



THE GALLOWAY DISPATCH

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2015 NILE Galloway Show

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When this headline appears in the newsletter, it means fall is in sight! Sure, it may still be hot and dry and withering where you are.... but good things and good times are right around the corner. In fact, by the time you are reading this, entry deadline for the Northern International Livestock Expo (NILE) will be less than a month away! And as is the AGBA tradition, the annual meeting of The American Galloway Breeders' Association will be held in Billings in conjunction with the NILE Galloway show, exact date and time still pending. So be making plans now to attend, hopefully with cattle in tow!

Information from the NILE website has been posted on the next page for handy reference. Whether you are driving in or flying in, don't wait too long to book your room... they can fill up fast.

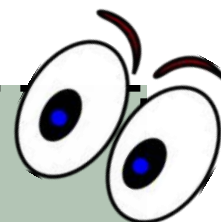
The difference between a wise and foolish man is this --the former sees much, thinks much, and speaks little; but the latter speaks more than he either sees or thinks.

WILLIAM SCOTT
DOWNEY, *Proverbs*

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NILE Information at a Glance



Superintendent: Joel Jackson - (406) 989-1548

Barn Available: 6 p.m. - Friday - October 9 - Expo Center

In Place: 9 a.m. - Saturday - October 10

Processing: 10 am - 12 p.m. - Saturday - October 10

Judging: 8 a.m. - Sunday - October 11

Judge: Caleb Boardman - Laramie, WY

Entries due by September 15th

Entry Fee: \$50/animal (postmarked by September 15th).

After September 15th -\$25/per head late fee will be charged.

Halter Breaking 101

by Judy Decker

So with the two main Galloway show entry deadlines lurking on the horizon, why not brush up on step one in preparing to show a calf: Halter breaking.

There are many schools of thought on this subject. Today we will hear from my school! Not everyone agrees with this method, but we have good results, and always find ways to tweak it.

Upon weaning the calves, begin the gentling process. We want them to lose whatever degree of fear of us they are harboring. They need to trust us to be gentle, and learn that we don't represent a threat. Getting them bunk broke with some sort of feed helps a lot with this. After about a week of this, run them in the chute and put rope halters on them. Turn them back out and let them drag those rope halters for one to three days. As the lead ropes get stepped on, they are learning to 'give' with their heads. After that, tie them up to a sturdy rail or post. Tie them about head high, with a quick release knot. Not enough rope that they can get it wrapped around themselves, but enough they can flop themselves to the ground if they feel that's important. We leave them tied up for a couple of hours, twice a day, for the first couple of days. Then we begin extending the

White Angus Cattle

Bet you did a double take, am I right?

But its true. There's been a little hanky-panky going on in the laboratory, and thanks to a little maneuver called genetic editing, the researchers at Climate Adaptive Genetics are tinkering with the genes of the black Angus in an effort to improve their heat tolerance. One way of achieving this is by giving them a white hair coat instead of black. In order to make a genetically black animal yield a white progeny, the lab pulls skin fibroblasts from the ear of a selected animal. These cells are grown in a petri dish, and are 'edited' by swapping out the black hair color gene with a gene for black hide/white hair obtained from the **Silver Dun Galloway**. Dr. James West, Vanderbilt University associate professor of medicine and chief science officer of Climate Adaptive Genetics, selected the silver dun Galloway because after an exhaustive search, the silver dun Galloway was the only breed he could find that had a gene for black hide with white hair. Most white haired cattle



From the Ona White Angus herd, selectively bred by Univ. of Florida. (Note: this photo does not depict Climate Adaptive Genetics progeny. Photo credit: screen grab Univ. of FL photo

have white hides as well, which is undesirable for cattle expected to be heat tolerant and spend lots of time in the sun because they get sunburn and melanoma. So the silver dun's unique combination of dark skin and light hair color proved to be just the ticket for the researchers' needs.

Once again, the Galloway breed comes through on behalf of beef improvement everywhere.



WORLD CONGRESS INVITATION

Welcome to the 11th Galloway World Congress

5th to 10th August 2016

Gretna, Scotland

We are delighted to welcome you to the 2016 Galloway World Congress to be held in the home land of Galloways. All the Galloway families are looking forward to meeting you and to show you the very best of stock, scenery and hospitality.

There is something for everyone, from excellent cattle, traditional tartan & castles, spectacular scenery, shopping and the very best of local food. The congress will consist of the very popular county show at Dumfries, official business then three days of on farm tours and a night at the world famous Edinburgh Tattoo. This will be an excellent opportunity to view some of the very best Galloways in the country if not the world and to experience Scotland and North of England's finest. Our base for the 5 nights is the very popular Gretna Hall Hotel, in the famous border town of Gretna Green. The oldest part of the hotel was built in 1710 as a manor house, the hotel is set in 10 acres of beautiful gardens, offers all the character of a substantial historical building with all the facilities you would expect from a leading contemporary hotel. Gretna Green village is steeped in history dating back to the 1700s, young couples from England would run away to take advantage of the different marriage laws in Scotland. Repeating history you can still get married "over the Blacksmiths anvil" why not take the plunge or renew your own marriage vows. Gretna Green and Gretna is famous for shopping, there are many traditional and high street stores within walking distance of the hotel. For tartan there are the famous Blacksmith shop, where you can buy anything from kilts to cashmere,

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bronze statues to crystal and in Gretna, there is the Gretna Gateway Outlet Village, which hosts a variety of classic and contemporary clothes and homeware stores. Just remember to bring your credit card.

Editor's note: Because the next two issues of the Dispatch will be filled with NILE and NWSS show results and photos, the information for the Galloway World Congress is being presented now! So be sure to hang on to this issue, and check the AGBA website for updates.
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Wisconsin 4Her Wins Big With Galloway

Youth In Action

Doug Hipsher, Cornucopia, WI, son of Matthew and Jody Hipsher, Siskowit Galloway Farm, placed first with his Galloway heifer in his AOB yearling heifer class.

The Hipshers went on to win Grand Champion in the carcass competition with their Galloway cross steer at the Bayfield County Fair in Iron River, WI.



2016 World Conference – Gretna - 5th to 10th August 2016

Friday 5th August 2016

Arrive at Hotel

Drinks reception, greeted by Scottish piper

Registration between 2pm and 6pm

Welcome 3 course dinner with tea and coffee in Hotel

Saturday 6th August 2016

Breakfast between 6.30am and 8.00am

Travel to Dumfries Show for Galloway National Shows

Lunch in Galloway Marquee.

3 course dinner with tea and coffee in Hotel, presentation of country flags, show trophies and Scottish Highland Dancing.



Sunday 7th August 2016

Breakfast between 6.30am and 9.00am

Tea and coffee on arrival to conference at 10.00am

Sandwich Lunch in Hotel

Tea and coffee

3 course dinner with tea and coffee in Hotel, entertainment - Scottish Ceilidh

Monday 8th August 2016

Breakfast between 6.30am and 8.00am

Bus to Tim Olivers, East Farm, Offthewall, Great Whittington, Newcastle upon Tyne. Tim has 80 Belties and White Galloways also pedigree Shorthorns and Alan McClymont, Kirkstead, Yarrow, Selkirk, Alan has 40 Black Galloway cows with followers and 2000 Blackface ewes.

Lunch

Travel to Edinburgh for shopping in Princess Street and sightseeing for 2-3 hours before attending the world famous Edinburgh Tattoo (delegates to get own evening meal).

Tuesday 9th August 2016

Breakfast between 6.30am and 8.00am

Bus to Mr D Bertie's Mochrum herd at Old Place of Mochrum, Port William, Newton Stewart, his 60 cow herd is one of the oldest established herds in the Belted Galloway herd book and then to Klondyke Farms Ltd, Shancastle, Moniaive, Thornhill, where Farm Manager Mr Scott McKinnon will show you Klondyke Estate and the 100 pure Black Galloway cows and 450 cross cows also 500 cross bred sheep.

Lunch at Mochrum

Evening meal at Klondyke

Wednesday 10th August 2016

Breakfast between 6.30am and 8.00am

Bus to Robert Ross, Speddoch & Muil, 45 Belted Galloway cows at Speddoch and 20 cows at Muil, also a total of 1170 Blackface ewes grazing 2800 acres in total. Then on to Jim and Selina Ross, Romesbeoch, Shawhead, Dumfries 23 Black Galloway cows, 140 cross bred cows and 550 ewes. Lunch will be served at Drumlanrig Castle, home of the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry. The Duke is President of the Galloway Cattle Society and member of the Belted Galloway Society. The Castle is steeped in History and you will be shown round the Castle and learn about its 600 year history, also to be seen is the Buccleuch Collection which is particularly renowned for its furniture and for its silver. Last farm of the day, John and Anne Finlay, Blackcraig, Corsock, Castle Douglas 120 Black Galloway cows and 720 Blackface Sheep

Lunch at Drumlanrig Castle

Conference finishes - delegates to get own evening meal.

We do hope you will be able to join us. The costs are as follows:-

Gretna Hall Hotel – Single Room (1 Person) = £45 per night, including full Scottish Breakfast

Double/Twin Room (2 Persons) = £70 per night per room, including full Scottish Breakfast

Please book your own hotel room directly with the Hotel, info@gretnahallhotel.com quoting "Galloway" to receive the discounted rate. Please advise the hotel of any dietary requirements.

The Cost of the congress will be £280 per person, please complete the enclosed Application form and return by the 31st March 2016 and be fully paid by 30th April 2016. Payment to UK Galloway World Congress, Sort Code 83-17-05 Account no 00633017. BIC – RBOS GB2L, IBAN – GB42 RBOS 831705 00633017. All buses, meals (except two) and entertainment is included.

2015 Annual Meeting

So, over the past year, you've tossed around several ideas about marketing Galloway cattle, but haven't moved beyond the 'thinking' stage. There's a solution for that! The Annual Business meeting of the American Galloway Breeders' Association. The annual meeting always opens the floor to new business, and it's very important that you share your great ideas with your fellow AGBA members and Directors.

Or maybe you have a recommendation for advertising in your region. Since different areas of the country are characterized by different production models and forage resources, we can't approach advertising from a One Size Fits All standpoint.

Please don't sit on the sidelines. Come join the crowd at this year's NILE Galloway show and Annual Meeting.

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The Horse Seller

From Cowboy Humor website

The seller said, There's something you should know about the horse. He stops running when you say, 'Amen,' and he starts running when you say, 'Praise the Lord.' "No problem," the other man said, "I'll take him."

The man began to ride away on the horse. He decided to test the horse. "Amen," he said, and the horse stopped on the road just as the other man had said. "Praise the Lord!" The horse took off running like mad. The rider held on as tight as he could. As he noticed they were racing towards a cliff, he began screaming, "Stop!!! Stop, you stupid horse!! Whoah!!!" Nothing worked. So he began praying, "Dear God, PLEASE let the horse stop! PLEASE!!! AMEN!" The horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. With great enthusiasm and joy the man screamed, "PRAISE THE LORD!!!"

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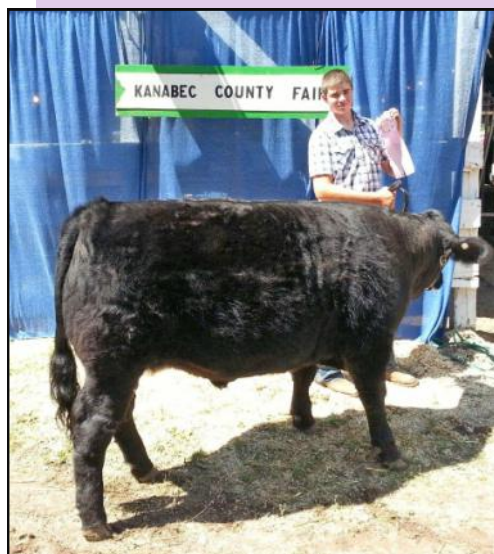
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Minnesota 4-Hers Excel With Galloway Influenced Cattle

Two Mora, MN youths garnered excellent results at the Kanabec County Fair this year. Eli Berry, Berry Ranch Galloways, reports that Brady Strand entered a Galloway-cross heifer in the 4-H Breeding Beef show, and a Galloway-cross steer in the 4-H Market Steer show. His heifer and steer both received Blue ribbons in the 4-H shows on Friday. His market steer claimed the prize for Rate of Gain in the 4-H show. Then on Saturday Brady entered his animals in the fair's Open show, where at least 4 other breeders were competing. His 1215# Market Steer was the Reserve Grand Champion in the open show, and his heifer placed 2nd in the commercial heifer show. Brady's steer and heifer are sired by Berry's Yosemite 65Y.



Nolan McGaw's heifer, sired by Berry's Yank 61Y, was Grand Champion Commercial heifer, as well as Reserve Grand overall heifer in the 4-H show. This heifer went on to earn the Reserve Grand Champion overall heifer in the Open show.



Brady Strand with his
Market Steer entry



Brady Strand with his
Commercial Heifer entry



Nolan McGaw with his Commercial
Heifer entry

Awesome job, Gentlemen!


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time. As you prepare to untie them, work your hand up the rope and scratch under the halter where the rope passes by the ear. It gets itchy there, and they soon realize that you have good things to offer!

Now you are ready to begin leading. Head for the water tank. A short distance is nice, as neither one of you has to get worked into a lather (depends on how many you are breaking, of course). Hopefully they will drink. The stubborn ones won't. Then we drag them to a different pen or area of the pen where some nice flakes of hay or pan of feed awaits them. When they are calm and not fighting, hopefully settling in to eat, we quietly let the rope drop. We never want them to think they got away by fighting, so the rope is dropped only when they are unaware and calm. We follow this routine for a few days. Some calves get over their anxiety easier than others. But the one thing we do to each calf regardless of their temperament, is get them in our sturdy (heavy duty) blocking chute, and wash them once they are secured. We adopted the long-handled scrub brush some years ago, as it keeps hands and arms further away from a feisty kick. We find that the process of being scrubbed all over with the scrub brush, and rinsed with running water (especially on a warm day!) does fantastic things to their fear levels. This June we were breaking 4 fall 2014 heifers. One went into that chute a petrified, panicky little lady. Once secured, she




was hosed and scrubbed... and she stood like a statue. She left that chute a little cupcake glued to our back pockets! Once they are confident in you, they may still be stubborn at leading, but they aren't trying to run away with you! Now you are at a good point for teaching them to lead respectfully.

OK... let's get busy and get this done!



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Is your tattoo letter for 2015

Stay Informed

The AGBA has an email list that is available for members to use to notify others about upcoming events such as field days, sales, shows, etc.

If you have never received an email from ***gallowaybreeders@yahoo.com***, chances are you are not on the list. SO...kindly send an email to myself, and I will see to it that you are added :)

Use this address please:
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Thanks!

Judy

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Meet Your Directors

This issue features Jody Hipsher, Cornucopia, WI.

As I write this our family is still winding down from our county fair. This year our son and nephew took 2 crossbreds and 3 purebred Galloways to the fair. As always we have a lot of people stop and ask about our cattle. It all started in 2004 when our oldest son took a Galloway heifer to the fair and people didn't know what to think. They hadn't heard of Galloways and surely hadn't ever seen one. Since then we've been plugging away each year, and now people know us and our cattle. We get to talk to folks about how our operation is run. We encourage them to come out to the farm, get a tour, see the animals and buy a steak, roast or some burger from our farm store. If they want something right away they can stop down at the local restaurant, The Village Inn, and have a Galloway burger. The response we've had from the Village Inn has been awesome. People come specifically to our little town, Cornucopia, to have one of our burgers! We've also been able to sell and rent bulls in our area, and now we're seeing more and more Galloway influenced cattle out there. It is very exciting and we can't wait to see what the cattle in our area look like in 10 years.

The most exciting news stemming from the fair is how our cross-bred market steer performed in the carcass competition. Grand Champion!! This is a great pat on the back for our farm and kids. We can't wait to tell all our customers about it. In fact, we came home from the judging today and headed out to the pasture to look at this years bull calves to see who looks good for next years fair!!

Some of our non-farmer friends can't believe that the dust from this year's fair hasn't even settled and we are already thinking and planning for next year. I think this is true of all the Galloway folks I've

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met. We are always looking forward, to promote, to grow, and to learn. Sometimes in big ways, like selling bulls and showing in Billings or Denver. Sometimes in small ways, like chatting with a passer-by at the fair, encouraging someone to give Galloways a shot in their operation, or posting pictures online. The important thing is that we all are doing something, big or small it's all important.

