese.

FIGURE 1.

TABLE 1. THE HENNECKE BODY CONDITION SCORING (BCS) SYSTEM

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				processes	identified;	
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					pin bones	
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					Prominence	
					depends on	~
4: Moderately	Faint outline	Neck not obviously	Withers not	Negative crease	conformation;	Shoulder no obviously
Thin	discernible	thin	obviously thin	along back	fat can be felt;	thin
					hook bones not discernible	
	Ribs cannot be				noverseemore	
	visually		Withers		Fat around	Shoulder
5: Moderate	distinguished,	Neck blends smoothly into body	rounded over	Back level	tailhead	blends
	but can be easily	smoothly into body	spinous process		beginning to feel spongy	smoothly into body
	felt					
6: Moderately	Fat over ribs	Fat beginning to be	Fat beginning to	May have slight positive crease	Fat around tailhead feels	Fat beginning to
Fleshy	feels spongy	deposited	be deposited	down back	soft	be deposited
	Individual ribs	Tet dependent along	Tet densited	May have	Fat around	
	can	Fat deposited along	Fat deposited	positive	tailhead	Fat deposite
7: Fleshy	be felt, but	neck	along withers	crease down	is soft	behind
-	noticeable filling between		Ū.	back		shoulder
	ribs with fat					
		Noticeable thickening	Area along	Positive crease		Area behind
		souccable unexenting	withers	down		
	Difficult to feel ribs	of neck; fat deposited	filled with fat	back	Tailhead fat very soft	shoulder filled in
8: Fat	1108	-			very soft	flush with
8: Fat						body
8: Fat		along inner buttocks				
8: Fat	Patchy fat	-		Obvious	Building fat	
	Patchy fat appearing	along inner buttocks Bulging fat; fat along		positive	Building fat around	
9: Extremely		-	Bulging fat	positive crease down		Bulging fat
	appearing	Bulging fat; fat along	Bulging fat	positive	around	Bulging fat

CRESTY NECK SCORE (CNS)

'The CNS a similar tool, however it assesses the neck. This is not to be confused with a fit horse that has developed the muscles of the top-line of the neck and back. Increased fat deposits along the neck of horses and ponies are associated with insulin resistance and equine metabolic syndrome. A CNS of 2 is ideal. A score of 3 or greater is a cresty neck and the horse is likely to be overweight and prone to metabolic disorders.

Consider taking photos and discussing with your vet.

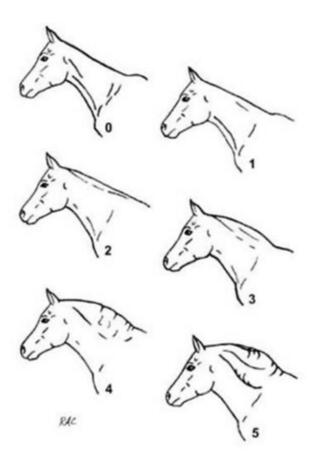
Accuracy of both the BCS and CNS depends on knowledge of the scoring system, and repeated assessment of the horse by the same, trained person. If you're not sure about your horse's neck score, consider taking photos and discussing with your vet.

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IS MY HORSE JUST FAT, AN 'EASY-KEEPER' - OR IS SOMETHING ELSE GOING ON?

Excess body weight may be due to simple overfeeding for the amount of exercise or it may be due to an actual disease condition. Insulin resistance is increasingly recognized as a problem in horses, as well as humans. People and horses that have insulin resistance become less sensitive to insulin's effects. You'll recognize these horses as 'easy keepers' - you know, the ones that you don't have to feed very much. Anytime a horse or pony has a higherthan-normal blood insulin there is a risk for developing



laminitis. Fat cells are capable of producing hormones that promote insulin resistance and obesity is a cause as well as an effect of insulin resistance.

PREGNANT MARES: Insulin resistance is a normal part of pregnancy and occurs at around 28 weeks gestation. The mare becomes insulin resistant so blood glucose can be diverted to the growing foal. Fatter mares are more insulin resistant than normal mares by late gestation. A diet high in sugar and starch exacerbates the insulin resistance of pregnancy and increases the risk of hoof problems and sub-clinical and clinical laminitis in pregnant mares. Feeding a diet rich in fibre and fat allows for adaptation of glucose metabolism to pregnancy and lactation.

Mares that are overweight at the time of insemination have foals with more osteochondrosis lesions from birth to 18 months of age. Although there is no difference in birth weight or subsequent growth, insulin resistance is greater in foals at 6 and 18 months of age. By 18 months of age, 30% foals of obese mares had OCD lesions, compared to 10% of foals from normal mares.

Broodmares that are too forward in condition are more likely to 'run milk' before foaling – reducing the supply of protective colostrum to the newborn foal. If there is significant milk loss (constant and considerable dripping and streaming of milk) the vital first milk (colostrum) will be lost before the foal can ingest it. This alone could be life-threatening to the foal (failure of passive transfer).

FOALS AND WEANLINGS Gains in height and body weight are linked to bone and joint problems in young

horses. Foals at risk for hock osteochondrosis (OCD) are heavier at 15 days and 8 months of age. Those at risk for stifle OCD are heavier at 25 days and 4 months of age. Studies on the growth and body composition of Quarter Horse foals found height increased by 25cm but fat thickness only by 0.6cm between birth and weaning. The mares milk provides the nutrients the foal needs until it is 2 to 3 months old. Foals do not need to have access to the mares feed before this age due to the risk of higher body weight gains and fat deposition.

PERFORMANCE HORSES Fat covers the horse's body like a blanket, similar to a blubber layer in seals and walruses – and fat on the outside is matched by fat on the inside. This makes it extra hard to get rid of body heat. An overheated or dehydrated horse won't perform well and can get into serious trouble with heat stroke/stress. Fatter horses are carting around a weight handicap - one BCS = around 17kg! This is also a disadvantage in competition, slowing the horse down, making it harder for jumpers to get off the ground, for dressage horses to achieve suspension and for barrel horses to execute tight turns. Joints, tendons and ligaments are under heavy strain

MANAGING BODY WEIGHT

1. Reduce sugars in the horse's diet - remove molassesbased feeds, grains and grain by-products (including extruded and pelleted feeds that contain bran, pollard, millrun etc). Beet pulp is a good feed for horses needing extra energy for work or lactation. It has as much energy as grains but doesn't affect blood insulin. Don't feed grain to horses that don't need it, and if they do need grain, feed it after exercise, not early in the morning. For the overweight horse, grain is absolutely not needed.

2. Feed frequent small meals - this mimicks natural grazing and doesn't result in dramatic and damaging spikes in blood glucose and insulin that occur when fewer, larger meals are served.

3. Restrict grazing – pasture can be really high in sugar. Levels rise through the day reaching maximum levels at sundown. The safest time for grazing is between 3am and midday. Grazing muzzles, strip grazing or mixed grazing with sheep or cattle are other ways to reduce horses sugar intake from grass. Some horses may not be able to have any pasture until their insulin levels are regulated.

See www.jenquine.com/laminitis for more information and tips on grazing.

4. Maintain mineral and protein intakes. Microminerals such as copper, manganese, zinc, selenium and iodine are essential to metabolism, provide a complete and balanced supplement that meets the horse's minimum requirements. Ensuring an adequate source of quality protein is important to preserve muscle mass during weight loss.



5. Don't let your horse become fat. If your horse gains weight easily, act early to keep a healthy weight. Obesity is a cause and an effect of insulin resistance. Keep horses at a healthy weight a BCS < 6 and a CNS < 3. A horse with a lower BCS score can still have a cresty neck, an indication of insulin troubles. Yourvet can perform tests to diagnose this.

6. Feed hay with low levels of sugars Oat and grass hays have more sugar than lucerne, clover hay has lots of sugar. Soaking hays before feeding and replacing some hay with beet pulp, straw and soy hulls, using nibble nets and slow feeders all help reduce sugar intake. Start with hay at 1.5% of bodyweight, reducing to 1.25% if necessary.

7. Be patient - it may take several months to arrive at your target weight and condition score. After some initial improvements, your horse may plateau, so revisit the feeding and exercise programs to make additional changes.

8. Think about calories first: A mature horse will lose weight and condition when the number of calories it consumes is less than the number of calories it uses. It isn't healthy to starve a horse into weight loss. Although overweight horses are at risk for numerous health problems, they can also face health problems from losing body weight too quickly. The right combination of diet and exercise is needed.

9. Understand where calories come from: The horse consumes calories from its pasture, hay and concentrate feed (such as a sweet feed). Most people underestimate the importance of hay and pasture in the horse's diet. If hay and pasture are good quality and abundant, they can contribute the majority of the calories that a horse needs!

10. Dealing with feeding-time frenzy: Some horses become extremely agitated when other horses get concentrate and they don't. Feed a fat horse a small amount (150 - 300grams) of a low sugar, high-protein, high mineral feed (such as Jenquine all-4-feet®) at at the same time the other horses get their regular concentrate. This could be less palatable than sugary sweet concentrates, and it may take the horse a few days to adapt, but most horses eventually do!

11. Find ways to help your horse burn more calories: Putting a young active horse with a sedentary fat horse may stimulate him to move around more. Turning stabled horses into dry lots for several hours a day can increase their activity. In a paddock, put hay and water away from fence lines, gates, resting places (and each other) to encourage movement.

12. Exercise: Restricting calories and increasing exercise is key to weight loss. Neither done alone is as effective as a combination of the two. Before starting an ambitious exercise program, have a veterinarian and a farrier evaluate your horse to make certain there is no underlying disease or lameness. If your horse is sound and gets the 'all clear', you can start with lunging 10 minutes a day at a trot for a week, then increase to 15 minutes.

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You can start with lunging 10 minutes a day at a trot for a week, then increase to 15 minutes at a trot for the second week, and progressively increase the duration until you reach about 45 minutes at least a few times a week. The benefits of exercise on glucose metabolism last about 24 hours. If it's not possible to exercise your horse every day, 3 to 5 times a week will still be helpful.

13. Pregnant mares need protein, not energy In the last months of pregnancy mares need more minerals and protein. Many people think the pregnant mare needs grains and sweet feeds containing molasses and grain by-products, to be certain all the needs of the mare and foal. Hay and/or pasture usually meet all the mare's energy needs. However, supplementation with essential amino acids, vitamins and minerals is vitally important during the last 4 months. Broodmares should be on a high protein/fibre, oil-enriched,

mineral-balanced diet and maintained at an optimal body condition (BCS = 5 to 6) during pregnancy. Hay or a hay substitute is probably the only form of energy intake required. Supplementation with a ration balancer is important. Success of long-term dietary control of metabolic system relies on the elimination of feeds rich in nonstructural carbohydrates. Removal of grain, sweet feeds, restricted access to pasture, and a diet based on grass hay is required.

14. Magnesium deficiency has been shown to be associated with insulin resistance and is a possible underlying

unifying mechanism of the insulin resistance found in a number of metabolic conditions. It is prudent to ensure that maintenance requirements are met.

Some horses are born with a genetic predisposition to weight gain - how we manage feed and exercise determines whether those genetics lead to problems. As we understand more about the impact that obesity on animal health, it is imperative that we strive to keep our horses at an optimum body condition.

Success of long-term dietary management relies on the elimination of feeds rich in starch and sugar. Removal of grain, sweet feeds, restricted access to rich pasture, and a diet based on grass/lucerne hay balanced for minerals, vitamins and amino acids, is the ideal way forward.



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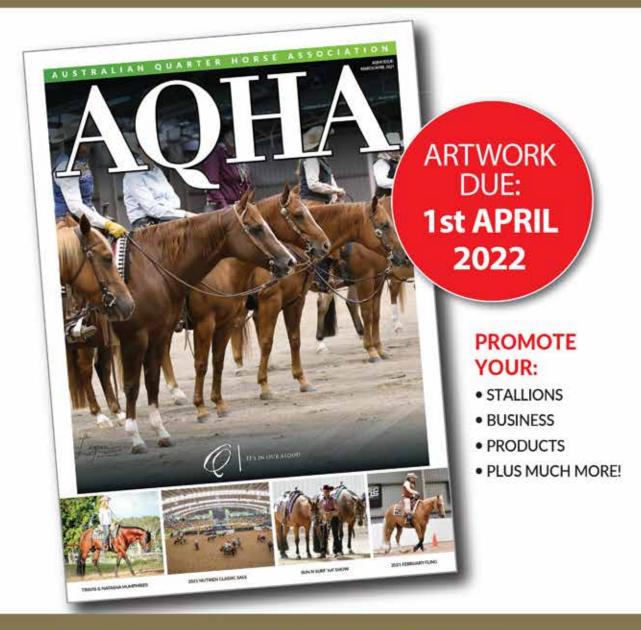
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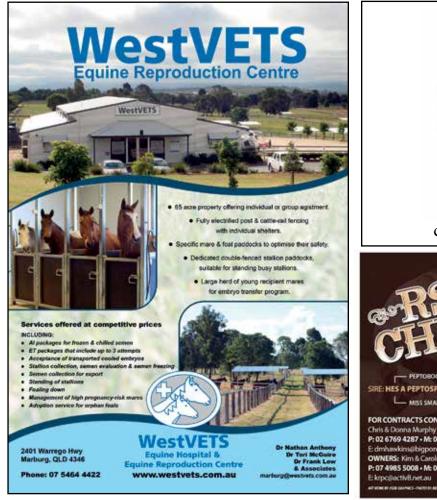
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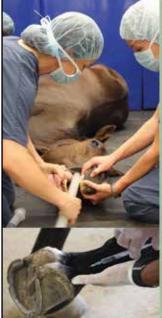
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