

Dear All,

As I mentioned, it has been a busy two months!!

Part of the “busy-ness” was Enos’ trip to London in November. Enos was invited by World Horse Welfare to address their annual conference. Read all about Enos’ experience below as told by Enos:

### ***My Trip to the United Kingdom***



*Firstly, I would like to say a big “THANK YOU” to Marie Girard, for the brochure she had made and for the presentation she prepared for me for this wonderful trip.*

*I remember the first time Marie and I met to go through the presentation and practice it, I was very nervous and my mouth dried up quickly. The reason I was nervous was because I did not want to disappoint my country, South Africa. I was visiting the United Kingdom, at the invitation of World Horse Welfare (WHW), to tell the story of my life as a child to the point where I am right now, at the WHW Annual Conference.*

*On my arrival on Saturday at Heathrow Airport, I went to Norfolk to meet up with Mr and Mrs Kelly. I was amazed to see them dressed in just t-shirts as I found the weather very cold to the point where they had sat me close to the fire place to defrost.*

*The next day Ian Kelly took me to World Horse Welfare and showed me around before returning back home. Monday, I went to World Horse Welfare to meet up with*

*Carol and Sue for the first time and Tuesday, I visited them again and met up with Jessica as well.*

*Over these few days, I was given a tour and presentation on how WHW operate, both at head office level and in the different regions. I also practiced my presentation regularly! On Wednesday, we left Norfolk to go to a hotel in London. We had a very pleasant dinner before moving to our rooms.*

*Thursday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, was a very important day for me. I compared it to attending a very big show. I woke up early around 4 am to rehearse and then went back to bed once I was satisfied that I was prepared. We started the morning with official rehearsals at 8 am, the Chairman rehearsed his speech and I found myself sweating as I was listening to him. Soon after him, it was my turn and my nerves declined as I got on stage. Jessica and others congratulated me on my speech afterwards.*

*After 9 am when the conference had started, Princess Anne entered the hall. Everyone stood up to grace her presence as she made her way to the row in front of me. I was sitting with my bodyguard, Sue, at the time. At 10 am during tea time, five ambassadors from different countries and I were introduced to Princess Anne. She chose to see me first; she said that I've come a long way. She told me that her inspiration as a child was Anneli Drummond-Hay.*

*After tea time we returned to the hall and the Chairman introduced me as the next speaker. This was the moment I was waiting for, for the last few weeks. As I stood on stage I made the sign of a cross. My first words were to show gratitude to the chairperson, the royal family and the ambassadors and then I began my speech by saying "My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen ...." At the end of the speech I thanked God, Nelson Mandela, Queen Elizabeth and my horse, Salmy.*

*Friday, Ian took me to the Royal Palace where I was shown army horses and army equipment. I saw historic swords and a golden carriage that has been around since 1812. It was a delightful and intriguing tour. My last stop was a visit to the Ebony Horse Club which is situated in the city of London and that ended my wonderful stay in the United Kingdom.*

*From 1960 when I first became a groom until today, I would like to thank everyone in South Africa who gave me support. From 1980 when I became the first black rider to represent SA in Wembley until today, I would like to thank everyone in Europe who gave me support.*

As you can see, Enos had a fabulous experience, an experience that memories are made of, and for this he thanks World Horse Welfare from the bottom of his heart.

Attached is a photo of Enos in London.

Kind regards  
Marie-Aurélie