The smell is amazing…mouth watering good in fact.   Venison sausages , slowly getting charcoaled on the BBQ , always a family favourite .

Oh…the joy of eating sausages from your own hunting! Our 16-year-old son, Ben, has recently gone hunting with Dan. They came back tired and successful and now we are about to enjoy their success.

For me the very cool thing is that Dan is one of our Ram clients. He heard Ben loved hunting, and that it wasn't really my thing. One night, out of the blue, the phone rang....”meet at 5am in Rangiwahia…tomorrow… and lets go hunting”!

Ben was ecstatic and naturally DAD…that's me …had to get up and drive him to his adventure. (Even Mum got up and came along!) Not surprising he was ready first, very rare, and what a day they had, and what a gift it was to us.

Here at Carthew Genetics we made a very real decision to operate our business, and family, from sustainable and inclusive values and practices. It feels both right and respectful for us to connect with our stock as individual aware animals. This governs all our interactions across the farm.

AND it pays off. …direct onto the bottom line. When we started this approach we received some negative feedback…. and we also bought into it. Thankfully we stuck to our core values and we smile gracefully as today some of those same people are lining up to get access to our exclusive stud and quality breeding stock.

We have always felt that working together is at the core of improved practice and sustainability. Getting to know each other, comparing business goals and planning ways to bring outcomes and growth to both parties seems a natural and beneficial thing to us. Our animals seem to know it and most of our farming clients know it.

AND now the World knows it!. Yes it's a wee opportunity to quietly…or not…smile and say “well done Carthew Genetics”

We are ranked 1st, 12th, and 29th. Yes I am sorry but we will have to say that again…FIRST…TWELFTH…TWENTY-NINTH…. along with others we have on the list too!!

Our ram L203 is ranked the highest in Terminal Sire Lamb Growth in the latest “SIL-ACE” trait leader report. This is across all breeds across all environments.

We Rock!!

As lamb growth is only second behind fertility for bottom line impact Carthew Genetics stock can and does drive your profits. Add this to our caring values and sustainable practices…making us one of your major support partners is starting to be a given.

Oh and as a wee giggle we have been advised by Focus Genetics last year that they won’t sell us any rams or semen anymore. Another first as we’ve never heard of this happening in the sheep world before. Ironic really as with these results they might be advised to consider buying from us in the future!

What can we really say... We have always believed that a boutique stud working in partnership with its clients, using sustainable and animal supportive practices, offering top of line stock and supporting those who support us would be a successful package.

And we are beginning to believe we might have found our groove and vibe.

If you’re new and interested to know more, we would be honoured to receive a call or email. Please do not leave it too late…our stock is provisionally allocated by the end of October each year. To all our current clients, we will make contact in September again to firm up your ram requirements for the coming season. Love to hear from you too if you had a chance .

Until then we wish you all the best for the remainder of the winter and may the year of the Horse treat you well.

Simon and Pascale