



# BSET ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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**WELCOME TO BSET ACADEMY 2016. What an awesome year it is turning out to be, we have a fantastic group of enthusiastic students and everyone is working hard to reach their goals. The semester started with EQASA exams in Shongweni, BSET students came through with excellent results! Natasha, Stuart, and Chris achieving the top marks in both EQASA 1 and 2.**

This semester we introduced the students to the true wonders of the equine anatomy by completing an equine dissection with Dr John Hodsdon. Again the students walked away with a new respect for how the equine athlete functions.

June 22nd Gold Circle hosted BSET Academy at the Scottsville racecourse for a raceday. The students were able to experience all the ins and outs of racing. They witnessed the technical side from filming and timing to the operating of the starting gate. They also learned how to read the race cards to study the equine athlete's form.



Every year the BSET academy students give back and instruct at the SA juniors polo clinic. The students were able to

share their knowledge about blanketing, bandages, health, tack, grooming and equine physiology. The students really enjoyed this opportunity as it allowed them to develop confidence in public speaking.

Nikita Cano't returned from the UK to write her ETT Advanced Level. It was fantastic to see her and hear about her work in the UK after BSET Academy. We are very proud of her success.

On June 28th BSET instructors and students spent the day at Sibaya Yearling Sales. Each student had to select a yearling from its pedigree and then they evaluated the yearlings conformation and discussed it's racing potential. The horse Chris selected received the highest bid of the sales – well done Chris!!!!

On July 2nd, the Vodacom Durban July was held at Greyville race course. The Vodacom Durban July is the biggest horse racing event in all of Africa. The students all scrubbed up, painted their nails, combed their hair and even persuaded Nadia into wearing a dress. For the first time ever I dolled up, headed to the races for the day with a good feeling that it was going to be a great day and it truly was! Birgit Schröder was the ETT Practitioner behind the first 3 bottoms across the line for the 2016 Vodacom Durban July. Birgit graduated from BSET Academy in 2013 and is an ETT instructor at BSET.

On July 4th, BSET Academy's farrier Donovan Rewitzky lectured on 'What to look for in a well shod foot'. He also gave hands on instruction on removing the shoe. Students learned it's not as easy as it looks!



It has been a fantastic July season and semester at BSET. We would like to thank all the students for their help and we hope they enjoyed working with SA's top Equine Athlete's.

Please find our new segment on YouTube – under the title 'ETT Technique – Perfecting the Equine Athlete'. And follow us on FB, Twitter and Instagram.

Thank you and kind regards,  
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