

GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

# GALLOWAY GAZETTE

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*Photo Above: Adam and Georgia McCall's 2010 Born heifers  
Photo Left: Herd tour on Waihiki Island, Traveling in style  
Photo Below: Suzanne Kernohans, Tutua Ma cows cool off in the shade*



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## EDITORS EDGE— BRIDGET LOWRY

It has been a while since the last issue and many of you seem to

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of been involved in promoting the Galloways one way or another, this is really great. I attended the AGM and herd tours back in April with my husband Ross and daughter Sutton. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed seeing Galloways, and putting names to faces. Thank you for all that spent many hours organising a very well run weekend.

You will find on page 13 that there is a page for any correspondence from you all, should you wish to comment on any items you have read in the gazette, or anything Galloway, and you wish to express or comment both good and bad. The first topic is the removal of the Standard Galloway use over the White Galloways for breeding. It would be great to hear your

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views, whether you bred whites standard or Belties opinions are welcome, but please bear in mind that should I be inundated by letters/emails I will try to publish most of your views. Remember the subject can be any thing Galloway that you wish.

Check out the vests in the merchandise below, should you looking at exhibiting at your local shows or field days etc, it's a great way to promote the breed and looks great as breed uniform, also if you have placed adds on the web site and have sold the animals please let Rob know so he may keep this up to date.

Wishing you all a safe and happy warm spring, take care, Bridget.

## WEB SITES

<b>Society Page;</b>	<a href="http://www.nzgalloway.co.nz">www.nzgalloway.co.nz</a>
<b>Breeders;</b>	
Bob & Karen Curry	<a href="http://www.suncreststud.co.nz">www.suncreststud.co.nz</a>
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John & Ruth Berridge	<a href="http://www.alcluthagalloways.co.nz">www.alcluthagalloways.co.nz</a>
<b>Overseas Breed Societies;</b>	
American Galloway Breeders:	<a href="http://www.AmericanGalloway.com">www.AmericanGalloway.com</a>
Australian Galloway Assn:	<a href="http://www.galloway.asn.au">www.galloway.asn.au</a>
Belted Galloway Society, Inc:	<a href="http://www.beltie.org">www.beltie.org</a>
Canadian Galloway Association:	<a href="http://www.galloway.ca/">www.galloway.ca/</a>
German Galloway Assn:	<a href="http://www.beltie-deutschland.de">www.beltie-deutschland.de</a>
Swedish Galloway Assn:	<a href="http://www.galloway.mu">www.galloway.mu</a>
UK & Ireland:	<a href="http://www.gallowaycattlesociety.co.uk">www.gallowaycattlesociety.co.uk</a>

### Informative sites;

[www.rarebreeds.co.nz](http://www.rarebreeds.co.nz)  
[www.controlbvd.org.nz](http://www.controlbvd.org.nz)  
[www.beef.org.nz](http://www.beef.org.nz)  
[www.nait.co.nz](http://www.nait.co.nz)

*Closing Date for Galloway Gazette*  
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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



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## BREEDER PROFILE— ADAM AND GEORGIE MCCALL

### PARADISE FLAT BELTED GALLOWAYS— 03 204 8725



*Adam with Paradise Flat in-calf cows.*

We farm 650 dairy cows and 32 registered belted breeding cows, 30-35 R1 and R2 belted bulls and 10 -15 belted heifers on 350ha at Kelso in West Otago.

We began our journey into Belted Galloway breeding 4 years ago when four yearling bulls were purchased to run with our yearling dairy heifers, as they were to be AI'd to a jersey bull in a synchrony program.

The Belties were chosen to follow the AB for a variety of reasons;

- Calves are easily distinguished from the AI jersey calves.
- Small bulls and low birth weights
- we can use 2 year old Belties over our dairy heifers.
- They get them in calf compared to other beef breeds we have tried in the past.
- We can use Galloway for four seasons as they don't grow too big and temperament is not an issue.

That same year some Beltie semen was purchased for use in dairy cows which we didn't want replacement stock from, which has helped speed genetic improvement in our dairy herd.

We have steadily increased our reliance on Belted Galloway bulls within our dairy farming operation. After three weeks of mating in the herd, any cows not AI'd are run in a separate herd with Beltie bulls. Beltie bulls are also used to follow the AB period. We place a strong emphasis on recording and breeding within our dairy herd, thus a focus is put on matching the cow with the correct calf. As all our bull mated calves come out with a belt it makes this job a little easier at a time when the pressure is at its greatest on farm.

As our reliance on the breed has increased, we decided that we could no longer source enough bulls to meet our requirements, therefore the decision was made to purchase some Belted Galloway cows.

In November 2008, 6 cows with calves at foot were

purchased, another couple of cows were purchased from Canterbury and a passion for Belties began. We soon discovered that to truly meet our demands more cows would be needed and in October 2010, 7 R1 and R2 maiden heifers were purchased. Also in the last couple of months 12 in calf cows were purchased, taking our number of cows to calve this spring to 32. We targeted a breeding herd of between 30 and 40 cows; the numbers can fluctuate depending on culling decisions, replacement heifer quality, and mating results. We should now be able to breed enough bulls for our own use, and any excess can easily be sold to other dairy farmers in the district.

We have kept the herd registered, as we are interested in breeding and genetics. We have some strict breeding criteria which we stick to and we are not afraid to make the tough call and cull hard when numbers allow. Mating in 2011 will allow us to experiment with a couple of different bulls and an AI program will be developed for the best of our animals to ensure more rapid genetic gains using the best genetics available .

We enjoy being part of the Southern Breeders Group, whose advice and ideas and sheer enthusiasm for the breed is infectious. They are a source of support and knowledge and no ask seems to be too big or too small. We look forward to many more meetings talking Galloway, and also to a bright future to the little cows with a big future.



## WHAT IS A FREEMARTIN?

BY LAURIE ANN LYON

Freemartinism is recognized as one of the most severe forms of sexual abnormality among cattle. This condition causes infertility in the female cattle born twin to a male. When a heifer twin shares the uterus with a bull fetus, they also share the placental membranes connecting the fetuses with the dam.

A joining of the placental membranes occurs at about the fortieth day of pregnancy, and thereafter, the fluids of the two fetuses are mixed. This causes exchange of blood and antigens carrying characteristics that are unique to each heifers and bulls. When these antigens mix, they affect each other in a way that causes each to develop with some characteristics of the other sex.

Although the male twin in this case is rarely affected by reduced fertility, in over ninety percent of the cases, the female twin is completely infertile. Because of a transfer of hormones or a transfer of cells, the heifer's reproductive tract is severely underdeveloped and sometimes even contains some elements of a bull's reproductive tract. A freemartin is genetically fe-

male, but has many characteristics of a male. The ovaries of the freemartin do not develop correctly, and they remain very small. Also, the ovaries of a freemartin do not produce the hormones necessary to induce the behavioral signs of heat. The external vulvar region can range from a very normal looking female to a female that appears to be male. Usually, the vulva is normal except that in some animals an enlarged clitoris and large tufts of vulvar hair exist. Freemartins cannot be prevented; however, it can be diagnosed in a number of ways ranging from simple examination of the placental membranes to chromosomal evaluation. In some cases, there are no symptoms of freemartins because the male twin may have been aborted at an earlier stage of gestation.

Estimates of the percentage of natural beef cattle births that produce twins vary. One estimate (Gilmore) puts the percentage at about .5% or 1 in every 200 births. Approximately one-half of the sets of twins should contain both a bull and a heifer calf. (Source: "The Causes and Effects of Freemartinism in Cattle" by Laurie Ann Lyon.)

## YOUNG HANDLERS

BY BRIDGET LOWRY

Waikaka Primary School just out of Gore (34 students), every Thursday morning during the winter months have 'clubs', this is run by the parents and locals that wish to share hobbies, art, music etc. Rob Hall this year thought he would put forward the idea of cattle handling. It was decided that only the senior children (11-13 year olds) would be able to attend and be limited to 6 for safety reasons. We have 4 boys all from farming families and 2 girls one of which travels to Waikaka school daily from Gore.

I offered to help with transport and in the yards. We began in the early second term, first teaching the children points of the animal and basic knowledge, Rob even set them homework, at first was to find out about the breeds both angus and belted Galloway. In the second week we asked them to learn parts of the structure of the animal, during the sessions we talked about health and habits and structure and safety around the cattle.

Rob had bought in numerous rising 1 year old heifers and asked each of the students to choose a heifer and give reason for their choice. 3 choose angus and the other 3 paired up with Galloway, surprisingly one of the biggest boys choose a Galloway heifer and the girls went different ways each choosing a different breed.

We had them in the small yards talking to and rubbing the heifers for the first time although 3 of them had been shown as calves at shows, within the hour we had halters on all of them and we moved out into the bigger yard. Rob and I where both really pleased with the way the kids all managed their 'girls', holding on, crashing into each others charges, (not the clean end either), having their toes stood on more than once, but to see the smiles on their faces when they were praised for remembering the basics of staying calm and to talk to them.

The drive back to school every week was so full of excitement and pride with conversations like 'did you see when', 'cant wait to I get to wash ...and take her to a show' even after I explained how much work goes into preparation for a show they all still are very keen.

The forth week I was unable to help due to surgery but I still received a positive report.

The fifth and final week, I was limited to driver only, but was amazed that in the one week that I was away, just how much they had achieved both the kids and heifers, even Rob had very little to do. After catching their charges, which Rob did for safety reasons, they lead them out to the bigger yard, Rob passed on a few minor instruction's and the gate was open, a few laps in front of the yards and it was time for a real walking. I drove to the end of the straight race and hopped out, not sure why as I'm on crutcher's I doubted I'd be any use if one was to get away.

6 kids, 5 Belties and 1 Angus ( last minute plans saw a change around) all walked to the end of the race and back with out any dramas, an amazing thing to see when you think about it, 5 weeks ago not one of these kids had ever been this close to a cow other than in the yards, some of these heifers had either only been to shows following their mum or had never been haltered and here they were walking calmly or near enough to, along with their new best friends.

We are now planning a full 2 days with the kids as well as other junior handlers in the district during the holidays.

I am so pleased that Rob had the idea for the handlers club, and to of been apart of it, but most of all I look forward to seeing any of these 6 kids in the show ring and to next years clubs.

## 2012 NATIONAL FEILDAYS MYSTREY CREEK HALMILTON

Our Association with Technipharm this year was a BRILLIANT success. Total Visitors through the gates 117495.

The crowd poured in having front gate prominence. Graeme and Marie Turners two young Galloways were the stars of the show allowing people of all ages to pat them. People love animals and it is very sad to note that due to the high costs of a site many non-profit people are being forced to pull out.

We had great contacts with people, from wanting Galloway skins, to Galloway meat, bulls for dairy cattle, semen for overseas market, and the list goes on. It was also rather nice to be able to educate the townies that they were looking at a cow,

and the many questions we got from the 150 Fairfield Intermediate school children that swarmed through in groups. We are proud that our savvy Galloway team were able to send many potential yard buyers over to Technipharm. A very pleasing association for both groups. We can pretty much guarantee the same association next year, with new plans already in the pipeline.

Many thanks to all the Galloway members who put their time and effort into making this a huge success.  
Linda van Eyk



## OTAKI FEILDAYS-DIANE AND ERROL BROWN.

On Saturday 21st May Diane and I together with Karen and Bob Curry set up a display to promote Galloway's at the Otaki Fieldays.

The day was typical autumn a little cool and we did not need the BIG Gazebo. However some of our plan turned to naught. We had hoped to have 3 Galloways this year - one of each of the main varieties.

We had just purchased a very nice white calf (Rhea) with good black points and were going to bring her along to complement our wee Bree - the only problem was Rhea was not (and still is not) halter trained and we just ran out of time to remedy that problem. Galloways are not that well known around here and everybody immediately thinks of the Belties - and NO we did not have one of those either.

To keep our wee "Bonnie" company we slipped in a highland girl of the same age and covered this by saying - you want Scots cattle - do you want them with or without horns.

There was a period of time back home when we were just a little short on gates. It is surprising what you can do with Waratahs an old splitting axe and some good keen help. Thanks Bob and Karen. We had a great day with a

steady flow of enquiries on Galloways and we think we had a worthwhile day promoting the breed. It took some time for me to be able to get photo of the stand without people standing in the way.

Those of you from down the bottom end of the world, you will recognize the colors of the rug over the table. Long life to Highlanders!! Yeah!!



## AGM-CONFERENCE WEEKEND

"The 2011 AGM and Herd Tour took place from 8 to 10 April in Auckland & North Auckland.

Friday saw around 30 members and friends enjoy a day trip to Waaihoek Island to visit Karl Fenton's, Church Bay Belted Galloway's. It was all agreed that this herd has to have one of New Zealand's best views. Whilst on the island we were all treated to morning tea in the woolshed, from there we all jumped aboard the numerous John Deere 4x4's for a tour of Karl's farm and herd. Lunch time saw us in a lovely restaurant/café along the beach front, where we were amazed to see a pod of dolphins playing in the bay. Lunch was followed by 2 wonderful vineyards and very fine wine tasting and lots of catching up and networking.

Saturday involved a bus trip North from Auckland our first port of call being John and Ruth Berridge's Aclutha White Galloways and their Glenfinnan Standards. After viewing the young heifers we moved up the hill for a quick cup of tea, to gather strength for the further walk to view the cows and bulls. John and Ruth treated us all to some very cute and young White Galloway calves. Back down at the yards Rob Hall held a workshop with which he spoke on animal Structure and soundness, some of us kept one eye on Rob and the other on the wasp nest behind him.

Greatfully the bus driver knew where he was going and half an hour later we arrived at Amber Woods Tui Belted stud, where in the beauty of the gardens we had a very nice luncheon by the pond.

Next stop the Puhoi Pub, sadly the antique shop was no longer open but we all enjoyed cold drink at an amazing venue so full of history and character, as well as classic cars and motorbikes, so nice to see the men, and some of the women discussing another passion or memories other than cattle.

With 2 herd visits we had viewed all three Galloway breeds in New Zealand, White, Standard and Beltie. On to Warkworth for the AGM followed by dinner. Sadly the Council meeting went a little longer than expected therefore they missed out on the pre-dinner drinks and socializing.

## SOUTHERN BREEDERS PRE-AGM-CONFERENCE WEEKEND

We all travelled up the Thursday prior to Conference beginning. 7 of us climbed into a hired van and scrambled onto the motorway. First stop Linda van Eyk's Linwood Belted Stud.

Linda had bought her animals into the yards for us to view, even though she was extremely busy with the potential sale of her farm.

Mrs Suzanne Kernohan's Tatua Ma belted Galloway herd was visit number 2. we all enjoyed both her herd and hospitality. Number 3, Rian Bovills, Bovill White Galloways. Rian is one of our younger breeders so it was great to see the next generation also showing a great interest in the breeds.

Travelling to the south side of Hamilton for visit number 4.

MC and celebrity auctioneer for the Dinner, attended by 45 members and friends was John Hawkesby and he also presented the awards for the Virtual Show. Also on hand was local Hereford breeder Dean Blythen who had previously judged and then commented on the Virtual Show class winners.

Sunday had everyone off to Matakoho to see the Kauri Museum and morning tea, then back to Wellsford for a white herd visit at Tracy Woods, White Supreme Stud. During the viewing of her cows and heifers Rob Hall conducted part 2 of his weekend workshop, testing us on what we had learnt the day before. We were shown four yearling heifers to, in our own opinion judge them according based on the previous days talk, Tracy then treated us to another fine country lunch, which did not go without dramas. Accidentally one member found herself been rushed off to the nearest A&E with a nasty gash to her leg.

From Tracy's we traveled to Annie Calder's Oxenrig Belted Galloway stud. There we got up close to a very large pair of Highlander steers, although not all of us approached them. A few of us were amazed to see that they had in fact converted and old herringbone cowshed into their home.

I know that upon arriving at the next Belted Galloway herd, Lincoln Park, owned by Dave Jenkins, the Southern Breeders scratched their heads as they approached yet another converted cow shed.

From there, the long trip back to the Auckland.

While numbers attending were below those anticipated, everyone seemed to have a great time. All breeders appreciated everyone for allowing us all to view and walk among their stock

The Virtual Show attracted 93 entries from 13 breeders, this was a considerable increase on the 51 entries from 14 breeders the previous year.

The Supreme Champion Female and Supreme Champion Male Awards in the Virtual Show were both won by Linda van Eyk.

Not a Galloway breeder but Stephen had many other interesting breeds on his dairy farms runoff, Stephen owns the Greensprings Pinzgauer Stud, as we had other Pinzgauer breeders among us we could not miss the opportunity to visit. Running in his herd of Pinzgauer were also Longhorns, a Dutch belted and two Highlander Pinzgauer cross Steers.

Prior to the long haul back to Auckland we stopped at Hamilton for tea, and did not get back to the motel until close to midnight due to a nav-man that didn't realise they had moved all the roads around.

We all enjoyed our time up north and thank all those that helped put it together one way or another.

# OUT AND ABOUT



*Time out at the National Feildays for Graeme Turner and his young charges*



*Top Above; Driver Bob Curry, co-pilot Pat Clinton, Standing Ron Smith.  
2 from top; Young cow (Karl Fenton's)  
Right; John and Ruth Berridges, white Galloway calf.  
Left; Linda van Eyk receiving Supreme ward from John Hawkesby.  
Below; AGM Tour group. Waihiki Island*



## 2011 AGM - AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

### April 8<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Website Update** Ross Pagan has taken over our Website and everybody is happy with the result.

**Registrars Report** Reminding people of obligations re : Scurs and Service certificates etc.

Carole has also scanned all copies of our herd books to a disk. Discussion on price of Discs for members, \$25 per disk + pp

**RAS Report** Barry covered info on Waikato Royal. Hopefully we will have enough breeders to have our own Galloway Class. Barry attended a remit meeting in Matamata. Hamilton hosted next AGM in June. Strong interest from people looking for beef for consumption

**National Field Days** Fieldays\_Technipharm/Piggyback, photos emailed by Graeme Turner and discussions currently underway as to how we will run this year's event. Cost \$600.00 + GST. Thanks to Linda van Eyk for work to date

**Scurs update** Approx 30 still outstanding. Registration forms are not being processed until scurs declaration form completed. Scurs declaration to be Mandatory on animal progeny Return and also on transfer form

**Closing White Herd Book** Bridget has emailed all white breeders and received 8 replies, 5 in support, 2 against, 1 undecided. White breeders looking at no longer using standard Galloway's in their Breeding programme. Broad debate around use of Blacks (Standards) in White Breeding programmes. Bridget noted that the driver for this is the need to protect the Standard Galloway. Council has set up a subcommittee to investigate the breeding of Whites, chaired by Karen Curry, using the Project colour inheritance in White Galloway's questionnaire.

**Galloway Approval** It was noted that several breeders are unhappy with the quality of some stock that is around and felt as a Society we should endeavor to protect Breeding stock of New Zealand. (Questioned registerable quality of some stock). Rob suggested discussion on "Galloway approved" status available for breeders. Council will work on this.

**Southern Breeders Group** nominated Bridget for the Judging list.. Bridget has been an approved judge for the Galloway Society.

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### Annual General Meeting

#### Saturday 9th April

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

**Matters arising:** Jill Naysmith sought an update on where we are at with the Scurs issue. Barry replied that the By-laws are currently before the council in draft version.

**Registrars Report:** 247 Registrations this year, 190 Belted,

132 Whites, 20 Standards

**Election of Councillors:** Karl Fenton, Jill Hopping, Carole Miller, Juan Whittington

**Update of Electronic Herd book:** As decided at the AGM 3 years ago it was agreed that a one off payment of \$50 would be charged to Galloway Cattle Society members for the Implementation of the Electronic Herd book. Please see the attached letter and send your payment to the treasurer.

The good news is that we are finally at the point where ABRI have received our Data and are starting the Conversion process. We have been very fortunate in obtaining funding from NZ Beef and Lamb who are subsidising this project.

**Rules & Bylaws – Update & Progress:** A copy of the Rules is now available on the Website. Clarification and update on, Life Membership, Joint Membership, Breeder/ Associate Membership & Junior Membership

Rules & Bylaws are always a work in progress. A hardcopy is available from the Secretary if required but most up to date can be downloaded from website.

**White/Standard Issue:** Jill Naysmith raised concerns of a change in the status quo. Rob spoke to the AGM and emphasised that the Council wasn't taking the issue lightly and that a subcommittee of White Breeders on Council had been set up. This issue effects both White and Standard Breeders.

**Publicity:** Rob mentioned that Publicity material is available and encouraged fellow breeders to advertise the breed.

Bridget brought to the attention of the AGM the Straight Furrow article coming up in late June.

#### Location of next year's Conference and AGM:

Nelson/ Marlborough - March 23rd-25th 2012

Special Thanks to the Northern Members for the Organisation of this year's AGM

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### April 9<sup>th</sup> 2011 Council Meeting

**President:** Barry McAAlley

**Vice President:** Rob Hall

**Secretary / Treasurer:** Jill Hopping

**Registrar:** Carole Millar

**Publicity:** Bridget Lowry

**Rules & Regulations:** Alan Brown

**Website:** Rob Hall

**RAS Delegate :** Barry McAAlley. Junior Delegate: Rob Hall

**General Business:** Tracy bought up the issue of Yearling mating's and was concerned that this practice was not good for the breed. General discussion and most Councillor's felt this was an Individual choice.

## REGISTRARS REPORT

Another very quick year has passed and we continue to see good numbers of animals being registered and transferred. Thank you again to those who sent their returns in on time and replied quickly to any queries I had.

A reminder that Annual Subs are due 31 January each year.

There has been a drop of 50 registrations this year with 347 being processed, still a healthy number and this includes AI bulls and appendix:

<b>Belted</b>	139 females	51 males
<b>Whites</b>	64 females	47 males
	18 app	5 app
<b>Galloway</b>	15 females	5 males

Transfers are up by 51 on last year with a total of 215 being processed possibly due to a few herd dispersals.

Belted	79 female	29 male
White	47 female	28 male
	5 app	3 app
Galloway	23 female	1 male

Only 4 progeny submitted for registration required Mannosidosis testing and all were clear.

Members should have received the herd book pages along with a list of the transfers for the year, a list of general abbreviations, herd book amendments, service certificate and progeny return forms.

The progeny return forms have been amended and now include a statement that your herd has been annually checked for scurs. Please use the new forms, any registration applications received on the older style forms will be returned to the breeders for resubmission.

The Service Certificate - this should accompany registration applications when your cows have been served by a bull you **do not** own.

All progeny submitted for registration by AI need to have an AI certificate accompany the registration application.

When an animal loses a tag if you are not using Replacement tags with the original number on them please let me know what number you have tagged them with as we record the ear-tag numbers in the herd book.

There are still a number of Scurs forms outstanding and for those of you who have not returned the form Council will be appointing an inspector to come out and check your herd at **your cost**.

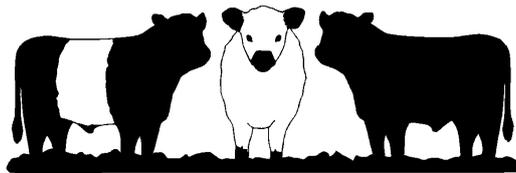
If you have any questions about registrations, completing any of the forms or just a general query then please get in touch.

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# GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

**2012 Conference and AGM**  
**Nelson / Marlborough Region**

**March 23rd -24th 2012**

## SHOWS, FIELD DAYS & REGIONAL REPORTS

### North Island-Northern



CONNOR from Waitoki who is still school but loves Belted Galloway's. He purchased "MIA" from us here at Flinders Landing in Bombay, groomed her etc. He has won, 1st 2nd 3rd prizes in handling, rearing & Fancy Dress section and whatever else they do at these shows up north (Kumu).

### North Island - Southern

For those concerned and enquiring as to how **Pat Clinton** is doing after injuring her leg during our AGM weekend – she is very bright, as usual, but her leg is going to take a long time to heal and she is resigned to that. In a few brief seconds she did remove a large area of skin. However she is very positive and most appreciative of every ones help and support and she asked me to convey this to all involved and hoped she didn't inconvenience anyone too much on the day. A special thanks to John Monroe and Terry Sharp for their 1<sup>st</sup> aid skills, strong arms and time out from the tour to get her treatment at the local hospital. We all wish you a speedy recovery Pat!

In regards to the **AGM** and tours – well done to the Northern North Island Breeders Group for a wonderful, interesting and informative weekend. We always enjoy this weekend away each year because of all the interesting visits and great networking that occurs.

**Otaki Small Farmers Fieldays** – May 21, Errol and Dianne Brown from Levin or-



ganised an exhibition site at the Otaki Small Farmers Field days and Bob and I went along on the day to help promote Galloways. Errol and Dianne supplied a couple of young animals and between us we had several information stands which included plenty of photos. We had a very busy day, and although visitor numbers over-all were down, there was still a lot of interest in the Galloways. The whole event was very well patronised by exhibitors but we felt the organising committee let the day down by a great lack of advertising, on the day, out on the Highway. Karen Curry

### North Island -Central West

Juan Whittington has been newly elected onto the council, she has been busy canvassing in her region and would like to hear from other breeders in the Taranaki Region that would be interested in meeting and having herd tours. Juan's contacts can be found on the front page and page 2.

### South Island - Southern

On the 26th of March the southern breeders visited the studs of Stan and Ronda Black (White Galloway's), John Taylor (Belted), Silva Anderson (Belted) and finishing at Peter and Susan Lawson (Belted). It is always great to visit the studs and see cattle in their home environment. Once again there were some very good cattle on display and a credit to their breeders. Visiting studs is a great way to see breeding programmes in place and judge for yourself what bulls and cows or bloodlines are improving the breed.

You might also just spot your next stud bull. Thank you breeders for your hospitality.

The "tour" was followed by our AGM and then a general meeting. Winner of this years Peppercorn Trophy, for most points on the southern show circuit this year was Bridget Lowry, just piping Rob Hall by a couple of points. Congratulations Bridget. (A bit of friendly rivalry here between Rob with his Belties and Bridget with her Whites.)

A lovely BBQ tea was supplied by the Lawson's, sadly the fisherman Hadley and Jackson and their dad Ross never came through with fresh trout on the day. But great company and

wonderful food really capped off an enjoyable day. Thank you to Peter and Susan.

On the 2nd of July we met at the Gore Show grounds for bull/heifer tie up and display followed by our general meeting and guest speaker.

The idea of the calf tie up was to get a head start on the show season, encourage new breeders and further 'educate' the calves to show type surroundings. For myself I tied up calves that may never have been halter broken. Now they can be run in, tied up and with a little extra handling taken confidently to show. (one less job to do come show season).

The day was overcast with fog after a frost so before our meeting at 2.30 a cup of coffee which was most welcome. Thank you to those who supplied afternoon tea. Following the meet-

ing Brian Heydenrych spoke on bull fertility, semen quality and Bull preparation for mating as well as the importance of correct feeding, including minerals in their development. For more information visit [www.newtekpacifier.com](http://www.newtekpacifier.com) Brian's business also includes bull fertility testing on farm, and for less than \$100 many of us felt that this very well priced when many use only one bull for all our cows and is a good way to save guard getting cows in calf.

Also discussed at the meeting was the Southern Feildays that are held every second year, and the early stages of planning are underway for February 2012.

Now as winter has begun to show it self here in Southland we begin to prepare for this seasons calves to be born.

## HAVE YOUR SAY.

### **In response to item; White and Standard Galloway Herd Book Closing. Jill Naysmith.**

This is an issue that could have far reaching effects to both White and Standard Galloway breeders, and my personal opinion is that it requires a great deal of discussion and information to all said breeders before a final decision is made.

I offer my opinion and observation as a White and Standard breeder over the last nine years. It is not scientific as such, but the outcomes are what they are. I started with two Appendix White in calf cows and a rising yearling White bull.

From the White Appendix cows the result was one perfect white 'well' pointed heifer, and one Appendix White heifer (also perfect). The bull that I had, was what I call 'Low Pointed' He had no specific black points on his legs and only slight black hairs in his ears, and slight black eye lashes.

At the time I also had a white face Friesian heifer. This young bull covered all three cows and the result was three white well pointed calves.

I bought six White in calf cows (to White bulls), the following season expecting six white progeny (had not yet grassed the concept of the 50/50, 25 / 75 % outcome). The result was 3 white heifers and 3 black ap. Bulls. I now had eight cows to put my White bull too. All calves were born white but with varying degrees of points, from strong black points, to a light fleck through the coat with strong points, to low points.

The next season I had the opportunity to have my bull cover fifteen appendix Whites in addition to my own eight cows. All progeny of the appendix Whites had white well pointed calves. My own eight were similar to the previous season.

Of one of the calves born was a low pointed white bull that I kept and the following season I put him over the fifteen appendix White cows, as by this time I was getting an idea regarding the homozygous factor.

The result from this young bull was also 100% well marked white calves. The season prior to this I had bought three Standard Galloway heifers, one being in calf. That calf was a bull of which I kept. By this stage I had two particular cows that were

throwing low pointed calves to my original White bull. I decided to put my Standard Galloway bull over the few low pointed heifers that I had, and the result was white well pointed calves.

In the eight years that I bred from my original bull over Standard, White Appendix and White cows I never had a black calf born.

Now to the proposition of no longer being able to breed Whites to Standard Galloway.

Until there can be a genuine new White Galloway gene pool imported in New Zealand, the White Galloway depend upon the Standard Galloway lines to have any outcross at all. The current White Galloway in New Zealand is running very close to being inbred. The only new bloodlines being brought in at the moment is the Standard Galloway, and bless those responsible for achieving that. Yes some Whites might be able to 'fix' their points by breeding to Appendix Whites, but it does not address the 'in-breeding' issue as most Appendix Whites are from the same gene pool.

Ideally breeders with low pointed White heifers/cows should be looking to Standard Galloway bulls to 'fix' the points on their calves.

Standard Galloway cattle don't currently enjoy the popularity that Belted and White Galloway cattle do, and but for the dedicated few Standard Galloway breeders the Standards might well have disappeared by now.

If I am unable to breed my White bull occasionally back to the Standard Galloway cows that I have (for outcross gene pool) then they would most likely end up at the works as there is limited interest out there for Standards.

It is for this reason that I see the Standard and White breeders still needing each other, Standard breeders need a market for their bulls, and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> generation heifers and white breeders need to look at the Standard Galloway as the current best possible outcross for their Whites, whilst at the same time the ideal for fixing points to low pointed progeny.

As stated in the beginning, this is just my opinion and not based on science etc.

## BREEDER PROFILE— AMBER WOOD

### TUI BELTED GALLOWS— 09 421 0628



I grew up on a dairy farm in the Waitoki area just north of Auckland. My family was one of the first to farm the area. I had always pleaded with my Dad to get some Belted Galloways for the farm, to that he would flatly refuse. So being the determined individual that I am, I decided when I had some land of my own and money, I would set about and buy myself some Belties.

So this took longer than I thought it would, after convincing my husband to spend some money and help me purchase my first cows and smiling sweetly to my Dad for the use of some of his land, I finally found myself buying 7 cows from Waipukurau on 2007.

I was happy...but then I wanted to start breeding them of course my next mission was to set out and find a bull. Lucky for me it turned out that the local mechanic had a bull and for a box of beer was happy for me to lease him.

I now really had the Galloway 'bug', so now I wanted Pedigree stock....My husband wasn't going to finance my project anymore so it was good bye to my beloved Ferrari and hello, much to my husband's horror, any stock that were up for sale.

With the help of my stock agent Duncan McNab, I came to meet Graeme and Pat Clinton from Okiwa stud and bought some of my favourite animals that I now have in my herd. From here my herd just grew. Unfortunately my husband

decided farming wasn't for him, so he lives overseas and I run the farm myself.

My herd has outgrown my parents farm, which they have since sold, and I now farm land that my lovely parents-in-law allow me to use, which suits the homestead as it has an amazing garden the mother-in-law is very happy to have 'designer' cows in the front paddock as she calls them.

2011 see me into my fourth year of breeding Belted Galloways. I have local farmers who buy all my bulls and I generally keep my heifers to increase my herd numbers and replace the older cows. I run around 70-80 head, 40-50 of them being breeding cows. This all depends on the young stock coming through and sales of other stock.



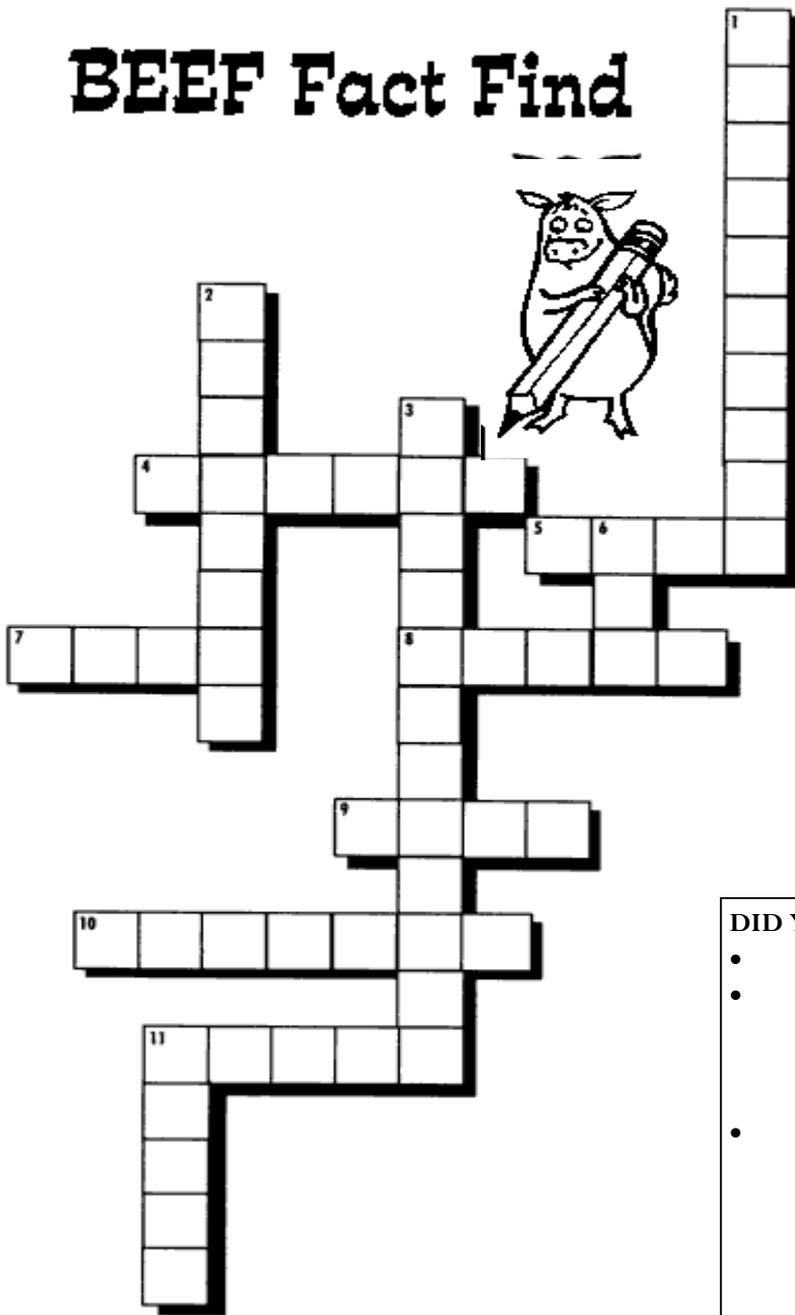
Above; Castle Duncan HB#12420  
Left; Tui Billy Bob HB#14401

I truly love farming and breeding the Belties, as it's something I can do while the kids are at school, but also allows me to be there for their afternoon to pick them up and rush about with all their sports and activities. They enjoy the farming lifestyle, but more so the Galloway eye fillet steak.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you, should you be up this way to call in for a visit.



# BEEF Fact Find



## ACROSS

4. The person who looks after cattle every day.
5. The number of stomachs cows have.
7. In winter, most cows live in these.
8. The name of cattle's largest stomach.
9. What a newborn beef animal is called.
10. Beef is a good source of this.
11. Cattle also eat different types of this, including corn and barley.

## DOWN

1. Cattle manure is a natural source of this.
2. Like humans, cattle also need these to stay healthy.
3. A doctor for animals that helps keep cattle healthy.
6. The number of times a cow gives birth every year.
11. What beef cattle eat when they are out in a pasture (field).

## DID YOU KNOW.....

- A cow can detect odour's for up to 5 miles way
- Cows don't bite because they have no upper front teeth. Instead they have a thick, tough pad of skin on their top jaw. They curl their very large tongue around the grass and feed they eat.
- Galloway, which has given its name to this breed of black or dun polled cattle, was an ancient regality or lordship lying in the south-west of Scotland. 'Galloway' is derived from the words Gallovid, or Gaul and the Gauls were the first to inhabit this part of Scotland.

## RECIPE

### Ginger & Winter Galloway Stew

Serves 4

This is a very simple stew, comforting and warming on a cold day. The addition of ginger adds a subtle flavour and it is excellent for assisting the circulation to pump blood to the extremities keeping us toasty warm in winter.

Approx. 500g Galloway—shin, chuck or Blade steak

1 Leek Washed and chopped

2 Carrots. Peeled and chopped

1 tablespoon Worchester or Soya Sauce

3 cm fresh Ginger Root, chopped

Approx 1 cup warm water or stock

2 potatoes, peeled and dice into 2cm cubes

Salt and Pepper to taste

1 tablespoon corn flour mixed in a little water

Turn the slow cooker on HIGH to warm up while preparing the ingredients.

Trim the meat and cut into 2cm cubes. Put in the slow cooker with the carrots, sauce and ginger and add enough warm water to come about 2cm up the side of the cooker. You should be able to see the water through the ingredients but not covering. Be careful not to add too much water as it will result in a watery stew. Cover and cook for about 2 hours. Add the potatoes and cook for a further 1 - 2 hours until the meat is tender. In the last 15 minutes of cooking add the corn flour mixture a little at time to thicken to your liking. Season to taste. Serve with rice and steamed greens.

If you don't have a slow cooker, simmer on the stove top on the lowest heat for about 2 -3 hours. A 'simmer mat' can be helpful to get a low heat

**BREEDER PROFILE— JUAN & KELVIN WHITTINGTON**  
**KAYJAYS BELTED AND WHITBY WHITE GALLOWAYS— 06 2785340**

We have owned our small five acre lifestyle block for ten years and lease the adjoining five acre block giving us ten acres on the outskirts of Hawera in South Taranaki. This is the home for our four Belted Galloway Girls, three White Galloway girls and one Black Appendix Girl. Our Belted Galloway Herd Name is Kay Jays and our White Galloway Herd name is Whitby. We also have Toby our 7 year old Nubian Goat that runs (not chained up) with the Galloways. Not only does he keep the weeds out of the paddocks, the Galloways just love him.

We were both born and raised on local dairy farms and have always enjoyed the lifestyle that came with living on a farm.

It all started for us with Galloway Cattle seven years ago. We purchased four cross bred Belted Galloway calves from a local dairy farmer and hand reared them. Once big enough we on sold them which was extremely difficult as we had become quite attached to them. We then decided we wanted some “real” Galloways that we could keep so we started looking around and purchased some registered stock from breeders around the North Island. We joined the Galloway Cattle Society in 2005 and have been members and breeding since. We now had the bug and were smitten with the breed. Since then we have only had Galloways on the property.

Prior to our cross breeds we had some beefies and a couple of Highlanders – but you



*Above; Kelvin & Juan.  
 Middle; Kay Jays Bindi & Bella  
 Below; Kelvin takes time to talk to Lifestyle Cilla  
 Below Right; Juan Cuddles new born Whitby Pollyanna*



guessed it – they didn’t stay long!

With both of us working fulltime we get immense pleasure from our girls in our spare time, before and after work. Equally the same goes from the calves that they produce each year. Every year is exciting waiting for the new born calves to arrive. These calves are categorised and either on sold as com-



mericals or registered stock once weaned. We leave the calves on their mothers for as long as we possibly can to enable them to get the best possible start in their lives. The demand for both commercial and registered stock is high in our region. We have an established market for any commercial bull calves – not that there many with our local dairy farmers. We also get immense pleasure seeing our calves going to their new homes.

There have been times recently when we have looked around for a bigger block to purchase, so we could increase our herd size as the demand in our region for the Galloways is high but at this stage we have decided to stay put and enjoy what we have. Being small, it also enables us to enjoy our other interests – Jet Skiing, driving around in “Norma” our 1930 vintage Ford Model A and our restoration work on old stationary engines.

Having a small herd has enabled us to spend more quality time with the girls in the paddock. All but three of them you can pat, cuddle and brush them, call them by their names and they will come to you.

Also we have a passion for collecting anything in the Galloway line. We now have 46 different ornaments. These are made up of Belted, White, Black and Dun Galloways from around the world. Some are now very collectable with the closure of the Coopercraft and Beswick factories in the United Kingdom. You are most welcome to call in at any time if you are passing through the South Taranaki area and take a look at them, have a coffee and check out our Galloways in the paddock.

Lastly I (Juan) would like to Thank Everyone who voted for me to become a Councillor at the last Annual General Meeting. I am really looking forward to being on the Team, and helping with any enquiries you may have.

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### WHITE GALLOWAY FEMALES Listed 28/06/11

She has light points and measures approximately 1200 to the top of her tail. Born 12/12/09

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Born 17/09/10

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Price \$400

Contact Tracey or Wayne Windelborn. 07 332 2602

Email [traece@xtra.co.nz](mailto:traece@xtra.co.nz)

### WHITE GALLOWAY'S Listed 22/04/11

I have 4 females for sale, their ages range from 7 years to a yearling.

There re also a number of White Galloway Bulls

Contact Karen Britten. 07 378 5181

Email [ibritten@clear.net.nz](mailto:ibritten@clear.net.nz)

### STANDARD GALLOWAY BULL Listed 18/04/11

2B's Ziggy Popp, HB 14213, DOB 16/07/10

Sire Glenkelso Connor, Dam Rosedale Dizzy 2.

Contact Katie Bradley 07 867 8108

Email [k.bradly@xtra.co.nz](mailto:k.bradly@xtra.co.nz)

### WHITE GALLOWAY SEMEN.

Belverdeer Buster HB# 13218. Buster has his first years progeny on the ground born 2010, he has left a consistent line of well structured and great natured calves, one bull calf has had great success in the show ring.

Contact Bridget Lowry 03 207 6747

Email [southies@woosh.co.nz](mailto:southies@woosh.co.nz) or [www.pinzridge.co.nz](http://www.pinzridge.co.nz) for photos.

### 2 WHITE GALLOWAY FEMALES Listed 4/07/2011

Aspendale Gift HB 13467

Aspendale Lizzie HB 13846

Sire is a Homozygous Bull, they are both well marked, smaller type but very meaty.

Contact. Ron or Claire

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## BREEDER PROFILE— MRS SUZANNE KERNOHAN

### TATUA MA BELTED GALLOWAYS— 07 829 9635

On the 7th of April the 7 Breeders that had travelled from Southland a day early for the 2011 AGM had pre-arranged a herd tour south of Auckland. Our 2nd herd we visited was Mrs Kernohan's Tutua Ma herd. Even though I do not breed Belties I was amazed to learn that we were about to visit one of Zealand's oldest established Belted Galloway herds which began 40 years ago. Arriving at



*This photo; Suzanne stands in front of her well established herd of cows.*

*Middle photo; Tutua Ma young stock, front weaner heifers, middle weaner bulls, top some of the yearling heifers.*

*Below; view of Cows grazing through shelter belt*



though a gate and viewed the first herd of 14 weaner heifers and the wee Friesian that looked very much out of place. Moving next into the weaner bull paddock Mrs Kernohan discussed the bull market, she like many other Beltie breeders has no problems selling her bulls to dairy farmers and some years finds that she hasn't enough for the demand. As we walked further around the easy rolling hills we found that Mrs Kernohan farms approximately 120 acres and due to her strict culling policy the herd is Mannosidosis free. Empties are also strictly culled. The bull is put out with the cows 10th October and removed 10th January.

Standing in the amongst the 25 mixed age cows that were grazing the paddock in front of the house we spoke of the gardens and shelter belts, the question of the stud name and its meaning was asked, Tutua Ma which in Maori means White Belt. You couldn't ask for a more appropriate stud name. Our visit was limited to time, I only wish that we had more time to fully take in the landscaping and Mrs Kernohan's hospitality.

the farm we were visually awed by the beautiful gardens that not only ran along the driveway and complemented a lovely home, but they also flowed into the paddocks shelter belts.

We were met by a kind smile and firm hand shake, Mrs Kernohan shared the bases of her farming practices, and asked that we excuse the Friesian heifer that was running with the Belties, it is her granddaughters, we were lead



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