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Well we all did our best, scrubbed and washed and disinfected ourselves, our boots and our cars – let no one in with their horses onto the property. Many pupils had to do without their lessons – but still the Equine Influenza got us!

Strong winds that blew one afternoon from the west and another from the south the very next day, may have been the culprits. It was quite amazing how quickly the virus spread within a few days all the horses were infected. It was a very busy time for us – taking temperatures twice daily, checking the symptoms, administering Bute and giving Penicillin injections.

Some horses were sicker than others, but all recovered from the initial effects within a couple of weeks and began to pick up. The cough is unmistakable.

Once the horses stop shedding the virus - up to 3 weeks - they are not infectious any more.

People will be able to come to the Stud freely then.

The difficult part comes now to get the horses the correct convalescent period then bring them very carefully back into work. We are working out a programme for that, with the assistance of all our pupils. The horses need to walk for a period and then trot for a period to get them back into work. We hope you will be able to help us with this. Even the younger riders will be able to help.

Bookings will most likely be able to start from early December.

Ring Lindy if you would like to help us ride these horses gently back to health and fitness.

At this stage we plan to be commencing full time riding instruction at the beginning of January, 2008. We know you have been waiting patiently, so get your bookings in early.

SCHOOLS: Three Day - Mon., Tues., Wed., 14th, 15th & 16th January
 Possible School - 21st, 22nd and 23rd January
One Day –Tuesday, 8th January, and also on Wednesday 9th

SPORT & REC.: January, Thurs., 10th (9am -12pm) and Thurs., 17th (9am – 12pm)

Shows next year are still an unknown quantity. We have made entries for Canberra and Sydney Royals but it will depend on the EI situation if horse's classes will be included. Because we are in a purple zone we can move freely around the zone, but not out of the zone. There are no plans to commence competition yet.

Clayton Fredricks is celebrating his 40th birthday. Clayton lives in England and is coming home to Perth for his birthday and many overseas friends are coming too. So Clay's birthday party is going to be held over a week. Bruce and I are going to Perth for 10 days to join the party festivities. We are booked into 2 different Resorts and each day is programmed with a bus to take the party from venue to venue.

Leanne Button has joined our team once again and it is nice to have her home. Leanne was having lessons and showing with us about 7 years ago. Leanne used to ride some of top ponies like Marena Windflower and Marena Skylights both Royal Show winners.

Marena Stud Caps – A new shipment of our new style Marena caps have arrived and are for sale for \$ 15.00 each – a good Christmas present for you or a friend.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN SOON

LOTS OF LOVE LINDY WALKER