



DOUBLE DELIGHT - Great excitement at the unexpected birth of twins to Mr Moosa Ockert's Popplin during the holy month of Ramadan. Equine twins are an extremely rare occurrence. Often the mare does not carry them to term, and equally often, one or both foals do not survive. In Popplin's case, a chestnut filly subsequently named Success came first, followed by Survivor, her smaller, weaker palomino brother, who at first was unable to stand and access the 'milk bar'. When Mr Ockerts called to tell Diana that Survivor was frothing at the mouth, she took no chances and called the vet, who after a thorough examination, found nothing wrong other than the possibility of the little colt having tasted something unpleasant! Both babies have unique personalities. Success is more confident and ventures further afield, while Survivor tends to stick close to Popplin who is friendly and unaggressive towards admiring visitors. She is in mint condition, which Mr Ockerts attributes to the fresh grass he cuts for her every evening. Our Inspectors visit regularly, to make sure that all is in order with this special family, and Diana is convinced that the owners' experience and knowledge were major factors in the



successful birth, and subsequent survival of the twins.



Top: Sibling love – Day old Success & Survivor ; Bottom: Proud owner Moosa Ockert's (back) with trusted stable hand Herman Africa (front) sharing a special moment with the twins & proud mom Popplin.



MR LONELY UPDATE - Following the sad death of the cart horse Mr Lonely due to extreme abuse, a unanimous decision to lay charges against the owner and drivers of Mr Lonely was made by the Management Committee of the Cart Horse Protection Association.

Charges were laid at the Delft police station which led to the arrest of the owner on the 26th October 2011.

He appeared briefly in court and as he has a fixed address, bail of R3 000 was granted. The two drivers, who subsequently went into hiding, were later found by the Investigating Officer and arrested on Wednesday, 9th November 2011.

The three accused appeared in the Bellville Magistrates Court on 17 November to enter a plea – all three pleaded not guilty. The trial date has been set for 6 March 2011. The news of this horrific case of abuse has spread far and wide – an advocate and Cart Horse Facebook fan, generously offered his services to help us get a conviction. He will be studying the case, offering us advice on potential loopholes to ensure that we have a watertight case.

We are hoping that if found guilty, the court will not only hand down an appropriate fine or jail term but it is our ultimate goal that they will be declared unfit to ever own an animal again in the future.

The support from our donors and members of the public has been overwhelming – thank you! We will continue to give updates on any new developments via the media, social networking and our newsletters.

Photo – Three accused in the Mr Lonely abuse case – charged and will stand trial on 6 March 2012



NEW ARRIVALS – Welcome little ones to the Cart Horse Royal Family. Every foal that is born at the Recovery & Rehabilitation Centre or at the Epping clinic is bestowed a royal title.



Left to right – Prince Edward & Blondie, Miss Millie and Joyce, Princess Margaret & Molly, Queen Victoria Beckham (her Mom is Miss Liverpool) and Inspector Diana Truter and adorable Rosa

BUSHIE & DAVID - David, a feisty piebald stallion with a distinctive blotch on his side, was the Abraham family cart horse for many years. After the death of Abraham senior, David was passed on to son Paalie, as at the time, son Bushie lived in a haze of drugs and was not interested in horses. After Paalie was killed in a gang fight, Bushie inherited David and made the decision to turn his life around. Bushie became an exemplary owner, and in both 2010 and 2011 was 'crowned' Cartie of the Year. David, a treasured part of the family, was then retired from the shafts.



When Bushie called Diana to report that David had developed a growth on his penis, he was brought to Epping and diagnosed by Dr Augustyn with early stage cancer. As the horse was in excellent condition, the growth was removed, and it was decided to leave him until the cancer progressed to a stage when euthanasia would become the only option. David was taken home and the prognosis conveyed to Bushie. The cancer returned very aggressively, and although David ate well and was very much the stallion, nothing more

could be done but treat the pain. Bushie called Diana in October to tell her that the penis smelled very bad, even though the stable was kept clean and aired. The time had come to make a very hard decision. Bushie was heartbroken, but adamant that he had to do the right thing for his long time companion. After the vet confirmed that the cancer had spread to the stomach, Diana gave Bushie the weekend to say his goodbyes, and a bag of 10% for David's last meals. The following Monday David was boxed to our Epping clinic site where he was humanely put to sleep. Despite his medical condition, David was full of life to the end, making it extremely difficult and traumatic for the Inspectors. The compassion and love that Bushie showed David was truly touching, and extends to all his horses. David will be missed and fondly remembered by all at CHPA.



Photo – Bushie saying his final farewell to a life long friend

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PROUDLY SOUTH AFRICAN CART HORSE SHOW 2011

Heritage Day dawned fine and hot for the annual Cart Horse Show this year. Barry Armitage of The Ride fame and long time volunteer and friend Ann Vonk were the judges

of the day – quite a daunting task. Cart horse owners and drivers crowded to register their horses for the different classes, they had put a lot of effort into preparing themselves, their carts and horses and were eager to get the chance to show off and prove they had what it took to be Show Champion. The judges had a hard time choosing the class winners as the standard was really high. Many owners had their horses newly shod and rested in preparation for the big day. Always a favourite event of the day was the children's class, where the little ones drove their horses with skill and pride.



“It was a great day full of friendly competition with a small but enthusiastic audience. This shows how Cart Horse has changed the attitude of ‘carties’ over the years and gives a lot of credit to the Inspectors and the carting industry as a whole” said Ann Vonk.

The day culminated in the much anticipated prize giving. Jerome Abrahams aka Bushie Adams won Owner of the Year and Glodine Japhta – Most Improved Owner. Ricardo Claasen aka Bal took home Driver of the Year and Tersten Japhta aka Hapie – Most Improved Driver. Johnny Mouwers was crowned Show Champion.

The success of this years show would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors - Distinctive Choice, Primix, Fairest Cape Feeds, Rushfords Rosettes, Swift Displays, Sanitech, K9 Kennels and Training Centre, Technokeys and AV Staging. Go to www.youtube.com/CartHorseProtection to view video clip of the show.



Photos – Top left – Happy winner Hapie with his horse Lucky. Bottom Left – Stunning rosettes sponsored by Rushfords Rosettes. Top right – Winner trophies. Bottom right – Trigger getting a congratulatory pat from judge Barry Armitage.



OUMIE'S LYMPHANGITIS - Mr Slamdien called Diana to fetch and PTS Oumie who had a badly wounded, swollen leg. Diana obliged, but because the strawbewrry roan mare is such a sweet gentle soul, decided to see if there was a chance she could be saved. The vet diagnosed lymphangitis and left instructions for treatment, emphasising that it would be a slow process and could take months to come right. Oumie was signed over, taken to the R & R, put on box rest with periods of controlled slow exercise to maintain circulation, and treated with appropriate veterinary medication and pain killers. .A member of the public who visited the

R & R saw Oumie, and told Diana that her own horse with a similar condition had been treated successfully with acupuncture by Dr Sarah Peters. Dr Peters was asked to treat Oumie, and did so with positive results. Oumie is now able to spend time in the paddock, swelling is reduced, and every day sees improvement. (Oumie is not too keen on Diana, probably because she is the injection giver!)

Oumie's gentle nature came to the fore when puppy Bonthuis was accidentally locked in her stable during the evening 'carrot run'. Noticing Bonthuis' absence, Diana found him in the stable jumping up against the door. Even though supper was waiting in the manger, Oumie stood at the back as if she were trying to avoid hurting the pup. Treatment with acupuncture therapy will continue until the leg has healed completely, and Oumie can be placed in the adoption program. Hopefully when the time comes, she will find a very special home.

Photo – Alternative therapy proves very effective for Oumie



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH - Both Sparkles and Noble, were confiscated in October due to bad driver behaviour. Diana was alerted by a member of the public to Noble being driven at high speed in Forest Drive at 21h00. She contacted Karin who was spending the night at Epping with a sick horse, Karin called Epping City Improvement district (ECID) to look out for him. Then another call came in to say Noble was hiding at Fruit & Veg opposite Epping market, so ECID were quickly re-directed and nabbed them. As the drivers were known 'bad apples, who should not have been allowed on the cart, Noble was permanently confiscated and signed over to the SPCA for adoption.

In Sparkles' case, SAPS called Diana to say they had apprehended the driver for theft of scaffolding in a squatter camp near Kuils River, and would she please collect the horse. Responding to the call, Diana was escorted in, to find Sparkles in good condition, but with bad harness, worse cart and no shoes. From the back of the police van the driver beseeched Diana to 'Bel my Auntie'! His pleas were ignored, and an eager Sparkles loaded into the horse box, enticed perhaps by the smell of lucerne, and freedom from the shafts. Driving out was easier said than done. After being guided down narrow roads, Diana eventually arrived at a point where further progress was impossible, so the box was unhitched and members of the community hauled box and Sparkles to a wider street before re-attaching the bakkie. As this driver had a history of using the horse for theft, confiscation ensued, and Sparkles was taken to the R & R. To date his owner has not made contact, so another horse is off the road and will go into the SPCA's adoption program.



The SAPS officer was very proud of his arrest, and when Diana expressed her gratitude said: 'You can buy me a coke because it's a very hot day'! When the public, law enforcement, and CHPA join forces, bad drivers beware. You will not be tolerated.

Photo – Sparkles with SAPS officer before he was loaded into the horse box.



OLD MISS MOLLY - At almost thirty years old, Miss Molly, owned by Moosa Ockerts, is matriach of the carting industry. When in April she was admitted to the Epping clinic with sand colic, we were worried that due to her age she might not make it. Despite the odds, and although recovery was slow, Miss Molly pulled through and was returned home. Diana tactfully suggested that Molly be signed over and found a retirement home where she could live out the

rest of her life in comfort. Not long after this heart to heart, Mr Ockerts made the 'right' decision, and asked Diana to fetch Molly. The family had said their goodbyes at a farewell party and were ready to let the old horse go. Diana arrived on her mission to find Mr Ockerts waiting with his two sons. Molly was fetched from her stable, loaded by her tearful owner and taken to the R & R to wait until a suitable home could be found.

Before long, James and Karen McCallum generously offered Molly sanctuary at Journeys End Stables in Somerset West. Molly now spends lazy days in the company of an equine friend with whom she has formed a special bond, leaving behind her working life and, according to Diana, a host of relatives in the industry.



Photos – Top left – Inspector Karin Bothma at her side during her time of need. Top right – Perky Molly – all better. Bottom right – Molly at her new home with her best friend.





Henry Ford once said: "Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress and working together is success"

Having achieved the significant milestone of the implementation of ID plate project in this year, I feel it fitting to reflect on the progress Cart Horse has made over the past 12 years, in my time, firstly as Fundraiser and more recently as General Manager.

Our work has changed the welfare of the working horse from a life of living death to being fit and comfortable in their work. With adequate infrastructure, our services are easily accessible and available, financially, we have saved up for a rainy day and we have earned the reputation of a credible animal welfare both nationally and internationally. But most importantly, we have made friends along the way, friends who have believed in our cause and given with open hearts and hands which has enabled us to progress and succeed.

Our lead story in our newsletter of December 2001, was about Daisy who was found in a makeshift stable, starving, dehydrated and covered in mangle and of Echo who had been literally ridden into the ground, with a broken shoulder and left lying there for four days without attention of any kind.

Today we run stories about Samuari and Undertaker who survived life threatening conditions with our help, the ID plate distribution, happy endings for prosecution horses, how Black Jack was willingly signed over by his owner and how Mr Lonely's abusers will be held accountable for their cruelty.

More specifically this is what your continued support has enabled us to achieve:

From feeding virtually nothing but cow meal owners are now feeding an appropriate diet of meal, oat hay and lucerne which is supplied and subsidised by us. From having to rely on the odd farrier to assist with shoeing we now have a Farrier Department expertly managed by Ashley Deelman whose skills go beyond the basics. Ashley is able to carry out remedial shoeing and identify lower limb and foot problems.

Due to the trusting relationship built between the carties and our Inspectors, owners do not hesitate to call us when they have a sick and injured horse. Unlike in the past, horses are treated immediately and are no longer left to suffer or die unattended to.

Cases of abuse and neglect have decreased considerably over the years. Nowadays, one seldom sees an overloaded cart, the carties know that they are unlikely to get away with it because members of the public are our eyes and ears and these sightings are reported immediately. The majority of carties have learnt the meaning of consequences.

The condition of horses has improved. This is not to say that we do not get horses under standard but it is very rare that we see emaciated, skeletal horses that we used to see so many of.

In the early days it was impossible to get a handle on the number of horses out there but today we can confidently state that there are 425 horses in the carting industry living on the Cape Flats and the numbers are not increasing. We are proud of the fact that we know who our beneficiaries are, every horse owner and driver and where they live.

From cart boots to rusty containers, we now have a permanent home in Epping and the Recovery & Rehabilitation Centre on Firlands Estate as well as all the tools to do the job effectively.

From one Inspector and a Fundraiser, we have grown to a staff compliment of 8, who operate the Association with skill, integrity, dedication and ethics. I would like to thank all the staff for the hard work they have put in this year. It has been an honour and a privilege to lead you.

Through stringent controls are now on a very sound financial footing. From one telephone line and a PO Box, we have entered the digital age with ease and make full use of social networking to communicate with our donors and supporters.

We fully realise the importance of our donors and volunteers in every sphere of our work. Every rand donated, hour volunteered, event attended, raffle ticket bought, cart horse sighting reported, collection tin filled, golf ball sunk, kilometre ridden, legacy pledged ensures our survival. As Carl always says a Thank You is best demonstrated and we will do so by our continued commitment to the protection of our beautiful noble horses.

In 1995, we pulled together, we have stayed together and we are succeeding together. On behalf of the staff, management committee, the working cart horses and their owners, I thank you for your support in 2011, wish you a peaceful festive season and a 2012 filled with hope, love and happiness.

Megan White
Fundraising Manager