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Nearly Christmas at Arclid Shire Stud in Cheshire, UK

Thanks to members Tony and Sandra Bull for this great pic of their Shire herd in the cold!

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SHSA NEWS...

SHSA seminar 2012 – don't forget to book!

This year's seminar is a two day extravaganza... even if you think we know you are coming, please contact Helen (hkuiper@bigpond.net.au or 02 4683 1664) to make sure you are on the list. We need definite numbers for catering on the Saturday and some spots are limited on Sunday. For the full program, all the details are on Page 3.

Congratulations – to Sue and Chris Bailey on their recent importation of Shire semen from the UK, Ddrydwy Drayhorse Ace of Spades. Ace is most well-known for as being one of the stallions used by Drayhorse Shires pulling their wedding and funeral vehicles around London. Please see the Classifieds if you are interested in purchasing this semen.

Hendra update – Queensland Ombudsman Phil Clarke released his report into the handling of Hendra virus incidents in Queensland from 2006 to 2009. The *Hendra Virus Report* details systemic failures across several government agencies, including:

- outdated and inconsistent policies and procedures
- inconsistent quarantine practices
- inadequate communication with vets and horse owners
- inadequate frameworks for ex gratia payments and compensation
- failure to implement recommendations in previous reviews.

To download the report go to www.ombudsman.qld.gov.au or if you are reading online [click here](#).

Bungendore Show – thanks to SHSA member Lisa Wilson for working hard to get an extensive program of Heavy Horse classes added to the program at

Bungendore this year (Sunday 29 Feb). Visit www.bungendoreshow.com.au for more details, or contact Lisa direct at govette@bigpond.com.

Shows with classes for Shires			
Show	State	Date	Type
Melbourne Summer Royal <i>entries closed</i>	Vic	28/01/2012	Shire specific
Kaima	NSW	27/01/2012	Shire specific
Berry <i>entries close 20/1</i>	NSW	4/02/2012	Draught
Nowra	NSW	11/02/2012	Draught
Crookwell	NSW	11/02/2012	Draught
Kangaroo Valley	NSW	18/02/2012	Draught
Canberra Royal <i>entries closed</i>	ACT	25/02/2012	Shire specific
Bungendore	NSW	29/02/2012	Heavy Horse
Mudgee	NSW	3/03/2012	Draught
Camden	NSW	24/03/2012	Shire specific
Sydney Royal <i>entries closed</i>	NSW	8/04/2012	Shire specific
Hawkesbury <i>entries close April</i>	NSW	28/04/2012	Shire specific

Congratulations – to Terry Gardner on his appointment as Judge for the Shires at the Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) in England. HOYS hosts the finals of the most highly regarded showing championships in the UK and is their biggest indoor equestrian event with 1,500 horses, 1,400 competitors and 65,000 spectators.

Terry chose Metherringham Upton Hamlet, owned and exhibited by Paul and Matthew Bedford as the 2011 Shire Horse of the Year.

While on a long visit to Australia in 2005, Terry served on the SHSA Judges Sub-Committee, which appointed the inaugural SHSA Official Panel of Judges.

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SHSA Seminar and Riding and Driving Clinics

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Presented by Ross Carbery

SHSA President's Report

A big welcome to our new members and thank you to our current members for your continuing support.

A brief sum-up of the achievements of Shire Horse Society Australia for 2011:

Our Society was successful in lobbying the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW to increase the Shire classes at 2012 show. We can now look forward to having Champion and Reserve Champion Male and Female, a Supreme Champion Shire amongst others.

We are fortunate to have Ann Gilbert judge the Shire classes at 2012 Sydney Royal Easter Show. Ann is on the SHSA Official Judges Panel as well as being an accomplished breeder and exhibitor of heavy horses (Percherons) both in hand and harness. Ann is also an acclaimed artist with a keen eye for balance and proportion. We are grateful to Ann for accepting our nomination as she had to forego exhibiting her Percherons in the led classes to accommodate us.

Our seminar is now going to be bigger and better than ever. We have outgrown Kangaroo Valley as a venue as we are now trialling a two day program, including more 'hands on' workshops to be conducted by horse professionals which is already attracting larger numbers and will require bigger arenas.

Over the last few years we have seen an increase in imported horses and semen. This is marvellous for the breed as it broadens the gene pool in Australia and helps with the breeding of top quality horses. Thank you to all who have taking the time, trouble and expense to help develop our breed in this way.

Our Secretary and Registrar work tirelessly all year round talking to people, problem solving, sorting out registrations etc and so on behalf of SHSA I'd like to say a special great big THANK YOU to Helen and Deb.

Lastly warmest Christmas wishes to you and your families including your beloved horses.

Helene Scarf

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Mingara Scarlett

Shire Mare



By Cedars Charley out of Mingara Lady Rose. Born 26/11/2006
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Shire Mare



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The rise and survival of our Shire Horses

By Paul Maskell (heavythunder.com.au)

To ride or not to ride... this has been an ongoing debate among heavy horse people for many, many years.

While it's true most heavy horse breeds were bred for a purpose and in the Shire horses case it would appear one of the purposes was to be ridden... into battle. It was only later the Shires were widely used in agriculture and for pulling heavy loads.

The Shires are the tallest and heaviest of all the draught horse breeds and are the descendants of the medieval horse known as the English Black Horse or the Great Horse. So interestingly it would appear their first function was to be ridden.

So what are we doing with our heavy horses in the new millennium? It would seem ploughing, long reining and driving in harness are our primary uses.

Permit me, if I may, to go back in time. It would perhaps be reasonable to suggest in England back around about the 1880's, a horseman's worth was measured by the quality of his horses. Any man, whether he be farmer or a cavalry man, was expected to be knowledgeable about his horses.

On social outings the gentry would ride his best light horse with his glistening coat and lithe appearance. Ladies would sit side saddle with their feminine regalia blowing in the wind as they very collectively cantered along. And a pair of driven horses was expected to be perfectly matched light horses of the finest quality.

So essentially, because of the gentries thinking, it simply wasn't acceptable to ride any horse at all remotely draught.

This thinking was widespread throughout England and Europe. And it would appear us Aussies mainly thought that way. But we still seem to think that way when apparently the thinking seems to have changed in Europe.

I certainly don't wish to take anything away from our light horses. The Arabian horse has carried Bedouins across the desert for centuries and the noble Thoroughbred has entertained people for many years across the world. Who could forget horses like Pharlap that in the early 1930's gave people hope in the great depression?

Now it is no secret the Shire Horse is, as many heavy horses are, thin on the ground whether it is in Australia or overseas. So would we not think, as Ineke Kuiper and I recently discussed, our responsibility as experienced horse people would be to breathe new life into our heavy horses?

This type of thinking may give our precious heavy a horses a new lease on life in the millennium and beyond. And it could cause a renewed interest in them. So perhaps one of the activities we can encourage new and not so new people to do is... to ride our



precious heavy horses.

It's amazing what you think about sometimes. And I wondered just recently how we can stop this type of thinking and the subsequent pigeon holing of our Shires and heavy horses. It would seem over the years the accepted thinking that heavy horses are suitable for draught purposes only is endemic throughout Australia. So why has this thinking been accepted for so long? And does that mean we all have to accept it? I don't believe that is the case.

And after speaking to Ineke, we discussed the following attributes Shires and heavy horses have and how great they are as riding horses.

The heavy horses have a huge frame, allowing for ease of carriage for people of all shapes and sizes. Their temperament is normally docile so these horses lend themselves perfectly to less confident riders. Their gait is smooth and they cover a lot of ground making riding easy and pleasurable.

But above all a lot of heavy horses are naturally athletic. They are smart in their thinking as well as on their feet. And this is in line with our experiences. A lot of heavy horses have sound temperaments, their mouths are light and they are forever giving. These are the attributes of a great mount.

A great man once said, 'nothing is ever right or wrong only thinking makes it so.'

So let's all think about promoting our heavy horses. In my experience it's not wrong to ride a heavy horse, and has it occurred to us some heavy horses enjoy being ridden? It is our experience at Heavy Thunder Down Under these horses can be ridden, by people of all ages and for many, many purposes.



SHSA member Colleen Carrington on a trail ride with her granddaughter

This is good news for the Australian heavy horse world as this will mean the rise and survival of the Shire and many heavy horse breeds in our vast continent.

'I have a dream,' as the great Dr Martin Luther King announced on August 28 1963. We at Heavy Thunder Down Under have a dream where all heavy horse owners get together and say yes, enjoy riding your heavy horse - without prejudice.

Riding Shires – a personal journey

What a learning curve we are undertaking...our first heavy horse, and our first stallion!! Luckily not the first young horse I'd started. It wasn't until we started the ground work with him that we figured out that we now had to buy a horse truck

By SHSA member Lisa Wilson
(he didn't fit in our double angle), find shoes, and a farrier willing to shoe a heavy horse....and that you can't buy any gear off the rack that fits!

The ground work started the day he came home, lots of 'relaxed' work focusing on manners and using some natural principles, achieved 'Join up' on the first day.



He had the bridle on and was happy being lunged under saddle at about 2yo. We spent lots of time fussing over our biggest baby, but it was about time to start the riding...

I decided that I no longer had the nerve (or facilities) to take the first ride on a young horse. We spent some time getting to know Mark Latham at Cooma who we decided would be the one to take Jocky to the next phase. Mark took him for 5 weeks and did an outstanding job... we brought him home under the strict instruction I was too soft and we had to be a lot tougher with our big baby.... or else!

Since then Jock has never said no to trying for us, his nature is absolutely amazing.

Jock was foaled in Jan 09, and he now will ride out alone and now even with mares, he is jumping about 70cm and has never thought about baulking.



We will start some lessons to improve my riding and his flat work, and go along to our local adult riding club for some fun. This month we have our first one day event....which will be my first dressage test in about 10 years! We have a couple of shows coming up too and then next winter we hope to start him in harness. Maybe with all of these outings he will behave at the Royal next year!

Hopefully in spring 2012 we will start to breed with him using outside mares, and then we will get our own mare when we find the right one (loving the Drum Shires at the moment).

We both feel that moving into the Shire world is proving to be the best experience (of the horsey aspect) of our lives, and this is not only due to the people associated with the breed, but also the special Shire colt who started this journey with us. Words cannot express how lucky we feel to have Jocky in our lives.

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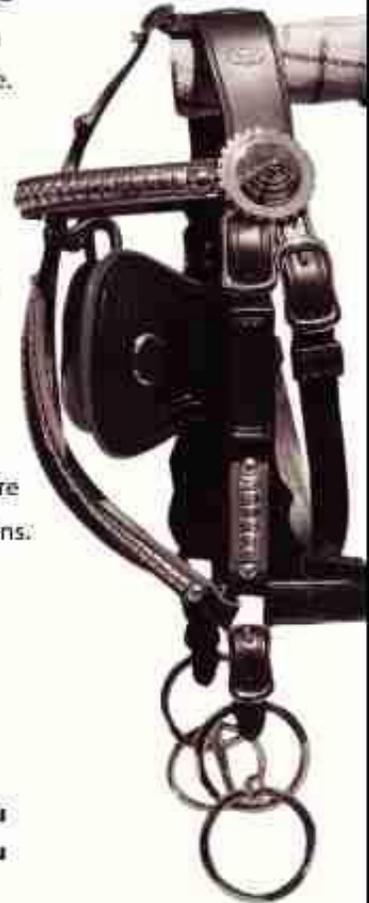
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Shires taking over Tasmania

By Helen Kuiper

It is show season in Tasmania, and I was privileged to attend Westbury Show, one of the three main heavy horse shows along with Huon and Deloraine, in early November. I was excited to see that four of the 12 heavy horses there were Shires!!

Two of them were owned by SHSA members Nelson and Petrina Lowther and two by our Registrar Deb Buckland. They were turned out to a very high standard and did well in their classes. Nelson and Petrina drove a Shire in their renovated Furphy Water Cart which looked spectacular.

Other SHSA members Jo Jetson and Stephanie Clarke were also there helping out. During the day I was approached by another member who plans on showing his Shire filly in Tasmania next season. The fact is that there is a rapidly growing number of Shires in Tasmania, which is only appropriate considering their long historical connection with that State.

PS Shires love the climate there as well!



*Deb Buckland riding Broken Bridge Marrakai
Champaign at Huon Show*



*Jo Jetson driving Mandalay Realm Magentine
and Marrakai at Deloraine Show*



Petrina Lowther driving Viewfield Jetson



Line of Shires at Huon Show



Nelson Lowther driving Mingara Wollemi Shadowfax at Westbury Show



Stephanie Clark driving Viewfield Gina at Huon Show

History of Shire Horses and Heavy Horses in general on the North West coast of Tasmania

Compiled by Clayton Pegus, Mt Hicks, 1968 for the Shire Horse Society of England, Tockington near Bristol.

Prior to the early 1930s the Shire was the predominant breed on the North West Coast. From the early 30s onwards the Clydesdale increased in popularity and eventually replaced the Shire.

The last imported Shire stallion from England was Quarrington Chatsworth in the early 1920s. he was bred by Sir Joseph Quarrington of Chatsworth Park England. Quarrington Chatsworth was imported by the last Lewis Oppenheim of Latrobe.

Earlier stallion importations to Tasmania were Timekeeper, who was imported from England to Victoria and then to Tasmania and was used in the Barrington district.

Bora Masiras was imported from New Zealand by the late George Burrows of Scottsdale and later purchased by the late Neil Cameron of Somerset.

Other early importations approximately 1870 were Bay Thumper from Warwickshire purchased by the last John Symmons of Symmons Plains, Bay Thumper sired King of the Ring who was reported to be the best

Shire Horse in Tasmania and was bred by the late W. Nunn of The Oaks, Tasmania.

King of the Ring was sold to New Zealand for 1000 guineas and then later returned to Tasmania by the late Frank Lacey of Deloraine. Ben Lomond was another well known imported Shire stallion purchased by the late George Burrows of Scottsdale.

Lincolnshire Hero was imported from England to the Deloraine district. His female progeny were of good type and many were sold to New Zealand as the basis of the New Zealand stock. Peter the Great was imported from England by Sir Henry Reid of Launceston. His original name when imported was Titchburn but was later changed to Peter the Great. Fit Matchless was imported from England by R. Gee of Chudleigh while Sir Wilfred was imported from England by the late E. Dent of Carrick.

Names of other Shire Stallions on the North West Coast were Prince Steven, Cressy Duke, Pride of the Walk, Sir Colin, Monarch, Pride of Cliston, Here I Go, Shepherd Boy, Active, Contraband, Barranee Scott and Young Bucklively. The origin and breeding

of the above listed stallions is unknown and the majority of them were probably bred in Tasmania. Of the above, Quarrington Chatsworth, King of the Ring, Prince Regal were known to weigh a ton.

Q. Chatsworth the last known imported stallion died in c 1935. Clayton Pegus of Mt.Hicks owned Dictator the last Shire stallion in the Burnie district.

Dictator was by Q. Chatsworth from an unregistered Shire mare. Dictator was used in the Burnie district until he died in 1947.

It is thought that very few Shire mares were brought into Tasmania.

The first Clydesdale stallion Widgion Ian was introduced to the Burnie district from New South Wales. He was owned by the late Neil Cameron of Somerset.

The general increase of Clydesdales became evident during the 1930s. The Clydesdale

was crossed with the Shire mares until the Clydesdale breed became dominant.

Features in favour of the Clydesdales were:

- a) Lighter frame and leg bone structure being best suited for general mixed farming
- b) Less leg hair which eliminated infections known as grease caused by mud in wet conditions
- c) Foot and fetlock structure was best suited to roadwork and heavy clay land.

Even though the Shire breed has been absorbed by the Clydesdale the majority of Clydesdale horses remaining on the North West Coast today would be descendants from the Shire breed. The Shire horse is remembered as a powerful animal that constituted an important role in clearing and development work on the North West Coast. It is often stated that Shire horses have moved loads which could not be pulled by Clydesdales.

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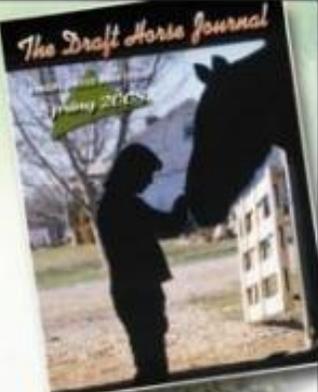
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The Care of Newborn Foals

By Dr Traci Hill Hulse, DVM

It is that wonderful time of year again – new life is here. Many owners spend lots of sleepless nights, with coffee, anticipating the arrival of a newborn foal.

There are things you, the owner, should know to prepare for your foal's arrival and determine what is normal and what is not. I will outline what is normal, what you can do as an owner, and when to get a vet involved. Specifically, we'll cover normal pregnancy and foaling parameters, newborn foal exam, the importance of colostrum, risk factors associated with the mare and newborn foal, and common newborn foal diseases.

Pregnancy and Foaling

First, let's discuss pregnancy. Normal gestation length is 342 days. Typically, pregnancy less than 300 days results in a nonviable foal due to immaturity of the foal's organs, especially the lungs. A pregnancy less than 320 days is considered a premature foal. Signs of prematurity may include a silky coat, weak tendons, and a domed head. Some pregnancies can last 12 months or more. This can be normal. It is a good idea to keep a journal of your mare's history to know what is "normal" for her. As a rule, the more premature a foal is, the more at risk it is for getting sick and needing special attention.

Typical foaling takes 20-30 minutes after the mare has "broken her water". If the birth is not progressing along within 20-30 minutes, a veterinarian should be called. The newborn should try to right itself (sternally) within five minutes of birth and respond to nasal stimulation (i.e. with a piece of straw in the nose) by coughing or sneezing.

A suckle reflex should be present within 20 minutes of birth. This can be tested by placing a finger in the foal's mouth. The foal should attempt to stand within 30 minutes, and stand unassisted in one to two hours after birth. The foal should nurse within three hours.

These parameters are considered "average" and slight variations may be considered acceptable, but major deviations are abnormal.

When the foal is born, the owner should dip the navel with a dilute chlorohexidine dip (one part chlorohexidine to four parts water) or a 1-2% iodine solution. This treatment should be repeated two to four times per day over the first three days of life.

Do not use 7% iodine. This is contraindicated. It can scald the navel (and abdomen) causing the foal pain and may result in a patent umbilicus -- the exact opposite effect you are trying to achieve. For example, I have seen a 7% iodine treatment irritate the foal so much it became colicky and stopped urinating.

Normal Foaling Parameters

- Normal gestation 320-365 days
- Normal birth within 30 min. with no manipulation
- Sitting sternal within 5 minutes
- Suckle reflex within 20 minutes
- Standing within 2 hours
- Nursing within 3 hours
- Placenta normal

Mare Risk Factors

The following are considered risk factors in the mare that may lead to problems in the newborn foal that may need veterinary attention:

- Mare has a history of foaling problems (septic foals, dystocia – difficult birth)

- Poor mammary gland development (ie from certain fescue grasses) oragalactia (no milk production)
- Poor colostrum quality or the mare leaks milk days before foaling
- Dystocia (difficult birth- the foal's eyes, body or placenta may be stained with meconium indicating a stressful birth)
- Red Bag (premature placental separation)
- Unhealthy placenta
- The mare had fever, sickness, or colic prior to foaling
- Purulent vaginal discharge prior to foaling
- Malnutrition
- Caesarean section

Foal risk factors

The following are considered risk factors in the foal that may lead to problems and need veterinary attention.

- Foal doesn't stand or nurse within normal time period
- Lack of suckle or poor affinity for mare --Neonatal Maladjustment Syndrome (NMS)

- Colic
- Diarrheal (don't confuse with foal heat\ diarrhoea at 7-10 days of age)- foals
- should NOT have diarrhoea the first few days of life!
- Abnormal temperature, HR, RR
- Swollen joints or navel (sign of septicaemia)
- Navel doesn't dry up/stays moist
- Twins
- Any kind of congenital abnormality

Foals at Moderate Risk for Post- foaling Problems = One foal or mare risk factor present

Foal at High risk for Post-foaling Problems = Two or more mare or foal risk factors present.

Ed - this is an extract from what I thought was an excellent article on foaling, what is normal, abnormal and what to keep an eye out for. To read the entire article, go to <http://www.durangoequine.com/articles.html> and go to 'Care of the newborn foal

Some of our member's foals from this year



Kristy Robinson's foal Sunshine Valley Persephene



Kristy Robinson's foal Sunshine Valley Maximus



Brooke Carrington's foal – Shandell Park Sarina



Helene Scarf's foal – Cedars Harold

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½ page x 4 issues - \$50

¼ page x 4 issues - \$25

The Classifieds and Service listings are free to all SHSA members and approved friends.

Ed: *Membership. SHSA welcomes new members for both full and associate membership. Please go to www.shirehorsesociety.com.au and download an application form if you know anyone who wants to join.*

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Stud listings on SHSA website

The SHSA website gets a lot of traffic and many inquiries from people interested in buying Shires, looking for stallions or meeting other Shire Horse enthusiasts.

The Stud pages hold about five photos or images, a stud logo, a full A4 page of text and your contact details. Each stud has its own click through link for enquires, going directly to your email address.

The annual \$200 fee (plus GST) covers all set up costs, minor changes throughout the year, and an annual revamp of your content and images if requested.

If you already have a website, for \$75 you can have a paragraph and a link through to a Shire related site.

To place your page, contact Andrew Gunter, 07 5599-4463 or andrewg@ita.com.au