



Lucky Clover Thoroughbreds Newsletter



ANDRE'S SORENESS SHIFTS FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER

Unnamed Sepoy x Dreamworker colt has overcome his shin soreness but the pain has moved to another area.

Andre, as he's affectionately known in the stables has been gelded while spelling at Canungra's Newington Farm. While it's every owner's dream to have the money making colt, in the majority of cases the procedure is required just to get the boys to the race track.



WHY MUST A HORSE LOSE HIS MANHOOD?

In most cases, gelding is used as an attitude adjuster. Testosterone makes colts behave quite badly, even violently, toward humans and fillies alike. An ungelded colt will bite, rear, kick, or whinny uncontrollably and may have to be isolated from other horses to prevent such behaviour. These young male horses also often refuse to obey a trainer's commands. As human survivors of adolescence can attest, a preoccupation with sexual needs tends to diminish concentration on the task at hand.



EPPLAUSE SHOWING MANNERS AT NEWINGTON FARM

Inglis Sales purchase Epplause has been on his best behaviour while spelling at Canungra's Newington Farm. Employees at the farm are impressed with his great nature and how easy he is to work with. Rumour has it he has received word of his stable mate's operation and is too scared to put a foot wrong. Epplause has been spelling for 30 days now and will be due to return to the stables in the next few weeks.



Epplause enjoying the surrounds at Newington Farm

Every day, an average of 60 races, are conducted in Australia and 22,000 in a year. These races help boost the economy of the country as the racing industries pay the state and elevate the Australian economy by 7.7 billion.



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I put a bet on a horse that had excellent breeding. After the horse left the starting gate, he stopped and closed it behind him.

MAGIC MILLIONS PURCHASE BIDDING HIS TIME

Our Choisir x Wald colt has successfully been broken in at Kolora lodge and is now awaiting his next round of education. With things going to plan he will be heading into pre-training in a month or so before heading down to Toby's stables on the Gold Coast. His time at Toby's will be short lived however, only staying there 7-10 days. This will be his first taste of stable life and it should give the trainer an insight as to whether he will be an early two-year-old runner. Here's hoping.



Choisir x Wald Colt after completing his breaking in

LONG WAIT COMING TO AN END FOR AMORE DANZA

With the nasty hoof abscess now a thing of the past, Amore Danza is finally nearing her first start. Milly was impressive in her second trial on the Gold Coast recently, winning it comfortably under a hold. She will have another trial mid-May and then hopefully onto the races. After a whopping 80 days in training, stripping off her holiday gains she now looks amazing and ready to roll.

COOLWEDGE CALMER, BIGGER AND STRONGER

Lucky Clover's first winner Coolwedge has been back in training for 40 odd days now and her new calm persona has continued along with her. She has put on size and is looking considerably stronger than her last preparation. Toby was impressed with how she returned to the stable and has continued to be so with her new-found attitude. It's amazing what winning can do for the confidence and with any luck it continues. Coolwedge will trial mid-May.



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INTERROGATED BY HARGERS

This month's interviewee is the real boss of the outfit, Donna Edmonds.



Hi Donna, you are our first lady interviewee, we thought it fitting not just because of our friendship but because you are considered the matriarch of the Edmonds Racing team.

1. For those that don't know you're a country girl, so what's your favourite music? I love all music, Karaoke as well although a very poor singer.

2. Your favourite NRL team, please don't tell me it's Manly? Definitely not, I'm a St George fan. Two Manly supporters in the family is more than enough. (Toby & Trent)

3. Favourite book or movie? Bohemian Rhapsody

4. Your best moment in racing to date? Houtzen winning the Magic Millions. The support and well wishes we received from everyone, having 100 owners, friends and family especially Dad being on track to witness our first big win. For Toby, Trent, Jordan and myself it was so surreal. It has been a battle, we have all worked hard, we did it!! Dreams can come true.

5. Other than Toby, who is the trainer you most respect? There is no one in particular. Being a trainer is a 24/7 job no matter the size of the stable. I have a soft spot for the smaller trainer as they have to do most of the work themselves, they can train as well as a big named trainer but do not have the numbers and just need that one good horse to make the difference.

6. Your favourite horse trained by Toby regardless of ability? Houtzen, not just because of her ability but the difference she made to the Edmonds family. She has opened so many doors for us, winning the Magic Millions increased our numbers and helped us purchase our family farm which has only increased the success of our stable. Having a runner in the Golden Slipper, racing the first ever Everest, competing at Group 1 level, the publicity she has brought to our team and the close friends we have made because of her. We will have an international runner racing at Royal Ascot on the 18th of June in front of the Queen, all because of our girl Alisha (Houtzen). What a ride!!

7. Who is the best Jockey you've seen? Currently J Mac, previously Darren Beadman.



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8. What is your favourite thing to do to relax away from the racing scene? Very simple. Love spending time with family and friends or just chilling at the farm is bliss.

9. Who does the cooking in the household or is it shared? Definitely not me, Jordan mostly if not Toby will do a BBQ.

10. Do you still support NSW in the State of Origin or has QLD become your home? Yes, NSW through and through.

11. Have you any comments on Chris Casey's hair? Concerned how it will fit under a top hat.

12. Have you any advice for the Lucky Clover team in this industry? I think everyone should have a share in a racehorse be it owned or leased and regardless of what %. There is no greater enjoyment then attending the races with friends/owners. Winning is a bonus!!



Toby and Donna with Donna's

Dad Colin

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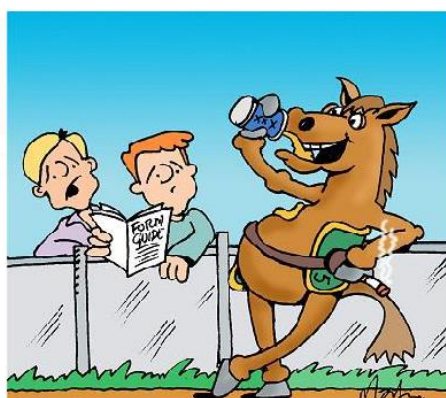
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I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF VARIABLES THAT MAKE ASSESSING A HORSE'S RACE FITNESS TRICKY, BUT I STILL SAY THAT'S A BAD BET!!

