

THE WATERFORD TIMES

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Waterford Stables wishes all our readers a Happy Easter. We hope you enjoyed the public holidays and had some time off. Here at Waterford Farm we not quite know what public holidays are... the show must still go on!



Wedding Bells

March was a busy month for the Dommett family, as they had a wedding to plan. Simon and Shannon Dommett got married on 23 March at Penwarn Lodge. From all here at Waterford Stables we wish them all the best for their long and happy future together.



Simon arrived on his trusty stead, Gentle Giant Cruiser.

Whilst the bride and her parents arrived in style in a horse carriage drawn by Gentle Giant Percherons.

FOALS 2013



How handsome is this colt! He is a purebred Arab out of Spirit of Faith. Only 3 days old when this photo was taken and he is already looking like a champion!

This is such a sweet paint filly from one of our older mares. She is going to be a beautiful mare- just look at her colouring!



HAPPY HOMES



Waterford High with Sarah Hoal, doing us proud in the show jumping ring.



I was very sad to see my favourite gelding leave. He has the most divine temperament and was always the first to volunteer for a scratch or a brush. Good luck to Willem and Gentle Giant Considerable.

THE FARMYARD

We are so blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the world and so lucky to have so many animals around us. You may not know it but the Dommett family has a soft spot for all creatures great and small...from the Gentle Giant Percherons to the tiniest of rabbits. We had a batch of baby bunnies born last week. Every horse bought here at Waterford comes with a free rabbit... Jokes aside- they are just the cutest of creatures. We also had a litter of piglets born last week- they are so tiny compared to their mother. It's amazing to think that they will eventually grow to be that big.



STAYING CONNECTED

Don't forget to catch Waterford on our very own Facebook page, which is updated on a daily basis. The page can be found at www.facebook.com/WaterfordFarmSA.



You can also visit us on the Waterford website which can be found at www.waterfordfarm.co.za. We are in the process of updating photos of the horses for sale- we are replacing the old pics with new ones. We have got some photos of our new fillies for sale. Worth having a look at- you won't be disappointed!

HORSE OF THE MONTH

Our horse of the month is Gentle Giant Neutron. Born in 2001, this Percheron stallion would be 12 years old this year; unfortunately he is no longer with us. We are however very lucky to have some of his progeny still here at Waterford.



Percheron foals are born black and majority of them turn grey as they mature. Their conformation varies from a very stocky type, only 14-15hh weighing 600-800kg, to a very tall type weighing over 1000kg and measuring up to 18hh. The head is very small compared to the other Draft breeds and this may be due to the influence of Arabian blood into the breed from as far back as the eighth century AD.

The Percherons are widely regarded as one of the finest agricultural horses. They have also proved to be exceptional carriage and show horses.

Till next month...

Your Waterford Family