



AUSTRALIAN GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION

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Pictured:

'ROMANI LIBERTY'
Grand Champion
Galloway Exhibit at
'EKKA' (Brisbane Royal
Show)

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Owner: Bonnie Morrison
Handler: Tanya Hoare



FROM THE EDITOR

Hello once again to all of our Galloway Family and especially our recent new members. The end of the year is fast approaching and spring has sprung!!

Whilst much of our country is still in drought and we continue to pray for rain in those areas, some have been fortunate to have had a break with much needed down pours. September is Melbourne Royal time in Victoria and we wish all entries the best of luck! More show results from across the country in this newsletter. WELL DONE to all of our members out showing their animals and representing our breed, we thank you for your time and dedication, you are our window to the world.

Sadly this is my last newsletter as editor. I have very much enjoyed the role and I am sure the new editor will enjoy keeping you posted with the latest happenings. Cheers from the Editor, Sonya Heron

New Members

The Association warmly welcomes the following new members, and wishes them well in their journey with their Galloways.

John Heard
Willow Grove, Vic
Dartomjo JHE

Lexie McGrath (Junior membership)
Wolumla NSW
LBF Miniatures LBF

Debbi Jeffery
Dyraaba NSW
Croftdale Stables CDS

Steven & Simone Jardine
Crowlands Vic
Furever Tails SJS

Brody & Tye Young (Junior membership)
Arcadia Vic
BT Belties BTB

Ian and Tonia Mason
Tamworth NSW
Merryvale MMB

Kimberley Mitchell
Farrell Flat SA
Hidden Valley HVM

Christopher & Leanne Jackson
Murrumbidgee NSW
Bagot BGT

Hi members ,

Welcome to the spring edition of the Australian Galloway Association newsletter and thank you Sonya for the time and effort in bringing this edition to us.

Another year quickly coming to an end with some great results for the Galloway Family at shows, field days and open farm events.

Recent rain fall in small areas of NSW has given hope to a few, but by far no amounts to write home about.

I recently posted on my department's work page my thoughts on RU OK Day, which I want to share with you all . . .

Hi out there fellow colleagues. I suppose in our busy lives we sometimes don't notice what other people are going through and struggling with. It could be a family member, a friend or a work colleague. I know living with this ongoing drought on my farm in the Lower Hunter NSW, now in its 5 year, it sure does test your ability to cope at times, seemingly with no end in sight. Living through a drought on the land real time and being sympathetic to our farmers are 2 different things. So look around you I am sure you all have either family or friends on the land somewhere . . . give them a call or even better take some time to go visit them. A chat is sometimes all that is needed to give a troubled mind a break. R U OK Day is every day!

Regards Shane Smeathers,

President Australian Galloway Association



Transfers of Cattle

Just a reminder under section 6.1 of the Association's By-Laws

- **it is up to the vendor/seller to transfer registered animals.**

We have had many instances lately where this has not been done and problems registering offspring have been encountered by the purchaser. Please also ensure when you transfer the animals the *details on the reverse of the registration certificate are fully completed*, including your signature as the vendor.

If you are selling a female that has been running with a bull, please also make sure the service details are included.

If you are selling a miniature animal, please ensure the hip height measurements have been recorded at the time of the sale.

The transfer form only needs to be completed if you don't have the registration certificate, for example when a calf is registered and then transferred to a new owner.

Miniature Galloway Heights

The Association's By-Laws require the height of a miniature Galloway to be recorded at certain stages:

3. 3.5 The Australian Galloway Association "Height Recording Form" must be completed and signed by the owner and returned to the Australian Galloway Association office for data recording on the following occasions:

3.5.1 With the registration application;

3.5.2 With a transfer application;

3.5.3 At 24 months and;

3.5.4 At maturity

3.5.5 Maturity is deemed to occur at an age of 48 months.

We are now requesting that if you own a miniature Galloway that was calved in 2014 (ie a "K" year animal) or previously, that you measure it's height and forward the updated height chart to the office for recording of it's mature height. We thank those members who have already done this, and urge you to comply with this By-Law to ensure your cattle remain registered as miniature Galloways.



Calendar – the Association’s calendar for 2020 is now available!

We are excited that the Association’s first ever Calendar, showcasing photos of all the colours and types of the Galloway cattle family, is now available to order! Featuring a bonus month for January 2021, it is priced at just \$20, plus postage of \$3 for 1, or \$5 for 2 or 3, these calendars will look great on your wall. They will also make great gifts – make a start on your Christmas shopping now!

To order, please email office@galloway.asn.au, or call on 0400 952 510. Orders are requested asap so we can ensure there are enough calendars printed!

Mt Davidson Miniature Galloway Stud, Queensland

Here at Mt Davidson Miniature Galloway we have adjusted our breeding programme over the last 12 months to include the strikingly beautiful colouration of the red pointed solid white Galloway. Following the acquisition of the miniature red pointed white Galloway bull – **Gleneagles Nicholas** and a miniature dun cow – **Romani Liberty**, we decided then to campaign them on the local Queensland show circuit.

Gleneagles Nicholas won Grand champion Galloway bull at the Toowoomba Royal Show, Ipswich Show, Kalbar Show, Gatton Show and Reserve Champion Senior Galloway Bull at the Brisbane Royal Show in August.

We are also exceptionally proud of **Romani Liberty** with her Grand Champion senior Galloway cow wins at Kalbar Show, Gatton Show and her fabulous overall win of Grand Champion Galloway Exhibit at our first ever Brisbane Royal Show.



We also have had the unexpected pleasure of receiving a great write-up, together with a photo of our achievement, in the Queensland Country Life newspaper.

We have found showing, especially the Brisbane Royal Show, to be great exposure for the Galloway breed with the red pointed solid white Galloway bull – **Gleneagles Nicholas**, attracting a lot of admiration and attention from the public.



Throughout I have been greatly assisted by my good friend and mentor Tanya Hoare of RoseOak Santa Gertrudis Stud.

Bonnie Morrison
Mt Davidson Miniature Galloway Stud, Lockyer Valley, Queensland.

The NRG Team

Manufacturing feeding and grooming products for over 40 years, Boyce Deverell at The NRG Team has also run cattle on and off over this period. For many years, he kept a small herd of Charolais breeders and very quickly realised the need for Australian Made Grooming Products. One of the first products developed by Boyce was 'NRG Shimmer', under the Ausgroom banner. At the height of the showing decade, Ausgroom had a complete range of grooming products, but as the equine side of his business grew, there was less emphasis on cattle products. NRG Shimmer has always been in demand and can compete with imported brands in today's market.

Shimmer has stood the test of time and Darryl Holder from The Cattle Shop has always promoted NRG Shimmer. You may call Darryl at any time and he will be happy to supply you with NRG Shimmer.

These days, The NRG Team is a well-known company producing feeding and grooming products, not only for horses, but for many other animals as well. Another two well known and proven products are NRG Stockgain, widely used for supplementation and NRG Apple Cider Vinegar, which has numerous health benefits for all animals. These products and more are available from your local produce store.

Boyce and The Team are very much hands on and are always happy to help with any queries or questions you may have when it comes to feeding and grooming your cattle.


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Left: Boyce and two of his grandchildren, enjoying some time off, riding their horses on the Warburton trail close to his farm in the Yarra Valley Victoria.



FREEDOM RISE Field Day

The weather started off a little windy and cool, but warmed up as the day progressed.

Thirty five people attended including members from 8 studs representing the AGA and the ABGA. People came from as far as Warwick, Roma in south-central Qld, and from Northern NSW. There were several cancellations due to bushfire concerns.

The cattle were well behaved during the tour and the children had a chance to interact with some of the quieter animals.

We changed our schedule around a little bit and tackled halter breaking first. This was the event that most people were interested in seeing. We spent nearly 2 hours explaining the set-up and use of our technique. The just-weaned calves behaved as expected, with the initial resistance to the lead followed by the distraction of food and gradual adjustment to being tied up. Some of the members even had a go at it themselves, with several having a second or third go at releasing the weanlings from the crush. This technique, which we first learned at the AGM at Cessnock a few years ago is one of the easiest we've seen. Easy on the handler, but more importantly easy on the animal.

Unfortunately we ran into a little snag when we went to show everyone how to start their animals moving forwards on the lead. The cattle were so quiet that they hardly resisted being led!! Apart from one tiny baulk by one of them, both animals just followed us as we led them to the little piles of lucerne which we'd strategically placed on the ground.

We then showed everybody how to do subcutaneous neck injections . Everybody got to see the placement of the needle and how vaccines are to be administered by pinching some skin to inject into, so as to avoid the muscle. Information was provided about why the vaccine is important and where to get it from.

We stopped for lunch and after dessert everybody had a go at making their own leads. This was amusing to watch as the rope was very tight and really put everybody's skill to the test. Later in the day four people purchased the materials needed and made their own breaking sets.

Some people had to leave, so we drew the lucky door prizes, with stud owners having a special draw for either a full breaking set or a litre of parasite pour-on.

It was then time to go back to the yards to see how some of the animals used in the morning's breaking session were fairing. We'd kept an eye on them during the lunch break, and by now they were showing little resistance to being tied up.

First up on the afternoon agenda . . . tattooing, with everybody getting a chance to see the equipment used, and how to work it. We pointed out importance of first testing your tattoo on a piece of cardboard to make sure that you didn't have a letter or number in the wrong place. Plenty of green tattoo ink was used to highlight the need to really rub the ink into the piercings.



Above: Learning to vaccinate

Right: Learning how to halter break. Someone having a little tantrum!



Above: Learning how to make rope halters and lead ropes.

We demonstrated how to apply a NLIS tag. The large vein in the ear was pointed out as something to avoid.

Next up was castration. Despite being only 4 ½ months old, one of our animals was so well developed that it nearly proved impossible to get the jumbo castration ring in place. It took two of us to get it into the correct position before removing the banding equipment. We pointed out that there is a risk of tetanus forming due to this procedure and that it is preferable that the animals have had their 7-in-1 shot and follow-up booster well before being castrated. The day ended with afternoon tea and more lessons on making leads with few people made their own breaking sets.

Plenty of positive feedback was forthcoming! We really enjoy these days and are looking forward to the next one!



A VISIT FROM HANNAH

Hannah, a first year veterinary student, spent the weekend engaged in placement with us at 'Balytyckle Miniature Galloways'. Not having handled any cattle before, our smaller, quiet animals were the perfect introduction to stud beef cattle for Hannah. She gained hands on experience putting animals through the yards and became an expert at working the crush in no time at all. Hannah was very keen to have a go at vaccinating, ear tagging and tattooing. We have some very expectant cows and she was hoping to see a birth from woe to go while she was with us but it didn't happen this time, can't seem to get them to calve when its convenient for us! We do have quite a few very young calves and needless to say she tried to sneak one or two back home with her . . . I mean how could you resist.



I taught Hannah horse-riding for years! She has a bachelor of AG science majoring in Production Animal Health and has gone into Veterinary Science!! This would have been something I would have loved to do but not the opportunity back then. She will be such an asset to the industry if she chooses to stay in large animals!!!

Hannah is heading back to spend some more time with us in the next few weeks. Its often hard for Veterinary and Ag students at any level to find suitable placements during their study. If you are set up for it and the opportunity presents itself, hosting a student for placement is a very worthwhile experience for both parties and one we would definitely recommend.



Above: First year Veterinary student, Hannah, measuring miniature heights at 'Balytyckle Miniature Galloways'.

On Farm Field Day at: BALYTYCKLE MINIATURE GALLOWAYS

We are planning a field day in November on our farm in Yea Victoria. Topics we would like to cover include:

- *How we set up our stud not having had cattle before.
- *Calving for absolute beginners and how to be prepared.
- *Starting to show your cattle when you have no idea how to and what basic equipment you need.
- *Information we found useful having had no background in cattle and the infrastructure you can't live without!

If you think you might be interested and would like more details, check out our FB page, send me an email, sonya_heron_bears@hotmail.com or phone MOB 0488196245 Home 03 57802320



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