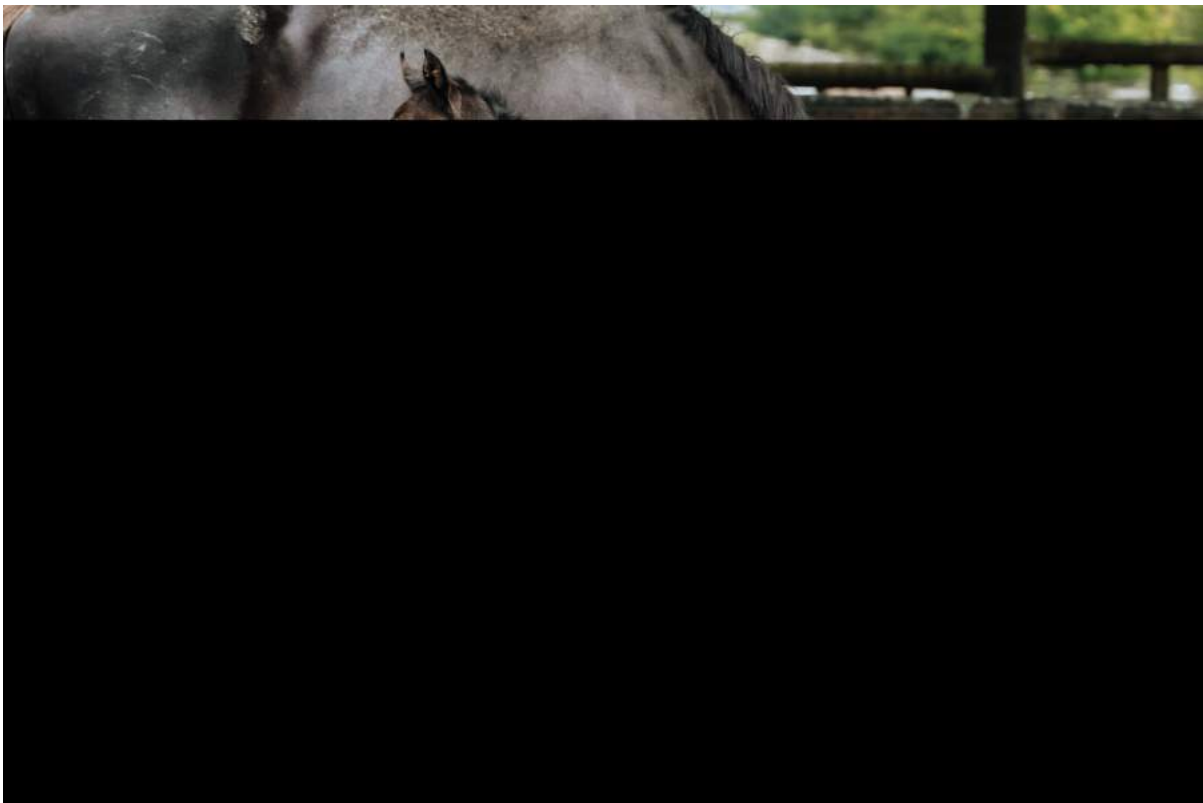
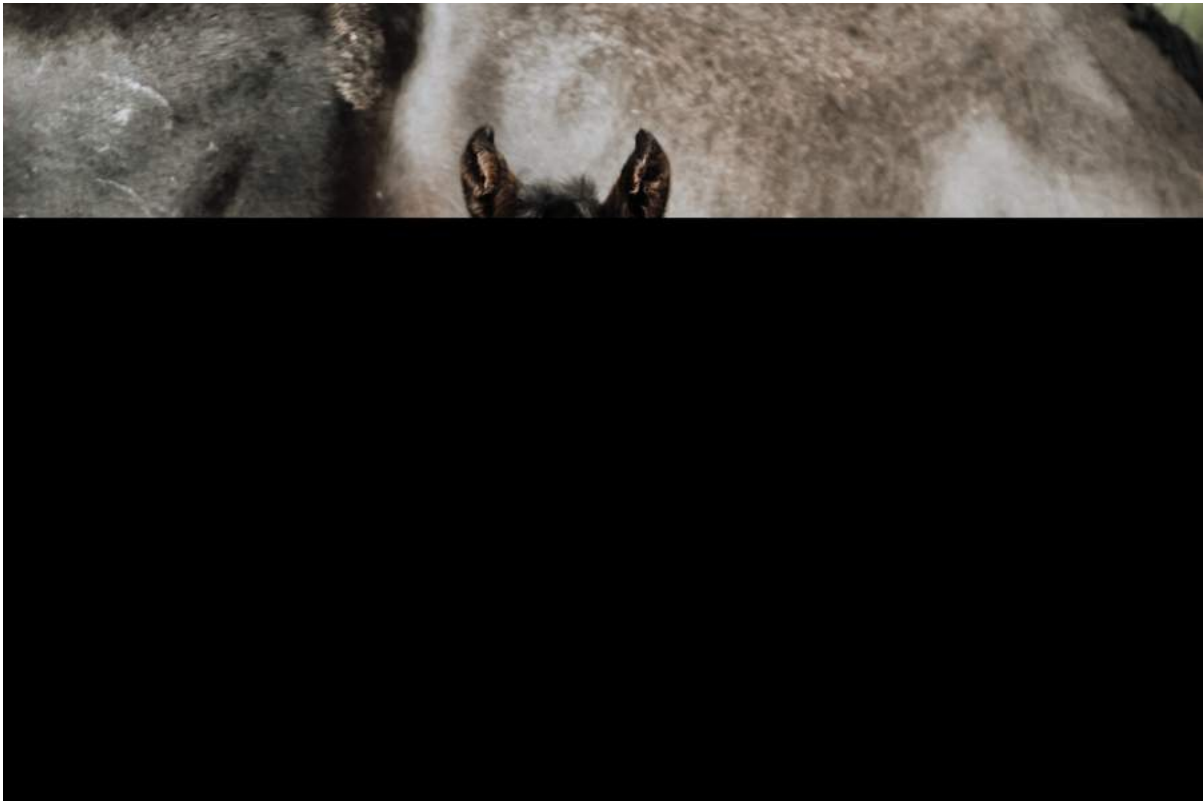


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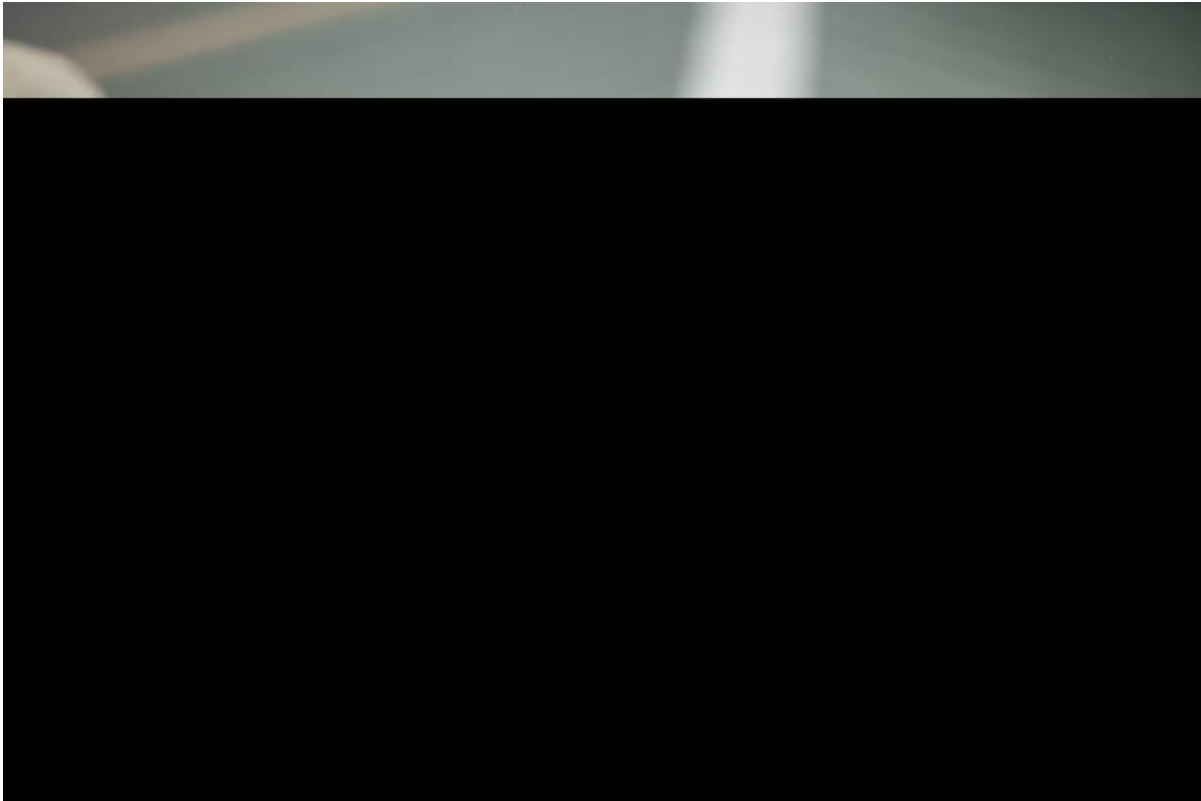
Major Beel's full brother



Pictured above is 2022 AJC Derby winner's full brother (**Savabeel** x **Gram**). We think this fella and **Major Beel** have some striking similarities wity their dark coats and strong hind quarters. Looking forward to following his career.

We couldn't do it without them...

Meet Matt



1. Introduce yourself & how long you have worked at WS?

My name is Matt Mackee and I have worked at Waikato Stud as a seasonal veterinarian since July 2022.

2. What previous experiences have led you to where you are?

I have worked with horses my whole life having grown up on a warmblood stud in the UK. I have since been working with horses as a veterinarian for the past 5 years in Australia, the UK and now here at Waikato Stud.

3. Go-to beverage?

Can't beat a gin and tonic!

4. What section of the farm do you mainly work in and what do you enjoy about it?

I work as a veterinarian and can be found in any section at any time given the nature of the work!

5. Explain the highlight of your career so far...

Everyday is a privilege but witnessing your efforts getting a mare in foal to seeing a healthy live mare and foal on the ground doesn't fail to put a smile on your face every time.

6. A piece of advice you would give someone who is new in the thoroughbred industry?

Working with a great team makes all the difference. You need to be open to learning from people with more experience, and never be afraid to put your hand up. Everyday I learn something new.

7. Anything you want to add or mention?

I think I need to trade in my 2019 Mustang for Ford F-250 though. Or at least a ranger?

Cox Plate Day

Ocean Park - 2012



The Cox Plate holds a special place at Waikato Stud. Pictured above is 'The Boss' and our five-time G1-winning stallion, **Ocean Park**, following their legendary victory over All Too Hard and Pierro in the prestigious race.

Savabeel - 2004



Our nine-time Champion Sire, **Savabeel**, claimed the time-honoured race in outstanding fashion for Graeme Rogerson with Chris Munce on board. We're honoured to have two Cox Plate-winning sires on the WS roster.

"I said, 'he'll win'. This horse is a great horse."

Rogie knew!

[Click here to watch his post-race interview.](#)



So, I can imagine the last thing you want to hear about is whether my heart is beating or not. Well, you are going to hear a little because the message the Cardiologist and her support team hammered away at, was the need for at least annual checks particularly as you age. Now, I am no longer aging no I am now a well-aged barrel, (similar shape) not to suggest the process has stopped but the feeling not much else can go wrong is wrong.

I was fortunate, I have been short of breath on and off for some time. Our trip to Sydney was a wonderful family experience, but my impediment was spotted, fortunately, expediting a full-on family attack. Twelve hours after landing I was on a treadmill, just a three-minute set, I knew I was no hope. The next day a scan of the heart confirmed my natural generosity was aligned with the heart size. So far no problem. The next day the infusion of the dye quickly confirmed an 89% blockage of the heart's main artery. Four hours later on the way home with a newly plumbed stent.

Now, I am not at this stage about to run a marathon, but then I never have, I can't tell you how grateful I am to everyone who contributed. Do you now have the message, if one of you eleven readers thinks about the unknown possibility you may be functioning on only 11% of your REQUIRED capacity then this Corner is a worthwhile contribution to Waikato's newsletter.

It is interesting to get a grip on our new wagering providers. Their clear motivation is higher turnover creates a better result for all. Of course, it is you say, their picture is one of excitement,

quick action to maintain this stimuli. Their involvement in the TAB Everest was about a much-needed rebrand, all marketing is difficult to measure the effect, so the NZ marketing of the Everest would have to be considered a success. Let's hope those excited by the last few months find some stickability, Entain's spending would not have been recovered but unlike our previous administration these are promotions that are risks they bear with any benefits we share.

This leads me to a comment made to me in Sydney, "it will be interesting to see if the results of this enterprise results in a substantial change in Entain's bottom line, how it will be received?" Well, I can tell you, very few will remember the loss leads.

By then, if they are still around the current executive should follow my recent experience, and have an immediate check-up.

Cheers

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