MANOR CARE FARM

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Hi Everyone,

Good News Izzy Has Now Farrowed!

Here you can see Vickie, helping to deliver the piglets.



How Many Piglets Do You Think She Had?

Izzy's Story

On Tuesday 26th May at 3.00am in the morning, Izzy went into labour.

After giving birth to 4 piglets, Izzy as usual, was being a brilliant mum, calling them to her, and they soon had latched on to have their first drink of milk.

Unfortunately, after several hours, Izzy hadn't delivered any more piglets, and looked a little tired. Ray and I decided to call the vet, and ask for their support to see if everything was ok.

Vickie, (the vet) soon arrived and was able to examine Izzy. Vickie found that there were 2 piglets, which had become tangled, as they were trying to come out at the same time.

Vickie was soon able to untangle them, and very quickly delivered 4 more piglets, that were all queuing to come out!

A few hours later, we had a further 4 piglets, giving us a total of 12 healthy piglets

Vickie Helping To Deliver Izzy's Piglets.





Izzy Calling Her Piglets To Her

Izzy is such a good mum.

Izzy calls to her piglets, to get them to come to her head.

Even at a few minutes old, the piglets instincts, are to gather around her head and snout, encouraging their mum to lie down to feed them.

By calling to her piglets, Izzy can slowly start to lie down, and reduce the risk of standing on them, or them becoming trapped or injured.

Izzy and her 12 Piglets

5 girls and 7 boys.





After a few days,
the piglets all enjoyed
exploring outside
In the sunshine.



MAY TIME CHICK'S

The chicks are now 8 weeks old, and have had a huge growth spurt.

We have moved them out of their incubator, into a nursey pen.

Here the chicks will be able to have more space to grow, and strengthen their legs and wings.







Prissy has been limping on her front paw, so we organized a "video call" appointment with the vet.

Prissy has been diagnosed with arthritis, so she now has to take some paracetamol tablets and medication in a syringe.

The good news is, she is much better, and once again enjoying walks with her "BALL"

KISHKA

Practicing her retrieving, with her favorite

"Toy Duck"



Keeping Cool In May.



Amy has been wearing her sun hat!

This helps to keep the fly's, away from her head and eyes.

And in the Afternoon, Amy has been spending time in the shade, of her stable and has had some cool sponge baths.

AMY'S NEW SUN HAT!



Ginger Spice And Pepper Cooling Down





Both Girls have been enjoying the cool morning sunshine, and wallowing in their mud baths.

In the afternoon, the girls have had their afternoon snooze, in the shade.

Then later in the evening, back in the mud baths.

"What a Life!"

Polly Tunnel In Full Production

Everything has been growing really well in the Polly tunnel.

We have lifted our first early new potato's, which taste great!

We also have been harvesting the lettuce and beetroot and have been making some great salads with them.

The tomatoes, carrots and spring onions are also growing well.





Harvesting Our
New Potatoes
And
Beetroot

Halloween Pumpkin's

The pumpkins have now been planted outside in their raised beds, and are growing really well.





We are all thinking of you, and look forward to seeing everyone again.

Take Care and Keep Safe

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