

Koorinal Stud Newsletter

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ALERT PROGENY WELL RECEIVED

Six of Alert's yearlings have sold at auction for an average of over \$34,000, a very pleasing result from an \$8,800 service fee. Those progeny will be trained by Toby Edmonds at Warwick Farm, Con Karakatsanis at Warwick Farm, Shane Edwards in Perth, Kim Waugh at Wyong, Guy Walter at Warwick Farm, Greg McDermott in Wagga, and one colt purchased by Grandview Lodge. We are all waiting with anticipation to hear from the trainers breaking in Alert's first yearlings and are very much looking forward to them hitting the tracks in Spring this year.

BRANDING AND VACCINATIONS

Freeze branding took place at the end of January, and the brands will set as permanent white hairs prior to the DNA sampling process. During February, foals at Koorinal Stud will receive a routine course of Strangles and Tetanus vaccinations. The course consists of three vaccinations, each injection being given two weeks apart. Foals at Koorinal are branded and vaccinated prior to weaning, and are then Microchipped and DNA tested as weanlings at the end of April.

These routine processes are low-stress for the foals as their thorough handling and education from Control-A-Foal use and routine drenches and foot trims continually proves to be a success. The foals are all proving to be co-operative and calm in all aspects of handling and we are looking forward to the weanling handling in the coming months.

WEANING TO BEGIN

The weaning process is set to begin towards the end of February, with 10 foals being weaned per week. Mares and foals have now been in their same paddock groups for the last few months, and the foals have all had time to get to know each other and make friends. The foals are always weaned in their paddock groups to ensure they are with their friends at weaning time.

Each Friday afternoon, one paddock group of mares and foals are brought into the weanling handling yards, and their mothers taken out of the yards and immediately escorted to the main yards so that the mares and foals are out of earshot of each other. The foals are then supervised to ensure they settle down before being given the weekend to settle completely into their new yards, where they will spend the following two weeks for their weanling handling and education with Peter Cowell. The mares are also closely checked daily after weaning to ensure their milk supply dries up, and so that any signs of mastitis can be treated immediately.

Upon graduation, weanlings are sorted into paddock groups according to sex, and then allocated a designated weanling/yearling paddock. All weanling/yearling paddocks are sown down to lucerne which provides fantastic year-round pasture, and is supplemented with the stud grain mix daily. These paddocks are also in the direct vicinity of the handling yards so that future handling and farrier work can be undertaken without moving the young horses away from their familiar surroundings.

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