

GALLOWAY GAZETTE

2010 - ISSUE #2

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Above: 2010 Conference Herd Tour Bus Load - What a happy bunch we are....

Left: Carole Miller and Angela McNaughton making friends at Suncrest Arctic stud with NG White Grace.

Below: Day 2 group viewing Ross and Shona Heathcote's Hollycroft commercial herd, Kaitoki.

Bottom: Virtual show Trophy



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EDITORS EDGE – BRIDGET LOWRY

Hi there, I would like to say how much I enjoyed the NZ 2010 Conference and been able met you all and finally put faces to names.

A huge pat on the back to Bob and Karen Curry for the wonderful job they had done with the smooth running of the fully packed weekend, and to all the breeders that we visited to view their herds.

Thank you also to all those that gave me great feed back on the Gazette, but I do have to remind everyone that unless you want to open up the pages and see nothing but my White and

REMINDER
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Standard Galloways then please forward me anything that you think would be of interest, pictures to stories, and if you have yet to have your breeders profile printed then don't be shy - you don't have to have a huge herd, any size will do, share your highs, lows and ideas on farming/breeding the Galloways.

There are 3 members from the New Zealand Galloway Society attending the world congress in Denmark, so we hope to hear some great things upon your return - Bob & Karen Curry and Barry McAlley - don't forget us when you come back through duty free. I also understand Lynne Hall will be in Denmark at the same time and but not attending...poor Rob..so close and yet so far!

Welcome to new breeders, please feel free to contact any of the councillors in your region, they are there to help you and its a great way to get in contact with other breeders in your region.

Here's to a great spring, successful calving, and show season for the rest of 2010.

2011 Conference & AGM tentative
dates of April 9th & 10th 2011.
Northern North Island to host.

WEB SITE LINKS

Society Page: www.nzgalloway.co.nz

Breeders:

John & Ruth Berridge www.alcluthagalloways.co.nz

Bob & Karen Curry www.suncreststud.co.nz

Carole & Warren Millar www.gallowaycattle.co.nz

General sites: www.rarebreeds.co.nz

www.stockshed.co.nz

www.controlbvd.org.nz

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GALLOWAY MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Sleeveless Vest with Society Logo. Sizes S-3XL	\$42.00
Belted Galloway Stickers	\$ 0.50
Belted Galloway Fridge Magnet	\$ 5.00
Belted Galloway Gift Cards	\$ 2.50
Pen with Society Logo	\$ 2.00
Breeders Manual (Free to New Breeder Members)	\$10.00
A5 Note Pads with Galloway Soc. Logo	\$ 5.00
Calving & Mating Notebook	\$ 4.00
Extra copies of Galloway Gazette	Free

Please contact Rob Hall with your orders.

Phone: 03 207-3706 Email: hallanddowns@xtra.co.nz

BREEDER PROFILE—JOHN & ALEX WOOLEY. WEATHERBY WHITE GALLOWAYS. CANTERBURY

John and I moved down to Lincoln, Canterbury in 2004 as part of a job transfer. The move from Auckland was something we had planned for some time and it enabled us to finally realize our dream of 'owning some land in the country. John grew up on a farm in England and my childhood was centered around my horses, so of course we wanted similar opportunities for our family.

The next challenge came in deciding what we were going to do with all this space. As 'lifestylers' with just 10 acres we soon appreciated first hand the logistical problems of owning a small number of livestock. Armed with all this newly acquired knowledge, we decided that we wanted to breed attractive, easily managed calves for the lifestyle market. We wanted to supply a few really good calves' each year that were calm and quiet with people, easy to move and yard and could be handled safely by weekend farmers like ourselves.

Some fairly intensive study on cattle breeds ensued and it didn't take us too long to decide that White Galloways fitted our profile. We then set about the daunting task of buying a few very good heifers to form the foundation stock of Weatherby White Galloways. This proved to be somewhat more difficult that we had imagined however we were fortunate to meet Lorraine and Mike Clifford who sold us our first two heifers and set us on the right track.

During the following couple of years we made some mistakes and discovered some surprises. We learned that some folk's idea of 'fairly quiet' was open to interpretation however we persisted and eventually, we ended up with our six beautiful



girls and our young bull Easton, all of whom have great temperaments and are genuinely easy to deal with. John learned the art of fencing and barn building and I embarked on a BSc in Animal Science via Massey University to support the health, medical and feeding side of the operation.

The following five years often proved to be quite challenging as we got to grips with body condition scoring, feed values and of course, the Canterbury weather. We experienced our first caesarian by the light of car headlights early on in the piece and I learned to recognize the difference between hind legs and forelegs during what turned out to be a breech calving, a situation that proved highly amusing to our vet. Last year was our first full season as all of our young girls matured enough to breed. I am delighted to say they each producing a very nice calf, all of whom exceeded our expectations.

We are particularly thrilled that two of the heifer calves will be shown this year by their new owner and another two will form part of an excellent breeding herd in the North Island

We both continue to work full time, John is with MAF at the airport and I am the South Island sales manager for an animal pharmaceutical company. In our spare time we both enjoy

clay target shooting, mostly skeet and sporting clays. It hasn't always been easy however we feel a lot more confident these days and the effort has been worth it to finally realizing our goals as Galloway breeders.



Top Above; Weatherby White Star.

Above; Lifestyle Easton

Right; Moonlight Ohaka Lily White and Weatherby White Cloud.

DIARY FROM THE AGM—KATIE BRADLEY.

Wow, what a wonderful weekend we have just had.

Roger and I are new members of the Galloway Cattle Society and so we decided to go to the 2010 Conference AGM and Herd Tour. I know from experience that AGM's can be pretty ho-hum so we decided to put the idea of the AGM to the back of our minds and simply enjoy our time away.

We hold a share-milking job on the Hauraki Plains and own a run-off so it meant employing an ex-farmer to continue taking care of stock, but we decided to add a few extra days to have a chance to relax and enjoy Wellington.

Travel down to Wellington was on the "Overlander". At only \$49 per person, no complaints there! Arriving on Wednesday at 7:30pm meant our holiday had begun. Over the next couple of days we did the usual sightseeing things via the bus in the capital city. We also managed a bit of visiting although tea that night was very late due to a power cut city-wide. No trolley buses, no traffic lights and even the office workers were sent home early.

Friday evening duly arrived, and everyone gathered for registration. One goodie bag later and it was time to mix and mingle. Despite knowing no-one and initial hesitation, we eventually began to chat and meet others including some of the committee.

By 9am on Saturday morning we were packed and ready to go, and beginning to recognize faces from the previous evening. Our first visit was to our wonderful hosts for the weekend, Karen and Bob Curry and their "Suncrest White Galloway Stud". They showed us around their piece of land, pointed out their stock, and answered questions. We had a lovely morning tea there and we even tried Galloway meatballs.

From there we had a few minutes to call in and see a belted herd. This was an unregistered herd, but certainly worth a look. Pity we didn't have time to take a walk through their special little bush walk. Lunch was in Mangatainoka at the "Tui" pub, which was really nice. One more thing to claim as "been there, done that"!

Next stop was Tararua Breeding Centre near Woodville. Many of the crowd had never seen a bull "spill his beans" on a steer, so we got the chance to see sperm in the raw and take a look at it under a microscope. The manager then took us to the storage shed and showed us the straws all packed into nitrogen tanks. She also showed us several large photos of some of the problems we can avoid by checking our bulls before release into our herds. Did you know bulls can have a corkscrew pe-

nis or warts that can affect their work load? Or that they can get their coat wrapped around the penis causing major damage and infections?

We arrived in Palmerston North and after checking in and dumping our gear it was time for a quick drink before the AGM started. We certainly weren't bored and it didn't last forever, and once again we came out with more info.

After the meeting the Council had their own meeting so we left and made ourselves presentable for the AGM Dinner and Virtual Show. Dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all with plenty of delicious and varied dishes.

Despite being new to owning Galloways, we decided to see how our stock would do in the Virtual Show. We entered photos for five animals, and received two 3rds. Judge Graeme Clinton did a wonderful job of judging.

There was also an auction to sell off the last of the sponsored goods, and I think we all made a few extra dollars for the kitty.

Sunday morning rolled around and after a hearty buffet breakfast we boarded our bus and headed out to Diane and Erroll Brown's Home stay and Galloway Stud. We'd had the pleasure of meeting Diane and Erroll the evening before at dinner. They show their stock so they are very quiet and polite, so I can now say I've been up and personal to an adult Galloway! Quite unlike our adult stock who are definitely not the patting type.

Next stop was another belted herd; this one also was unregistered. I think I am starting to understand what a commercial herd is now. Funny things we learn! After a spot of shopping and lunch in Otaki, we visited the Southwards Car Museum near Waikanae. What an awesome place! If you are ever over that way I recommend to all.

The last leg of the journey took us all back to the Brentwood in Wellington. Our flights home were booked for the following morning so it was a relief to relax in our room for the evening!

I would like to say a big thank you to the committee especially Karen and Bob. Thanks also to the council for the hard work, time and effort they put into making the society work. Congratulations on a great job.

I would urge anyone and everyone to come along to next year's conference. There is so much to see and so much to learn. We had a wonderful weekend and met some wonderful people.

ATTENTION WHITE & STANDARD GALLOWAY BREEDERS

At the last Council meeting it was suggested that in future, White Galloway breeders will be unable to breed using a Registered Standard Galloway. Breeders will still be able to use their appendix White Galloways (black whites) to retain points of the whites.

We are asking for feed back on this subject before the next council meeting in October 2010. To have your opinion

heard at the next meeting we do stress that you contact Bridget Lowry (southies@woosh.co.nz) before October.

With the new Standard Galloway Grading up ruling, appendix white females (black whites) are now also able to be bred with a Standard Galloway Bull and have female progeny submitted for acceptance to the Standard Galloway Grading Up Register.

2010 CONFERENCE HERD TOUR



Above: Virtual Show Judge, Graeme Clinton, explains that when he was judging he looks for a good 'back end' and demonstrates by lining up Herd Tour Bus Load....Is he pointing to a poor back end or one that is well rounded.....

Left: Jillian Rooney

Below Left: Kevin & Ann Topham Southern Star Belted Galloway Stud.

Below Right: Graeme Clinton & Rob Hall

Bottom: Robert & Jill Masters Hyfiekd Stream Commercial Belted Galloway Herd



PRESIDENTS REPORT - BARRY MCALLEY

Greetings from your new President.

Welcome to new Councillors & thank you to those who retired at the AGM. A special thanks to Bob & Karen Curry for their wonderful organisation, especially the video show.

Thank you to those members who made their farms & animals available for the herd visits.

At the AGM & Council meetings there was plenty of business to process & we must thank those who are handling the big items- Carole with the registrations & herd book updates, Bridget with the gazette, Alan with the rule changes & Jill with the Secretarial & electronic herd book negotiations.

With the large numbers of registrations & transfers reported it is obvious there is a lot of activity out there for our breeders, no doubt a lot of it arising from their enthusiastic participation in the southern show circuit. We look forward to other areas

following suite.

It is unfortunate that just as we have got a handle on one negative - Mannosidosis, another has arisen - scurs. You will have received an inspection form & we ask you to carry this out as soon as possible as we need to know the extent of the problem before we can determine an eradication programme. Do not hesitate to contact me or your local Councillor for information about the inspection. If you find what you consider is, or may be a possible case we will be interested in inspecting the animal to confirm the visual & physical indications..

Finally, all the best for a mild winter, many of you have experienced drought conditions & are going into this winter with low feed reserves. Do not delay in contacting your local drought relief organisation about feed or grazing needs before its too late. Other Galloway breeders & Councillors will be happy to help if they can.

AGM MINUTES - 24TH APRIL 2010 - PALMERSTON NORTH

Remembrance Members stood for a minutes silence in remembrance to members who had passed away over the last 12 months.

Present Roger Brownlee, Katie Bradley, Carole Millar, Karen & Bob Curry, Selena & Dean Graham, Marie & Graeme Turner, Pat & Graeme Clinton, Claire Harty, Ron Smith, Angela McNaughton, Carl Fenton, Rob Hall, Kelvin & Juan Whittington, Linda van Eyk, John Munro, Tracy Wood, John Berridge, Amber Wood, Diane Brown & Errol Brown, Stuart Millar, Bridget Lowry, Barry McAlley, Jill Hopping

Apologies Mike & Judi Edridge, Jill Naysmith, Ray Cursons, Bob & Natalie Weatherall, John Taylor, Lynne Hall, Peter & Susan Lawson, Neil McKercher, Jenny & Graham Coles, Sylvia Anderson, Richard & Sue Dyson, Alan Brown

President's Report Barry presented his report as Interim President.

Financial Report Jill tabled & spoke to the Financial Report, which covered the 12 months ending 2008.

Approval sought from IRD for Change of Balance Date.

Auditing: Advice sought from IRD and Incorporated Societies: re auditing, currently Rule 37 requires books to be audited but after discussion with IRD and Inc Societies all we need is for the Annual Accounts to be prepared by an Accountant and not Audited (which is also a lot more expensive)

Registrar Report Carole presented her report - please refer to following page. Jill Hopping moved that the AGM acknowledges the huge job that Carole undertakes with the Registrations and transfers. As have seen an increase in the popularity of the Breed, the result has been an increase in the workload for the Registrar. Her efforts have been much appreciated.

ABRI Discussion around how Electronic Herdbook will look. There are 3 breed societies (including Galloway) that

are waiting to go online after ABRI has updated its programme. Barry McAlley moved that we accept the ABRI proposal.

Rules & Bylaws A copy of the Rules is now available on the Website, these updated Rules have also been submitted to the Incorporated Societies. A hardcopy is available from the Secretary, Jill Hopping.

Nominations to Council There were 4 nominations to council and 3 vacancies. Rob Hall, Linda van Eyk and Tracy Wood were the successful candidates

Patrons The position of patron is an important one as that person is a resource for any questions the membership or council may have about the breed type. It is a position of respect for someone who knows the breed well.

Patrons to continue in their roles are:

Galloway	Barry McAlley
Belted Galloway	Graeme Clinton
White Galloway	John Cleland

General Business

Scurs The incidence of scurs as reported in the last Gazette was discussed.

A motion was moved at Council that all animals be checked and reported back to the Registrar. This action will be required to be completed by the 31st July and if not carried out the Council will inspect a Breeders animals at the Breeders cost. Any animal with Scurs will be deregistered.

All forms MUST be returned to the Registrar regardless of whether there is any incidence of scurs.

Amendment in addition to bylaw 3 new paragraph.

Any female calves born to registered Bull confirmed as to having scurs, and that bull consequently been deregistered whose female progeny were conceived prior to deregistration, shall be accepted for

registration, shall be denoted by the letter 's' after their names and all other subsequent progeny shall also be denoted by 's'.

RAS Discussion from the floor regarding the latest Remits from RAS regarding multiple Breed affiliation. As the RAS delegate, Barry sought the views of the members and there was overwhelming support for it to be a single Breed affiliation and the general feeling was that we did not want to see the disintegration of the Galloway Cattle Society as has happened with the Highland Cattle Society.

Mystery Creek Fieldays Due to the increasing cost of having a presence at Mystery Creek, it has been decided to forgo this year's event. We are looking at the possibility of doubling

up with another exhibiter.

Our presence at Central Fielday's was also discussed, local support for this to happen would be needed. Please contact the Secretary if you are interested.

There was promotional material available for people to use at field days around the country - members only need to ask if it can be used.

Location of 2011 Conference & AGM to be held in Northland. Start planning to be there.

Special Thanks to Karen & Bob Curry and the Lower North Island for hosting this year's AGM.

REGISTRARS REPORT

It has been another busy year with Registrations and Transfers. Thank you to all those who got their returns in on time and replied quickly to any queries I had.

2009 has seen another increase in the number of animals registered with the Society. Registrations processed in have been 394, an increase of 133 animals.

Belted Galloways 154 females and 84 males a total of 238. (An increase of 45 animals = 38 females, 7males)

White Galloways 95 females and 36 males a total of 131. (An increase of 66 animals = 59 females, 7 males)

Galloways 20 females and 5 males a total of 25 animals. (An increase of 22 = 19 females, 2 males)

It is fantastic to see the Galloway numbers increase, the Galloways are where it all began and it would be sad to see them lost.

Tranfers stood at 164. 79 Belted Galloways, 67 White Galloways and 13 Galloways.

There were 23 animals tested for a-Mannosidosis. Of those 23 submitted for testing there were 3 carriers notified.

I would like to remind breeders a cost effective way to manage your a-Mannosidosis testing is to test your senior cow. It costs \$30 per animal to test. If your progeny come from clear sires and dams there is no requirement to test the calves.

There have been a few returns this year without the tag number column being filled in. I would like to remind breeders that as a member of the Society you are responsible for permanently ear tagging your calves with Animal Health Board approved tags and these numbers need to be notified on your returns. The brass tags sent out with your registration certificates act as Secondary tags. You should have received your brass tags by now, if not then please contact me.

Also on the progeny return forms there have been a few instances where a herd abbreviation has been changed. An animal keeps the same prefix, name and tag throughout its life and does not change with change of owner.

Still on Progeny Return forms the abbreviation column is for the 2 or 3 letter abbreviation of the herd name. If you don't know it then please write out the name in full.

Herd Book pages were sent out at the beginning of May to allow time for any errors on the Registration Certificates to be notified.

Transfer forms, registration/progeny return forms are now available to download from the Society website.

If anyone has any questions about transfers or registrations then please give me a call or send me an email and I will do my best to answer your query. All forms now available on the website.

LIVESTOCK & SEMEN FOR SALE - ALSO REFER TO PAGE 11

Belted Galloway Bull

Ruatama Alfonzo HB 13343 11/08/07. Has been successfully shown, photos can be seen in previous gazettes, very quiet.
Contact: Eamon Dean 03 246 8336

White Galloway Semen

Ngutunui White Clem	HB# 11147	\$30 straw
Galair White Lad 67Z(Imp)	HB# 11102	\$30 straw
Galair White Lad 73A(Imp)	HB# 11114	\$30 straw
Ngutunui White Tristan	HB# 11118	\$12 straw

All semen plus GST. 5% discount for 10 or more straws.
Contact: Lorraine & Mike Clifford, Levin
Phone: 06 3683 171 Email: lmclifford@xtra.co.nz

White Galloway Females

3x rising 6yr cows - HB#'s 12529, 12530, 12534
2x rising 4yr cows - HB#'s 13283, 13284
1x rising 3yr cow - HB# 13194
3x rising 2yr heifers - HB#'s 13471, 13470, 13472
All the above in calf to Nigrab Eanis (13471) - start calving 20th August
2x rising 1yr heifers - HB#'s 13847, 13848
1x rising 1yr appendix heifer - HB# 13849a
Contact: Betty & Frank Mitchell
Phone: 09 409 5158 Email:lionelfm@windowsslive.com

SHOWS, FIELD DAYS AND REGIONAL REPORTS

INAUGURAL VIRTUAL SHOW RESULTS – 2010

Key: (B) = Belted (S) = Standard (W) = White

Class 1 - Heifer calves born after 1st June 2009

- 1st - Fordell Perla (S) - Carole & Warren Millar
 2nd - Linwood Fraulein (B) - Linda van Eyk
 3rd - Suncrest Arctic Femme (W) - Bob & Karen Curry

Class 2 - Bull calves born after 1st June 2009

- 1st - Fordell Lorimer (S) - Carole & Warren Millar
 2nd - Bo Kees (B) - Claire Harty
 3rd - Suncrest Arctic Galaxy (W) - Bob & Karen Curry

CHAMPION CALF:

Fordell Perla (S) - Carole & Warren Millar



Class 3 - Yearling heifers born after 1st June 2008

- 1st - Tui Aroha (B) - Amber Wood
 2nd - Drysdale White Clover (W) - Bridget Lowry
 3rd - Bryndlee Galloways Abigale (S) - Katie Bradly & Roger Brownlee

Class 4 - Yearling bulls born after 1st June 2008

- 1st - White Christo (W) - Tracy Wood
 2nd - Suncrest Arctic Ernie (W) - Bob & Karen Curry
 3rd - Linwood Flashback (B) - Linda van Eyk

CHAMPION YEARLING:

Tui Aroha (B) - Amber Wood



Class 5 - Junior females born after 1st June 2007

- 1st - Rosemay Marida Nicole (B) - Jill & Shannon Maxwell
 2nd - Tui Leonie (B) - Amber Wood
 3rd - Bo Sasha (B) - Claire Harty

Class 6 - Junior bulls born after June 2007

- 1st - Suncrest Arctic Eddy (W) - Bob & Karen Curry

CHAMPION JUNIOR:

Rosemay Marida Nicole (B) - Jill & Shannon Maxwell



Class 7 - Senior female born before 1st June 2007

- 1st - Gordon Valley Emilee (B) - Carole & Warren Millar
 2nd - Wayby Aster (W) - Tracey Wood
 3rd - 2b's Rosedale Dizzy (S) - Katie Bradly & Roger Brownlee

Class 8 - Senior male born before 1st June 2007

- 1st - Lifestyle Cody (W) - Marie & Graeme Turner
 2nd - Linwood Castle Ficus (B) - Linda van Eyk
 3rd - Suncrest Arctic Bayley (W) - Bob & Karen Curry

CHAMPION SENIOR:

Gordon Valley Emilee (B) - Carole & Warren Millar



SUPREME FEMALE:

Gordon Valley Emilee (B) - Carole & Warren Millar

SUPREME MALE:

Lifestyle Cody (W) - Marie & Graeme Turner



Southern South Island Report

(Otago, Southland, Fiordland)

On the 27th of March the group met and attended a 'mini' herd tour, AGM and social BBQ tea. We began the tour at Neil McKerchar's, Flemington stud at Otama (20km NW of Gore) at 1pm on a sunny Southland afternoon. On view, Neil had 40 Belted Galloway cows and their calves at foot, 15 heifers and his 2 herd sires. We then continued onto Rob and Lynne Hall's, Halland Downs Lilliesleaf Stud, nearer to Waikaka, viewing a similar number of animals, with some very impressive Okiwa Frank calves on display.

By 3pm we were heading into the Otago region of Kelso. Adam & George McCall is a dairy farmer that has started his own Belted Galloway herd, running a dozen or so cows and breeding bulls that are utilised both within the Beltie herd but also in his dairy herd. Next a change of colour and cold beer lead us to Bridget & Ross Lowry's Pinzridge herd back over by Waikaka and just down the road from Rob & Lynne's. We viewed their herd of White Galloways, a quality herd in the making.

In total we must of viewed close to 150 Galloways that day. Breeders showed a lot of interest and commented on the quality of all animals viewed.

At the meeting the winner of the Peppercorn Trophy for the 2009/2010 show season was presented to Rob Hall, Halland Downs. Congratulations to Rob.

Councillors went on to discuss scurs and a general out lay of the Standard Galloway Grading up Programme. John Taylor then stood down as Chairman and members then voted Neil McKerchar as new Chairperson. A vote of thanks was given to John for his conscientious work as past chairman. Bridget and Ross hosted the AGM group with a BBQ tea after the meeting, big thank you to Ross and John Munro for their culinary skills at the hot plate.

Next meeting will be held 24th July at Angela McNaughton's 2pm herd viewing and meeting at 3pm.

West Otago Beef Heifer Competition - N McKerchar, Flemington Stud 2nd.

Northern North Island Report

(Northland, Auckland, Coromandel)

Auckland area Councillors & members met recently to commence planning for the 2011 Conference & AGM weekend to be held in the Auckland & Rodney area. A tentative programme has been drawn up which will include visits to local attractions & herd visits. An optional visit to Waiheke Island on the Friday will be offered. As soon as a venue, accommodation & date is confirmed you will be notified so you can book the cheapest fares.

After the meeting our hosts John & Ruth Berridge took us to look over their White & Black herds. Thank you both for the hospitality.

This week the National Fieldays at Mystery Creek are on & unfortunately we will not have our usual promotion stall there. I will be going & will be canvassing stall holders to see if there are any interested in sharing a site with us next year. Others will be doing the same.

In July we will organise a members day in the Hamilton area with herd visits & discussion about participation in the 2011 Fieldays. South Auckland & Central North Island members will be notified of this as soon as it can be arranged.

Central West North Island Report

(Waikato, Taranaki, Central Plateau)

Linda Halley has shown and received many awards in the Manawatu show circuit. Errol and Dianne Brown whom have White Galloways have been very pro-active in the Rear Breeds.

PROPOSED VOLUNTARY INSPECTION SYSTEM OF QUALITY ASSURANCE

Introduction The Council are considering a voluntary inspection system which could help improve the quality of Galloway cattle in New Zealand.

The new system, if applied correctly by the inspectors, gives the breed more opportunity to correct specific faults. It helps new breeders (and old alike) to identify animals that meet a higher standard of the basic breed standard of the society.

Some of the areas and faults that would be highlighted are: Bad feet, temperament, sheaths, lack of constitution, markings, bad leg and shoulder structure, short or weak under jaws and other areas of tail and rump setting, overall balance of structure etc.

The inspection system must never interfere with breeders rights to use various types of cattle in their quest for further improvement but ensure the basic Standard of Type of the breed is maintained.

Inspection Defined as 'A service offered by the Galloway

Cattle Society of NZ to breeding members as a form of quality assurance'.

Animals of a minimum age which pass inspection may assume an "Approved Status" and may be promoted under a logo containing the year and "GA" (Galloway Approved).

The cost of the inspection would be borne by the applicant.

Inspection for "Approval" can only take place if the animal is 18 months of age or older. Any animal which has been given "Approved" status will retain this status until re-inspection takes place - this will take priority over the previous inspection, or the "Approved" status for that animal is rescinded by council.

Animals that are declined "Approved" status are still available for transfer and breeding as long as they meet the basic Standard of Type.

As this is just a proposed idea, the council is interested in members feedback.

A BELTED GALLOWAY STORY

There was once a little Belted Galloway Bull Calf
 Went running to his mother blurting, "the bigger breeds tease
 me and laugh
 They say what use will I ever be when I've been bred so small
 I'll never have a decent roar when it's time a harem to round
 up and call
 They look at my hairy coat with the white sash around my
 middle
 And compared to them reckon I am something of a riddle"
 His mother consoled him and said "Son you can hold your
 head up high"
 Then she swallowed her cud and went on to tell him why

"The composition of the cattle breeds are like a rugby team
 And cattle raisers' like coaches, player positions have to
 scheme
 They'll pull the giant Exotics from Europe to make up the
 forward pack
 These boys need to be on the best feed to put condition on
 their back
 Out on the back line you'll see the old traditional British
 Breeds
 The Shorthorn, Hereford and Angus who grow out on a lot
 less feed
 The full back they may experiment with a lean speckled long-
 horn Bull
 Nothing can get past his horns and he can kick like a crazy
 mule"
 "But where would we play" said the calf, 'what would be our

role!"
 "Well our size makes for a gritty half back with lots of virtue
 to extol
 From bonny Scotland we have come where our ancestors
 thrived on tough terrain
 And so those survivability genes are still coursing through our
 veins
 We are disease resistant and can convert all types of grazing
 into meat
 Which is lean, well marbled and the connoisseur claims is very
 hard to beat
 That thick, hairy coat keeps us warm against howling storms
 and winter snows
 We'll maintain our condition, those big cheeky rivals will just
 turn up their toes
 Proof of our popularity, is we are found from mountains to
 the life style block
 Where they want low maintenance, easy wintered, quiet han-
 dling stock
 As calves we have a low birth weight, the thought makes the
 jealous big boys roar
 'Cos for heifer mating you can side step them all and be first to
 score
 So next time when sparring head to head quote my story and
 your case will rest
 The dust will settle as they back off realising biggest is not
 always best"

Hobnail Henry



LIVESTOCK & SEMEN FOR SALE - ALSO REFER TO PAGE 7

White Galloway Appendix Bull

Black Bull Born Feb 2009. Rare genetics by Snowline Artic Tundra 2. Will be small, very quiet.

Contact: Christine Reed

Phone: 06 308 6328 Email: christine@gracelands.co.nz

Standard Galloway Heifers & Bull

Yearling Bull - Bryan of Glenfinnan, HB#13814

Weaner Heifers - Beatrice, Brooke and Bronte

Contact: John & Ruth Berridge

Phone: 09 426 1421 Email: alcluthagalloways.co.nz

Belted Galloway Heifers & Heifer Calves

Selection of 2008 & 2009 born heifers for sale.

Contact: Rob Hall Phone: 03 207 3706 or 027 2010 440

Email: hallanddowns@xtra.co.nz

White Galloway Cow & Calf

Lifestyle Teddy - DOB 05/09/2006, Sire - Ngutunui White Clem (mini), Dam - Ngutunui White Gift

Teddy has been running with a registered white galloway bull since mid December. The heifer calf she has just had as listed below is her 2nd calf and she has had no problems birthing.

Calf - DOB 12/12/2009, Sire - Winter Dusk of Tullamore

Contact details: Wayne & Tracey

Phone: 07 332 2602 Email: traece@xtra.co.nz

Dun Belted Galloway Bull & Heifer

Dun Belted Galloway Bull, Tatua Ma Magna, Born 17/08/06

Dun Belted Galloway heifer calf, GV Nora, Born 21/10/09

Contact: Rex or Margie Hodgetts

Phone: 06 762 2933 Email: rexandmarg@xtra.co.nz

Dun Belted Galloway Semen

Semen is available from a proven bull - Okiwa Frank. Progeny left are very thick and meaty.

Contact: Rob Hall Phone: 03 207 3706 or 027 2010 440

Email: hallanddowns@xtra.co.nz

New Belted Galloway Semen

Southfield Double-O-Seven (UKHB: 3907)

Double-O-Seven was shown as a junior in 2007, winning Junior Champion at both the Royal Highland and Royal Show. Double-O-Seven has excellent conformation along with a very kind temperament. His first calves born in 2008 are showing tremendous promise. Price per straw is \$55 + GST.

Contact- Carole and Warren Millar, 03 329 1800.

Email- millars@scorch.co.nz

Black Galloway UK Book

Linda Watson and her partner Richard, own a farm in SW Scotland in 2002, since when we have been rearing pedigree Black Galloways. She has have written two books about her life and their suckler cows.

The books are available to view on www.low-arive.co.uk

White Galloway cow

Whisperings Sophia HB 12626. Scanned in calf to Belverdeer Buster HB 13218. Due August/September Excellent mother, has strongly marked calves. BVD Clear, TB C 10.

Contact Bridget Lowry

Phone: 03 2076747. Email: southies@woosh.co.nz

White Galloway AB Straws

BV Buster 13218

Contact Bridget Lowry, 03 2076747. southies@woosh.co.nz

GREAT GALLOWAY RECIPES

Guinness Galloway Casserole - Carole Miller

1 ½ lbs Galloway braising steak or any cheaper cut of meat trimmed and cubed.

Mix and pour over the cubed Galloway meat

1 large can of Guinness

1 small pot tomato puree

3 tbsp brown sugar

1 pint beef stock

Leave Galloway meat to soak in Guinness stock for at least 24hrs in refrigerator, longer if you can. I usually leave it 2-3 days.

2 large onions chopped

6 large carrots chopped

½ - 1 tsp mixed herbs

Place chopped vegetables, Galloway meat and Guinness stock into a casserole dish. Cook 3-4hrs at 160degC.

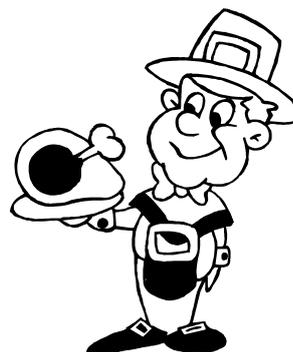
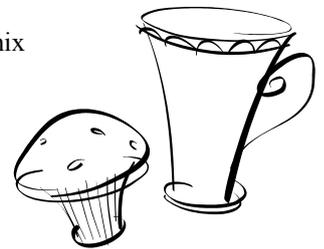
Can be done in slow cooker.

15-20 minutes before end of cooking place dumplings on top and return to oven until dumplings are cooked.

Dumplings are made of the basic scone mix.

GLUTEN-FREE GALLOWAY SAVORY MUFFINS

- 50 g butter, melted
- 2 cups gluten-free bread mix
- 2 cups grated cheese
- 1 cup milk
- 2 rashers bacon, chopped
- 1 egg, beaten



METHOD

Pre-heat oven to 230 C. Heat empty muffins pans. Just before putting mixture in, melt a dot of butter in each.

Melt butter, then add all other ingredients and mix well.

Bake for approximately 10 minutes, until slightly golden on top.

BREEDER PROFILE—NEIL MCKERCHAR

FLEMINGTON BELTED GALLOWAYS - 03 208 8433



I first became interested the Galloway cattle when I was invited to go on a herd tour with the National AGM, when it was held in Southland 3 years ago. I liked what I saw and could see potential in these cattle, initially breeding bulls for the dairy market.

My first purchase was a bull calf, during the tour, Taylordale Concorde, still suckling on his dam Kerrilea Wroxanne. This cow rates as one of the better cows I have seen, she's a proven breeder, still performing at 19 years of age and mainly of UK imported bloodlines. I have two crops of calves now by Concord and am very pleased with them. Galloway Breeding stock were hard to source when I started so I initially purchased some unregistered stock along with a registered cow and heifer, I then went on to purchase 10 registered cows and 3 heifers calves from Peter Fahey, 1 cow and 7 heifers from Judy Edridge and a further 3 cows and 3 heifers from Loraine Clifford. I also purchased the aged bull Balcairn Charles from Jillian Rooney.

I had learnt from my years of stud sheep breeding that you need top sires. Top sires are very hard to secure, sires that breed true and are what I call 'pre-potent' i.e. they breed as good or better than themselves and leave progeny like peas in a pod. I like an even

line of stock, sound on their feet, of good temperament and pleasing to the eye. The hand and eye was the computer of the stock breeders of past generations. If possible you need numbers to build up quickly and to cull hard. You can line

breed quite safely with the right bloodlines, I have a very promising ET bull calf, again out of Wroxanne, sired by Okiwa Frank. I will probably use him over his 1/2 sisters sired by Concord. I believe this is safe because of their type and true bloodlines.

Last year I purchased the Dunrobin herd of 8 females, mostly halter broken and shown, quality cattle, proven bloodlines and a pleasure to work with. With a herd of 50+ females to the

bull this year I have the numbers to work with to achieve a top herd and calves on the ground that I myself have breed, and doing so whilst I am still fit and able as I have yet found a way to stop the aging process. Breeding your own stock can give you a lot of pleasure, proving your worth as a breeder. I enjoy working with my Belties and find them a pleasure to deal with in and out of the yards, with the exception of the odd over protective new mum.

Their low maintenance upkeep makes my day to day farming the 350 acres that I farm on my own, much easier therefore giving me more time to wander at leisure, mentally forming a picture in my mind of each individual, seeing how each cow is milking, breeding, sorting out the family lines, future sire prospects and show ring potential.

There is great camaraderie amongst the Southern Galloway breeders, willing to help each other out and show an interest in what you are doing, especially on the show circuit. Other breeders have even washed and lead my animals in the show ring while competing against each other. Rob Hall has been particularly encouraging and always willing to give up his time, whether it be to break in cattle, AI/embryo work or just keeping in touch and been a friend. My recent high light has to be coming 2nd in the West Otago beef heifer competition, showing that Belties can hoof it with the big breeds. My future plains are to of breed a line of Belted Galloway that will do the breed proud. I always welcome inquires and visits.



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