

**NZ MINIATURE HERFORD
BREEDERS GROUP
NEWSLETTER
CHRISTMAS 2012
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To all members

This summer is predicted to be a dry one in many places across the country so now is a good time to make sure your stock water supplies are up to scratch and you have plans in place for extra feed should you need it.

Providing shade for your stock also reduces the stress on your cattle during the long hot summer days.

I would like to wish you and your families all the best for the festive season. I look forward to seeing many of you in the New Year.

Graham Hunkin
Chairman



Hi Members,

Just thought I'd drop you all a quick Newsletter to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the NZMHBG Council Members.

This year the Miniature Hereford Breeders Group gained new members and now have membership of 30 breeders and more showing keen interest in joining.

If you are travelling the country over the holidays do make sure to touch base and meet with other members as you pass through their towns. I am sure they will be happy to show you their stock and talk minis with you. Maybe plan a time and help with Frame Score measuring while your there. I

know that some of you don't have members close to help with this or haven't had time or reason for the vet to visit so do take the opportunity if members are visiting other towns.

Best Wishes

Helen

(Editor/Council member)



Check out this great photo that Janet sent in. She has been showing her Miniature Herefords and used our NZMHBG sign. Excellent!! Don't the girls look good all in Hereford colours and hats too. Well done.

Any member can have the use of this Banner - Contact our Secretary -

Debra Hamilton - dhamilton@xtra.co.nz

PREVENTING HAZARDS WITH TRANSPORTING ANIMALS.

This is a warning to those who are moving cattle via trucks which require loading ramps. You really need to check the condition of the ramp especially if it is a portable one. Recently I had to use a steel portable ramp to unload and load my cattle at a show and didn't even think to look at the structure of it particularly where it met the edge of our truck. As the truck I usually use is on the small side the cattle normally have to step up out of it onto the ramp. In this case one cow caught her foreleg on the lip of the ramp which was not protected or even smooth. A large chunk of flesh was torn downwards from just under the knee to above the fetlock exposing the tendons. It could not be stitched as the tear was not going to be in the blood flow direction and would simply have rotted so it was cut away and the exposed wound then dressed and bandaged. It will be months before this heals properly so the cow (and her calf) are out of showing for the season.

I have sent these photos to the show concerned asking that in future portable ramps – especially steel ones – have the lip protected in some way. Even a rubber edging would do. In future I will be carrying some old carpet, a block of wood or even a rubber door mat to put over the edge of the ramp onto my truck in case I need it and, of course, will be checking the ramp itself. In the past we have unloaded the cattle onto a grass bank provided at the showgrounds.

The cow is very laid back and gentle so it is no trouble to change the dressing each day and administer anti-biotic injections but imagine if it were an animal not used to being handled in such a way. This is the first time we have had such an incident/accident despite all our years of showing or transporting animals for other purposes so you can see it could happen to anyone.

Janet Poole,

Riverlets Miniature Herefords.



Holiday time:

Plan your paddock rotations for the holidays.....

Don't leave it until the morning you go away to decide where every body is going to be and who is going to move the stock. Make sure they have plenty of clean fresh water. Check your troughs and make sure the ball cocks are working properly and keep your pumps well maintained. This can avoid last minute problems just as you're trying to get away.

Leave your farm minder a note of which paddocks you want the stock moved to and the vets phone number in case of emergency.

Facial Eczema season is starting end of January /early February. After Christmas/New Year ask your vet about the spore counts and when to start precautions against facial exzema.

If you wait until the spore counts rise to start treatment the damage might have already be starting.

Talk with your local vet about your area and risk.



MINIATURE HEREFORDS FOR SALE

Below is a list of stock for sale by members. Please contact them directly or ask Helen for more information and photos of any of these animals.

Unfortunately Chris & Eric need to move their herd on so have 4 x cows, a bull and some young stock for sale.

- **Mt Barker Anna & Anton**

Contact Chris Thomson
- Wanaka



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4 x rising 2 year old heifers - Running for bull
4 x rising yearling heifers

Contact - Elaine Retter - Matamata
awanui@orcon.net.nz - 07/888-4389

Any information, articles or photos that you would like to put forward for the next Newsletter please email or post to Helen Russell.....thanks

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Kruger Park Max

Herd No. 1592040002 - DOB 25/02/2004
Frame Score 0 (measured by laser beam) Proven sire with 22 progeny - Good conformation and wonderful temperament carried on to progeny.
POA to Carole Steele -
Ruzak Park
csteele@ruzak.co.nz
03/431-373



Special Christmas Mince Tarts

Orange Pastry

500gm plain flour
175gm icing sugar
375gm softened butter
1 orange grated
1 to 2 oranges for juice



Place the flour and icing sugar into a food processor and add butter. Process until it resembles fine bread crumbs. Tip into a large bowl, adding the orange rind and finally the juice of the orange, mixing with knife to form a nice dough. Wrap in gladwrap and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

The Pies

250gm cream cheese
50gm castor sugar
500gm good fruit mince
spray oil milk to glaze
sugar and cinnamon sprinkle

Mix the cream cheese with the sugar and set aside. Roll out the pastry, slightly thicker than usual and use pastry cutter to cut into the size you require. Line well-greased tins with the pastry and half fill with fruit mince. Place a blob of cream cheese on each pie and cover with the lid. Brush with milk and sprinkle liberally with sugar and some cinnamon.
Bake in a hot oven (approx 210c) until golden brown.

These are my favorite mince tarts, you will love them!

Merry Christmas

Welcome to our new members.....

Natalie Fletcher - Taupo

G. Marshall - Richmond, South Island

Great to have you on board !



BULLS! BULLS! BULLS! - FOR SALE



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- **Gladwyn Heights Marcus 040 - DOB 18.02.11**
Contact Helen Russell - Helen@amberleafarm.co.nz 07/362-8030
- **Yearling and 2 year old bulls for sale and/or lease**
Contact - John Long - Hawkes Bay - gayandjohn@xtra.co.nz - 06/879-5942
- **Coats-Arnold Bo 11-030 - DOB 04.04.11**
Contact - Paul Arnold - Oamaru - paul.arnold@xtra.co.nz
- **Akatea Lord Jonny 03-011 - DOB 08.09.03**
- **Plus 4 x yearling bulls to pick from**
Contact - Sharon O'brien - Tauranga - sharonobrien@kinect.co.nz - 07/542-0061
- **Grovenorth Alfie 07-003 - DOB 31.10.07**
- **Riverlets Patrick 10-0004 - DOB 22.10.10**
- **Riverlets Evan 10-0005 - DOB 16.11.10**
- **Grovenorth St Nick 10-00016 - DOB 11.12.10**
- **Ruzak Park Dusty 09-0005 - DOB 29.11.09**
Contact - Janet Poole - Northland - riverland27@ubernet.co.nz - 09/439-2420
- **Lil Boy 08-119 - DOB 23.08.08**
Contact - Graham Cammell - Clevedon - graham@cammellshoney.co.nz - 09/292-3010
- **Awanui Clifford 1056 - DOB 01.09.10**
Contact Elaine Retter - Matamata - awanui@orcon.net.nz - 07/888-4389
- **Lorre Bullseye - DOB 10.08.10**
- **Lorre Baxter - DOB 20.08.06**
Contact - Debra Hamilton - Feilding - dhamilton@xtra.co.nz - 06/328-5976
- **Sully Alexander 10-004 - DOB 17.11.10**
Sully Bartholomew 10-037 - DOB 10.09.10
Contact - Karen McNab - Greymouth, South Island - kj.awsfarm@y7mail.com - 03/768-9995
- **Lil Sir Alfred 07-0114 - DOB 18.08.07**
Contact - Christine Turner - Hamilton - nmrstnz@xtra.co.nz - 07/824-1946

Helen has photos of most of these bulls on request..... Or talk to breeder direct.....

If you sell any of your animals on the "For Sale" list do let me know so that I can take them off the list, or you might like to add your stock for sale to share with other members.