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AGA Members Out and About...

President's Report

Gordon Matheson

Dorothea Mackellar's immortal poem "My Country" has described Australia to a "T" this past year. The country in parts has suffered floods, drought, fires, snow and heat, and through it all the hardy traits we all love in our Galloways have allowed them to pull through in remarkable condition.

The Association has had a productive year, with the Committee working well together. At the Annual General Meeting as part of the Galloway Muster held at Leongatha, Victoria, in May, we bid farewell to Bob Kidd from the Committee. Bob's term of office expired, as he had served on the Committee for nine years, always helpful and willing to offer assistance to fellow members. Peter Jones did not stand for re-election to the Committee and his enthusiasm for the Galloway breed will also be missed.

The weekend Galloway Muster saw several studs open their gates to visitors, and Malcolm and Carol Cock from Amberley Park hosted a delicious lunch and informative workshop during the Saturday afternoon. Allen and Lizette Snaith of Warialda Belted Galloway Beef made an interesting presentation at the dinner on the Saturday evening to the 50 members present about their journey producing their premium Belted Galloway Beef

product from their beginnings through to the successful business they have now. The Annual General Meeting and Members' Forum on the Sunday was well attended and positive discussions were held. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the weekend and to all who attended and helped make it so successful.

Many Field Days around the country have had representatives from the Galloway Family present, and I would like to thank all those who have stepped up to promote their cattle. Field Days are a great avenue for exhibiting cattle in a no pressure environment, a great opportunity to speak to people interested in the breed and to network with cattle breeders from other breeds. There is always something to learn from talking to other cattle breeders.

The World Galloway Conference is being held in the UK in 2016, with many visits being planned to UK Galloway breeders. This will be a great opportunity to visit studs and meet breeders in the birthplace of the Galloway breed.

To finish, I would like to thank the Committee and all our members for the great work you do on behalf of the Galloway Family.

Gordon Matheson

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Globex Galloways

An International Influence

The Globex story started in 1933, when Campbell and John Bradley took over the family farm, situated north west of Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Canada, which had been settled by their father in 1905 when he came from Yorkshire to homestead in Canada. Two men took over their mother's herd of milking Shorthorns, but they decided there must be an easier way to make a living than milking cows, so they moved from a milking herd to a beef herd.

John realized that there was a need for a breed of beef cattle which were hardier and better foragers than traditional breeds being raised. In the mid 1930's he read of the research work which was being carried out at the University of Saskatchewan. This work was concerned with crossbreeding and involved the use of grade Galloway cattle. The performance of the Galloway cattle persuaded John that this

was the breed that he had been looking for.

In the fall of 1946, Campbell and John went up to visit Andy Wallace at Spitzie Ranch near High River, Alberta. They were taken out to see the cow herd. It was a cold day, -20°F with snow on the ground, and the cows were out grazing on the crested wheat grass. The cows still had their calves running on them and despite the cold, were looking very contented and in good condition. Both Campbell and John were very impressed with what they saw. That was the kind of cow herd that they wanted. Before they left they asked Andy Wallace to pick out two bulls and to send them down to them the next year.

They used the Galloway bulls over the Shorthorn cows. The first outcross turned into good replacement cows. At the Swift Current feeder sales they topped

the market 2 years in a row with their Galloway X Shorthorn calves.

The first purebred cows were bought in 1955. John Bradley made the trip to Scotland in 1958 where he bought 3 Galloway Bulls. One bull died before reaching Canada. The two bulls imported were Grange Minstrel and Good Reward of Craigadam.

Throughout the 1960's Campbell and John seeded a lot of their cropping land to grass and expanded their commercial herd which by now was a Galloway crossbred herd. At its peak their herd had 500 breeders of which over 100 were purebred Galloways. During this time they also ran a few buffalo.

In 1970 the operation was taken over by Campbell's sons. The purebred herd became Globe Galloways which has exported cattle to Australia, Mexico, Scotland, USA and West Germany. The commercial herd continued to be Galloway cross cows using various breeds of bulls as terminal cross bulls. This operation was run by Merlin, Dennis, Brent and Barry Bradley since Campbell's retirement and the death of John in 1979. A few purebreds were kept and these were run together with Campbell's herd of Belted Galloways.

The Seward Belted Galloway herd was started in 1980 with the purchase of 2 cows and a bull from Eastern Canada. In 1984 Campbell imported Mochrum Murdo which he had purchased from Miss Flora Stuart, Scotland.

During Merlin's visit to Scotland in 1982, a young female in the Galloway area caught his eye - but this one was not bovine! After many return visits, Merlin took the plunge in 1984 and imported her to Canada and then to Australia as his bride. Jane Bradley (nee Austin) grew up on a farm at Gatehouse of Fleet. Jane's family still farm in the area.



Globex Gigabyte G50, current herd sire for Globex

Merlin sold his first Galloway overseas to Scotland in 1983, when Globe Magnum went to the Glenturk Galloway herd at Newton Stewart. Globe Magnum was the first Galloway to be imported into the Galloway herdbook in Scotland. Merlin exported Galloways from Canada to Germany, Mexico and Australia.



Globe Magnum exported to Scotland in 1983

At the 1985 Globe Dispersal in Canada, Globe Powderkeg and Globe Rosemary with Globe Traveller at foot were exported to Dr. & Mrs. Mastell in Germany. The descendants of these animals have had an impact on the Galloways in Europe.

In 1986 Globe Titan 1T was sold to Andrew McConchie of Mains of Penningham in Scotland, and Titan's first son sold at the Castle Douglas Sale for £13000 sterling. A quarter semen share in Globe Titan was sold to Diamond B Ranches, Saskatchewan and many descendants have won shows and been exported around the world. Another quarter semen share in Titan was taken to Australia and has been used with great success at Globex Galloways.

Merlin served on the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Galloway Association and the Canadian Galloway Association. He was a Galloway Representative when the Canadian Western Agribition was first formed in 1970 until he moved to Australia in 1986.

In 1979 Merlin bought a property at Narrarwhurrut, in the South West of Victoria, Australia where he started the Globex Galloway herd. Here he combined the

bloodlines from Australia with imported bloodlines from Canada and the UK.

Globex Galloways have had a very successful show history and have exhibited Grand Champions at Melbourne Royal, Sydney Royal, Canberra Royal and Bathurst Royal. Merlin was assisted in the show ring by his wife Jane and children, Jenna and Joldy. Globex retired from the show ring in 2008.

Globex Galloways have been successful at Grazing Trials and Carcass Competitions. In 1997, on their first attempt, out of 78



Globex Volume V31, Supreme Galloway Exhibit at 2004 Royal Canberra Show, with Ian Barklamb, left and Merlin Bradley

cattle of 18 different breeds, Globex Galloway steers were the overall winners, the Carcass Champion and won the Live Yield Award at the prestigious Gippsland Field Trials. At the 2002 Muster Down Under Royal Canberra Show, a ten and half month old full blood Galloway steer won the medium weight carcass class and was awarded Reserve Champion Carcass of the show, just one point behind the Champion.

After showing Galloway steers at the Royal Melbourne Show, David McKibbon, a cattle buyer for Coles Supermarket, contacted the Globex stock agent to organise to view the yearlings at Narrarwhurrut. Merlin brought in all the calves for David to look over. They agreed on a price. Merlin asked when he should have them back in the yards to be shipped, David said "just leave them where they are". He called his truck drivers and 15 minutes later 2 double deckers pulled up

to the yards and loaded the lot to go to Charleton Feedlot. David continued to buy all the calves every year until the Bradleys moved to Wodonga.

From Australia, Merlin has exported Galloway semen and embryos to Canada, Scotland, Germany, USA and Russia. John & Anne Finlay of Blackcraig and Willie Mclean of Barcladine Scotland purchased embryos and semen. Finmac Libby, by Globex Quota 39Q and out of Globex Libby U01, was one of these embryos and went on to be awarded the 2007 Royal Highland Show Grand Champion Galloway Female and overall Galloway Champion.



Finmac Libby, by Globex Quota out of Globex Libby U01

Since immigrating to Australia, Merlin has continued to be very active in the breed and has been on the Committee of the Australian Galloway Association Inc for many years and was President more than once.

Over 100 Galloway females are run on the Globex property just outside Wodonga on the Victoria / New South Wales border. The Bradleys have bred Blacks and Duns and a few Whites, however recently they have changed their breeding program to only using



Globex Jetstream

Blacks and composite Angus. In the 1990s, Globex, along with Southern Cross and Amberley Park, exported semen and embryos to Chita, Russia. Merlin returned to Chita in 2007, to find the Galloways doing well and the Russian farmers very interested in Galloways and other beef cattle.

Jane assists Merlin with the Globex herd and became more involved with the Galloway world when she took the position of Executive Officer for the Australian Galloway Association Inc from 1998 to 2007. Jane is currently the Secretary of the World Galloway Conference.

With family in Scotland and Canada, travelling for Merlin and Jane was easier. As very enthusiastic Galloway breeders Merlin and Jane enjoy visiting herds around the world. Merlin says that being a member of a Galloway Association is like being

a member of a world-wide social club and they have made many friends around the world through Galloways.

Having attended every World Galloway Conference since Calgary in 1997, the World

Galloway Conference is a very important event in the Bradleys calendar every 2 years. They have already booked in for the 2016 World Galloway Conference to be held at Gretna, Scotland in August 2016 – have you???



The Bradley family with a show team at The Brae, Wodonga. From left: Jenna, Jane, Joldy and Merlin.

Frank Allen and Shiralee Tomahawk Memorial Awards.

These two awards for the highest scoring Galloway Family carcass: the Frank Allen Memorial, and the highest scoring Belted Galloway Carcass, the Shiralee Tomahawk Memorial, were awarded for carcass competitions entered in 2014.

Frank Allen's son Ken provides the perpetual trophy and a trophy for the winner each year in honour of his father, whose Galloway cattle were very successful in carcass competitions in the 1970's and 1980's. The Shiralee Tomahawk trophy is provided by Peter Koppman in honour of his bull Shiralee Tomahawk which sired arguably the most successful Belted Galloways entered in carcass competitions over a ten year period.

Both awards were presented last year to Peter Koppman, Greenethorpe Stud, NSW. Peter was the inaugural winner of both shields with a Belted Galloway steer, gaining 92.5 points at the carcass competition held as part



Shane Smeathers, centre, accepts the Frank Allen Memorial award from Ken Allen, left, with Joan Rofe, right.

of the 2013 Albury Show.

Peter is a strong supporter of carcass competitions and we are pleased to announce that he is the winner again across all carcass competitions held during 2014.

Once again, a Belted Galloway steer took the honours, also at the Albury Show, achieving 91 points in the Heavy Supermarket class (251 – 350 kg). This steer was one of a team of nine - six Galloways and three Belted Galloways, that Peter prepared for this show. The score was the third highest across all the classes and from all the entries.

Congratulations Peter, and keep up the good work.



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Successful Steers

Australian Galloway Association members have been active in entering carcass competitions at shows around the countryside.

Royal Melbourne Show, September 2014

Peter Koppman, Greenethorpe Galloways, bred this team of Galloways (below) as an entry for the Borthwick Trophy at Royal Melbourne Show, September 2014, and Yanco Agricultural High School prepared and presented them. It was 29 years since a



team of Galloway steers had been entered in the Borthwick Trophy.

The three steers are all by Mitchaliam Destroyer. The two steers on the right (see above) are twins - yes! a black one and a white one - and there is only a couple of kilogrammes difference in weight between them. The twins are out of Globex Heather and the other steer out of Gwaineebu Teddy. Steers entered in the Borthwick Trophy must be purebred, as crossbred steers do not qualify. The purebred



steers for the Borthwick trophy are drawn from entries across all classes contested.

Albury Show, November 2014

Peter Koppman made the trip of over 300km from home, near Bathurst, NSW, to Albury Show with 6 Belted Galloways and 3 Galloways to contest the hoof and hook competition. Held on 1 November 2014, there were three classes, with Peter achieving second place in the Heavy Supermarket class (251–350kg carcass) with a score of 91.0 points for a Belted Galloway. This was enough to achieve the third highest carcass score over the three classes.

Congratulations to Peter who consistently enters his cattle in carcass competitions. It is a real credit to him, as many larger producers from across all breeds generally only prepare one or a couple of steers, yet Peter has a whole team, not only for this show but others as well.

Royal Canberra Show, February 2015

Margaret and Bob Kidd's Gunadoo Stud achieved success at the 2015 Royal Canberra Show with the miniature Galloway steer Gunadoo Clancy being placed first in his class on the hoof by



Gunadoo Clancy with handler Bert Barass, Marg and Bob Kidd.

judge Geoff House, and then on the hook. This is quite a feat, as it is not a frequent occurrence for a judge to pick the winning carcass as a live animal. Gareth Ellem, Shane Smeathers and Will Brigham also entered steers in the carcass competition. with the results as follows:

Light Domestic Class
250 - 340 kg liveweight;
5 entries:

1st on hoof and 1st on hook with 85 points: Gunadoo Clancy - Bob & Margaret Kidd.

Medium Domestic Class
341 - 440kg liveweight;
30 entries

7th on hook - Bangalla Bandit with 87 points - Gareth Ellem - exhibited by Yass High School
13th on hook - Romani Justice with 84.5 points - Shane Smeathers & Will Brigham - exhibited by Karabar High School.

Yass Show, February 2015

Murrumburrah High School exhibited some red Galloway steers owned by Peter Koppman and Thomas Mumford, Twin Cedars Stud, at Yass Show. One of the steers, below, was awarded Champion steer on



the hoof. Congratulations to all his connections, and especially the Murrumburrah High School students and teachers for presenting the steer so well.

Royal Sydney Easter Show, April 2015

The steer mentioned above, while not winning any awards in the steer competitions, scored highly enough in the carcass competition to be awarded a bronze medallion. These are awarded to any of the entrants achieving more than 80 points. Another worthy achievement by a Galloway steer.

Cattle Nutrition & Pasture Management

An animal's ability to grow to its full potential will depend on the environment it is living in and the nutrition available to it. Nutrition is the amount of food and the balance of protein, minerals and energy an animal receives from its food. Ruminants, such as cattle, have a complex digestive system. They have four stomachs and each does a different job. Ruminants are mammals that have evolved a specialist digestive system that enables them to utilise high-fibre diets such as grass. This digestive system makes use of fibre-digesting microorganisms. The majority of these microorganisms live in the rumen and reticulum. The rumen changes as the animal grows. At birth, a calf's rumen is very small and doesn't function. It develops and grows quickly so that, by the time the calf is about eight

weeks old, its rumen is able to break down plant material.

Balancing the nutrient requirements of both the rumen microorganisms and the animal is essential for good animal performance. Chewed food is transferred from the mouth to the rumen via the oesophagus. The oesophagus also conveys partially digested food (the cud) from the rumen to the mouth where it is further ground by chewing to make it easier to digest.

Microorganisms require rumen conditions to remain within a specific, limited range to function properly. The rumen fluid should be slightly acid (pH 6.5 to 7.0) and there should be a plentiful supply of ammonia and carbohydrates to feed the microbial population.

The microbes also require an anaerobic (oxygen free) environment. The type of feed available to the animal will influence these factors. For example, mature dry grasses will be low in protein and carbohydrate, thereby limiting microbial growth. Conversely high grain diets can lead to high acidity (low pH) that is toxic to many rumen microorganisms and will also compromise microbial growth and digestion.

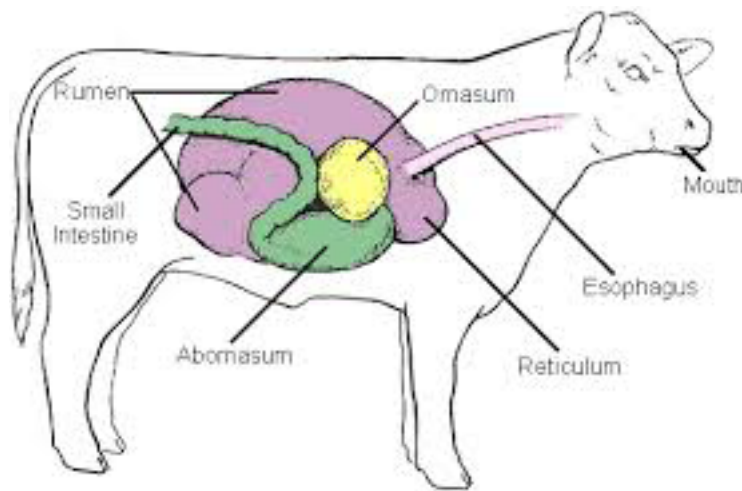
Animals must receive the basic nutrients of protein, energy, minerals and vitamins from their food, and need to receive the correct amount and proportions to sustain themselves. Feeding your cattle should be the main priority in the overall management of your herd, and should include normal consumption of food and strategies for conservation in times of drought, flood etc.

Different stages of the lifecycle require different nutritional requirements, and how quickly an animal grows depends on the extent which the food intakes exceeds its basic maintenance requirements. The larger the margin between the two the more rapidly an animal will grow to its genetic potential.

Cattle will usually receive a balanced diet from grazing. When pasture reduces in quality and quantity deficiencies in diet will occur and nutrition will be affected.

Pasture – the cheapest source of cattle feed.

Cattle production levels are primarily determined by the daily intake of pasture and the extent to which this might vary throughout the year. While there



Rumen

- Hollow muscular organ
- Fingerlike projections
- Site of absorption

Reticulum

- Acts as sieve
- Starts rumination
- Retains large items

Omasum

- Layered muscular organ
- Removes excess water
- Reduces particle size

Abomasum

- Glandular stomach
- Acid and enzyme digestion

is a range of pasture parameters that influence how close actual intake gets to potential intake, by far the most critical are:

- pasture quantity (herbage mass/plant height)
- pasture quality (digestibility)
- species composition.

Measures of pasture quantity and quality

Quantity

Pasture quantity is measured in kilograms of dry matter per hectare (kg DM/ha). The dry matter of a pasture will vary with the stages of growth and the species. Young green pasture can be about 20% dry matter (80% moisture) while mature pasture can be 80–85% dry matter (15–20% moisture); hay is generally about 20% moisture or less.

As a home based measure of a pasture's dry matter content, samples of pasture can be placed in a microwave oven with a glass of water. Repeatedly heat the pasture on high, measuring its weight each time, until there

is no appreciable reduction in the sample's weight. The sample's final weight, divided by its initial weight, expressed as a percentage, gives the pasture's dry matter content.

Quality

Pasture quality is a measure of the concentration of nutrients in samples of pasture. By far the most important nutrients are energy and protein. The three important measures of pasture quality are:

- digestibility (%)
- metabolisable energy (ME) (measured as Megajoules (MJ)).
- protein content (%).

Principles of Pasture Growth (Quantity) and its Quality

What are the main factors to influence quantity and quality of pasture that grows in the paddock?

Pasture growth is seasonal and quality closely follows this seasonal pattern. The growth pattern of pasture plants is

controlled by seasonal fluctuations in:

- water availability
- temperature
- day length.

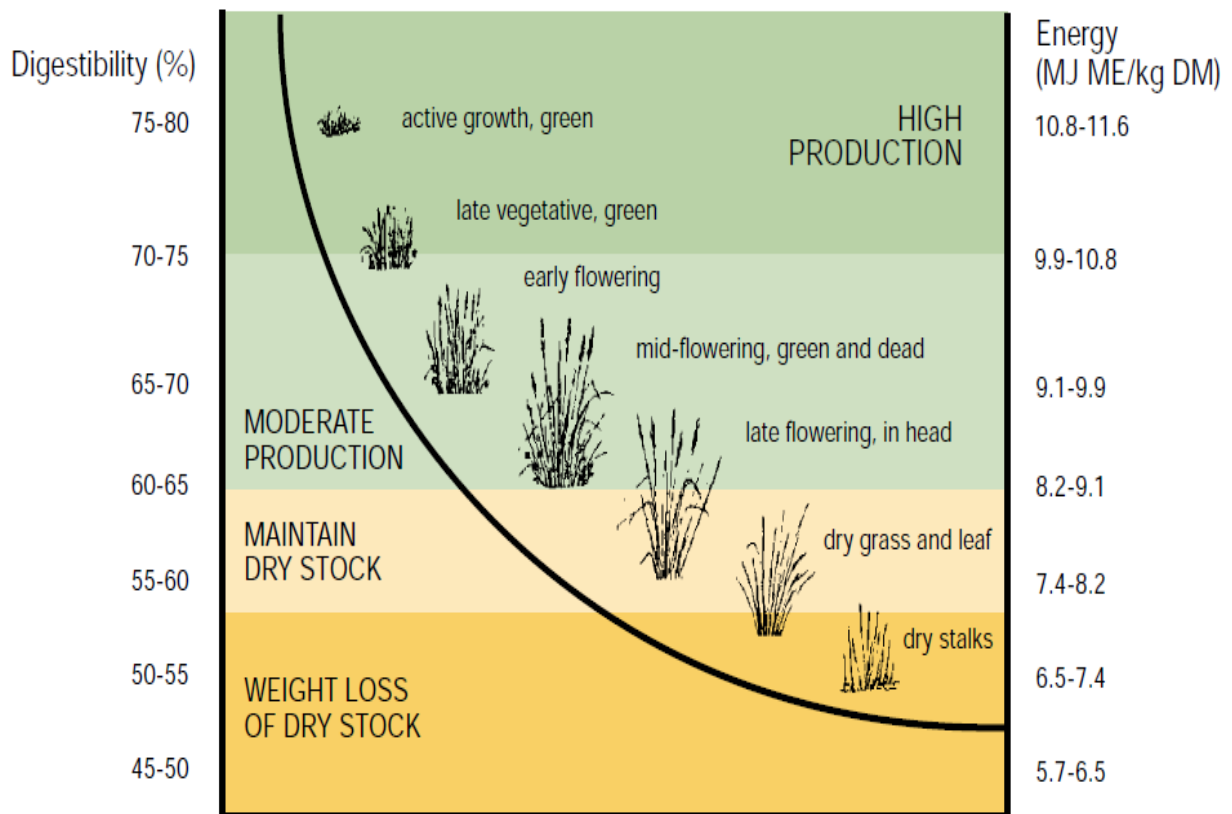
The important feature is that the seasonal pattern of growth, and hence quality, results in large variations in plant quantity and quality. For many native pastures, quality decline is rapid after flowering commences. Frosting reduces plant quality even further. Water is the most limiting environmental constraint to pasture growth. Temperature, both high and low, will also limit growth.

Water availability for pasture growth is affected by:

- rainfall (varies according to intensity and seasonality)
- soil infiltration (regulated by soil type and structure, slope and ground cover)
- soil water holding capacity (determined by soil type and clay content)

Four Phases Of Pasture Growth And Development

- Phase 1, when plants are growing rapidly producing high quality green leaf. Pastures are



most nutritious in Phase 1 but are susceptible to overgrazing. This will result in the plants developing smaller root systems and absorbing less water. Pasture quality may restrict intakes of grazing cattle.

- Phase 2 grasses begin to grow stem that is lower quality, however more sunlight is absorbed by the increased leaf area and more carbohydrates are photosynthesised into pasture growth. They are less susceptible to grazing and quality is higher. This is the most favourable stage for grazing pastures, as the pasture plants are at their most nutritious and recover well from grazing.

- Phase 3 grasses set seed and quality declines rapidly. Pasture bulk is usually not limiting in this phase. Little growth will occur from now on.

- Phase 4 pastures become dormant. Quality is low and declines further with frosting.

The decrease in pasture quality as pastures age has a marked effect on cattle productivity. These include:

- the low digestibility depresses intake and increases rumen retention time
- the low ME content reduces cattle performance
- the low protein content reduces the efficiency of microbial fermentation

Developing a grazing management plan

Stocking rates, and the timing and duration of grazing and resting, are the major components of grazing plans that can be controlled by the manager.

Grazing management plans involve:

- planning 'when' and 'how long' pastures are grazed and spelled
- allocating 'how many' and 'what classes' of stock will go

onto a pasture

- the timing of introduction of stock to the pasture and the length of the grazing period.

Decision-making will involve considering the goals set for the pasture (e.g. legume and other species composition and erosion control), stock (e.g. target weight, fat, condition and pregnancy percentage) and management (e.g. more profitable and productive pastures and stock).

Feed related diseases.

There are many diseases and disorders that are caused by, or exacerbated by, inadequate feed. The most common are:

Bloat

This is caused by cattle gorging themselves in legume rich pasture and the risk period is spring, when clovers and other legumes grow quickly and can come to dominate the pasture mix. A pasture that is 30% clover or less is usually not a bloat risk. If your pasture is more clover rich than that, in the short run you will need to provide hay during the risk period (to reduce the intake of "bloaty" pasture). In the longer run, you should increase the grass content in your pasture.

Grass tetany (hypomagnesemia).

While all cattle are susceptible, cattle over 6 years are more so. The risk is greatest when pasture is short, green and slow-growing. Most affected cows end up dying, so the need is to prevent rather than cure. The best option is to feed good quality hay during the risk period to supplement the pasture. If the cattle are pregnant, lactating or over 6 years old, also use a grass tetany block, available from rural stores.

Acidosis (grain poisoning)

Feeding grain to cattle is rarely a good idea. If you need to include grain in the diet, always introduce it gradually and always mix it with hay. If you do need more protein and energy than good hay can provide, cattle pellets are a much safer option.

Pregnancy toxaemia.

Those most at risk are fat, pregnant cattle when feed quality is falling. The risk is further increased if the cow has a worm burden, poor teeth or is lame and it is further increased again if the cow is stressed by cold, wet weather, yarding for a long period, transport etc. If caught early, an affected cow can usually be saved by injecting calcium borogluconate (see below). The best way of avoiding pregnancy toxaemia is to ensure your cattle are well fed and remain at body score 3. During the winter period, feed good quality hay at the rate of around 4 to 5 kg a day per cow.

Milk fever (hypocalcaemia).

Cattle in late pregnancy when the pasture is short, green and slow growing are at some risk of milk fever. Supplementary feeding with good quality hay is essential as a preventative measure in such circumstances.

Every cattle owner should have a pack of calcium borogluconate (sold under various brand names) on hand, especially during winter and early spring, when there's the risk of pregnancy toxaemia, milk fever and grass tetany. A cow with one of these diseases can often be saved, but only if you treat them straightaway. A pack is cheap, keeps well, is easy to use and is available over the counter from rural supplies stores.



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Your Local Show

Your best training ground, suggests Patricia Hunder.

In 2003 I bought my first two miniature heifers, both in calf.

In 2004 I was so excited to have a little silver bull on the ground that I decided to bite the bullet and attend my local show – at Red Hill, in Victoria.

The program said the first class was for bulls under 12 months, and as my bull was five months old, he clearly qualified. I borrowed a white science coat from the school teacher next door and a lawn mower trailer from another friend and off we went – yours truly, in a white coat and a little bull in a horse halter.

Well, you can guess I was laughed out of the ring by the spectators and the judges. He was up against giant 12 month old Poll Herefords and Charolais

cattle. One judge asked if my bull was a runt and I didn't even understand the question.

Yes my first Red Hill show was Baptism by humiliation, but one breeder said he was a grand little bull and I should take him to Melbourne and I did and most of you know the fairytale ending, or, should I say the beginning of my love affair with cattle.

I have been back to Red Hill every year since that first time. Why? Well it's lovely to support your local show and have people from your local community come up and chat about your cattle. It's also a great place to get some local sales where you can provide follow up help to people who are first time cattle owners. But most important of all Red Hill show is my cattle training ground.



Late into the ring again! Patricia Hunder and Torcroft Travis stride out to enter the judging ring at Red Hill Show.

I only take cattle who have never been to a show, or who have just been broken in. About four weeks before the show I start to tie them up and handle them, then I get the hose onto them, the hose is my best assistant at this stage, as I find repeated hosing makes even the jumpiest heifer calm.

I usually take two or three animals – just enough to fit in my trailer. This year, however, I had six animals that needed to be broken in, so, I entered the lot – three little bulls and three heifers.

I was two weeks into educating them when I found out my helper was no longer available. What to do? I tried to find another helper but the few cattle handlers in the area were already working for somebody else.

What to do? Should I cancel from the show or reduce my number? I did neither. I foolishly decided to go it alone.

I thought for weeks about how I could manage six animals. I borrowed enough leather halters for every animal and fitted them well before the show and had them cleaned and clearly labeled with each animal's name.

I shampooed all the animals a week before the show and the day preceding the show.

I carried the three bulls in the first trip and the three heifers in the second. I paid a teenage boy to sleep with them overnight, as I knew I'd have to be sharp and fresh on show day.

I arrived at the show early and only had to spot clean, blow dry, fit the halters and there they were lined up, ready to go.

Well, as you can guess, I was late into the ring for almost every event and the stewards were cursing and yelling at me, but I told myself to stay calm and ignore them.

I also had to run around begging unknown people to lead one of my animals in the classes where

I had two the same age.

My cattle not only made every class, but picked up a few ribbons along the way and at the end of the day three were sold to wonderful homes.

It wasn't easy and I'd never take six, on my own, ever again, but, at the end of the day I had six quiet animals who'd been on a trailer, been poked and prodded by the public, and walked around the show ring. I had six animals who were ready to be sold with confidence.

Going to shows isn't about coming first. It's about making sure your animals are quiet and can handle any situation and it's about showing the breed to the general public.

I encourage everyone, especially those who are new to cattle to attend their local show – entry fees are very low and local shows are very forgiving as I've discovered. I suggest you take two animals – one for each hand – not six.

If I hadn't taken that first step, in 2004, I wouldn't have been brave enough to go to Melbourne and I would have had no idea that there were champion

animals in my herd just waiting for a shampoo and blow dry and a parade down the cat walk, or should I say the cattle ramp.



Patricia Hunder with Torcroft Tinson, a White miniature galloway, in the Grand Parade at Red Hill Show.

The Cattle Show

a poem by Philip Hodgins

The mood was tense at the annual cattle show. Inside the pavilion a dozen well-groomed cows were tied up along the rail while the judge stood silently in the middle of the ring and the owners looked on nervously. Each one had faith that their particular cow was going to win. To get this far each cow had had to win their own breed's competition. They'd had to show that they were the best of their kind. You needed faith and a fair bit of luck just to beat the other cows in your class. When you saw them in the ring you realized what a close thing it was to judge. Cruelly, if they satisfied that particular judge and made it here for the big one their previous win would then amount to very little if they left the ring with only that earlier class victory to show for their troubles. And what about all the cows who didn't even get that far, whose owners' faith had not been justified? Still, that's the test of faith they say, never to stop believing. And to judge

from how the losers looked they all believed their cows could come back here again next year and win. There was nothing in their calm faces to show defeat as they walked out of the ring. Today they were gathered outside the ring looking in at those who now had more than faith to go on — actual runs on the board and a show at being the "Champion of Champions". The judge was taking his time to decide who would win this great honour. He was looking at each of the cows in turn, checking them for the things that cows should have if they were going to be in this ring let alone go all the way to the top and win. The owners were standing behind with their faith though some of them were also judging the judge nervously and trying hard not to let it show. Finally, when all the cows were checked the faith of only one person in the ring was rewarded and the judge said that to win was not the real point of the show.

A Good Photo is Worth a Thousand Words!

Light

When you take a photograph, you are literally recording patterns of light. The very word photography comes from two Greek words that together mean "drawing with light." The type and amount of light in an image, the color that the light casts, and where the light is most concentrated will all impact on your photo. Taking photos of your cattle outside in the sun includes a lot of variables—mainly time, weather, and location—all of which will affect the brightness, clarity, color, and tone of the light in your photos. A good way to experiment with the varying qualities of natural light is to choose your subject and shoot it outdoors at different times of the day. Note the variations that occur at these different times—the shadows, the highlights, and the overall color of the image. The time of day affects the intensity of light and the colors in a photo. If you're taking a photograph in the first or last hour of sunlight in the day the reds and yellows will be much stronger in your results, and the shadows not as dark, as at other times of day.

As the title states - a good photo is worth a thousand words! Taking a great photo of your cattle could be the difference in making a sale advertisement or promotional opportunity outstanding or ordinary. A good photo should catch your attention, and show the subject in good detail.

Firstly, no matter what camera you're using, take some time to get to know it. Become friends with it. Just like friends, every camera is different, and each one has its own habits and quirks. Learn what all the parts of your camera can do. Some of the most basic things you can do to take better photos apply to all cameras.

Photo Composition

One of the most important things you can do to improve your photography is to learn to see like your camera. Composition is when all of your image's elements are within the frame, and in relation to one another. When taking photos of your cattle keep the background and foreground as clear as possible. A plain background shows off the subject you are photographing; fence posts can look like a fifth leg, for example. Consider getting closer to your subject—sometimes close-up shots can show more detail. Changing your viewpoint or the position of your camera will ultimately determine the perspective of your image. Move around and see what your camera sees. Every photo has a perspective—that's just the view from the camera lens, and how objects are perceived by it. But when you get to know the basics of perspective and can skillfully apply them, your photos will have a greater sense of volume, space, depth, and distance.



This photo illustrates poor composition and perspective - the animal is not shown to its best advantage and the handler's head has been cut off.



This photo has been taken looking down on the heifer, not showing her to the best advantage. The heifer's head is at an odd angle, her back legs are not set up and the background is very cluttered

Eye Contact

Look your subject in the eye. Direct eye contact can be as engaging in a picture as it is in real life. When taking a picture of someone, hold the camera at the person's eye level to unleash the power of gazes and smiles. Perhaps not as applicable to cattle, but all by itself that eye level angle will create a personal and inviting feeling that pulls you into the picture.

Remember, you will probably take hundreds of photos to get that one great shot!

- Have cattle standing on flat ground, even if it is the top of a hill
- It is difficult to photograph large groups of cattle, particularly if they are black. The light has to be right and it helps if they are not too close to each other.
- Cattle need to be standing correctly, with their head up and both ears standing up
- When people are included in the photo have them in relation to your target market; eg for miniatures standing close so you have a reference for their size; standing with Belties so as to not obscure the belt etc.
- Make sure your photo is in focus.



This is an example of a good photo taken at a show. All the people are facing the same direction and smiling, and the animals are standing well. If the ears of the cattle were forward the photo would be improved.



This is an example of a poor all round photo - the heifer is not standing well, the light is from behind so the side of the heifer you can see is in shadow, and there is another animal behind her which makes her appear strangely conformed in the hindquarters. Compare this with the photo below - both animals are standing squarely, they are alert and there are no distractions in the background.



2016 World Galloway Congress, Gretna, UK 5 - 10th August 2016



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Friday 5th August 2016

- Drinks reception, greeted by Scottish piper
- Registration and Welcome three course dinner at Gretna Hall Hotel

Saturday 6th August 2016

- Travel to Dumfries Show for Galloway National Show
- Dinner at Gretna Hall Hotel, presentation of country flags, show trophies and Scottish Highland Dancing.

Sunday 7th August 2016

- Conference at Gretna Hall Hotel
- Dinner and entertainment - Scottish Ceilidh

Monday 8th August 2016

- Tim Olivers, East Farm, Offthefwall, Great Whittington Newcastle upon Tyne. Tim has 80 Belties and White Galloways also pedigree Shorthorns; and
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Tuesday 9th August 2016

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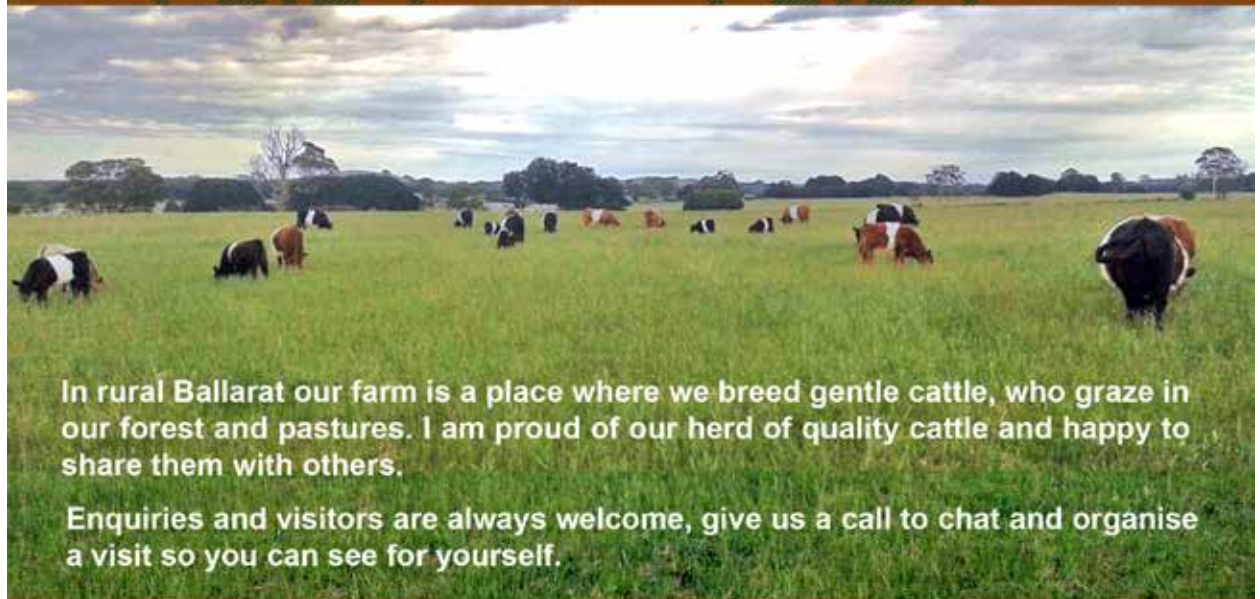
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The Home of Romani Helen



Romani Stud

Will Brigham recalls the journey so far...

Shane and myself started out on the land in 2000 by acquiring seven acres in Millfield, NSW. While Shane has had a life time of being a part of the land, starting with beef and dairy cattle in the south west of Western Australia, I was straight from Vancouver B.C. Canada, with no farm life experience. We started out with one Friesian and a couple of Limousin cross heifers that we purchased from a neighbour. After a few years, we were ready to start our stud herd, always knowing we wanted miniature Galloways.

Shane first made contact with Roger and Fran Rankin of Castle Douglas, who were very generous with their time, gave us invaluable information on the Galloway breed and had arranged to have some annuals sent to us. Well-armed with articles and pictures we could hardly wait to begin our new adventure with the Galloway Family.

With such a variety of colours

within the Galloway breed, it was hard to decide where to start. We were very fond of the whites but then we saw a picture of Wannawin Chocolate Soldier and we were off to Wodonga in Victoria to see what was available. Peter and Gina Sutherland were gracious and spent many hours showing us all the herd and explaining all the blood lines. I still have the pages of notes that we took down to remember what animals were which. So we made our decision a week later and started our foundation herd with four heifers - two dun and two black, mated to the Sutherlands' red bull.

We were very fortunate to have a neighbour with 100 acres of half cleared pasture in the early years to agist our cattle. In the past they had other breeds grazing there and after having the Galloway cattle on their land, they will now only let Galloways back on their paddocks due to their suitability for the ground. They were amazed how

gentle the cattle were on the environment and with such a placid temperament they were a pleasure to be around. In fact, they dropped in last week to ask if we could spare some Galloways to graze on their property before spring.

So four became eight and then more and more over the years, with Romani currently running 60 breeding females. It's amazing how quickly the numbers have built up. Shane learnt how to artificially inseminate cattle in his younger years (a long time ago!) and we AI a number of females each year to bring new genetics into the herd. While miniature Galloways make up the bigger percentage of the herd, we also run some Standard size Galloways as well. The colour range of our herd includes black, dun, White, red and soon to be included in the Romani family are some Belties. We have no difficulties selling any excess steers; in fact we could not keep up with the interest from repeat buyers who were very pleased with the Galloway meat. Another selling point with many customers is the knowledge of the background of the animals and their nutrition from start to finish.

So, still in Sydney and driving up every weekend to our seven acres, which we called 'The Farm', it was time to make the full-time tree change. Two years later, we finished the renovations of our three story convict built sandstone terrace right in the city, and we were able to commit to our wide open spaces dream.

'Romani' was the chosen name for our Stud. The new name tied in with my Grandfather's background connecting to the Scottish gypsies, along with our leasing of land and moving our cattle around and our weekly travel from Sydney to the farm, so it seemed fitting.

We settled in July 2011 and internal fencing started. No house, power nor shed, nothing but gentle rolling pastures and two dams, what a beautiful blank canvas it was. The house and



Rena Sim, Shane Smeathers, Will Brigham and Amy Kennedy with a selection of their Romani Galloways.

Photo courtesy of The Land.

out buildings are still ongoing and will always be so. The cattle yards are functioning but always being fine-tuned as Shane keeps wanting things like wash bays and sick bays and show-type tie up areas. Somehow he manages to get what he wants! Shane works for the Department of Agriculture (in the Quarantine area) and travels to Newcastle each day. His dedication to and passion for the whole Galloway family is clearly seen.

Oh yes, the shows. We started attending shows years before we were able to take our own Galloways. Beginning at the shovelling manure stage and working our way up to washing and blow drying with the occasional lead in the ring to help out was a great learning experience. Our interaction with other AGA members and exhibitors was always welcoming and whoever ended up with the ribbons was well complimented by all.

Our first Royal Show was Canberra 2012, the team was picked and the show feeding started. We had a terrible summer that year with 3 day sickness. Cattle were down for extended periods of high temperatures. For anyone not familiar with 3 day sickness it is very much like the flu, and the cattle don't want to eat or drink. The whole show team caught the 3 day sickness and lost a considerable amount of weight. They arrived at Canberra Royal, but not quite in the condition we wanted and I can still hear the judge's comments: "beautiful exhibits but would like to see a bit more weight on them". Anyway, fun was had at the show and no one got trampled in the ring and all the animals and humans got back home alive, just.

But the showing bug has hit hard and we have been enjoying the participation and bonding with other AGA members and youth groups that are keen to get involved with the cattle. We recommend that anybody that can attend any show, be it a Royal or rural show, to get there and say "Hi" (but make sure that

you have at least an hour to spare as they love to talk about their Galloways).

We have been very lucky with the seasons over the past few years and have been able to run up to 100 head and have been sowing crops of oats and lucerne into paddocks for strip grazing at the end of winter until the pastures come away again. We are starting to collect all the machinery to do our own hay but it all takes time and there's another job for me - to build the hay shed (the list keeps going on!).



For other things that happen around Romani Farm, have you heard about Guinea fowl (pictured above)? And I might add, once heard, never forgotten! Well, we have an abundance of them. It started out with a few and now it's a flock of hundreds. Shane has sourced fertile eggs from all over Australia to keep the genetic pool wide open and now sells fertile eggs from our flock all over Australia. The Guinea Fowl kill snakes and their favourite food is ticks and white ants. And for a bit of variety last year Shane bred a large flock of the rare cinnamon colour.

The other part of the family is the West Highland Terriers, white

when washed and then covered in dam mud and cow poo as soon as they get out the door. Another connection with the Miniature Galloway extended family was forged. Bob and Jen (Slynfolde Stud) were in Ourimbah NSW about half way between Millfield and Sydney and we would drop in for a cuppa. As Bob and Jen were breeders of West Highland Terriers we would be greeted by a mob of 20 at their gate. We totally fell in love with the Westies and acquired our first Westie, Vonnie, from Jen which started our breeding program.



Marika and Vonnie survey the cattle from their perch on the quad bike.

We kept one female from Vonnie's first litter, Marika, and then there was two. Angus, our little Westie man came to us when Jen was losing her battle with cancer as per her request. Angus isn't on the quad in the photo as he hates it, unlike the girls, and he'd much rather the Ute for his mode of transport.

Shane and I welcome visitors to Romani to enjoy the Galloway Family.



Will Brigham with the Westies set for a quad bike ride after feeding the cattle at Romani.

Bovine Pestivirus

There is more awareness of Bovine Pestivirus within the cattle industry...but what is it?

As its name indicates, bovine pestivirus affects cattle - both dairy and beef. Pestivirus is a group (genus) of viruses. It includes not only bovine pestivirus, but also other viruses that cause border disease in sheep and classical swine fever in pigs. Bovine pestivirus infection of, or by, other species is very rare.

BVDV can reduce herd reproductive rates, causing direct economic loss, as well as reducing herd resistance to a range of other diseases. Disease surveys in Australia have found that up to 60% of cattle and up to 90% of herds have been infected with BVDV. The disease is insidious, the rate of spread varies and signs can be subtle. Producers are often unaware that their herd has been infected or is at risk of becoming infected. While the production losses of pestivirus can be substantial, this will not always be the case.

In most cases, the aim should simply be to manage the risk effectively and this can prevent the infection becoming a costly problem.

Why should the pestivirus risk be actively managed?

Pestivirus can cause several problems. By far the most common in Australia are reproductive losses. These can show up as aborted or stillborn calves, deformed calves or simply a failure to conceive.

The productivity losses arising from pestivirus can range from minor to substantial. The key factor is whether the infection causes a "PI" (see below) that can then cause a wider spread of disease across the herd. Where a herd of non-immune and pregnant animals comes into contact with "PIs", the reproductive problems can become major.

Transient and persistent infections - it's important to understand the difference.

Where an otherwise healthy animal becomes infected after birth, the infection is usually short-lived and is cleared by the immune system. With such transient infections, the short period of virus shedding (typically around 10 days) and, with Type 1 viruses, the low concentration of virus, means that the risk of spreading to other cattle is not high. With Type 2 viruses, the virus shedding period is the same but the concentration of virus excreted is much higher so the risk of spread to other cattle is also higher.

Where a cow becomes infected during the early stages of pregnancy, the foetus does not recognize the virus as being a foreign invader and the foetus does not produce antibodies to the virus. This is because during the early stages of pregnancy, the foetal immune system is still being developed. At this early stage of pregnancy, a foetus that becomes infected with pestivirus does not develop immunity to the virus and therefore if the calf survives (as it does in about 70% of cases), that calf is likely to be a "PI" - that is, it is likely to be persistently infected and thereby a carrier of the virus for the rest of its life.

It is the persistently infected animal, or "PI", that is by far the greater risk in turning a relatively minor pestivirus problem into substantial reproductive losses

What immunity status definitions mean	
Naive	Never Infected Cattle that have never been infected or challenged by BVDV They have no antibodies to the virus
Immune	Have been infected but are not carriers. Cattle that have been infected with BVDV but are not carriers. They have antibodies and are immune to future infections. There two ways this immunity can occur: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> infection as BVDV circulates through the herd - immunity is lifelong ('natural immunity') vaccination - annual boosters needed to maintain immunity.
Persistently Infected	Carriers Carriers of BVDV secrete the virus for their entire life. They exhibit variable signs and degree of disease and most die 1-2 years after birth. The calf of a persistently infected heifer or cow will also be persistently infected. Persistently infected bulls are also potent spreaders of BVDV.

and other production losses.

What are the signs of pestivirus?

The main problem in combating pestivirus is that, in most cases, there are no signs beyond a small number of animals with ill thrift and/or reproductive failure. As a consequence, the signs are sometimes ignored on the basis that the odd animal not doing very well or having an occasional reproductive problem is normal.

Other signs in cattle that are infected later in life, apart from reproductive losses, are relatively uncommon but include diarrhoea, excessive drooling and breathing difficulties. In even rarer cases, there can be ulcers around the mouth and muzzle and also the feet, so it can look similar to foot and mouth disease. There may even be an occasional death.

The classic sign that an animal is a "PI" is ill thrift - a beast that just doesn't grow as well as its peers - although it is important to stress that some infected animals can grow normally into adulthood. These "PIs" usually die by eighteen months of age.

How does BVDV spread?

BVDV almost always spreads by contact with persistently infected cattle through introduction, mixing at a show, sale, feedlot

or through a fence.

Cattle infected after birth rarely produce sufficient BVDV to infect other cattle except during abortion. Persistently infected animals discharge large quantities of virus in saliva, urine, respiratory secretions, uterine discharge, milk, semen and faeces and aborted fetuses. Spread occurs within days where a persistently infected animal is yarded with naive cattle. In paddocks, it may take months to infect all cattle.

Testing for pestivirus

How you manage the risk will depend on whether your herd is already affected. The first step is to have your vet investigate any reproductive failures or ill thrift to determine whether pestivirus is the cause. That involves a blood test on a number of young animals. Body tissue such as ear notches or post-mortem samples can be tested for virus antigens to indicate whether the animal is persistently infected.

Managing pestivirus - if your herd is already infected

If the test results are positive, you have various options and you should consult your vet for the best one in your specific circumstances.

A strategy practised in some

herds is exposing heifers to known "PIs" well before mating, as this will cause most of them to become infected and thereby develop a long-lasting natural immunity. There are some potential downsides to this strategy. For example, there is no guarantee that all animals exposed will become infected and consequently immune, particularly if a single 'PI' is relied upon to infect a large number of other animals. Typically, an infection and immunity rate of 80% by this method would be considered a good result. Also, the fencing and farm practices must be such that there is no chance of the "PI" inadvertently mixing with cattle in early pregnancy. Another issue to consider is that mixing a possible "PI" with young heifers may interfere with Bovine Johnes Disease control strategies you may already have in place. So you should discuss it with your vet before proceeding.

Culling the 'PIs" and vaccination of the herd is another option. Again there are some potential downsides to this. Vaccination is not 100% effective, so good biosecurity and ongoing monitoring will still need to be maintained. If you decide to vaccinate, the program will need to be ongoing for many years at least. If a vaccination program successfully eradicates pestivirus from the property and

Effect of BVDV infection on cattle according to pregnancy status	
Non pregnant naive cattle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 week infection • short-term immune suppression • lifelong immunity to BVDV following infection
Pregnant naive cattle	<p>1-4 months gestation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 week infection • embryo death, abortions, stillbirths, mummified fetuses • any live calves are persistently infected <p>4-5 months gestation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 week infection • abortions, viable or non-viable calves delivered at full term • congenital deformities and defects • some calves born normal and immune to BVDV <p>5-9 months gestation until birth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 week infection • abortions • any calves born alive at full term immune to BVDV

the vaccination stops, there will be no immunity and, as a result, the proportion of susceptible animals in the herd will increase over time and the herd will need ongoing management as a closed herd (see below). Again, you should discuss this option with your vet before making a decision.

Managing the pestivirus risk - if your herd is not already infected

If there are no signs of active pestivirus in the herd, you can minimise the risk of infection by keeping a closed herd or checking for signs of pestivirus frequently and having any suspicious cases checked promptly. Even if there are no signs of active pestivirus in the herd, vaccination may still be a good option. Because circumstances vary from property to property, there is no "one size fits all" solution. You should always discuss your particular situation with your vet.

If you use an artificial breeding program the pestivirus status of both the donor and recipient animals should be identified before proceeding. It is recommended that both the donor and recipient animals should test antibody positive (ie immune) four weeks before the program.

Signs of BVDV
• Poor fertility
• Low calving rates
• High rate of pregnancy tested not in calf cows (PTNIC)
• Reproductive abnormalities
• Abortions
• Stillbirths
• Mummified foetuses
• Congenital deformities and defects
• Calves that die soon after birth
• Outbreaks of disease
• Fever
• Not wanting to eat
• Dullness
• Lethargy
• Recovery usually takes a few days

The risk factors

By far the most likely way of infecting cattle is through a PI. This could be a PI animal or a pregnant female carrying a PI foetus. A PI can infect another animal with as little as 1 hour contact time, so events such as sales, shows, other temporary high stocking situations, fence breakthroughs or even over-the-fence contact with neighbouring cattle are risks.

There have been reported cases of infection by contaminated semen and embryos, cattle trucks and even husbandry equipment. But these risks are

quite low, compared with the risk via a PI.

Infection via sheep, goats or alpacas is possible but highly unlikely.

Further information

Every producer should have a pestivirus risk management strategy that is specific to their particular circumstances. The best person to advise on that is your veterinarian.

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Belted Galloways represented the Galloway family
Junior Champion Female - A & A Wilson - Grandview Jay Keira
Senior Champion Female - J McKinnon - Clanfingon Venus
Grand Champion Female - Clanfingon Venus
Junior Champion Bull - A & A Wilson - Grandview Joshua
Senior Champion Bull - Cumbria Partners - Cumbria Helton
Grand Champion Bull - Grandview Joshua



Grandview Jay Keira

Royal Melbourne Show 20 September – 1 October 2014

Belted Galloways
Junior Champion Female – Pine Gully Park – Pine Gully Park Jess
Reserve Junior Champion Female – Pine Gully Park – Pine Gully Park Jazlyn
Senior Champion Female – Ashleigh Michael – Ashleigh Gwynnedd
Reserve Senior Champion Female – A & A Wilson – Grandview Galaxy
Grand Champion Female - Ashleigh Gwynnedd (POIS) (MF)
Junior and Grand Champion Bull - A & A Wilson – Grandview Joshua
Senior Champion Bull – Ashleigh Michael - Ashleigh Harrison (POIS) (MF)
Reserve Senior Champion Bull – A & A Wilson – Grandview Grantly
Grand Champion Bull - Ashleigh Harrison (POIS) (MF)
Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit – Ashleigh Harrison (POIS) (MF)



Grandview Joshua

Galloways

Senior Champion Cow - R & J Davidson - Karandrea Fiona
Grand Champion Cow - Karandrea Fiona
Supreme Galloway Exhibit - Karandrea Fiona

Royal Launceston Show 9 – 12 October 2014

Belted Galloways

Junior and Grand Champion Female- L & E Bonar - Lazy B Jessica

Galloways

Junior and Grand Champion Female – L & E Bonar - Lazy b Hermoine



Lazy B Hermoine

Royal Geelong Show 16 - 19 October 2014

Belted Galloways represented the Galloway family

Junior Champion Female- A & A Wilson - Grandview Jay Keira
Reserve Junior Champion Female – Cumbria Partners - Cumbria Bewaldeth Countess 37th
Senior Champion Female – H Biersteker - Koralea Tika
Reserve Senior Champion Female – Cumbria Partners - Cumbria Bewaldeth Countess 35th
Senior Champion Bull - Cumbria Partners - Cumbria Bewaldeth Helton



Lazy B Jessica

Royal Canberra Show 27 February – 6 March 2015

Belted Galloways

Junior Champion Female - FJ Hutt - Ashrose Jiki
Reserve Junior Champion Female - GA Stuart - Benvuie Glad
Senior Champion Female - J Vials & J Hutt - Lochlynn Heather
Reserve Senior Champion Female - S Reynolds - Essar Helen
Grand Champion Female - Lochlynn Heather

Royal Canberra Show 27 February – 6 March 2015

Belted galloways continued...

Senior Champion Bull - JF & AK Blackwood - Ashrose Jaguar
 Reserve Senior Champion Bull - J Vials & J Hutt - Lochlynn Jetsetter
 Grand Champion Bull - Ashrose Jaguar
 Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit - Ashrose Jaguar

Miniature Galloways

Junior Champion Female - A & P Dunk - Tumblegum Jean of Clauchlands
 Reserve Junior Champion Female - S Smeathers & W Brigham - Romani Jennifer
 Senior Champion Female - A & P Dunk - Coorumbene Harmony
 Reserve Senior Champion Female - S Smeathers & W Brigham - Romani Hooray
 Grand Champion Female - Coorumbene Harmony
 Junior Champion Bull - A & P Dunk - Tumblegum Jock of Lamdash
 Reserve Junior Champion Bull - G Ellem - Bangalla Joker
 Grand Champion Bull - Tumblegum Jock of Lamdash
 Supreme Miniature Galloway Exhibit - Coorumbene Harmony

Galloways

Junior Champion Female - S Smeathers & W Brigham - Romani Jemma
 Reserve Junior Champion Female - CA Hart - Minto Violet 10th
 Senior Champion Female - GA Stuart - Minto Gretel 10th
 Reserve Senior Champion Female - CA Hart - Minto Paula 8th
 Grand Champion Female - Romani Jemma
 Senior Champion Bull - GA Stuart - Minto Marlon
 Reserve Senior Champion Bull - J & S Vials - Monreith Horatio
 Grand Champion Bull - Minto Marlon
 Supreme Galloway Exhibit - Romani Jemma



Tumblegum Jean of Clauchlands



Tumblegum Jock of Lamdash



Coorumbene Harmony - Supreme Miniature Galloway Exhibit Royal Canberra Show



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Royal Bathurst Show 17 - 19 April 2015

Belted Galloways

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 Reserve Junior Champion Female - P Burgess - Wombledale Kylie
 Senior Champion Female - P Munday - Lochlyn Joy
 Reserve Senior Champion Female - J & S Vials - Marananga Hope
 Junior Champion Bull - J Blackwood - Ashrose Jemma
 Senior Champion Bull - P Munday - Longfield Danny Boy
 Reserve Senior Champion Bull - J & S Vials - Lochlynn Jetsetter
 Supreme Belted Galloway Exhibit - Longfield Danny Boy



Longfield Danny Boy

Miniature Belted Galloways

Junior Champion Bull - G Ellem - Bangalla Kracker
 Senior Champion Bull - G Ellem - Bangalla Joker
 Supreme Miniature Belted Galloway Exhibit - Bangalla Joker



Bangalla Joker

Miniature Galloways

Junior Champion Female - A & P Dunk - Tumblegum Jean of Clauchlands
 Reserve Junior Champion Female - S Smeathers & W Brigham - Romani Jennifer
 Senior Champion Female - A & P Dunk - Coorumbene Harmony
 Reserve Senior Champion Female - R & M Kidd - Gunadoo Banksia Rose
 Junior Champion Bull - A & P Dunk - Tumblegum Jock of Lamlash
 Supreme Miniature Galloway Exhibit - Coorumbene Harmony



Coorumbene Harmony

Galloways

Junior Champion Female - G Stuart & C Hart - Minto Eibhlin 6th
 Reserve Junior Champion Female - Orange High School - Monreith Iona
 Senior Champion Female - G Stuart & C Hart - Minto Gretal 10th
 Reserve Senior Champion Female - G Stuart & C Hart - Minto Odette
 Junior Champion Bull - Orange High School - Monreith Jacamo
 Senior Champion Bull - J & S Vials - Monreith Kia Ora
 Reserve Senior Champion Bull - G Stuart & C Hart - Minto Marlon
 Supreme Galloway Exhibit - Minto Gretal 10th


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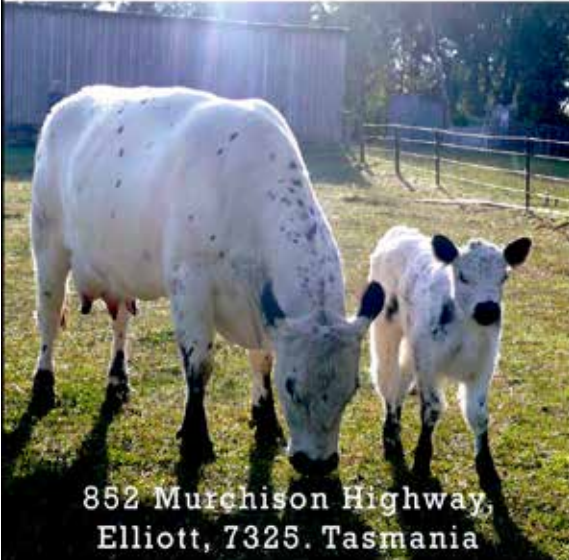



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UK Galloway Report

From Dorothy Goldie, Galloway Cattle Society of GB and Ireland.

Good old British summer weather; we have had record breaking extremes in July, a maximum temperature of 36.7°C was recorded at Heathrow (Greater London) on the 1st, a new UK record for July. A minimum temperature of -0.6°C was recorded at Katesbridge (County Down) on the 15th and in the 24 hours ending at 0900 GMT on the 17th, 87.1 mm of rain fell at Cambridge Botanic Gardens. Also, a wind gust of 60 mph was recorded at Needles (Isle of Wight) on the 26th and the overall UK rainfall total was 140% of average and sunshine amounts were unremarkable generally.

Unfortunately, the warm sunny weather never reached north of the border and now the ground is wet, there is no hay made and it is a struggle to get two dry days together to bring home the silage. As they say good old British Summer, we certainly hope the weather will be better next year, when we are delighted to welcome you to the Galloway World Congress (5th to 10th August) and the home of Galloways. We have an exciting programme lined up for you to experience the very best of Galloways, culture and food and not forgetting tartan and castles. You should have received your invitation, if not, details can be found in this journal. We very much look forward to meeting you next year.

We also hope for more improved prices in the coming months, it is very unusual that all the commodities are at a low, beef, lamb, corn and milk are all being sold below their price to produce.

The farmers are now rebelling, you might have heard about the Trolley dash, where farmers clear the supermarket shelves of milk and then give it out free outside the shop. This is to highlight the plight of the dairy farmers and the fact they are getting paid less for a pint that it takes to produce. Let us hope it works and everyone at least gets the price it takes to produce.

So far, 2015 has been a good year for Galloways; sales and shows are popular, registrations are up on the year, as is membership. The year starts with the Galloway sales at Castle Douglas and Carlisle, see below, and our other two main events are The Royal Highland Show and the Great Yorkshire show which have been enjoyed by all, again, below are reports. We did not have a National Show this year as we are planning our next National Show round the World Congress in 2016. I do hope we will see you at Dumfries show and at the World Congress.

2015 Castle Douglas Show and Sale 12 & 13th February 2015

One of the highest prices for a bull, paid in recent years, was for the much talked about bull, Windsor of Romesbeoch from the Ross Family, Shawhead, Dumfries. As Dougie Ross was judging the males, the bull was un-shown, and made 12500gns to B Schlichterle, Germany. Windsor is by a home bred bull Murphy of Romesbeoch and out of Beauty 1185 of Romesbeoch. Another much talked about bull, Troloss Impeccable, from Troloss Farms Ltd, Elvanfoot, Biggar, was Male Champion at the show the previous day, and made 9200gns in a two way split between D & R Cornthwaite, Balgray Hill, Lockerbie & RA McClyont & Son, Kirkstead, Selkirk. Impeccable



Troloss Impeccable, Male Champion at Castle Douglas Show and Sale

is a son of Blackcraig Rasputin and out of Troloss Frances.

Another bull from Troloss, Troloss Invincible made the next top price of 3500gns, another Blackcraig Rasputin son, and out of Troloss Future sold to Exmoor Farms Ltd, Cornham Farms, Simonsbath, Minehead, Somerset. The reserve male champion, Invincible of Balgray from David & Rosemaire Cornthwaite, Balgray Hill, Lockerbie sold for 2800gns to R McKinnel & Sons, Garrarie, Whithorn, Wigtownshire. This Highland Monarch of Galloway son had been shown 3 times in 2014 to achieve 3 first prizes.

The top price in the female section was for Blackcraig Bertha U452 from the Finlay Family, Blackcraig, Corsock. This Blackcraig Rasputin daughter sold for 3400gns to new members the Marshall Family, Glenrinnes Farms Ltd, Estate Office, Glenrinnes Lodge, Dufftown, Banffshire. The female champion, Moira 1465 of Romesbeoch from the Ross Family made 3000gns and is away to a home in Germany with B Schlichterle, Germany. The Ross's reserve champion Kalinka of Romesbeoch sold to Richard Maxwell, Howside, Ennerdale, Cleator, Cumbria for 2400gns.



Nugget of High Creoch - highest priced bull at Carlisle Spring Show and Sale

**Carlisle Spring Show and Sale
27th February 2015**

With much interest in Galloways over the winter months, there was a steady sale at the spring sale at Harrison & Hetherington's main auction mart at Carlisle. The judge was Mr Philip Robinson, from Ottercops Farm, Kirkwhelpington, Newcastle upon Tyne who has his own small herd of dun cows, and had the tough job of judging a fine group of bulls and heifers on display.

The champion male was a homebred bull from JRF Pattinson & Son, Hottbank, Bardon Mill, Hexham. This April 2013 born Gauntlet of Hottbank, a son of Archie of Hottbank, was knocked down for 2,000gns to TD & M Moore & Son, Softley Farm, Slaggyford, Brampton to join their Softley herd. The reserve male champion was Walter of Miefield from W & M McMorrان & Sons, Miefield, Twynholm, Kirkcudbright. Sired by the 6000gns Ruler of Kilnstown and from a homebred cow Brownie 103rd of Miefield, he sold for 1200gns to G & A Todd, Blakehope Farm, Otterburn, Newcastle upon Tyne. It was the 3rd prize winning bull from husband and wife partnership, Gordon and Kathleen Gilligan, High Creoch, Gatehouse of Fleet, Kirkcudbrightshire who sold for the leading price of 3,000gns to G Bell & Co, The Bloch, Langholm. Nugget of High Creoch, an August 2013 son of Septimus of Tweedshaws and out of Anne 22nd of High Creoch.

The judge, purchased his champion female Sonsy 5th of Finliness, a Matt of High Creoch, April 2013 born daughter and sold for the top female price of 2100gns. Sonsy 5th was the single entry from Robert McKie, Finliness Farm, Balmaghie, Castle Douglas. The reserve female champion was Barlaes Brownie 219th from Robert McTurk, Barlaes, Dalry, Castle Douglas. This 25 month old bulling heifer was sired by 10500gns Barack Obama of Fingland and sold for 1,800gns to Mr B Crawshaw, Broadley Fold, Whitworth, Rochdale.

Robert McTurk, also received the second highest price of 2000gns for Barlaes Grace 86th. This unplaced April 2013 born heifer, also sired by Barack Obama of Fingland was purchased by A Murray & Sons, Sewing Shields, Haydon Bridge, Hexham, Northumberland. Mr McTurk sold ten heifers to average £1447.95. Mr N Ireland, New House Farm, Drigg, Holmrook purchased the top price in-calf heifer Clare 560 of Whitehill from Mr Walter Henderson, Whitehill, Lockerbie. This April, 2012 homebred heifer by Neilman of Whitehill and out of Clare of Whitehill won her class and was knocked down for 1,600gns. Mr Henderson, then went on to sell another 2 in calf heifers by Neilman of Whitehill to average £1515.50.

**Royal Highland Show
18th to 21st June 2015**

The calendar said June, but the weather was more like March, for it was a cold, windy day for the Galloway judging at Scotland's National Show. In the Galloway ring it was the Ross Family, Romesbeoch, Shawhead, Dumfries who received the final nod for Champion from the Isle of Man based judge, Mr John Tear. Their in-calf heifer, Beauty C1437 of Romesbeoch is by Kirkmabreck Nimrod, a bull that has produced several show champions as well as Windsor of Romesbeoch, the highest priced bull sold at the Castle Douglas Spring sale. Her mother is the past show cow Beauty C548 of Romesbeoch. Beauty C1437 is no stranger to winning rosettes as she received the junior championship last year at Ingliston and at the Great Yorkshire show and the Galloway National Show at Stewarty as well as being champion of champions at Moffat.

The overall reserve championship award went to the male champion Troloss Impeccable from David and Rosemary Cornthwatie, Balgray Hill, Lockerbie. This 2013 born bull is by Blackcraig Rasputin and out of Troloss Frances. He was bred at Troloss Farms, and purchased at the Society Sale in February for 9200gns in a share with Alan

McClymont, Kirkstead, Yarrow. The reserve male followed him through from the classes in the form of Ubermensch of Nethercleugh, the February 2013 born junior stock bull bred and exhibited by Peter Hunter Blair and his son Andrew of Nether Cleugh, Dalry. Ubermensch, German for Superman is by Kirkstead Nancy Boy, himself a former Highland male champion, and is out of Ida Fluffy of Moorhouse. Completing the prize awards was the reserve female, this award was won by Blackcraig Moss Rose T426 for our young member William McCornick, Barquhill, Wigtown, Newton Stewart. She was purchased by William at the Society sale in February 2013 for 2700gns. Bred at Finlays of Blackcraig, she is by Finmac Norseman and her dam is Blackcraig Mose Rose P276. A regular show goer she won Wigtown show last summer and this year is being shown with her September born, Blackcraig Titan bull calf at foot. This was the first time William has won any of the major prizes at the Royal Highland Show, well done.

**Great Yorkshire Show
14th, 15th, & 16th July, 2015**

The Galloway Judge was Mr David Cornthwaite, Balgray Hill, Lockerbie, Dumfries and Galloway.

Straight from her win at the Royal Highland Show, Beauty C1437 of Romesbeoch secured the championship trophy for the Ross Family, Romesbeoch, Shawhead, Dumfries, this is a record breaking 18 times the Ross name will appear on the Cholmondeley Perpetual Trophy. The junior and reserve championship rosette went to John and Anne Finlay, Blackcraig, Corsock, Castle Douglas for Blackcraig Blondchen V506, she is by homebred sire Blackcraig Sid, who was an ET calf from Blackcraig Nimrod and Finmac Libby N195 a previous show cow who had many awards to her name including female champion at 2011 Galloway National Show at Wigtown show.

The male champion, Klondyke

Solution a 6 year old bull, is the home bred senior stock bull from Klondyke Farms Ltd, Shancastle, Monaive, Thornhill, Dumfries and Galloway. He is by the German sire Holsten Ed N54 and out of Klondyke Yoko.

In the Commercial Cattle lines, a Galloway cross steer received the Champion steer prize. Diesel a Galloway x British Blue cross steer from Messrs P & E B Robson, Middle Horselyhope Farm, Waskerley, Consett, Co Durham took the top award. This April 2014 born steer is no stranger to championship awards having won the Native Championship at Beef Expo held at York in May.



*Beauty C1437 of Romesbeoch
Champion Galloway at Royal
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Globex Kingpin 57K	Black	\$25 includes SP	Merlin Bradley P: 02 6027 3464 E: globex@globex-au.com Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666
Globex Kings Crown 42K	Black	\$10 SP \$50	Mark Bailey P: 0427 095 054 Farmwest P: 08 9726 2626
Globex Quota 39Q*	Black	\$25 includes SP	Merlin Bradley P: 02 6027 3464 E: globex@globex-au.com Agri-Gene P: 03 5722 2666
JR Hotshot	Red	\$49.50 inc SP	Robert Maddern P: 02 6037 1249
Ngutunui White Clem 145 (Min) NZ*	Miniature White	\$100 SP \$10	Melissa Fielding P: 0409 593 612 E: contact@lbteh.com.au
Oradala Red Ochre Mountain*	Red Belted	POA	Pam Brown P: 0434 100 280
Rough Rider Extra (USA)	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Wannawin Casper (Min)*	Miniature Dun	\$50 Includes SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wannawin Chocolate Soldier (Min)	Miniature Dun	\$100 or 10/\$900 inc SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wilkamdai Giovanni 97M (Min)*	Miniature Black Belted	POA	Cameron Woolfe P:0409 190 776 P: 03 5334 0588 E: clanwoolfebelties@gmail.com

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**Section C Privately owned and collected sires, sire permit required for registration of calves.
Contact owner for states where semen can be used.**

Name of Sire	Colour	Price per straw GST Inclusive	Contact
Amberley Park Batman	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Amberley Park Bullseye V18*	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Amberley Park Ever Ready	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Amberley Park Hilton	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Amberley Park Hunter	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Amberley Park Impact	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Amberley Park Magic	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Amberley Park Masterpiece	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Amberley Park Rambo	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Bellarwi Banksia Man CML V1 (Min)*	Miniature Black	\$55 SP \$10	Melissa Fielding P: 0409 593 612 E: contact@lbteh.com.au
Fork Farm Loyalist (NZ)**	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Fork Farm Midas (NZ)**	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Glenayr Cannon Boy (Min)*	Miniature White	\$55 SP \$10	Melissa Fielding P: 0409 593 612 E: contact@lbteh.com.au
Glenayr Cassanova C5 (Min)*	Miniature Black	\$50	Phil Venton P: 0419 733 276
Gleneagles Grande G2 (Min)*	Miniature White	\$65 11/\$650 Includes SP	Ian Bull P: 02 6955 6355 E: bullie49@bigpond.com
Glen El Rusty D2 (Min) *	Miniature Red	\$65 11/\$650 Includes SP	Ian Bull P: 02 6955 6355 E: bullie49@bigpond.com
Globex Midnight 30M	Black	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Repute of Castlemilk**	Dun	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Rowsley Park Red Ripper*	Red Belted	POA	Rob & Jan Davidson P: 03 5185 1341 E: karandrea@skymesh.com.au
Wannawin Hamish (Min)*	Miniature Black	\$50 Includes SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wannawin Waratah Laddie (Min)*	Miniature Red	\$100 10/\$900 Includes SP	Peter & Gina Sutherland P: 02 6020 2039
Wannawin Xavier (Min)*	Miniature Dun	\$50 11/\$500 Includes SP	Shane Smeathers P: 0438 934 983 E: traditionalgalloways@ hotmail.com
Wirrialpa Kurrajong**	Dun	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166
Wirrialpa Lachlan**	Dun	POA	Amberley Park P: 03 5668 5166

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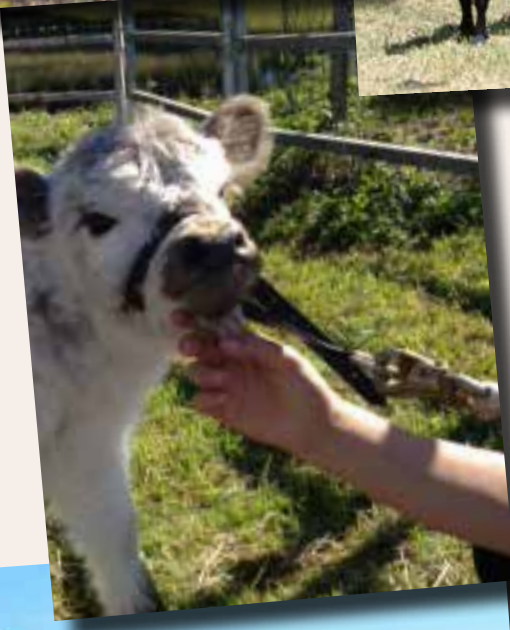
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