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As we have reached Matariki and the shortest day of the year, winter can only get better with more daylight hours and hopefully an early spring.

For us in equine veterinary practice it is traditionally the time of the year to reflect on the season's successes, look for improvements and for our staff to have some much-appreciated rest and recreation time before commencing the 2018-2019 season.

Over the next few weeks a number of vets will take annual leave and enjoy some time with family. We do realize sometimes that this can be an inconvenience if your favourite vet is away, but rest assured we have a very experienced team that back each other up to offer the service that you as clients expect. And just like a good horse our vets need a spell to keep fresh.

Our people:

For some rest and recreation includes a beach in the sun, but as many of you that follow our Facebook page may know, Dr Alec Jorgensen is currently on leave for a seven week period and as part of his leave what else would you do but run a marathon! Dr Alec has taken part in the Safaricom marathon (42 kilometers through the desert with lions, rhino's and lots of other wildlife) all in an effort to raise money and awareness for Tusk trust- a very worthwhile cause.

In keeping with our ever-increasing workload, in the last month we have welcomed Claire Bish to join the administration team, Hannah Ashley the nursing staff and Emma Gedge as our yard keeper.

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We also have Dr Emily Sherlock back with the veterinary team after returning from the Northern Hemisphere summer season. And looking forward to the ever-green Dr Murray Bertram to join us for foaling season again. This will bring the number of staff at WEVC to thirty one.

Happenings:

May and June have seen several educational involvements by WEVC staff, with Dr Alex Leander presenting her Master of Philosophy thesis research at the NZ Veterinary Association June conference in Hamilton. Dr Kate Dingemans (our equine anesthetist) also presenting a lecture to the nurses and Dr Craig Stalker and Dr Jack O'Brien attended a number of lectures.

Dr Craig Stalker also sat and passed his Member or Australia and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (MANZCVS), a huge achievement to study and work plus be a dad to two under five years.

At NZEVA Dr Alex Leander was voted in as the new secretary and Dr Greg Quinn is also part of the committee.

Dr Greg is away in early July attending an international surgeons conference in Greece, which we in the office agree is not a bad location to have a conference!

Dr Leander also had the opportunity to present to fantastic group of our younger clients and parents of Hamilton North pony clubs in May. This was a great presentation, and a great chance to get interactive and enjoyed by all. We, as a practice enjoy this role with next generation of equine enthusiasts. We are always available for these pony club type evenings and as we head into summer it can be an excellent choice for a twilight rally.

Dr Noel Power and Dr Ronan Costello presented informative lectures including dissections as part of the Waikato NZ Thoroughbred Breeders Association training course. This level 4/5 NZQA 2 day recognized course is a regular fixture on the NZTBA calendar each winter and provides some fantastic hands on learning for all those involved in a broad range of topics over three days.

Georgina Green, many of you will have met as part of our nursing staff has been awarded the "Angel of Pain" award for her case study of colic- this award was a national nursing award, so this is a fantastic achievement.

Each year WEVC has a number of sponsorship events amongst these in May and June was the 2yr stakes race at Te Rapa. Won by Marsh racing again, a tremendous achievement- this is becoming a hotly contested target for our clients and it was great to see the first 4 horses home all trained by WEVC clients.

Also, in Taupo in May was the sport horse foal and young horse show where we were proud to be sponsoring with the standard of presentation was to be commended. Thank you to those

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competitors that took the time to send in your thanks for our sponsorship- it is pleasing to know that an event and our involvement has been appreciated.

Added to this Dr Alec Jorgensen's ongoing involvement with our NZ development squads at Taupo where he regularly presents lectures to our elite and upcoming riders of which we sponsor.

Fun times:

Sometimes it seems all work and no play but in June it was time to have a chance to catch up with some of our clients on a social basis.

A June winter afternoon was a great chance to catch up in Cambridge's warm Alpino's with our thoroughbred trainers and have lunch. A great time was had by all and was a fantastic to see our trainer's relax and enjoy, away from horse's and a competitive environment and for us to celebrate their season's successes with them.

Also in June for those of us on staff that were lucky enough to attend, the Harness Jewels hosted by Cambridge Raceway was a splendid well run event with some super racing. It was thoroughly enjoyed day and evening of partying.

On a **very** cold Waikato evening NZTBA quiz night saw WEVC field a team at 5 Stags Leamington (in the warmth) for the annual quiz. This year our broad knowledge base earned us the honor of third place- next year we will aim to knock the reigning champs off the top of the podium!

Congratulations:

We would like to heartily congratulate all our clients and the marvelous horses that have competed and raced with success in the past twelve months. For us, in a clinic we are aware more than most of the ups and downs of these equine athletes and their achievements never cease to amaze us. We take immense pride in seeing our part in involvement of your teams and love keeping up with your stable news.

We look forward now to two of our WEVC sponsored riders Clarke Johnstone and John Thompson's bids for the World Equestrian games in Tyron USA in September, and the start to the new breeding and racing season.

Dressage Waikato and John Thompson recently put on a Masterclass with Dr Noel Power in attendance questions and answers which had a great full house turnout. Super to see Waikato riders supporting this.

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Where to from here:

It is the time of year to set goals and prepare for the coming months.

Whether it be assessing your young horses after educating or with winter weanling x-rays and conformation evaluations checks or developing a maintenance plan with some of the older horses to see them through the coming season the WEVC team of vets can assist.

Keep in mind it is also the best time of year to attend to routine care such as dental work, annual vaccinations and general health checks, this gives you a baseline for your horse's health and development over the next twelve months.

Finally-It can also be the time of year when a lot of horses change ownership.

The veterinary team are highly experienced with pre-purchase inspections and the facilities at WEVC are second to none for presenting and assessing horses- rain, hail or shine!

Save the dates: What's coming up?

The inaugural WEVC breeders seminar 1st August 2018 6.30pm at Cambridge Raceway, Taylor Street, Cambridge. Hosted by Dr Noel Power MVB and Dr Alex Leander BVSc, MPhil, Recommended for all our clients that breed or looking to breed horses whether that be thoroughbred, standardbred and sport horses. Gold coin donation with proceeds going to New Zealand Equine Research Foundation.

The Rodmor Trust lecture series NZERF 15th July, Gallagher Performing Arts Centre University of Waikato. Registration at 1pm

Cathay Pacific NZTBA Waikato Group 1 dinner 27th July Sky City Hamilton.

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Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre. It is well worth liking and following us to keep up to date with what is happening around the clinic.