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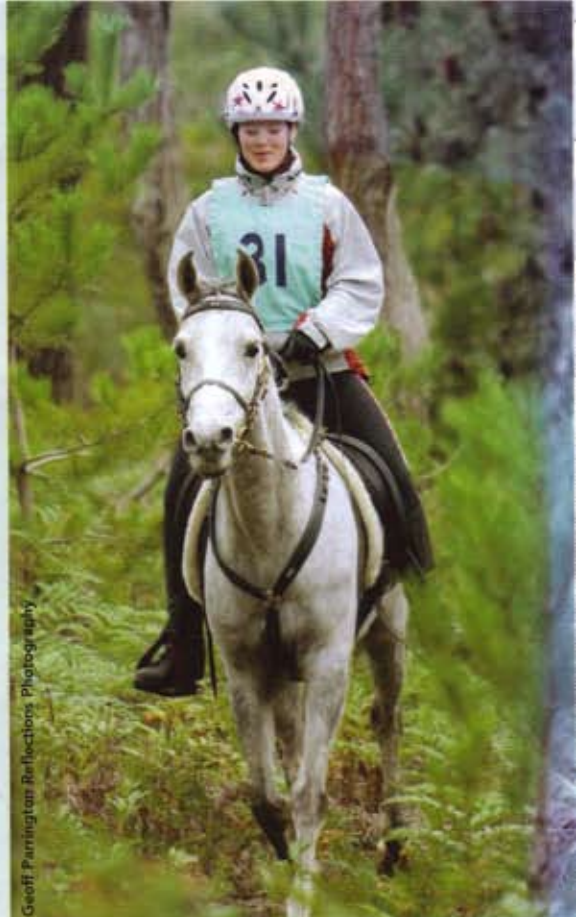
Stella Harbison and CASTLEBAR TRADITION at the Youth Championship.

## AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

The inaugural CEI \*\*\* 120 km Australian Youth Championship and Open Event held at Jenny and Royce Moncur's property at Rosedale in Victoria was a fantastic success by all accounts. The track was predominantly sandy and riders felt this added a degree of difficulty to the event.

In the Youth Championship Emily Daw and Castlebar Kadeen (Kevisan Park Kentucky Blue x Lady Claire) galloped to the finish with Stella Harbison riding Castlebar Tradition (Seraja x Quillionaire) and Netherlands rider Carmen Romer atop Meg Wade's stallion Castlebar Khalifa (Arkab Mahran exp UK x Clemency). One second separated their places.

The Open section was a clear victory to Howard Harris and his homebred gelding Harmere Turfan (Harmere Tabriz x Chip Chase Koalicja). Second place was well deserved by Claudia Reid on Ningadoo Taban (River Oak Tabu x Hawkesbury Elan) and Meg Wade on Almahzoz (Avondale Maluka x Bilah) took third after the duo made a thrilling dash to the line.



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Emily Daw and CASTLEBAR KADEEN won the Youth Championship.

## FILM STAR

**S**hona Young of Krishlah Arabians Victoria reports: During May a convoy of people and animals travelled to Melbourne for the filming of the new PETstock TV commercial. Our carload alone included a turtle, python, rabbit, guinea pig, cockatiel, parrot, naughty puppy, four goldfish and in the float, Avondale Amir (\*Amir El Shaklan x Avondale Elation), a five-year-old purebred gelding, aka Ben.

When asked if we could select a horse to take along for the day, Ben was chosen because of his sensible nature, patience, friendly personality and of course his good looks!

To say Ben lived up to expectations would be a huge understatement. The studio was in a busy street in the middle of Melbourne and the place was bedlam with animals barking, squawking and crying. Huge lighting and film props were set up in the studio. Ben handled his part like a pro, patiently posing and being prodded for over an hour! His beautiful manners and charming personality won him many fans among the very non-horsey film crew.

Afterwards Ben spent the remainder of the day waiting for the other animals to have their turn, not one impatient stamp of the foot for five hours on the float - just happy with a

few pats and a hay net. At the end of the day he got the votes from the film crew for the actor who was the best to work with, and yes, the guinea pig was a bit aloof!

Ben can now be seen on the commercial that has gone to air and will be featured on the packaging and advertising for PETstock branded horsey products.



All in a days work. AVONDALE AMIR during filming.