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Change of Provider for DNA testing

Many Galloway breeders have utilized Zoetis Genetics for their DNA profiling of bulls and sire verification services. Effective April 1, 2022, Zoetis will no longer be providing this service, per notification Joyce Jones, current AGBA president, received in March. If you are a paid up member, you should have received a letter from Joyce regarding this change. If you are a paid up member and did not receive a letter, please email Joyce at joycejones@zoominternet.net.

Going forward, Zoetis will make your current genotype files available to whichever genetic laboratory you opt to go with. While Zoetis has recommended Veterinary Genetics Laboratory (VGL) at the University of California, Davis, another option exists that has successfully used by AGBA members for several years. That company is Neogen, which has brought on board the Igenity line of genetic testing. SeekSire™ is their test for tracing an animal back to its sire. Neogen's website shows a \$15 charge per test. Sample booklets for hair follicles run \$1.50 each. You will need to request the SCR test in the special instructions section of their order form, if you wish to use the older genotypes from Zoetis.



Please email or call Zoetis to instruct them where to send your files. geneticsservice@zoetis.com, or genetics.us@zoetis.com, or via phone at 877.233.3362.

As a reminder, progeny of a bull are not eligible for registration until that bull is positively DNA'd to his own sire of record.

“The only people who are mad at you for speaking the truth are those who are living a lie.”

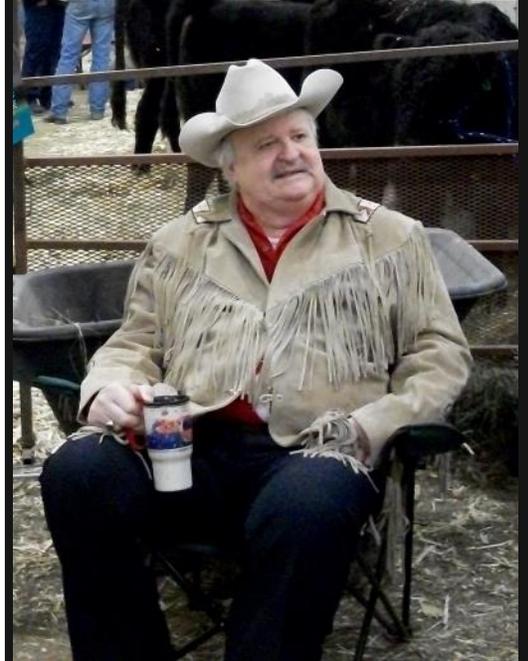
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In Memoriam

The Galloway breed lost a big name on April 1, 2022. Floyd “Kit” Smith passed away near Greybull, WY. His obituary is reprinted below. Look through your pedigrees for the “Of Trapper” herd name. Kit was a wealth of knowledge about the breed, and could tell you specifics about the conformation and performance of individual animals that populate many pedigrees today. He maintained a vital and active interest in the breed, promoting Galloway every chance he could, up until the past few years when health complications became too much of an obstacle.

Thank you, Kit, for your contributions to the Galloway breed.



Obituary

Floyd Kitchel Smith Jr., was born on December 8, 1942, in Greybull, Wyo. He was the son of Floyd K. “Cub” and Marjorie Heim Smith of Shell. Known to his family and friends as “Kit”, he grew up on his family’s ranches on Horse Creek and Trapper Creek.

Kit attended elementary school at the Historic Red Shell School House in Shell, and graduated from Greybull High School.

Kit remained on the family ranch, where he built his own herd of registered Galloway Cattle. He earned many awards for his quality stock. Kit was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping and guide for many out-of-state hunters.

Kit was initiated into Masonic Lodge #34 in Greybull, Wyo., on April 8, 1968. He progressed through the Masonic levels quickly, and in 2018 was honored by his brother Masons for 50 years of membership in the Lodge. Kit was also a member of Royal Arch Masons of Wyoming, attending the Cody chapter.

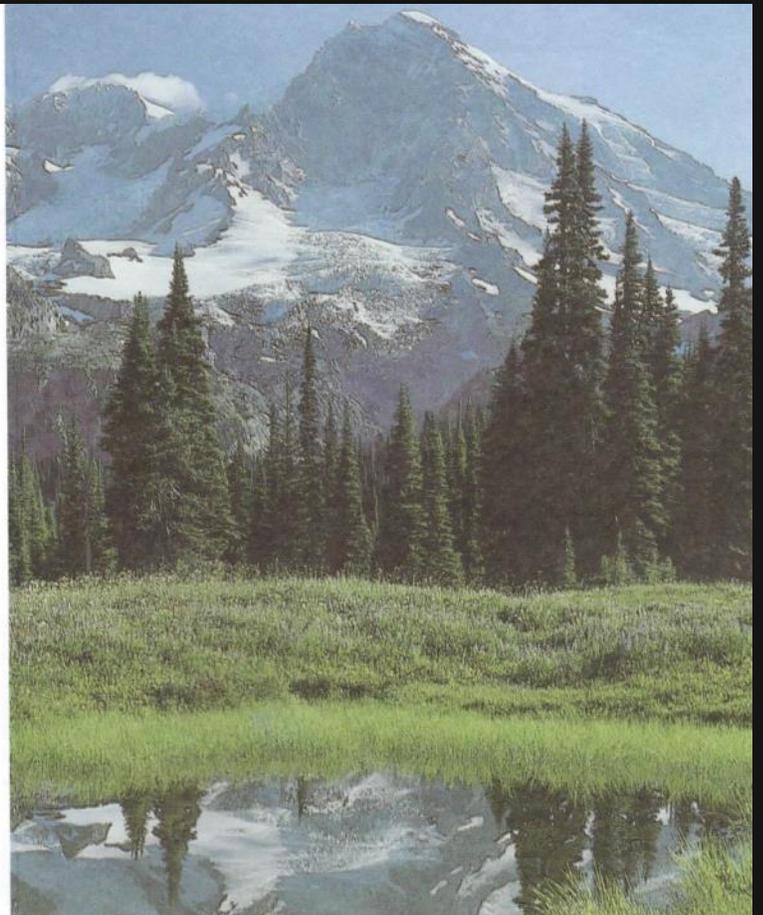
In 2015 he moved to Bonnie Bluejacket Memorial Nursing Home between Greybull and Basin, where he resided until his death on April 1, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and his brother, Gilbert. He is survived by his brother, John Smith of Cody, Sister-in-law, Jade Smith, of Shell. Nephew’s, Christopher of Eugene, OR., Adam (Khadjar) of Shell, Niece, Tajia, and Nephew, CJ Smith of Veneta, OR cosins, Ed(Fay) Smith and Morris Smith of Shell, Carolyn Wertman of Yuma, Az and Marilyn Fredricks of Boise, ID

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A downloadable order form is available on the AGBA website. If paying by check, fill out that form and mail it with check to Treasurer Terry Marcotte, using the address provided.

To order using credit card, or if you have questions, please contact Leslea at 507.993.3765, or email her at hodgsonranch@aol.com.

Shirts run true to size, with limited quantities available in each size, so its first come, first served. When its time to make another special order, whereby you can pre-order the items you want, we will publicize that widely on the AGBA website and Facebook, as well as via email.

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Stonewashed Green 100% cotton, White Galloway design printed on the **FRONT** of shirt.

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plus shipping



Electronic Regs, from page 11

them with newer ones. Or even progeny. Its totally up to you. You will want to add text directly to the photo to identify progeny as such, since there is not a provision for captioning the photos.

Finally, if your herd looks bigger on paper than it is in reality, you can fix that! By using the online portal you can select Manage My Active Herd,

and a screen will appear that lists all of the registered animals you have ever owned. Now you can go about the process of 'culling' those animals that are no longer in your herd, either because they died (sold through ring, accidental death, etc), OR, you sold as an unregistered animal. NOTE: if you sold the animal as unregistered, it is important to let the CLRC know this, so that if the animal eventually winds up in the hands of someone who would like to pro-



Example of photo attached to an animal's online pedigree



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Electronic Registrations, From pg 4

duce registered progeny, assuming a legible tattoo is present, there may be enough identification and a paper trail to register the animal.

The electronic system isn't without glitches, and I was told that it is optimized for Chrome, so if you're a Chrome user, you're in great shape. The system will be optimized for other operating systems as

time permits. You can call Caleigh at the CLRC for assistance...she is very knowledgeable and helpful (speaking from experience!). She can be reached toll free at 877-833-7110. She is in the office Tuesday-Thursday.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Cull Animal". At the top, it displays "Animal RFLTD KAFIKIN FANTASIA 5K" and "G-[USA]233934-B". Below this is a "Disposal/Cull Date" field with a dropdown menu for "DD/MM/CCYY". There are three dropdown menus for "Reason for Disposal before Weaning", "Reason for Disposal after weaning", and "Reason for Mature Animal Disposal". A red "Update" button is located below these fields. To the right of the button is a list of options: "Died or Sold for Slaughter", "Sold for Breeding", and "Still in Herd". At the bottom of the form, a blue banner states "Updates will Appear on the Website by the End of the Next Business Day".

From the Manage My Animal tab, select an animal that is no longer in the herd, and choose an option from the dropdown menu, along with a disposal date. The animal's record will still exist, it just won't be visible on your online listing.

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Familiarize yourself with the rules. This is quite easy to do now that we have a terrific website. Many thanks to Richard Serr who keeps it up to date.

At one time the AGBA recognized percentage breeding. However, in 1996 the association voted to amend the herd book rules by stating, "The Herd Book is closed to up-breeding." There have been discussions in the ensuing years about having a section of the herd book for percentage cattle. There are percentage classes at the shows for anyone who wants to show a percentage animal. The main purpose for percentage classes is to exhibit the strong traits a Galloway can bring to crossbred animals. Since most shows require paperwork for an animal to enter the show grounds, the AGBA will give the exhibitor a certificate that lists the animal's name and requisite information necessary to show. Send your animal's information to Michelle Blegen who will print a certificate for your animal. Information that must be included is the tattoo number (left or right ear), sire and dam infor-

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Eli Berry from Berry Ranch Galloways, MN, announced the sale of 11 Galloway embryos for export to Western Australia. They left the USA the end of April 2022 going to Benita Cattalini from the Bollygum Farm located at Denmark, Western Australia. Benita is looking forward to using Berry Ranch Galloway genetics for her Bollygum Farm to introduce new genetics into her herd. The embryos were collected from Diamond B Adelaide 128X and sired by Snapshot of Trapper.

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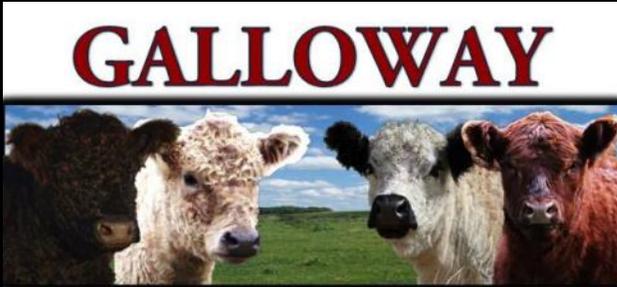
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AGBA Social Media

Love it or hate it, social media is a large driver of sales in the cattle world today, and the Galloway breed is no exception.

Finding individual producers who are breeding for certain characteristics, and also using similar production protocols makes transitioning new animals much easier. Finding breeders who are in closer proximity is always a bonus too. The AGBA has a Facebook presence, and it is a fairly active page. Its great to see photos posted from other farms and ranches, to see what kind of Galloway cattle they are producing, as well as animals listed for sale. (Please note, the AGBA page is for solid Galloway only, so you won't find belted cattle represented there.) So when you're taking a break from registering your cattle electronically, head on over to the American Galloway Breeders Facebook page, and see what you've been missing.



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Registering Cattle Online

The Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC) has finalized their online registration capabilities, and the AGBA is pleased to announce that our association is eligible to participate.

To utilize this method, you will need to have an account with the CLRC. To enter into the portal that houses the Online Registrations, click on Manage my Account, and Hit the Login button.

Once you're logged in, select Register My Animal (electronic submission). The next two pages ask some basic info and are pre-filled. But if you want a *Rush Registration*, be sure and select that box and give the date you need the registration certificate in hand. Hit CONTINUE, and you'll arrive at the Animal Information page.

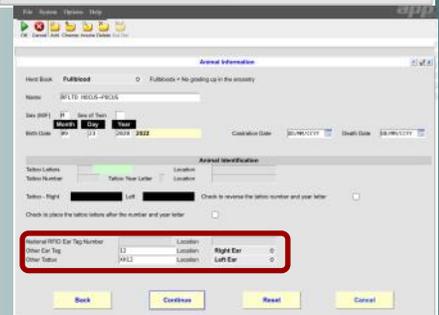
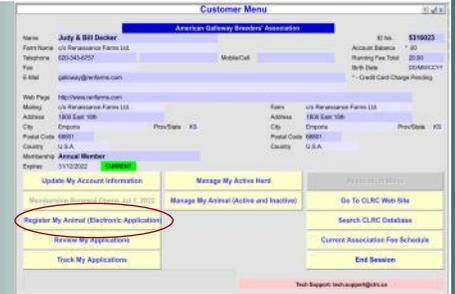
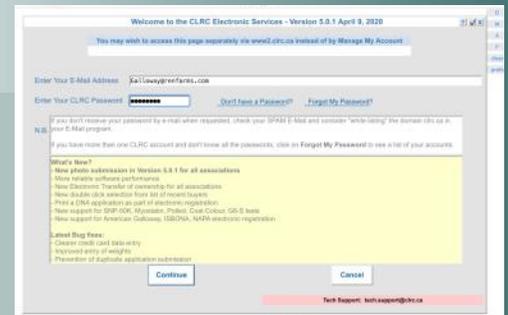
You will select the **Herdbook (dropdown Fullbloods)**, and enter the animal's Name, Sex, DOB. The section on Tattoo Letters and Numbers will auto-populate after you fill in the bottom section that has blanks for **Other Ear Tag** and **Other Tattoo** (its awkward, for sure). Be sure and use the drop down menus to the right of eartag and tattoo to indicate which ear.

After hitting CONTINUE the Color page appears, and you check the box for the appropriate color. (WHITES: See Note on Submit page information regarding white coloring clarification)

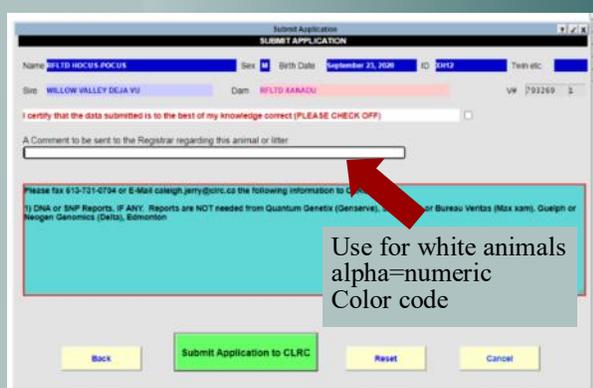
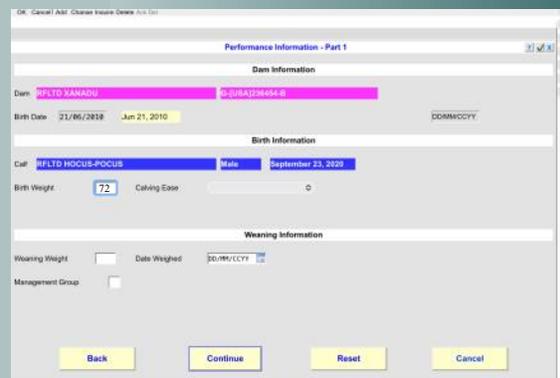
Hit CONTINUE, and the **Sire information** page appears, followed by the **Dam information** page. After completing each form, which is simply a matter of entering the registration number for the Sire and the Dam, hit CONTINUE after each form is completed, and arrive at **Performance** information, which includes Calf Birth Weight, Weaning Weight, and Weaning weight date. Hit CONTINUE to progress through the Weaning and Yearling Weight pages.

Next you will see a billing page, which will total up the amount due. Hit CONTINUE and a Fee Payment screen appears. If you are registering several animals at once, the running total will change. PLEASE NOTE: If you are entering several animals, like your weaned calf crop, *plan on entering all the females together, then log out of the system, and log back in to complete the registration of the males*. It's a little glitch in the system, so it is what it is. Just remember, separate your registration entries into males and females, and log out in between the two groups.

Once your final bill is tabulated, you can enter credit card information or use the credit card you have on file with CLRC to pay for the reg-



Fill in ear tag and tattoo info in the box highlighted in red. The Tattoo info will auto-populate when you hit CONTINUE



Use for white animals
alpha=numeric
Color code

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istrations. The paper registration papers will take a couple of weeks to arrive. Mail has been quite slow between Canada and the USA.

You have reached the Submit Application portion. **If you are registering a white animal**, our registrar Caleigh suggest using the 'Comments' space to give the specifics of the white animal's markings, using the alpha-numeric system that is in place. So you can just type 'a3' or 'b2' or whatever combination best describes your white animal's coloring. You can also email that information to her if you prefer. Hit the SUBMIT button, and you're finished.

TRANSFERS: Go through the same system to transfer an animal, starting at the Manage My Account/Login page. This time when logging in click on **Manage My Animal**, in the center column of menu choices. You will see a screen that asks for the animal's ID. Enter the registration number, and click **Find Animal**. Now select Transfer My Animal. Fill in as much information as you can about the buyer if the buyer is not already an AGBA member/owner of registered Galloway cattle. If the buyer already has a Member ID, simply enter that in the first box, Buyer ID Number.

A transfer fee amount will be posted, as well as postage for mailing the new certificate. Be sure and check the box to have the certificate mailed directly to the new owner if that is your preference.

Animal Photos: Another feature of the electronic portal is uploading photos of an animal that will be displayed with the pedigree on line. I experimented with this feature and uploaded a photo of a younger Kaiser of Gnome's End. You can add up to four photos.

Add your farm logo as one of them if you'd like. Update the images on your own timeframe by deleting old images and replacing

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President's Corner

Hello Galloway Enthusiasts,

According the 1965 edition of Webster's Dictionary, an enthusiast is defined as one whose imagination is highly excited with the love of or in the pursuit of an object; a person of ardent zeal. In our case, the object is Galloway cattle. In order for a Galloway to be registered in the herd book, it must meet the conditions of the sections listed in the herd book. If from another Galloway Association's herd book, the application for registration must be accompanied by an official extended pedigree documenting at least five generations of pure breeding. We strive to keep the purity of the breed. Thus, our "enthusiasm". To my knowledge the only other "pure" breed in the world is the Scottish Highland. There may be others, but I am not aware of them.

Members need to be cognizant of the herd book rules, especially when selling an animal to a new breeder. The White Galloway (Section III in the herd book) has some very specific details as to the qualifications for registry. Members who sell a White Galloway should really understand the rules so they can readily explain the nuances of White registry to a new breeder. This will save a many problems from occurring when that new breeder tries to register progeny from their newly purchased animals. I urge you to go to the AGBA website, click the AGBA tab, and select Herd Book Rules from the dropdown list. You can download them from the website and print them.

See Prez, pg 6

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If you’ve wondered about putting some of these cameras to work in your operation, I’m pretty sure that with a little online research, you will find a set up that works for you. Guaranteed to snag you some extra *Zzzzzzzz*’s !



A daytime view out into the ‘close up’ lot. For a closer look, simply use your fingers to zoom in on your phone.



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mation (one parent must be a registered Galloway) along with the Galloway parent's registration information. You will be issued a certificate that qualifies you crossbred animal to be shown. It's that easy. I want to say thank you to those folks who show crossbreds. It is educational for other cattle people to see what the Galloway influence can bring to their herds.

I hope you all are receiving plenty of moisture in your area, having a successful calving season and enjoying the coming beautiful weather. If you have an opportunity to show your Galloways, please do so. If the opportunity presents itself that you can help a 4-Her to show, please become involved. If there is a Galloway show in your area, please consider attending. The more folks that become involved, the better the Galloway organization is.

Happy summer to all of you,

Joyce Jones,
President



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If you are an Annual Member in good standing, your farm should be listed on the AGBA website under the Galloway Breeders tab. Go there and look! If your name and farm information are not listed, kindly send all pertinent information to **Richard Serr at raserr@aol.com**. Just the basics, look over a few of the other entries for the general idea of it. Also, if your address or email address change, contact Richard for website changes, and cc myself for changes to the Dispatch mailing list... renfarms@osprey.net

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Wear a Galloway Shirt, Sell some Galloway Beef

At least that was Leslea Hodgson's experience earlier this spring. She and husband Brad have a custom wood-working business, and while at a customer's home getting measurements for some cabinets, the customer noticed the Galloway T-shirt that Leslea was wearing. This led to an inquiry on her part about the breed, and what the Hodgson's do with their cattle. The homeowner ended up ordering a quarter beef.

As Leslea pointed out to me, when someone else strikes up the conversation and has questions, it's a natural and relaxed process of answering their questions and explaining the production practices of the farm and traits of the breed. This is in contrast to a farmers' market setting where potential customers have many distractions and options vying for their attention and time.

Oh hey, it just so happens we have shirts available NOW...[see page 3](#)

