



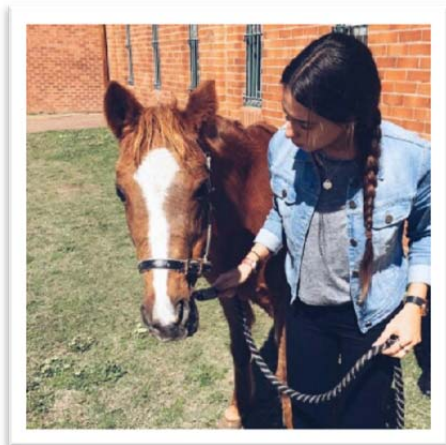
HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

August 2017

Hi Everyone,

August was a very dry and cold month, which enabled us to do a lot of paddock management and tidy up the property. We have a few paddocks available for agistment if you know of any horse people who would like to agist at our great training facility.

We are sorry to say that Kismet died on Thursday, 31 August. She was diagnosed with Cushings disease 2 years ago and unfortunately it shortened her happy little life. Kismet lived at the Hunter Valley Equestrian Centre for approximately 15 years. Our condolences to the Nikoletatos family.



The NSW State Championships were held on 31 August, 1 September and 2 September. Shaun competed with Rubenesque in the Inter II and Grand Prix CDN and with Rionnarc in the Advanced 5.2 and 5.3 as well as in the Advanced Freestyle. Unfortunately the rider was unwell with the flu and lacked the strength needed at this level to ride as well as possible. Nothing went well enough until the last day when Rionnarc competed for the first time indoors and her first Freestyle. She was very brave and had some beautiful moments. She placed sixth and Shaun was really happy. It took many hours to complete the Freestyle.

Corinna and Rocky also travelled to the State Championships to compete in the Elementary AOR classes. They were so happy to be there. Rocky is 22 years old and performed two very neat tests.



Emily and Molly Callinan rode in the Preliminary Pony and Open. Both girls were so happy to make this a stepping stone in the pursuit of being top competition riders in the future. They both rode very well.



I would like to thank Ruby for doing a fantastic job looking after my horses and caring for me at the State Championships. Words cannot describe how wonderful she is. Thank you so much.

Until next month, *Shaun*

