

## **GALLOWAY GAZETTE – February 2019**

# **NEWSLETTER**

### **Welcome to the new format Galloway Gazette.**

The Council has decided to produce several newsletters through the year of 3 or 4 A4 pages, which can easily be emailed to members, and printed at home or work if desired. Printed copies will be posted to all those without email access.

Once a year, around June/July, an informative glossy **Annual Galloway Gazette** will be published and a printed copy posted to **all** Society Members and any new members as they join. Additional copies will be available for Society promotional purposes, and to individuals on request. There may be a charge for multiple copies.

Every Society member will have their stud and contact details listed in the Annual (unless they request otherwise), as well as numbers of registered progeny from the last calf return. There will also be space available for individual studs to place advertisements of ¼, ½ or full page size, as well as limited space for related products, at reasonable cost.

The Annual will contain photos, articles of interest, semen list, show results, Council members, President's report, upcoming events, and reports from Galloway groups in NZ and overseas. Let us know what you would like to see in the Annual.

We invite all members to submit articles and photos for inclusion in the Annual, and give some thought to placing an advert for their own stud and related activities. Please contact the Secretary – Angela McNaughton by email: [mcnaughton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mcnaughton@xtra.co.nz) with your expressions of interest or suggestions.

We expect the final date for submitting copy will be 31 May 2019.

The decision to change to this format is prompted by both suggestions by members, and our members visits to World Congress in Scotland and Australia. We found that many of the overseas Galloway societies produce an annual publication, which is supported by smaller newsletters. Council decided this would be a good idea, and hopefully will reduce the workload of the Gazette editor.

(The inclusion of material in any Society publication will always be at the absolute discretion of the Gazette Editor.)

**Guest Editor for this newsletter edition is Angela McNaughton.**

The opinions expressed by the editor may not necessarily be the opinion of all Councillors.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **2019 AGM and Herd Tour – 5, 6 & 7 April 2019 Hamilton & Tauranga**

Please send your registration to Graeme Turner and make your hotel reservations by 4 March.

Entries for the Virtual Show need to be with Graeme Turner by 11 March.

If anyone would like to donate something for the SILENT AUCTION, please contact Faye Ashmore [fayemarie4@hotmail.com](mailto:fayemarie4@hotmail.com)

Please give consideration to joining the Council, contact any Councillor to discuss further. We welcome new Councillors with new skills and ideas.

Nominations are now open.

**2020 WORLD GALLOWAY CONGRESS** to be held in **Louisville, Kentucky**

From **14 to 20 November 2020** – Registrations will open for this 1 January 2020, includes attending the North American International Livestock Exposition.

More info – [www.worldgallowaycongressusa2020.com](http://www.worldgallowaycongressusa2020.com)

**New Bylaw 5: DNA testing**

After much discussion with members at two previous AGMs, feedback from the Southern Galloway Group's 2 year pilot scheme, email feedback from members, and research over the last couple of years, the Council decided to introduce compulsory DNA testing of all bulls born from 1 January 2019 onwards, that are to be used as stud sires. The new bylaw was passed by resolution at the November 2018 Council meeting and ratified at the January 2019 Council Meeting.

Further information about the process of hair collection for DNA testing is on the following page, and a sample envelope. Contact Susan Nicol to order your envelopes printed with your own stud details at no charge.

**New Website**

In September 2018, the Council were informed that Ross Pagan of Rural Web Design was retiring and had sold his business to Click n' Call, an Auckland based website company. They had taken over the running of all websites for Rural Web Design, and of course the cost was to increase considerably, even though Ross had negotiated a special reduced rate for his former customers.

Click n' Call have rebuilt the website hosted on it's own CMS system which makes it more secure we are told. When our new website came onboard in late October, we were quite unhappy with how it looked, and it was not very user friendly at all.

We did request some immediate changes, and Tracy Wood is now our delegated Councillor working to make improvements to the website. We apologise for the fact that the Member's Lists have not been able to be updated yet, and if you have had any problems finding things. We are working on getting it sorted very soon.

I have to say that we had no prior warning of the changes taking place, so the extra costs were not included in our yearly budget of expenditure. The timing was not ideal as four Councillors were about to leave the country to attend the 2018 World Galloway Congress in Melbourne, so there was very little time to consider our options, since our annual contract with Ross was due for renewal in September.

Tracy would very much like to receive photos of your beautiful Galloways and interesting articles from members, that could be added to our website to enhance it and make it our own.

**Historical Pedigrees**

This year we are planning to start the loading of historical pedigrees onto the electronic herdbook, and have accumulated some funds to enable this to happen.

This is something that the Council have wanted to do for some time, but did not have the means to do it. It is quite a big job, but we hope to get it underway soon.

## 5. DNA TESTING

- a) From 1 January 2019 all bull calves born from that date that are subsequently registered, **AND** are to be used as Stud Sires, are required to be DNA tested.
- b) The DNA Profile Number shall be forwarded to the Registrar for entering into the Society's Herdbook.
- c) All Breeder Members expressly give their consent, upon request, to supply a copy of the full DNA Profile to the Society.
- d) In any dispute over parentage, the Society reserves the right to have additional DNA Testing undertaken at the Breeder Member's expense.
- e) The Society recommends DNA Testing of all registered cattle (Sires and Dams) owned by Breeder Members, with the DNA Profile Number being supplied to the Registrar for entering into the Society's Herdbook.



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**Massey University**

Office use only

Animal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Herdbook No: 58W

Breed: Galloway DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

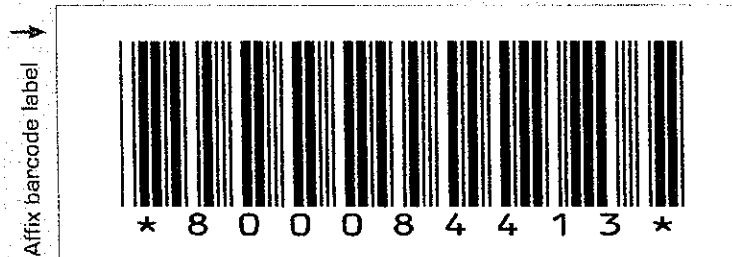
Sire Ident (Herdbook No): \_\_\_\_\_

Dam Ident (Herdbook No): \_\_\_\_\_

Sex:  Male  Female

### DNA Service Required (please tick box)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> DNA Profile - MicroSatellite | <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental Duplication(DD)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sire verification            | <input type="checkbox"/> Mannosidosis                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dam verification             | <input type="checkbox"/> Red factor                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Storage only                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Arthrogryposis Multiplex(Curly Calf) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Myophosphorylase             | <input type="checkbox"/> Neuropathic Hydrocephalus(NH)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hypotrichosis/Dil/IE         | <input type="checkbox"/> CA(Fawn Calf)                        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> DNA Profile - SNP                    |



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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HAIR COLLECTION FOR DNA TYPING

Pull hair from tail or neck area. Pull about 30 hairs by firmly grasping a tuft of hairs as close to the skin as possible and pulling evenly away from the skin. The aim is to pull the hairs out by the roots rather than breaking off the hairs. When you look closely at the ends, you will be able to see the small roots. At least half of the hairs sampled should have roots.

**Avoid contaminating with hair from other animals:** Collected hair should be immediately placed in this envelope and sealed (avoid licking). Prior to collecting hair sample, complete all details on the other side of this envelope. Avoid excess moisture with hair. One envelope for each animal. Do not put hair in plastic before placing in envelope.

**DO NOT CUT HAIR**

## **Registrars Report January 2019**

It been very quiet over the last few months. Only some transfers that have needed doing. Calf returns will be sent out at the beginning of February, if you could all get these back to me by **12 April** I will get them processed for you.

**New Bylaw 5** - From the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019, all bull calves born that you intend to use as Sires have to have a DNA profile. Speaking from experience, the best time to collect your animals' tail hairs (must have the root on the end of hair) is when they are young and easier to handle, 12/24 hrs old. You just have to store/keep these tail hairs until you decide whether or not you will use this bull to breed. I keep the hairs in my filing cabinet, inside the PBB envelope which I have clearly named so I know which belongs to which animal. **YOU CAN STILL REGISTER THESE CALVES** before you have the DNA profile done.

The Council recommends that you formally record ALL your calves with the Society.

Email me so I can get your envelopes sent to you at no cost. Remember 1 animal, 1 envelope.

A separate "how to DNA sheet" will be sent out / emailed with the next newsletter. (The instructions are also printed on the back of the PBB envelopes too.)

### **CALF RETURNS**

Just to clarify, at the time of sending me your Calf Return Forms, you may enter **ALL** of the calves born to the return date. (For this year, anything born up to 12 April 2019 when you need to have your return back by).

**PLEASE SEND THESE BACK TO ME EVEN IF YOU HAVE NO CALVES TO RECORD, SIGNED AND DATED.**

Should anyone have any questions or are unsure please phone / email me.

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