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Hi there,

The last couple of months have been exciting and very busy.

At first, I had a quick trip to Melbourne, Australia, to attend the presentation by Prof. Chris Pollitt and his PhD student Brian Hampson. They presented exciting material on their **Brumby studies** they are working on. Chris Pollitt had a number of interesting slides of CT Scans, which give you a great inside of the tissues in the hoof – something you cannot see in an X-Ray. As a result, this leads to a better understanding of the relationship between horn, soft tissue, and bone in a hoof. What is even more interesting, a lot is in line with what Dr. Strasser has been teaching us for quite some time now.

Brian Hampson talked about how they do their **movement studies with GPS** and what data they are gathering. He showed **videos of the Horse Country** where these Brumbies live, which is very fascinating. I understand he has just been to the recent Kaimanawa muster over here and has taken some hoof samples for histology analysis.

Following this interesting presentation, **Chris, Brian, and I have been talking about having this talk here in New Zealand. We are looking at October** and envisage a seminar both in the NI and SI. If you are interested, please watch this space as we will have dates shortly. Feel free to pass this on to whoever you may think is interested in this.

Continuing from that, we had a very well attended **Holistic Horse and Hoofcare Seminar** in Tirau. It sounded like everyone had a great time, learned heaps and went on home to change things for the better with their horses. Wasn't it great to see last weekend's episode of [Country Calender](#) showing off a natural boarding facility?

Cheers,
Thorsten

Our next seminars are:

- 11-12 July, 2009 - Kumeu, North Island
- 5-7 September 2009 - Cust, South Island

As always, the registration form can be found [here](#). From now on, you can also use our [Online Registration](#). The usual discount specials apply.

Registrations for the next intake of **Strasser Hoofcare Professional** students will close on July 31. You can find an overview of the course [here](#). Feel free to contact us if you would like to know more.

We do have the [Easyboot Edge](#) in stock now.

Other great Easycare items are their [Stowaway Packs and Hay Bags](#). They are made of durable material and work well to store your hoof boots, lunch, and, as far as the hay bags are concerned, lunch for your horses.