

# Equestrian Issues

with Surrey Action For Equine - The County Horsecatch Scheme

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## Welcome home Bailey and Tinkerbell.

The two small ponies stolen from a yard in Charlton Village Shepperton have been found. Once again Horsecatch tirelessly working for distraught owner Daniel have been successful in getting them home.

Following up a positive lead from a Horsecatch supporter, Daniel was reunited with his ponies. Many thanks to all the owners and supporters throughout the country who worked tirelessly to get pictures and posters distributed. *Together we can have a positive impact on equine crime.* Should you find yourself unlucky enough to be a victim of horse theft. Contact your Police as soon as possible and remember to post full details and photographs on the stolen horse register.

## Jaffa and Padlock keeping abreast of all things equine.

They promised us a record of their most recent adventures. They did not keep us in suspense for long.

The publication of a new book entitled 'Adventures with Jaffa and Padlock' got off to a fine start with its successful launch at Your Horse Live. It was just in time to be added to the must have for Christmas list.

Many thanks to Carol and Tom McMeekan for helping to man the SAFE stand at YHL for the two days of this great event, and to the time Carol spent proof reading and advising on production. Illustrations were provided by another talented team member Alison Hook. We have created this publication for equine lovers and young riders alike. The book consists of four short adventure stories about Jaffa and Padlock. The stories are based around real issues with an educational twist. An amusing read for all ages.

Feedback shows their adventures have found a place in the heart of animal lovers of all ages. You don't need to own an equine to be charmed by the exciting stories of these two characters.

Copies are available at £4.50 inclusive of postage and can be ordered via our website using paypal. Or send a cheque for £4.50 per copy to S.A.F.E Farnham Police Station, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7QA Please make your cheque payable to Surrey Action For Equine.



## A great way to combat Equine Crime



Our Commendation Awards for stable yards are to promote, give recognition of a pro-active approach to equine crime reduction within the environment of the stable yard.

Past finalists demonstrated their commitment to equine crime reduction providing an environment of safety for Clients and their horses.

Last year two worthy winners each received a framed certificate of commendation and a gift basket of equine items.

The S.A.F.E. website contains details of the self-assessment form you can download. When completed send back to us as an email attachment or by post to S.A.F.E at Farnham Police Station, Longbridge, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7QA

Just ten vital points for you to consider and award yourself marks. It takes very little time to complete the form. You too can be a winner

## Incidents of mane plaiting in Surrey



If you have worries regarding the random plaiting of the mane, check out our Website [www.surrey-action-for-equine.co.uk](http://www.surrey-action-for-equine.co.uk)

Please be assured that to date, there have been no horses stolen after plaits have been found. If you experience such an incident please write down the circumstances, date, time etc. take a couple of photos. and send a copy with full details to SAFE.

We shall keep a record of all such incidents, which will enable us to monitor the situation.

## Sally Martin Equine Art

We are indebted to Sally Martin for her generosity in presenting us with a fine example of her work to assist us in fund raising. We have been given 'Down the Long Side' a limited edition print which is signed and numbered 12/250

To raise funds we invite bids for this very desirable item. We have received an initial bid of £45. To view the print and to place your bid refer to our website [www.surrey-action-for-equine.co.uk](http://www.surrey-action-for-equine.co.uk) Or, you may telephone our dedicated line 01420 487625 and place your bid.

**SAFE SHOW QUALIFYING CLASSES 2010** There will be qualifying classes for our SAFE in-hand and ridden championships at the following shows during the coming months. To confirm times and classes please contact the show secretary at each venue

Pachesham Equestrian Centre, Leatherhead, Surrey at their Fun Show on 3rd May  
Pyrford Saddle Club, Pyrford on 6th June  
Charlton Village Show at Manor Farm Stables, Charlton Village on Sunday 13th June  
The Chertsey Show on 14th and 15th August.

1st and 2nd Placings in all qualifier classes will be eligible to go forward to compete in the final championships, which will be held at Pachesham Equestrian Centre, Leatherhead, Surrey at the end of August.

Please note: All entries for the final Championships must be paid up members of either SAFE Young Riders or SAFE Riders. To renew your riders membership or become a new member for 2010 post cheque made out to Surrey Action For Equine, to Farnham Police Station, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7QA

### Equine Specific First Aid courses at Wildwoods Riding Centre

Wildwoods is amongst some of the centres that run the course for the British Horse Society. Working in the equine industry can be a high risk job. Often if you are out riding you can be inaccessible for help if someone has an accident. A basic knowledge of First Aid can save a life - it might be a case of clearing an unconscious rider's airway or stopping a bleed or even resuscitation

These basic skills can be learnt in a two day course that has been adapted to deal with equine related injuries. It is structured with riders and instructors in mind.

To be on the BHS instructors Register it is necessary to have this qualification which needs to be updated on a one day refresher course every two years.

For more details go to the BHS website [www.bhs.org.uk](http://www.bhs.org.uk)

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#### Shoeing For Tomorrow

Ricky Gache has over 16 years experience shoeing different types of horses from Olympic Dressage Horses, World Champion Driving Horses to Shetland ponies.

All of which are just as important to him as they are to you.