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# Quick way of cleaning up your paddocks

THIS handy-looking set up may appeal to property owners with horses that don't like to graze near their own manure, making for parasite-free paddocks in the process.

With 27 ponies daily leaving their calling cards at her Duncree Shetland pony stud near Christchurch, NZ, Catherine Crosado said her first Maxi-Vac unit came equipped with a noisy two-stroke engine that required fuel to be mixed before setting off on her daily paddock cleaning routine.

But news of Australian supplier Greystone's decision to fit Honda's four-stroke engines tempted her to experience the extra power and reduced vibration levels associated with the switch in power plants.

"The Maxi Vac sucks everything up; it doesn't matter if it's runny or dry," Ms Crosado said.

"It sucks all the parasites and eggs from the grass which is fantastic because I don't like to use chemicals on my property."

Interestingly, Ms Cresado



said she used to spend around three hours each day picking up pony manure with a shovel and bucket, reducing the task to just 40 minutes when switching to use her Maxi-Vac.

Meanwhile, Greystone Australia's owner, David Oberhofer, reports a near doubling in sales since taking

advantage of Honda's engine technology.

"We've sold more Vacs internationally this year than we did for the entirety of 2008 and we just had an order for 75 machines the other day - going to Europe," he said.

"We're in the early stages of what I think will be our biggest selling machine yet.

"We'll be releasing it all over the world before Christmas, for the domestic market."

Mr Oberhofer said it was for suburban backyards and, amongst other things, will be able to clean up after dogs.

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