



Dawn Beach Ride

4am came early to those of us heading to Ballinesker Beach, in Co. Wexford for another fun day on the beach. The day was beautiful with the sun shining and bright skies. First to arrive on site were Niamh Keegan brought by her Dad Robert. Niamh brought out her horse Henry who is no stranger to the beach, showing the other horses how it's done. Heading out with Niamh were Amy Moore and Sarah Butler. All three women are new to Endurance Ireland and were looking forward to their ride across the sand.

Amy Moore brought her horse Juno for her first beach run, and was pleased with Juno's reaction to the surf, she brought her in after an enjoyable 12km. Sarah Bulter and Misty continued with Niamh and Henry to do the 20km. It was Misty's first trip to the beach also and Sarah was very happy with her. All three horses seemed to enjoy the seaside.

Mike Cuddahy on Gales Hill Drummer and Evelyn Moore on Bob were next out down the beach. This was Drummer and Bob's second sea visit this year and they definitely remembered where they were, entering the water with little persuasion! Both horses were seen playing in the water (and soaking their riders) at the end of the morning after a nice 20km spin.

Emily Miller brought Penny back to visit the beach, Penny looked like she was enjoying her paddling in the water. At least she needed less encouragement than Emily's dog Chopper to enter the water.

Breda Heary and Amy O'Flynn came with Bailey and Dancer, Breda is no stranger to Endurance Ireland this year having been out at many of our rides. They had a late start to the day and did a short trip on the beach.

Then it was back into the venue for breakfast, a big thank you to Colette, Emer and Yvonne for cooking a fantastic breakfast and to Karen Kiely for the fresh free range eggs. Everyone enjoyed plenty of breakfast rolls and coffee to wake us all up for the trip home. Some of the horses even made use of the rolling spot in the car park to wake themselves up for our trip back. The sun shone down on us while we had our breakfast and everyone headed home by 11am finishing the day before most people started it ☺!