

Pony Express

BENDIGO PONY CLUB

FEBRUARY 2011



BENDIGO PONY CLUB RIDERS QUALIFY FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to:

Sally Dwyer-2nd emergency grade2 dressage team and 1st emergency C grade show jumping team.

Ella Knight-grade2 dressage team

Angela Goudge- grade2 dressage team

Jaclyn Long- 1st emergency grade 2 dressage team

Morgan Marshall- grade 3 dressage team

Maddison Maud- 1st emergency grade 3 dressage team

Britt Holmberg- B grade show jumping team.



The State Show jumping and Dressage championship are to be held at Elcho Park Lara on February 27th. Good luck to all our riders who will be representing our club and the Midland Zone

Happy Birthday

February:

2nd: Shelby Thompson

11th: Tori Faull

11th: Emma Lea



CAPTION COMPETITION



WHAT IS THIS LITTLE FELLA SAYING TO HIS MUM?

Email your entries to:

“Caption Competition”

bendigoponyclub@gmail.com.au”

The best entry will win a beautiful polar fleece throw rug.

The winner will be announced in the March newsletter



D.Cs Report February 2011

Hi All,

It was impossible to watch the images of the floods in Queensland and not be affected by what you saw. I had already organised a horse trials clinic at Mandurang just before the flooding started so it was an easy decision to donate all proceeds from this clinic to Equine flood relief in Queensland. Thank you to those of you who have offered your help in the canteen and to Mandurang South Pony club for donating the use of the club grounds for the clinic.

Then many parts of Victoria were adversely affected by flood waters so at our February rally our riders will be collecting sponsorship for the jumps they jump in Liam's lesson and these funds will be donated to Victorian flood relief.

Congratulations to all our riders who competed at the Zone qualifiers for the State dressage and show jumping championships held in December, hosted by our section at Huntly/ Spring Gully grounds. Best of luck to all Midland Zone riders who qualified to compete at the Championships. Your club is proud of you!!!

It was great to see many Bendigo Pony Club riders competing on the Pony Club Day at the recent Melbourne Summer Royal horse show. The classes were huge and the standard of competition was very high.... what a wonderful achievement just to be there. Well done to Ella Knight and Louis who competed in the Special Event for Pony club combinations and placed 6th. I got a little tear, Ella!

The club calendar is in this month's newsletter with all rally, clinic and club competition dates clearly marked. All our favourite instructors will be teaching at the club throughout the year. I hope riders and their families have an enjoyable year with the club in 2011.

Happy horsing,

Sue



!!!!NEWS FLASH!!!!

C certificate nominations close February 20th

Contact your DC if you would like to sit for your C certificate

EVERY BENDIGO PONY CLUB FAMILY NEEDS TO HELP IN THE CANTEEN AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. THE FAMILIES ROSTERED ON IN FEBRUARY ARE:

FAULL, MORRISSEY, HARVEY

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO HELP WHEN YOU ARE ROSTERED ON IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT ANOTHER FAMILY TO FILL IN FOR YOU



If you are rostered on you will:

- Need to be at the canteen at **9.30am**. This allows you time to help your child prepare for gear check
- Need to stay in the canteen consistently until about **2.30pm**. You won't get to see much of your child at this rally but it is only one rally per year 😊

Your duties will include:

- take lunch orders,
- food preparation for orders taken,
- serving of ordered lunches
- cooking of the bbq,
- selling drinks, lollies cakes etc,
- clean up after lunch

DID YOU KNOW??????

FACT 1

In the picture this horse is doing what is called *flehmen*. This is seen more in males than females, especially stallions. Flehmen is known to be a way to direct scents in the air to specialized olfactory glands at the end of the nasal passage.



FACT 2

HORSE'S TEETH TAKE UP MORE SPACE IN THEIR HEAD THAN THEIR BRAIN.

ADULT MALES GENERALLY HAVE 40 TEETH, ADULT FEMALES HAVE 36.



The Word on Worms

With the colder weather and rain in some parts of the world at the moment, now is the time to watch out for a nasty, often fatal, worm-caused condition known as Larval Cyathostomosis. Most people, even vets, and sad to say a whole host of websites, recommend deworming based on 1960s and 1970s conditions. In those days, the dangerous horse worm was the large strongyle (*Strongylus vulgaris*). Worming treatment targeted this worm, but with the advent of ivermectin which kills immature and adult stages of this worm, it is no longer a problem. These worms are even easier to control as they have a long Pre-Patent Period (that is, the time between infection and the first appearance of eggs) of at least 6 months, which means that once an effective wormer is given on one occasion, a whole pre-patent period needs to run its course before eggs can infect the environment.

The killer worm these days is the small strongyle (*cyathostome*). However, this worm requires an entirely different type of treatment than the large strongyle.

Why are they nasty? First let's consider what they do. As little as 6 hours after the horse eats them, they encyst in the intestinal walls. They can stay like this from anything to a few months to a few years. No deworming product except moxidectin (Equest/Quest) or fenbendazole (Panacur 100) can touch these encysted worms at all - ivermectin cannot do anything to them at all, it is 100% ineffective.

Deworming with a product which is not moxidectin or fenbendazole kills the non encysted small strongyles and they pass out of the horse. This can be dangerous if a horse has a large burden of encysted small strongyles. The reason is that the dewormer kills the non encysted worms, so the horse's body gives the encysted ones the signal to emerge in large numbers, and as they burst through the lining of the intestine they bring with them their highly toxic accumulated waste products. The condition this causes is known as Larval Cyathostomosis and in the acute cases is often fatal. The onset can be rapid, but in milder cases, the horse will show colic, loss of appetite, and diarrhea.

Many so-called "mysterious" cases of colic, or deaths attributed to by default to snakebite, are in fact due to Larval Cyathostomosis. It is often misdiagnosed as gastric ulcers or as eosinophilic enteritis, or even just as "colic." Unless vets are up with reading the latest academic veterinary articles or attending the latest veterinary conferences, they may be completely unaware of this.

To recap, when a horse which has a lot of encysted cyathostomes is wormed with a standard wormer, the standard wormer kills the small strongyles living in the lumen - it kills the ones of course that are not encysted. So they die and are passed out of the horse.

If there were a lot of small strongyles in the lumen of the horse, because they have been killed in one go, those nasty encysted small strongyles who have been sitting safely inside the horse untouched by this standard wormer are given the signal to emerge *en masse* (bringing with them toxins) to replace the ones that the standard wormer killed.

The contributing factors include seasonal conditions (autumn and winter), young horses (often 6 years of age or younger, although older horses have died from Larval Cyathostomosis), and horses recently dewormed by a wormer such as ivermectin or pyrantel which cannot harm or touch the encysted stages at all but which does kill the lumen-dwelling larvae and adults.

How to prevent this? If you worm with moxidectin (for example Equest/Quest) or a 5-consecutive-day dose of fenbendazole (for example Panacur 100), not only are the nonencysted adult small strongyles killed, but you will also kill a whole bunch of the encysted ones who were waiting to replace them. Thus your horse will not get Larval Cyathostomosis.

In a nutshell:

- 1) The killer worm today is the small strongyle. Huge numbers of vets, websites, and horse owners are blissfully unaware of this scientific fact, and still worm for the regimes aimed at problem worm decades ago.
- 2) Encysted small strongyles cannot be affected in any way by any dewormer other than moxidectin (Equest/Quest, single dose) or fenbendazole (Panacur 100, five consecutive day dose). You could worm until you were blue in the face with abamectin, ivermectin, pyrantel and so on, and the encysted small strongyles would not even notice!
- 3) If you worm with abamectin, ivermectin, pyrantel and so on and your horse has a heavy burden of encysted small strongyles, you are risking Larval Cyathostomosis as it is a non-contentious scientific fact that worming with one of these dewormers is the main cause of Larval Cyathostomosis.
- 4) The ONLY worming products that can kill stages of encysted small strongyles are moxidectin (Equest/Quest) or a 5 day consecutive dose of fenbendazole (Panacur 100 - at dose rate if in Australia, at double dose rate if in USA - the dose rate is different on the label for their countries.)

Dr A. Nyland (Author of Horse and Donkey Worms and Worming)



Why do I love horses?



Why do I love horses? I think I must be mad.

My mother wasn't horsey - And neither was my dad.

But the madness hit me early - and it hit me like a curse.

And I've never gotten better. In fact I've gotten worse.

I hardly read a paper - but I know who's sold their horse.

And I wouldn't watch the news - Unless Mr. Ed was on, of course.

One eye's always on the heavens - but my washing waves in vain

As I rush to get the horses in - in case it's gonna rain.

I spend up every cent I've got - on horsey stuff for sure

I buy saddles, bridles, fancy boots - and then I buy some more.

I can't sew on a button - I don't even try

But I can back a truck and trailer - in the twinkling of an eye.

It's jeans and boots that I live in night and day

And that smell of sweaty horses just doesn't wash away.

I ache from long forgotten falls. My knees have got no skin.

My toes have gone a funny shape - from being stomped on again and again.

But late at night, when all is still - and I've gone to give them hay,

I touch their velvet softness and my worries float away.

They give a gentle nicker and they nuzzle through my hair

And I know it's where my heart is - more here than anywhere.

~Author Unknown

Horses - if God made anything more beautiful, he kept it for himself.





BENDIGO PONY CLUB CALENDER 2011

February 6th	Rally
February 13th	Horse Trials Clinic Mandurang Sth Pony Club grounds Allan Mitchell, Deb Browell, Emma Scott
February 20th February 27th	"C" Certificate nominations close State Show Jumping & Dressage Championships Barwon Zone @ Elcho Park Lara
March 5th	Allan Mitchell Show jumping clinic BPC grounds
March 5th & 6th March 6th March 20th	"C" Certificate theory exam Pink Rally for Breast Cancer Zone horse Trials –Section D Maldon Pony Club
April 2nd April 3rd	"C" Certificate riding examination venue TBA Donaldson Day Rally
	
April 8th April 9th & 10th	Working Bee @ Bendigo Show grounds 2pm start Bendigo Pony Club Interschools Equestrian Team Challenge@ Bendigo Show Grounds ☺All hands on deck for this weekend for our major fundraiser, please ☺
	
April 15th April 16th April 30th& May 1st	Show jumping Clinic with Allan Mitchell BPC grounds Horse Trials clinic venue TBA State Horse Trials Championship – Heytesbury Pony Club
May 1st	Rally
June 5th June 18th & 19th	Rally State Games & Flat team Championship venue TBA
July 1st July 3rd July 23rd & 24th	"C" Certificate nominations close Rally Interzone Horse Trials Team Challenge Grades 3 & 4 Werribee Park
August 6th August 7th August 21st	Show jumping clinic at BPC grounds with Allan Mitchell Rally Zone show jumping & Flat Teams Shield Section C
September 4th September 17th September 18th	Rally Working Bee @ Bendigo Show grounds EA Affiliated Horse Show Bendigo Show grounds
October 1st October 2nd	Allan Mitchell Show jumping Clinic Rally
November 5th & 6th	Pony Club camp & Rally @ Bealiba pony club grounds
December 3rd December 4th	Allan Mitchell clinic BPC grounds Rally & Christmas Break up