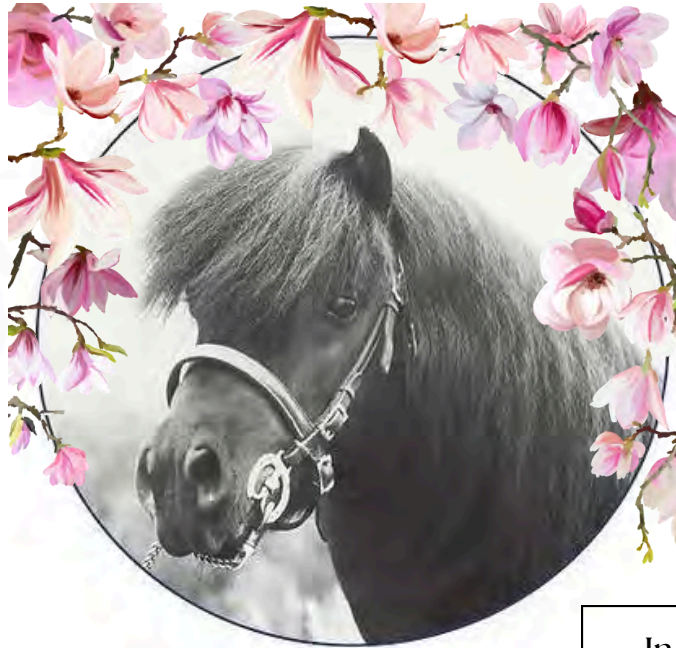


New Zealand Shetland Pony Breeders' Society (Inc)



From the Editor

Hi All, welcome to the NZSPBS Spring newsletter edition 2024!

A little from me... Farewelling the winter season saw my little family and I hit with sickness, the very heartbreaking loss of my beloved dog and a new job. The later of which, whilst being very exciting, has also taken away a lot of my spare time so apologies for this slightly later 'spring' edition.

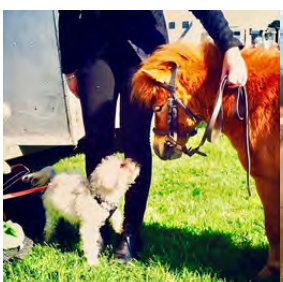
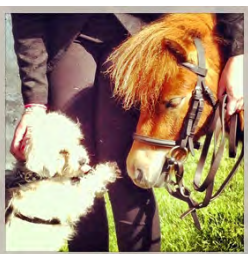
In honour of his memory, here are some photos of my Rupert and his special Shetland friends Celeste & Bumble.

As mentioned in the previous edition, I warmly welcome any feedback, ideas and content going forward so please do not hesitate to make contact.

Thank you for reading & keep an eye out for our special **Christmas edition** coming soon!!



Chloe Miller



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From the President

Welcome to our Spring newsletter and some very unsettled weather across the country. It seems that some parts of the country have way too much rain and other areas not enough. Many of my ponies have decided that it is a good idea to hold onto their winter coats, they are not taking any risks with this changeable weather!

This is a great time of the year as we see the arrival of this season's foals beginning to come along. A mixture of excitement and can be stressful at times. I love seeing the photos people share of their Shetland Pony foals, arguably some of the cutest foals around. Please share these with the Editor for our next issue.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to new members of NZSPBS, we are thrilled to have you join us and to either begin or continue your Shetland Pony love affair. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any members or the committee if you would like advice or just to chat and meet other Shetland Pony enthusiasts.

Thank you to those of you who are planning to enter your ponies in shows which promote the Shetland Pony breed and support our local and A&P Shows. A reminder to put your ponies registration numbers on all Show entries and to add NZSPBS alongside the numbers.

A friendly reminder too to ensure your Stallion is fully registered before serving any mares. "Certify before you serve", to avoid any complications and to ensure that what you breed can be registered without incurring any extra costs or unforeseen disappointments.

For those of you in the South Island we are attaching the NZSPBS South Island Show schedule to make it easier for you to enter. This Show will take place on 25th January 2025 at Ellesmere Showgrounds. In hand showing will take place in the morning followed by a shared lunch and raffle. The performance classes; Ridden, Lead-rein, Harness and fun in-hand challenge classes will take place in the afternoon. There are camping and stables or yards available if you are travelling from further afield and would like to attend. All these details are contained in the Show schedule.

Bernadette Woffenden



From the Registrar

TRANSFERS

Pony & Registration Number	From	To
Lael Sinatra 1048NZ	B & R Woffenden, Leeston	R Ward, Leeston
Lael Sundae 1124NZ	B & R Woffenden, Leeston	R Ward, Leeston
Fair View Black Pearl	C Crosado Charing Cross	J Jones, South Head, Helensville
Cotswold Hera	D&J Humphries, Motukarara	B & R Woffenden, Leeston
Oaklea Norseman	C Crosado Charing Cross	S Audsley, Oxford
Cotswold Celsey 1155NZ	M Smith, Oamaru	D Cherry Waikanae
River Downs Chocoholic 499NZ		R Brown, Foxton

STALLIONS REGISTERED

Cotswold Argosy 1180NZ

STALLIONS / COLTS - DNA TYPED

Cotswold Argosy 1180NZ

STALLIONS / COLTS GELDED

Cotswold Atlas 1229NZ

Birchlands Lockhimin 1214NZ

REGISTRATIONS

Cora Capalla Mistress Lilly 1234NZ

Lael Lyric 1233NZ





Lower North Island

Area Report

'Spring has arrived with all its challenges—erratic weather, too much grass and seriously moulting ponies ! However the ponies are in great condition and I visit them daily.

The challenge for me personally has been adjusting to life on my own but writing this brief report has made me reflect on the pleasure Shetland ponies have brought into my life.

The Abernethy family have their “roots” in the Shetland Isles and Laurie and I were fortunate to enjoy two visits to the islands and of course I took a special interest in the ponies only to be told “you dunna want those little buggers!” Well those “little buggers” have given us and many others a lot of pleasure.

Together we travelled to Shows and competitions through out this area-- the ponies have been in parades, in fancy dress, been “petting” ponies, given rides and carriage rides at events, had numbers of children visit and worked with “special needs” young folk. I must mention that we met some lovely people too.

Unfortunately there are no other Studs in the area now and many A&P Shows either no longer exist or have classes for Shetlands.

To the members who are breeding their mares I trust all goes well. It is such a special time and I must confess I am just a little envious.

As always I would enjoy meeting fellow Shetland pony owners in this Area plus any members travelling north with, or without, ponies.'

Ann Abernethy





Area Report

'Summer is on it's way. Paddocks are being rejuvenated and grazing being restricted due to unprecedented growth for this time of the year. A good quality toxin binder is essential in this part of the country and so far my Shetland management tools are working.

Three wee bundles of happiness are seen zooming across the paddock at regular intervals. They lost their herd leader a few weeks ago when we had to say goodbye to my last riding horse – end of an era. She had been with us for over 23 years, having bought her as a 3yo. Always a hard decision to make, but she was ready to leave us.

The Shetlands were a bit lost for a few days, but they have re-organised themselves and their mother, 23yo Sateen, has full control of her two children now!!

My magic Furminator, de-shedding tool, has been hard at work with piles of white hair lining the ground from the two palomino's. Those golden coats are starting to peep through in places. And the rust coloured winter coat is giving way to glossy black on my wee Ebony. So essential at this time of the year to wear clothes that repel all that hair, otherwise it's an endless task trying to brush it off tops and jackets.

Good luck to everyone trying to get ponies in show ready shape. Those first and last shows of the season are made so much harder when ponies are still losing, or starting to grow in, winter coats.

I hope foaling season is being kind to all the breeders out there. Good luck to everyone preparing for the show season, or harness outings.

Enjoy your wee Shetlands.'

Kathy Drake



New Foals Spotlight



Lael Sassafras.

Below: Florence & Daisy Miller determined to get a pat.



'Spook' and a brand new friend for Spook (pictured to the right). Bred by Kirsty Whiting.





THE SOUND OF PONIES

RIPE, JUICY APPLES AND THICK, SWEET MOLASSES,
BUCKETS OF OATS AND LUSH, SPRING-GREEN GRASSES.

  **BIG, CRUNCHY CARROTS AND PEPPERMINT SWEETS,**

  **THESE ARE ALL OF MY FAVOURITE TREATS.**

@hearthorseuk
WHEN THE DIET STARTS, WHEN THE HAY SOAKS,

WHEN I'M A LITTLE LESS STOUT.

I SIMPLY THINK OF MY FAVOURITE TREATS,

AND REALLY WANT TO PIG OUT!



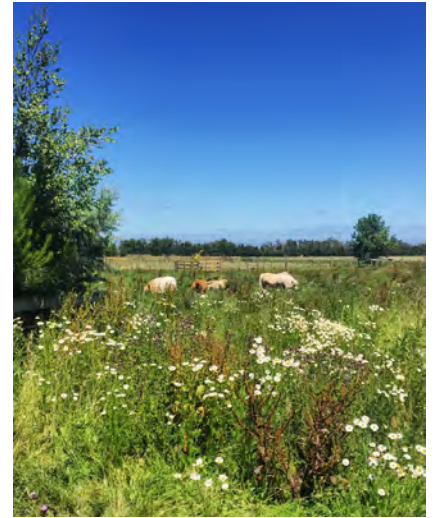
Out & About



Duncree Shetland Pony Stud.



Champion Shetland at The Christchurch Show.
'Birchlands Custard Cream' & Scarlett-Harper Sutherland.



Lael Shetland Pony Stud.



Hororata Highland Games.
Scottish farm yard - Bexley, Shiloh & Hakim from Duncree Shetland Pony Stud.



Out & About



Eion Maxwell Gordon riding Micky 'Duncree McLeod' with His Mum Cathrine, Oamaru.



Supreme Champion Shetland at Amberley A&P Show.
'Birchlands Caprice' with Marissa Herbert.



Laurelwood Quazar 454 (Imp Aust) Celebrating A Veteran Pony

A few NZSPBS members have some lovely old ponies and a few of them are in their 30s. We too have a very special pony who is 30 years old. He is Laurelwood Quazar born in Australia on 13th December 1994.

Quazar is a 8.1hh Liver Chestnut Stallion by Laurelwood Inca out of Cave Range Prissie. He was bred by J.R and R.E Hill in Australia at Laurelwood Stud. He was purchased by Otway View Stud when the Maurice's needed a new stallion to breed to their smaller mares. A few years later Otway Stud made the decision to only breed standard sized Shetlands as the breeding programme and stud moved into their daughter's hands.

Quazar was imported to New Zealand in 2003 by Don and Margret Sutherland of Narrandera Shetland Pony Stud. Quazar was the replacement stallion for Otway View Meringo who suddenly and tragically died after a short illness. The Maurice's had helped Don and Margret Sutherland with the purchase and importation of a few other ponies and thought Laurelwood Quazar would be ideal for their Stud.

Sadly after the death of his wife Margret and facing mobility issues himself, Don made the difficult decision to sell off the ponies and his two remaining stallions. At that point we owned a Quazar son, Narrandera Xzar, who we adored and was a very successful pony for us. Don asked if we wanted to purchase Quazar because he knew we loved him. At that stage we were being strong and said we didn't "need" another stallion, but that if he couldn't find a buyer he was happy with, then we would be his back up. Don advertised Quazar and had some interest in him for about two weeks. Then we got the call from Don, "I have been thinking about it and I would like you to buy him. " And so we did!

Quazar came to live here with us at Lael Shetland Stud in 2013 at the grand old age of 19. He had never been shown in New Zealand before and we thought it would be a great way to build a relationship with him. We entered the Spring Shows with him and did a show season with him. He loved the experience and showed his superb manners, paces and was a pleasure to handle which is a testament to his lovely nature. He was always placed in the top three in paced and mannered classes and won Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons.

He is amazing. You can groom him, pick out and even trim his feet while he is loose in the paddock. He loved our baby grand daughters having a sit on his back and always knew how precious they were. He can also still turn on the charm and do an extended trot around the paddock to remind us all that he is a stallion. There is no stiffness in his movement and he is very free and active for a chap of his age. He even has all his teeth although some are rather worn at the front. He gets a small hard feed every day and softer hay with less stalks, which is his preference these days.

We have kept many of the ponies we have bred from him because they all have his movement, consistent type and good conformation, temperament and beauty. Many of them have the same incredible thick and long mane that he so proudly wears. He also now has lots of grey hair on his face giving a hint to his age.

We have always felt very privileged to own him and are proud of the legacy and lovely ponies he has given to us.

Bernadette Woffenden.
Lael Shetland Pony Stud.





Laurelwood Quazar 454 (Imp Aust).



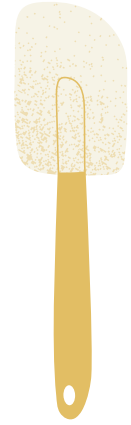
Parelli Savvy Team NZ

Catherine Crosado - Duncree Shetland Pony Stud - with Bear & Hakim





Homemade Pony Treats



INGREDIENTS

2 x chopped or grated large carrots
1 x large apple (diced)
1/4 cup molasses
1 x cup apple sauce

3 x cups oatmeal or quick oats
1/2 cup flour
1 x tsp cinnamon (optional)

METHOD:

STEP ONE: Preheat oven to 180 degrees C.

STEP TWO: Line baking tray with baking paper.

STEP THREE: Finely chop or grate 2 x large carrots and 1 x large apple into small pieces. Use either food processor, blender or simply very finely chop with a knife.

STEP FOUR: Mix the oats, flour and cinnamon together in a large mixing bowl.

STEP FIVE: Stir the apple sauce and molasses into the oat mixture. Combine well using a wooden spoon.

STEP SIX: Lastly combine chopped apple and carrot to the mix and stir.

STEP SEVEN: Roll the mixture into small balls (or whatever size you prefer). If they are too crumbly, add a little more molasses. If they are too sticky, add more oats and / or flour.

STEP EIGHT: Place the uncooked treats onto the baking paper lined tray. Bake at 180 degrees C for 15 minutes.

STEP NINE: Use a spatula to remove and store in the fridge for up to a week in an airtight container.

STEP TEN: Let your ponies enjoy as an 'occasional' treat!



Forever Friends

Florence & Daisy Miller at Lael Shetland Pony Stud



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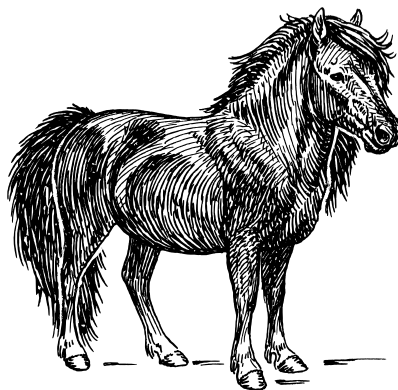
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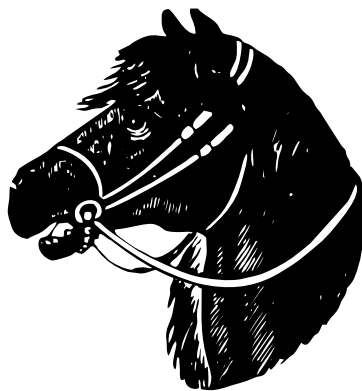
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