

Ruth Jefferson Racing

April Newsletter



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It has been an unusually dry year this year and with some frost, a shutdown due to flu and having to give vaccinations we still feel like we are waiting for the season to start! We try not to run horses unless we feel everything is in their favor - a tactic that has helped us achieve a 20% strike rate this season. Obviously, we don't get it right every time and like many people we are left scratching our heads.

We were pleased for Mega Yeats to get her head back in front at Market Rasen and had planned to take her to Cheltenham for a mares race. Unfortunately she pulled a muscle in her leg and following a trip to the back man she has been put away for next year.

On the next page are some case studies of horses so you can learn a bit more about them!



NORTHERN SOUL a lovely horse who won this season over hurdles he has unfortunately picked up a leg injury and wont be seen until after Christmas



RETURN TICKET a lovely big horse he ran a cracking race under Aiden Blakemore to finish second on his first start for 3 months. He will now go chasing.

DOUBLE W'S



A cracking horse who has given his owners a lot of fun - not least when winning the Red Rum Chase at Aintree's Grand National meeting - he didn't fire at all last year. Found to be lame in the field in summer a thorough examination showed he had suffered an unusual injury. A bone cyst had burst causing damage to a ligament in his stifle. Surgery followed and after a period of box rest his rehabilitation could commence. Weeks on the walker we followed by gentle exercise in John Quinn's indoor ride (I have lovely neighbors) where he gradually built up his muscle strength doing a lot of trotting and hacking. Having being up the gallops and training up hill for weeks he has gradually progressed to schooling and working upsides and he should be back on a racecourse very soon.

WAITING PATIENTLY



Obviously I was disappointed at Aintree as we felt we had all the boxes ticked. He was bouncing at home and passed his pre race checks with flying color's but did not perform on the day. He will now undergo a more through service and MOT to see if anything comes to light. Hopefully we can pinpoint a reason or two and get him back where he belongs. Horses are neither human nor machines and they can't always tell you there is a problem. It is also likely that it only affects him when racing as at home he shows the signs of being in great form. We put his performance at Ascot this year down to the ground being too quick but it is likely it is more than that.

Lemon T

A beautiful, tall horse who has taken a long time to mature he was bred by Malcolm out of his broodmare Altogether Now. She herself is from the family of Marlborough and Tullymurry Toff, He was the last foal, number 10, and orphaned after his mother died. A half brother to five other winners he is a lovely type for the future. He schools well and will now run over hurdles but chasing will be his game

