

## **NEWS LETTER**<sub>1/4/2013</sub>

# **THE SOUTH AFRICAN MINIATURE HORSE SOCIETY**



## **1. MEMBERSHIP and REGISTRATIONS.**

We have 72 members who have 1100 registered horses, of which 759 are mares. This is a growth of about 34 % in membership in the last +/- 18 months. Membership and registrations are the life blood of a society. It is from you that we derive our income and the purpose and justification of our existence. It is heartening to see the speed at which our membership is growing and the enthusiasm shown by those exposed to the charms of miniature Horses and the pleasure we derive from them.

## **2. CEM TOETSE**

Dit is nie slegs verpligtend om jou hingste vir CEM te toets nie, dit is ook 'n wyse besluit. Aansteeklike Equine Metritis is 'n seksuele oordraagbare virus siekte wat onvrugbaarheid in merries veroorsaak. Dit is behandelbaar en die prognose is normaalweg redelik goed. Sonder 'n sertifikaat wat verseker dat jou hingste negatief getoets het nie, is dit onmoontlik om jou vullens te registreer.

### **3. DNA TESTS.**

DNA remains a very important aspect of the management of our Studs and the SAMHS. We have tried to phase this process in over time. We started with Stallions now mares and foals as well. As from 1 January 2014 all miniature horses should have DNA done. In essence every horse in your stud should have its DNA profile done and sent to the SAMHS.

The process involves pulling hair with a follicle from the mane or tail. Putting the hair in a clearly marked envelope and sending it to a lab to be tested. You can either test for just the DNA or you can at an extra fee do a parental identification.

There are three commonly used labs.

1. Unistel - Unistel Geneeskundige Laboratoriums, Post Net Suite 13, Privaatsak X22, Tygervallei, 7536 - Tel: (021) 9389213, Fax: (021) 9320065 – epos: [mpm@sun.ac.za](mailto:mpm@sun.ac.za) (Dr Munro Marx)
2. LNR – P/Sak X 2, Irene, 0062 - Pranisha Soma - [pranisha@arc.agric.za](mailto:pranisha@arc.agric.za) Tel 012 6729218, Faks: 012 6729214
3. Onderstepoort – Veterinary Genetics Laboratory, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria, P/Bag X04, Onderstepoort, 0110. Telno: 012-5298240, Fax: 012-5298310 [vgl@up.ac.za](mailto:vgl@up.ac.za)

### **4. HOY SHOW.**

This year Miniature Horses were back at the HOY show. We were well represented. There were 36 horses entered representing 14 breeders. We are sure that this show will become an annual event. We were well supported by the general public and the driving and jumping classes drew lots of positive comment and admiration. We believe that these classes are important in growing the popularity of the breed and it brings home to us the versatility of Miniature Horses. The Grand champion Mare was Hart E Endeavour from Hart E Miniatures shown by Coralezet Erasmus beating Hart E Guppie owned by Mini Madness and shown by Martin Venter.

The Grand champion Stallion was Hart E Deago owned by La-Petite Miniatures and shown by Arina Petit. The reserve Champion stallion was Stroptop Little Hobo Majestic Miniatures owned and shown by Juanita Strydom.

The Supreme Miniature Horse Show Champion was Hart E Deago owned by La-Petite Miniatures and shown by Arina Petit.



## NATIONALS 2013



The Miniature Horse National Championships will take place at the Spring Show in Pretoria and is scheduled for the 30 and 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2013. This year we will have indoor stabling in one of the Halls and we will have both an indoor and outdoor arena. We are expecting a good turnout at this event which is the Premier event on the Miniature Horse Show calendar.

## **5. RIVERSDAL SKOU.**

Die Riversdal Skou het dieselfde tyd as die HOY skou plaasgevind. Weg is die dae wat ons grootste bekommernis was of daar genoeg perde gaan wees om te skou. Nou hou ons sommer twee groot skoue gelyk. Daar was 26 perde by die Riversdal Skou wat 4 telers verteenwoordig het. Die Grootkampioen hings was Alteroux Thunder Ice geskou deur Frans Gerber en die eiendom van Paddavlei Miniatuurperdjies. Die Kampioen Merrie was Alteroux Turn Daphne wat ook die Opperste Kampioen Miniatuurperd van die skou was. Sy was deur Tertius le Roux geskou en behoort aan Paddavlei Miniatuurperde. Veels Geluk aan Tertius en Alida le Roux van Paddavlei.

**ALTEROUX TURN DAPHNE.** Die Kampioen Merrie en die Opperste Kampioen Miniatuurperd by Riversdal skou. Geskou deur Tertius le Roux.



## **6. NISSAN EASTER JUMP.**

Following the success of the jumping event at the Horse of the Year Show NISSAN SA kindly offered to Sponsor a jumping event at the NISSAN EASTER FESTIVAL to be held at Kayalami Equestrian Centre on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. We hope that we can combine more Mini Horse jumping events with Top Show Jumping events on the SA jumping calendar. Thank you to Nissan for the Sponsorship and to Murien Kok for building the jumps.



The advertisement features a red header with the text "GHS PRESENTS" and a white horse head logo. Below the logo is the text "NISSAN EASTER FESTIVAL". The main headline reads "Have you ever seen Miniature Horse Puissance?". A photograph shows a rider in a white shirt and black vest leading a brown miniature horse over a jump. Below the photo, it says "The winner gets a mini Nissan Wall Jump!". A graphic of a Nissan checkered flag is shown, with the text "1 April just before the SA Adult Outdoor Grand Prix in the BOB CHARTER". At the bottom, a black banner contains the text "Bring your family and come and have loads of fun!".

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## **7. KEURINGS / INSPECTIONS**

Keurings is waarskynlik die grootste uitdaging wat die genootskap huidiglik moet aanspreek. Keurings is absoluut noodsaaklik vir die registrasie proses en gepaardgaande groei van die genootskap. Ons ervaar 'n agterstand in hierdie opsig en wil 'n beroep op alle telers wat nog perde het vir keuring asb dadelik daaraan aandag sal gee. Keurings moet gedoen word op twee en 'n halfjarige ouderdom en weer op vyfjarige ouderdom. Kontak asb vir Sonja indien u enige perde het wat vir keuring voorgelê moet word.

Ons beplan ook 'n kursus waarin keurders opgelei word en waar bestaande keurders opgekerp sal word vir Oktober 2013. Meer inligting sal op 'n latere stadium beskikbaar wees.



EQUIPAGE INSURANCE BROKERS, the leading equine insurance company have agreed to sponsor Miniature Horses and in particular some of our bigger shows. You as a showing member can expect better showing experience as a result of this sponsorship. The very welcome input from EQUIPAGE means better exposure for the breed as a whole and more events can now be held. THANK YOU EQUIPAGE.

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## **9. KNOW WHAT YOU ARE BUYING / WEET WAT JY AANKOOP :**

The SAMHS cautions people who buy horses to be very sure they know what they are buying. It is better to avoid problems by being aware and wide awake than to try and correct difficult situations afterward. If a horse is represented as REGISTERED verify the registration or records. Measure the horses you buy. Ascertain whether their inoculations and deworming is up to date. Verify their age and the given particulars. Make sure you are happy and you will have a successful transaction, and a happy buyer and seller.

Horse's registrations and particulars can be verified by calling Sonja Wasserman at the SAMHA on telephone no 051 4100955 or email :

[Sonja@studbook.co.za](mailto:Sonja@studbook.co.za) during office hours.

Die genootskap waarsku voornemende kopers om baie seker te maak van wat hulle aankoop. Dit is makliker om problem te vermy deur opletend en wakker te wees as wat dit is om moeilike probleme na die tyd te probeer oplos. Wanneer 'n perd as GEREGISTREERD aangebied word, maak seker

van daardie registrasies en kennisgewings. Meet die perde wat jy aankoop. Maak seker die inentings en ontworming is op datum. Vereenselwig jou dat die perd so oud is soos gesê is en dat die ander beskrywings korrek is. Maak seker dat jy gelukkig is en jy sal 'n suksesvolle transaksie hê, asook 'n gelukkige koper en verkoper. Perde se besonderhede en registrasies kan by Sonja Wasserman nagegaan word by Stamboek telnr 051 4100955 of [Sonja@studbook.co.za](mailto:Sonja@studbook.co.za) gedurende kantoorure.

## 10. MINIATURE RESCUE.

A Miniature orientated rescue group based in Gauteng has been established. Many Miniature Horses are purchased on a whim which wears of and these horses are left in unfortunate situations. Some people, for various reasons are unable to take care of their animals. This organisation is there to help.

The objective is to assist people who are unable or unwilling to keep their Miniatures to re home them and to take care of horses that require intervention. This is a voluntary non-profit group who do it purely for the love and concern of the animals. Please donate generously. Resources are always in short supply and every bit helps. Please contact Debi Di Bon at 0730132829 and email : [cripple-flipper@mweb.co.za](mailto:cripple-flipper@mweb.co.za) or Juanita Strydom at 0825414767 or email : [juanitaa@mweb.co.za](mailto:juanitaa@mweb.co.za).



## **11. STILGEWACHT MINIATURE HORSE AUCTION. Bethlehem.**

This auction is held under the auspices of the SAMHS and is scheduled to take place in Bethlehem on the 13th April at the showground commencing at 11h 00. The horses for sale are scheduled on the SAMHS web site under horses for sale. There are 45 horses entered from 4 breeders.

## **12. EQUINE PASPORTS.**

Show and Horse societies are making a valid passport reflecting the relevant inoculations a show requirement. It makes good sense, in order to avoid disappointment, to make sure that all horses attending shows have the required prescribed documentation.

## **13. COUNCIL.**

The members listed below have been elected to serve on the SAMHS council. We are there because you elected us to serve the members of the Societand to represent the interests of the breed. Please communicate freely with us and share your thinking.

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**Alteroux Just X-Quizz it. With owner and Breeder Tertius le Roux Champion foal at Riversdal.**

