## Doorndraai Stal

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The Doorndraai Lab received an upgrade in November with the visit of Ancilla Bruggink who came all the way from The Netherlands to help us start doing all our AI's and semen collecting ourselves. Ancilla works at the Stud -Farm 'Het Swarte Paert' (www.swartepaert.nl) where she is in charge of managing and collecting semen of the stallions Jasper 366 and Anders 451, she also does all the AI's for this station. During her visit Ancilla helped me and Marlise to understand all the 'In's and Out's ©' of semen collection and Artificial Insemination and this will be the first season where we will be doing all our own Lab Work.

The Doorndraai Lab is now fully equipped with a phantom, centrifuge, digital microscope capable of taking photo's & video, rollerbank and semen counter, we can now dispatch fresh chilled semen to anywhere in South Africa. This is the first opportunity mare owners have to inseminate with fresh Studbook semen which have a much higher success rate than with imported frozen semen.

The first Tjalf 443 foals also arrived this month, the first one being a filly Galena G born at Genius Loci and then another filly here at Doorndraai born on Altie's birthday 19 November Heinsy (named after her grandfather Heinse).



