



### AUDIO TRANSCRIPT - INTRODUCTION

Phone ringing

Jane: Hello Jane speaking.

Chris: Oh good afternoon Mrs Smith, it's Chris calling from the vet clinic. How are you?

Jane: Oh good thanks. Thanks for getting back to me Chris. I really appreciate it.

Chris: That's not a problem. And tell me Jane, how's the mare that had colic a couple of months ago?

Jane: Oh yes she's absolutely fine actually. We haven't had a problem since. No thanks very much for that but really good, yeah. I'm actually not calling about her. It's one of the other mares that we've got.

Chris: Oh ok. Alright. Tell me about her. What's the horse doing?

Jane: Ah, look, she's just wobbly. Just today. When we went this morning to give them some feed, yeah she's just a bit wobbly and, just, unusual.

Chris: Oh ok. What sort of horse is she Jane?

Jane: Oh she's a lovely stockhorse. She's about 5 years old. We've only had her for a couple of months. We got her for our daughter. Yeah, lovely little thing.

Chris: Ok. Tell me, what do you mean by 'wobbly'? What's she doing?

Jane: Oh look, it's really hard to describe. She's just really unsteady. She's just unsteady on her feet, and she's just, yeah, a bit dull, and she's just not herself.

Chris: Ok. Is she eating at all?

Jane: Ah yeah, well she's interested in food, but I'd say probably not as much as usual. She came over to the hay but yeah, probably not as much as usual I'd say.

Chris: Ok. Anything untoward that you can think of recently? Has there been any history of trauma or anything along those lines?

Jane: No, not that we know of. She certainly doesn't have any cuts or anything on her. She, ah, no, not that I know of. Look there was a storm last night – a massive storm, not sure if you got it – but yeah we did have a storm but she certainly doesn't have any cuts on her.

Chris: And your fences are all ok?

Jane: Ha, well you know our fences, but ah yeah, they're as good as they usually are.

Chris: Ok. Tell me Jane, is she vaccinated at all do you know?



Jane: Yep Yep, she's vaccinated for ah, strangles and tetanus. Yep.

Chris: Ok. How about Hendra virus? Has she had any of those jabs?

Jane: Ah, no actually she hasn't. I thought we weren't in an area for Hendra and to be honest I didn't think that was necessary.

Chris: Ah ok. And how about movement on and off the property? Has she been, you know, to camps or pony club and anything like that?

Jane: Yeah, our girls take her to pony club every second Sunday. She's probably been going the last 6 weeks, so yeah, she's probably had about three outings since we've had her.

Chris: Ok. And, just trying to remember your place there – is there any flowering or fruiting trees in the paddock that she's in?

Jane: Yeah, we have a fair few trees around. We have some lovely gums and then we've got some big figs as well, through a couple of the paddocks.

Chris: Ok. Any bats? Got any bat colonies there on the farm?

Jane: Yeah look we haven't seen any. They're not common, although we've had a couple in the pool over the years. But yeah, not recently. Not that I know of.

Chris: Alrighty Jane. Look I'll get out there as soon as I can. Whereabouts is the mare now?

Jane: Oh look we brought her up so she's in the small yard just off the house paddock there.

Chris: Ok. Good. Well make sure she's got some water and what-have-you, and shade. And look, it's probably best to hold off getting in there and handling her until we get there.

Jane: So no more handling of her?

Chris: Look, I'd probably just hold off at this stage Jane. Wait until we get out there and can take a good look at her.

Jane: Yeah Righto. How long will you be Chris?

Chris: Oh look, I should be there within the hour.

Jane: Oh that's awesome. OK thanks very much. Look forward to seeing you. Thanks.

Chris: OK then. See you then. Bye

Jane: Bye