

# Dunedin Group RDA Newsletter

MAY 2010



**Welcome to our brand new newsletter!** We are hoping to publish it monthly, it will be emailed around to volunteers, parents/caregivers, and riders, with a copy also being left at RDA to read for those without email addresses.

Feel free to pass it on to family and friends, and if you have any suggestions for content or feedback please contact Sue [jmarsha2000@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jmarsha2000@xtra.co.nz) or Sarah [esdee\\_23@yahoo.com](mailto:esdee_23@yahoo.com)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

\* Last Riding Days Before Winter Break    Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May    Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May    Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May

### Meet our Volunteers

**Name: Nicky Wilson** (*not Miller*)  
**What day/s do you volunteer:** Monday and Thursday mornings  
**How long have you been at RDA:** About a year  
**How did you get involved:**  
I read an ad in the paper and didn't have my own horse anymore and have always loved them so decided to come and help look after the RDA horses.  
**What is your favourite part of RDA:** Coming and seeing the kids getting on the horses; the horses; the people - all of it!  
**Something we don't know about you:** My daughter Erin rides Utu outside of RDA and takes him to Pony Club.

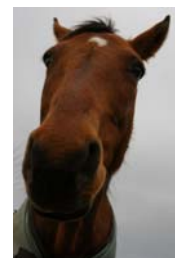


### Meet our Horses

**Chanty** has a lovely kind nature.

She was a Champion Barrel Racer, and has a very sensitive mouth, so at RDA she is normally ridden in a **bitless bridle**.

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| Height | 15 hh         |
| Age    | 20 years      |
| Sex    | Mare          |
| Colour | Bay with star |



**Fact** - Chanty has had two foals and has been at RDA since 2007.

## Can You Help?

Our horses are moving to their winter grazing in Mosgiel in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June.

During this time they still need feeding and caring for.

Can you spare a few hours each week to feed horses and clean paddocks?

If you can help please contact Lyn 0211109644

**First Aid Course:** On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May, from 9am-5pm 12

Volunteers went to the Red Cross for a Dunedin RDA funded first aid course. We all found it very worthwhile and learnt a lot, even though there were some very tired brains at the end of it! Hopefully we will now have at least one qualified first-aidier at each riding session, in case any injuries should occur.



**"From the Horses Mouth" ... Websites you might like to visit**

[www.nzrda.org](http://www.nzrda.org)    [www.rda.org.au](http://www.rda.org.au)    [www.riding-for-disabled.org.uk](http://www.riding-for-disabled.org.uk)

### Important Phone Numbers

Maree ( Vice President ) (03) 4811 343 or 027 494 9878 ,    Lyn (Horse Manager) 021 110 9644

Sarah 027 4245 160.    Denise ( Volunteer Coordinator) 021 822 966.    Saturday Cancellation Line 474 8425

[www.dunedinrda.co.nz](http://www.dunedinrda.co.nz)