

## DBS NORTHERN REGION - THE THURSDAY BULLETIN . . .

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**Good morning!**



This is a slimmed down version of the Thursday Bulletin this week as we are currently putting together a bumper Winter/Festive edition of *Asspire*, in which you are assured a lot of donkey goodies, spreading the donkey love this Christmas!

As we move into Tiers 3 and 2 in various parts of our Region, we urge you to be safe, we're not there yet but at least the news yesterday of the first vaccine, brings hope for something a little more like 'normality' next year.

In the meantime, enjoy the Bulletin! Stay safe, Sarah x



### The Region's news, this Thursday . . .

**It was great! The Zoom 'Ned Talk' with our Chair and super-Vet on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November was very enjoyable and highly informative!** 'When to call the vet?' Twenty of us attended this talk virtually and our grateful thanks to Liz for such an informative evening. I found myself scribbling down lots of useful bits that were new to me and that have expanded my limited knowledge no end. We will send slides of the Presentation to all who attended and find a way to perhaps consolidate some of the golden nuggets of good advice given and present them to the whole of the Region. Three little snippets about first aid that you might like:



Keep a pack of disposable nappies in your first aid kit – really useful as emergency bandaging.



When you make up Hibiscrub, it should be the colour of pink gin – do not make it any darker!



Don't dry out wounds with wound powder, use wound cream instead!

Liz, we look forward to more Ned Talks in the future. Thank you.

**Your response to the question: 'have you got any videos of donkeys racing around your field and pictures of nativities past?' was amazing!** Thank you to all those who responded to the request from Susan Osbourne from the War Horse Memorial Organisation, to illustrate part of their big Christmas concert with video images of horses and donkeys racing round fields, grazing and generally looking happy and content.

You also sent me some adorable nativity scenes. I asked you to rise to the occasion and you most certainly did! Thank you very much and Susan has said that they will use as many images as they possibly can. It certainly looks like being an amazing concert. Full details in *Asspire* but book the evening of Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December, it promises to be beautiful!

**Northern Region AGM** this will now take place early next year and probably via Zoom, as we're getting better at it – possibly!! Steep learning curve for some, i.e. your Region's Secretary!! More to follow in the new year.

### **Also in the news, more FAB FARRIERS!!**

In our Festive edition of *Asspire* we will be bringing you more 'Fab Farriers' – there is Pam's amazing Mr D'Arcy and some lovely pictures of Tom Dyson receiving his certificate from Sally Lowe's donkey Magill! Remember, if you feel that your farrier is worthy of a certificate, if he or she has gone the extra mile in terms of really understanding that donkeys are different, then please do send your nomination, giving your reasons, anecdotes, words of warmth and we might just have time to include them in the 'fab farriers' feature in the Winter/Christmas Newsletter. Email to [northerndonks@gmail.com](mailto:northerndonks@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **And now for some pictures to get us in the mood for some festive fun!**

**Our featured photographer this fortnight is . . .**

#### **Sarah Standing!**

Sarah sent me some lovely pictures of her donks for the festive edition of *Asspire* but I am going to share them with you now because they are lovely and seasonal and if you just check out the llamas, I'm sure you will have a little chuckle! Sarah, thank you for all the lovely pictures of your donkeys, and other animals, that we have enjoyed during 2020. They have brightened up our lives!



**Slight case of 'antler droop' here but I'm sure it can be rectified in time for the big day!**



'Keep your head down they might not see us!'

## CHRISTMAS CAPTION COMPETITION!

Over to you, wordsmiths of the Northern Region . . .

What is going on here?! Send your captions to me at [northerndonks@gmail.com](mailto:northerndonks@gmail.com) the winner will be announced in the festive edition of *Asspire*. Closing date Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, so get your creative skates on!!

And, if you win, a few little equine goodies will be winging their way to you, this Christmas!





**Totally adorable!**

As you can see, Sarah's donkeys are wearing their tinsel well. She wanted to say however that festooning your donkey with tinsel and other decorations should only ever be undertaken responsibly. Animals should never be left alone but supervised at all times. If it's the first time your donkey has been introduced to decorations, as with other firsts, take it slowly and build up familiarity and trust gradually. *Great advice, thanks Sarah.*

**And one more pic for you this Thursday . . .**



**The Colley Mill Three: Barney, Freddie and Missy enjoying some winter sun.**

**Ring up a Rep!! Your Reps are here for advice/support/a friendly chat:**

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**And finally,**

Your help is requested in order to make the Winter/Christmas edition of *Asspire* a real cracker!! Please send articles, advice, anecdotes, messages to the Region and lots of pictures, recipes, quiz questions to [northerndonks@gmail.com](mailto:northerndonks@gmail.com). Deadline: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December!

**Stay safe everyone and thank you for supporting the Northern Region's  
Thursday Bulletin! We're taking a break as ASSPIRE is out shortly!!!!!!**

