

Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2010



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Full Blood Blonde d'Aquitaine

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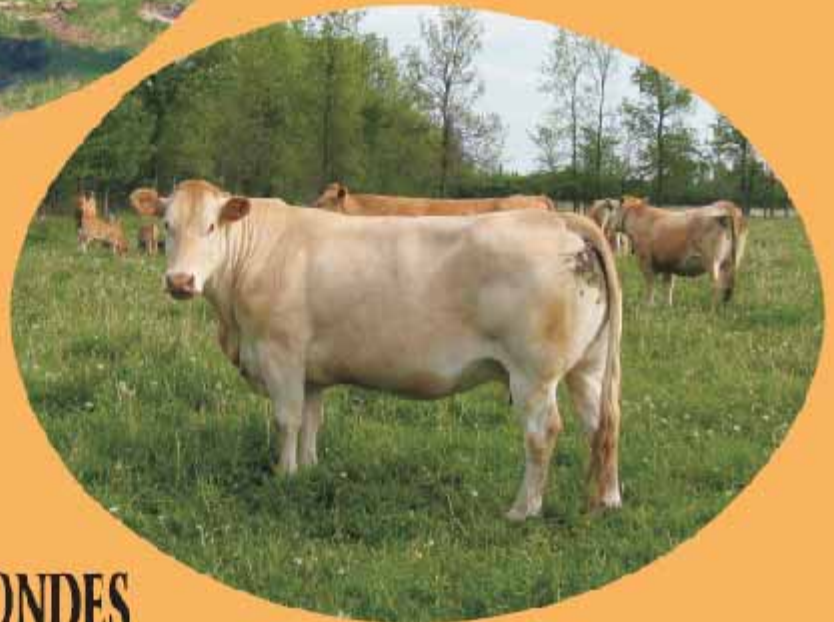
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At last, green grass in the pastures. This signals the movement of cows, calves and the bull to pasture. It marks the end of hair pulling (for DNA purposes), tattooing and spring vaccinations – a kind of freedom will reign for a couple of months.

As your president, I have been hearing rumblings from the membership regarding folks who purchased purebred bulls, bred their herd and then discovered their bull has no DNA – leaving them in a quandary when they go to register their calves. I will outline three ways to ensure this does not happen to you.

1. When you buy a purebred or percentage bull, make it a condition of purchase that the bull have DNA on file. If he has DNA on file there should be a line directly under the animal's name that states DNA DCA (6#s) on file. If you have the registration number, check him out on the CLRC website; it will be indicated if he has a DNA number.
2. Check your new bull's registration when you receive it transferred to you. If the DNA number spoken about above, does not appear on the registration, pull a hair sample (from the tail switch) and send it to SRC requesting DNA be completed. There are two ways to go here – to self just to establish a DNA or to parents. A purebred or percentage herd sire does not have to be parentage verified, he only requires DNA on file to register his offspring.
3. A third method to alleviate any problems, always purchase a registered fullblood bull, not only does he carry a DNA# but he must be parentage verified.

Whatever program you choose, never put a bull out to breed your herd without taking steps to ensure he has DNA on file. The requirement to have DNA on file on a sire before offspring can be registered to him has been in the Bylaws since 1997.

A way to solve this problem permanently would be a Bylaw change requiring that all bulls marketed as breeding bulls need to have DNA on file and preferably parentage DNA. This, of course, needs to be put forward as an amendment to our current Bylaws which, in turn, would be voted upon at an Annual General Meeting of the membership.

Here's hoping that your calves wean well and may your herd still have all their RFID tags when you bring them in! ■

Myrna Flesch

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"Keeping the Commercial Man in Mind"

Notice of Annual General Meeting

TAKE NOTICE that the 36th Annual Meeting of the Members of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association will be at Olds, Alberta on Sunday, November 21, 2010. Registration at 9:00 a.m. Call to Order at 9:45 a.m.

- For the purpose of receiving: Reports of the Officers and the Financial Statements of the Association for 2009.
- For the appointment of Auditors
- For the election of Directors
- For the transaction of such other business as may come before the Meeting

Annual Meeting 2010
Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association
Olds, Alberta - November 21, 2010
For information, contact:
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Resolutions

Anyone who wishes to propose any changes to the Bylaws must do so before September 10, 2010. Before any proposed change can be considered, it must be sent out by the Association with the official call for the Annual Meeting at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Please submit proposals for enactment, amendments or repeal of bylaws to the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association, c/o Box 334, Stavely, Alberta, T0L 1Z0 with the signatures of two members before September 10, 2010. The membership will consider proposed changes at the Annual Meeting. Any additions or changes need a 2/3 majority to pass. If you have any questions or need help in wording, please call: Ron MacArthur at (506) 382-6630.

Nominations

At the Annual Meeting this year there will be five (5) director's positions up for nomination. The terms of Murphy Baker, Myrna Flesch, Marcel Lachance, Ken MacKenzie, and John Plas are up. You may nominate someone before September 10, 2010 by calling Ron MacArthur at (506) 382-6630. If you are nominating someone, it is wise to talk to that person to confirm that he/she is a paid-up member of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association and if that person should be willing to allow his/her name to stand. Two of the positions will be for one year terms and three will be for three year terms.

AVIS DE CONVOCATION - Veuillez prendre note que la trente-sixième Assemblée générale annuelle de la Société canadienne Blonde d'Aquitaine aura lieu à Olds, Alberta le dimanche, 21 Novembre 2010. Inscription @ 9h00 Convocation @ 9h45

- Pour but de recevoir les rapports des administrateurs et les états financiers de la Société pour 2009.
- Pour but de nommer des vérificateurs
- Pour but de nommer des administrateurs
- Pour la transaction de toutes autres affaires concernant la Société

Assemblée générale annuelle 2010
Société canadienne Blonde d'Aquitaine
Olds, Alberta - 21 Novembre 2010
Pour de plus amples renseignements,
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Résolutions

Toute personne voulant proposer des changements à la Constitution doit soumettre leur(s) résolution(s) avant le 10 Septembre 2010. Avant de pouvoir considérer tout changement, la proposition doit être envoyée aux membres en règle de la Société au moins 30 jours avant l'AGA. Veuillez s'il vous plaît soumettre toute proposition à la Société canadienne Blonde d'Aquitaine, a/s Box 334, Stavely, Alberta, T0L 1Z0. Toute proposition doit comprendre la signature de deux (2) membres en règle et doit être reçue avant le 10 Septembre 2010. Toute proposition sera discutée lors de l'AGA. Une majorité de 2/3 est nécessaire pour porter une addition ou un changement à toute proposition. Si vous avez des questions ou avez besoin de l'aide à rédiger votre proposition, communiquer avec Ron MacArthur au (506) 382-6630.

Nominations

Lors de l'AGA 2009, les postes de cinq (5) administrateurs doivent être comblés. Les mandats de Murphy Baker, Myrna Flesch, Marcel Lachance, Ken MacKenzie, et John Plas prennent fin. Vous pouvez nommer quelqu'un avant le 10 Septembre 2010 en communiquant avec Ron MacArthur au (506) 382-6630. Si vous nommez quelqu'un, il est avisé de confirmer que cette personne est membre en règle de la Société et que cette personne veut se présenter. Deux des positions seront pour des limites d'un an et trois seront pour des limites de trois ans.

Footrot Can Cripple Herd Performance

Footrot continues to be a problem facing the beef industry that costs U.S. producers millions of dollars in losses annually. A study at the University of Nebraska estimated the cost of footrot is \$120 for each animal affected. Losses come from decreased performance, reduced value or condemnation of carcass, and costs related to antimicrobial treatment and labor. The condition is rarely fatal, but it can have a drastic impact on the bottom line.

The most common cause of footrot is the bacterium *Fusobacterium necrophorum*, an organism commonly found in the digestive tract of cattle. This same bug has also been identified as causing liver abscesses.

Footrot usually starts from an injury to the area between the toes. The first clinical signs are swelling and lameness in one or more feet. Reduced appetite, reduced milk production and poor weight gain are secondary effects.

"One of the biggest misconceptions about footrot is that cattle have to have an open cut or wound on the foot in order for the infection to enter their system," said Mike Moore, DVM, professional services veterinarian, Novartis Animal Health. "The fact is, simple bruising provides an opportunity for the bacteria to proliferate in the area and cause infection."

Footrot often occurs after cattle encounter stones, frozen or dried mud, or other abrasive surfaces in pens or pastures. Prolonged wet periods with continual exposure to mud and manure

will make cattle more prone to footrot.

However, Moore notes that this disease is not just a seasonal threat. "Many people believe that cattle are only susceptible to footrot in wet, muddy conditions in late winter and early spring," he said. "It's true this time of year produces a high incidence of footrot. But those muddy surfaces dry and harden in warmer weather, leaving uneven terrain that can easily promote bruising and abrasions. The risk of cattle contracting footrot is really present year-round."

Footrot causes an estimated 75 percent of all lameness diagnosed in beef cattle and can be detrimental to a herd's health and an operation's profits. Based on The University of Nebraska study that estimates the cost of footrot to be \$120 per head, the total cost of even a small percentage of cases is high. In a 500-head herd, for example, footrot would cost \$3,000 if just five percent (25 cattle) of the herd were infected. The good news for producers is that vaccination is available for only \$2 per head, which means vaccinating the entire 500-head herd (\$1,000 in this



example) still saves the producer \$2,000 annually.

After doing the math, vaccination is obviously the best defense against footrot. "Vaccinating for footrot is more than a good management practice; it's a wise economic decision," said Moore. "The cost to vaccinate every head still saves you money, even if the incidence of footrot is less than five percent."

To protect against footrot, Moore recommends vaccinating with Fusogard® because it's the only *F. necrophorum* bacterin designed, developed and manufactured specifically for cattle. "Field studies have demonstrated its safety and effectiveness against severe, highly virulent bacteria challenges when the labeled two-dose administration procedure is followed." ■

Cattle Network

Promote Your Product – Brand It!

By registering your purebred animals you are both promoting and branding your product. Each animal bearing your operation's name and tattoo identifies and advertises your breeding program. In addition, registrations and transfers are the lifeline of your Association. Your support is essential.

And remember the Website Marketplace - A place you can advertise your cattle, embryos, semen, hay or other items.

www.canadianblondeassociation.ca



As Host of the Annual General Meeting of the
Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association,
 the Alberta Blonde d'Aquitaine Association invites you to
 participate in the events that will take place in Olds, Alberta
 during the Canadian National from November 19 - 21, 2010.



CONTACTS

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday Nov 19	8 am – Noon	Arrival & Stalling of cattle
	7 – 10 pm	Hospitality Suite at Olds Best Western
Saturday Nov 20	10 am – Noon	National Blonde d'Aquitaine Show; Female Section
	Noon – 1 pm	Lunch sponsored by the Alberta Blonde Association
	1 – 2 pm	National Blonde d'Aquitaine Show; Male Section
	2 – 4 pm	Pre-Sale Hospitality sponsored by the Alberta Blonde Assoc. Cash Bar.
	4 – 6 pm	National Blonde d'Aquitaine Sale
Sunday Nov 21	7 pm - 12 am	Banquet at Olds Royal Canadian Legion; 5241 – 46 Street.
	10 am – Noon	National Blonde d'Aquitaine Annual General Meeting
	Noon – 1 pm	Lunch
	1 – 3 pm	National Blonde d'Aquitaine Annual General Meeting continued
	4 pm	Release of cattle following meeting; stalls must stay intact until this time.

NEED HELP GETTING CATTLE TO THE SHOW?

If you are from out of province, and require assistance to send cattle to the National Show & Sale, please contact Reed Rigney at (780) 348-5308. We can help make arrangements to house the animals prior to the event as well as transport them to, and, provide help at the show. All services will be billed at cost.

For those unsure of their clipping skills, a crew will be available on Friday, November 19 to clip cattle for a fee.

BANQUET/AGM MEALS

Please indicate how many people will be attending these meals when you enter your cattle. If you are unsure at time of entry or are not entering cattle, **please send your meal package by November 1, 2010.** The registration form can be found on the Alberta Blonde d'Aquitaine Association's website at www.albertablondcattle.com.

Late registrations will be accepted, however, it is helpful to know the numbers in advance to plan events, meals, etc. Children under the age of ten may attend the banquet free of charge.

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITING IN THE SHOW & SALE SHOW CLASSES ENTRY FORMS

Available on the Alberta website
www.albertablondcattle.com
 or by contacting Reed Rigney
 directly at 780-348-5308

Sale Entries Close - Friday October 8, 2010
 Show Entries Close - Friday October 8, 2010



Comme centre serveur de l'assemblée générale ordinaire de l'association blonde canadienne de d'Aquitaine, l'association blonde de d'Aquitaine d'Alberta vous invite à participer aux événements qui auront lieu dans Olds, Alberta pendant le national canadien à partir des 19-21 novembre 2010.



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PROGRAMME DES ÉVÉNEMENTS

19 novembre	8 am	Midi Arrivée et attribution des places.
	7 – 10 pm	conduite a l'hotel " Olds Best Western
20 novembre	10 am	Section Femelle Blonde d'Aquitaine
	Midi – 1 pm	Dejeuner offert par l'association Blonde d'Aquitaine de l'Alberta
	1 – 2 pm	Section male Blonde d'Aquitaine
	2 – 4 pm	Apperitif offert par l'association Blonde d'Aquitaine de l'Alberta
	4 – 6 pm	Vente des animaux du national Blonde d'Aquitaine
	7 pm - 12 am	Banquet au Olds Royal Canadian Legion ; rue 5241 - 46.
21 novembre	10 am	Assemble general de l'association Blonde d'Aquitaine
	Midi – 1 pm	Déjeuner
	1 – 3 pm	Suite de l'Assemble general
	4 pm	Depart et demontage des stands seulement après l'Assemble general

Avez vous besoin d'aide pour s'occuper de vos animaux avant le National Blonde d'Aquitaine?

Si vous êtes hors de la province, et avez besoin de l'aide pour envoyer vos animaux au national Blonde d'aquitaine; vous pouvez rentrer en contact avec Mrs Rigney tubulaire (780) à 348-5308. Nous pouvons trouver des arrangements pour loger et fournir de l'aide à la presentation des animaux. Tous les services seront affichés ainsi que leurs couts.

**Pour les eleveurs n'ayant pas tondu leurs animaux, une equipe pourra se charger de la tonte le vendredi 19 novembre moyennent honoraire.

REPAS et BANQUET/AGM

Veuillez indiquer combien de personnes assisteront à ces repas quand vous présentez vos bétail. Si vous êtes incertain de venir dessis la période de l'entrée ou ne présentez pas des bétail, envoyez **svp votre reponse pour le repas pour le 1er novembre 2010**. La fiche peut être trouvée sur le site Web de l'association blonde de d'Aquitaine d'Alberta chez www.albertablondcattle.com. Des enregistrements en retard seront acceptés, cependant, il est utile de savoir le nombre de personne, d'enfant ainsi que leur age* à l'avance afin de permettre une bonne organisations *en dessous de dix ans ils peuvent assister au banquet gratuitement.

LE RÈGLEMENTS POUR LA PRESENTATIONS DES ANIMAUX DANS L'EXPOSITION ET LA VENTE VEUILLEZ INDIQUER DANS AUEL CATEGORIES SE TROUVENT LES ANIMAUX

Disponible sur le site Web d'Alberta www.albertablondcattle.com ou par Reed Rigney entrant en contactant directement à 780-348-5308

La fin des ventes des places pour la participations aux concours et a la vente aura lieu le vendredi 8 octobre 2010.

National canadien - hôtel officiel de centre serveur

Best Western Olds - (403) 556-5900

Il y a un ensemble de salles réservées au the Best Western jusqu'au 1er novembre 2010. Veuillez vous référer à l'association Blonde d'Aquitaine en réservant. Le prix d' une salle est de \$104.99 pour la double occupation. Les salles comportent une machine a cafe, un réfrigérateur, un micro-onde, et l'accès a internet (ADSL). L'hôtel a également un centre de remise en forme, une piscine, un Jacuzzi, le petit déjeuner est compris dans le prix, et un restaurant est a votre disposition.



Canadian National - Official Host Hotel

Best Western Olds - (403) 556-5900

There is a block of rooms reserved at the Best Western until **November 1, 2010**. Please refer to the **Blonde National** when booking. Rooms are \$104.99 plus tax based on double occupancy. Rooms feature a coffee maker, refrigerator, microwave, and highspeed internet access. The hotel also has a fitness centre, pool, hot tub, complimentary continental breakfast, and Boston Pizza.

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BULLS FOR SALE



PHOTO CONTEST!

Photo Contest Judge, Kathleen Windsor, is pleased to announce the latest winner of our Photo Contest (see left). Kirk McGee of Rondakk Acres, Codrington, Ontario, took this shot of Rondakk Kirk's Xabrina, taking a brave walk away from the herd to check out the guy with the camera!

The winning entry now gives Kirk a \$25 credit towards his next fullblood or purebred registration.

The Photo Contest Judging Criteria is on the Association website. We also post all winners on the website. We accept photos all year long, so make sure you get your pictures to us.

This also makes a great 4-H project. Talk to your 4-H leader today!



**Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association
2010 National Meeting, Show & Sale
November 19 - 21, 2010
Olds Agricultural Society Fairgrounds - Olds, Alberta**

Sponsorships

\$500

Friday Night Hospitality

\$250

Grand Champion Female
Res. Grand Champion Female
Grand Champion Male
Res. Grand Champion Male

\$200

Premier Breeder
Premier Exhibitor

\$100

Calf Champion Female
Reserve Calf Champion Female
Junior Champion Female
Res. Junior Champion Female
Senior Champion Female
Res. Senior Champion Female
Calf Champion Male
Res. Calf Champion Male
Junior Champion Male
Res. Junior Champion Male
Senior Champion Male
Res. Senior Champion Male
Breeders Herd
Get of Sire



Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available!

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Little Creek Blondes - Dave & Janet Kamelchuk

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Spruce Vale Blondes - Steve & Shirley Jackson

West Wind Blondes - Shirley Bilton & Myrna Flesch

Willow Springs Stock Farm - Reed & Michelle Rigney

**Sponsorships will be filled on a first come first serve basis,
so book your sponsorship today!**

**Please check our website, or contact us directly for additional information
on attending or participating in the 2010 National Show & Sale.**

Alberta Blonde d'Aquitaine Association

Contact Reed Rigney, Westlock, AB

Phone: 780-348-5308 ... E-Mail: aba@clearwave.ca

Website: www.albertablondcattle.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

July 23 - 25	Lakefield Fair	Ontario
August 6 - 8	Campbellford Fair	Ontario
August 13	Stirling Fair	Ontario
August 18 & 19	Hastings County Plowing Match Hosted by the Robinson Farm on Blessington Road	Hastings County
August 29	OBdAA Annual Family Day Picnic. Hosted by Crystal Farms, Paul & Mary Ellen Ferguson	Jasper, Ontario
August 28 & 29	Coe Hill Fair	Ontario
September 1	Fall 2010 Newsletter Deadline	
September 3 - 6	Kinmount Fair	Ontario
September 11	Orono Fair	Ontario
September 12	Warkworth Fair	Ontario
September 14 - 16	Canada's Outdoor Farm Show	Ontario
September 21 - 25	International Plowing Match	St. Thomas, ON
September 25 - 26	Lindsay Central Fair	Ontario
October 1 - 3	Bobcaygeon Fair	Ontario
October 1 - 3	Roseneath Fair	Ontario
October 8	National Show & Sale entry deadline	
October 16	OBdAA's 10th Annual Cream of the Crop Sale, 4 pm	Hoards Station, ON
November 19 - 21	2010 National Meeting, Show & Sale	Olds Agricultural Society Exhibition Grounds - Olds, AB

Length Of Breeding Season Does Matter

A research analysis of 394 ranch observations from the Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico SPA (standardized performance analysis) data set provided insight into the age old argument about "leaving the bull out" or having a defined breeding season. Oklahoma State University and Texas A&M Agricultural Economists published the findings of this research in 2005. (Parker, et al. 2005. Journal of Agriculture and Applied Economics. Vol. 37; August issue).

They found a positive relationship between number of days of the breeding season and the production cost per hundredweight of calf weaned. Also they reported a negative relationship between number of days of the breeding season and pounds of calf weaned per cow per year. The data suggested that for each day the breeding season was lengthened, the annual cost of producing a hundred pounds of weaned calf increased by 4.7 cents and pounds of calf weaned per cow per year decreased by 0.158 pounds.

The range of breeding seasons in the data set was from extremely short (less than one month) to 365 days or continuous presence of the bull.

The trend lines that resulted from the analysis of the data give us an opportunity to evaluate the economic importance of a defined breeding season. The producer that leaves the bull out year-round (365 days) would sell 45.82 fewer pounds of calf per cow per year on the average than producers with a 75 day breeding season. That same producer would have \$13.63 greater costs per hundredweight of weaned calf than the producer that used a 75 day breeding season. Length of the breeding season does matter. ■

Source: Glenn Selk, Oklahoma State University Extension Cattle Reproduction Specialist



Nouvelles de 'Association Blonde d'Aquitaine du Québec

Soumis par Maureen Landry

VOICI LES DATES DES EXPOSITIONS 2010:

Expo St-Hyacinthe : 22 juillet au 1er août Expo Québec : 18 au 29 août
Expo Richmond : 9 au 12 septembre Expo Bœuf Victo : 8, 9 et 10 octobre



Vous êtes intéressé à exposer des animaux et de participer aux jugements, veuillez contacter Clémence Landry au 819 336-5503.

RECHERCHÉ

L'association du Québec a été fondée il y a 26 ans, et nous planifions de célébrer cet anniversaire en réunissant les anciens et les nouveaux membres. Anciens souvenirs et nouvelles idées réunis ensemble, ça promet pour des retrouvailles très intéressantes. L'événement aura lieu le 7 août 2010 et nous recherchons des anciens éleveurs que nous n'aurions plus les coordonnées, si vous êtes parmi ceux-ci, veuillez communiquer avec Linda Cyr au 819-986-7581 ou Maureen Landry au 819-336-3966.

ENCAN SILENCIEUX 2010

Dans le cadre de l'Expo Bœuf 2010, en octobre à Victoriaville, nous pourrions avoir un Encan Silencieux de vente de sujets Blonde d'Aquitaine « FullBlood » après le jugement. Les éleveurs intéressés à y participer doivent donner leurs noms à Pierre Léger au 450-267-9160 ou Maureen Landry au 819-336-3966 avant le 30 juin 2010. Un minimum de 10 sujets pour que l'encan ait lieu.

Nous aurons besoin d'avoir les noms des éleveurs ainsi que le certificat d'enregistrement et photo des animaux à vendre avant le 15 septembre 2010 pour préparer le livret de vente. ■

Clémence Landry, présidente

Quebec Fairs

UPCOMING SHOWS:

Expo St-Hyacinthe: July 22 - August 1 Expo Québec: August 18 - 29
Expo Richmond: September 9 - 12 Expo Bœuf Victo: October 8, 9 and 10

If you are interested in entering animals to any of these shows, please contact Clémence Landry to the 819-336-5503.

SEEKING

The Blonde Association of Quebec was founded 26 years ago, and we plan to celebrate this birthday by joining together the old ones and the new members. Old memories and new ideas joined together, that promises for very interesting meeting again. The event will take place on August 7, 2010 and we invite former breeders whose addresses and phone numbers we no longer have. If you are among those, contact Linda Cyr at 819.986-7581 or Maureen Landry at 819.336-3966.

SILENT AUCTION

Within the framework of Expo Boeuf 2010, in October at Victoriaville, we will have a Silent Auction Sale of Blonde d'Aquitaine "FullBlood" animals following the show. If you are interested, contact Pierre Leger to the 450-267-9160 or Maureen Landry to the 819-336-3966 before June 30, 2010. A minimum of 10 head will be required for the auction to take place.

We will need to have the names of the breeders as well as the certificate of registration and photographs of the animals for sale before September 15, 2010 to prepare the sale catalogue. ■

Clémence Landry, President

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VOLUNTEER ON THE BOARD



Election of officers will take place at the AGM. If you would like to let your name stand for the Board of Directors, or would like to make a nomination, please contact:

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Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

To access the Members Only section on the website, contact a Board member for the password. This page features Board meeting minutes, and minutes & committee reports from the AGM.

News from Man/Sask

Submitted by Pat Filz

The Man/Sask Board Meeting and the Annual Meeting were both scheduled and conducted on April 2, 2010 in Brandon.

The Terms of the President and Vice President had expired and elections were called.

President David Chevalier and Vice President Pat Filz were elected for a three (3) year term unanimously.

The Following is the current Board:

David Chevalier President
 David Gerega Past President
 Pat Filz Vice President
 Janice Ducharme Secretary
 Marcel Dufault Treasurer

The Man/Sask website is in the process of being built and should be up and running soon. Look for updates in a future newsletter.

We made a donation to the McNeven Family and the 4-H Club and had our display out at the Holland Beef Days.

We have re-scheduled our newsletter the Blonde Bullet to come out on



December 15th instead of trying to get it done during calving season.

From November 17 to 19 a group of cattlemen are chartering a bus in order to take in a "Cattlemen's Field Trip" to Miles, Montana. There will be a discussion (or seminar) on making your animals more efficient, a trip to a rotational grazing area with discussion on that, plus a visit to a feedlot. For more information, please phone Simone at 204-837-6572. They would like 47 people to register in order to keep costs as low as possible.

Once again we participated in the 2009-2010 Performance Program. This year we had six (6) assigned for valuation.

There were only four (4) Blonde Bulls offered for sale at Douglas Test Station on April 3, 2010. We hope to have more at the next sale in April 2011.

The Best All Around Plaque went to Forty Acre Blondes.

On behalf of the Man/Sask Association we wish everyone a safe and healthy summer. ■

Semen & Embryos For Sale!

BLONDE D'AQUITAINE SEMEN

Whistley Dollar 10
 Hanover Special 20
 Royal Tradition II 5B 30
 Marmac's Mr. Claude 10X 1
 Majesty of the Alps 28
 Gelstar 817X T 13
 Marmac's Cagney 27C 9
 Clare-Ell Max 49C 20
 Nature's Topper 011C 2
 MVF Cracker Jack 80E 24
 MVF Strawbuster 25F 10
 MVF Grandeur 04G 51

BLONDE D'AQUITAINE SEMEN

Jaguar 16
 Gelstar 801 XT 14
 D.J. X-Radiation 6
 D.J. Yankee 38Y 17
 Sandbrook Vincent 15
 Canadian Rocky 1
 DJ Zambuca 9
EMBRYOS
 Walker Maybelle Max 2
RED ANGUS
 Zak Track Special 55F 2
 MP Mr. High Flyer 1Y 9

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The Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association Bylaws and Code of Ethics are posted on the website.
www.canadianblondeassociation.ca

News from Ontario

Submitted by Ilse Vink

The Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association had its Annual General Meeting on May 15th, 2010. Attendance was down, but one of the members in attendance reported they had not received the official notice mailed out in April, and only knew about the meeting through word-of-mouth. It is hoped no one missed the meeting because of a similar situation. It was an excellent meeting nonetheless. The president was not in attendance, but Ian Krus stepped up to the plate as Vice-President, and very ably led the meeting.



Along with the usual business to be attended to, we had an excellent presentation by Paul Ferguson about EPDs. Paul has been gathering info on his herd for 25 years, and his animals show he knows what to do with the numbers he gathers. He explained what letters such as AWW stood for (Adjusted Weaning Weight!), and how the numbers for each category were arrived at. He also presented examples of how the numbers can be used to make breeding decisions for one's herd.

Ian Krus brought home movies for our entertainment. The movies were about Blonde breeders in France, where Ian and Jenny and their girls spent some time this spring. In France Blondes keep their horns, and bulls have two chains that are hooked around the base of the horns and lead to a nose ring. We saw how this can be used to control the animal, also in the showing.

Elections were held near the end of the meeting. Carmen Morris was replaced by John Plas as President. Brian Down, Sheila McNevan, and John Vink also retired from the board, and were replaced by Murphy Baker, Allan Plumton, and Jason Van Tol. They join Sheldon Asselstine, Paul Ferguson, and Ian Krus already on the board.

After the meeting was adjourned, members could stay for an excellent buffet supper served at the restaurant above the meeting room.

The next OBdAA event will be the Annual Family Day Picnic on August 29th, at 1 p.m., hosted by Crystal Farms, owned by Paul and MaryEllen Ferguson & family, in Jasper, ON. Paul and MaryEllen have invited a veterinarian to give a presentation about vaccinations, and hope to see all OBdAA members there. ■

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News from Alberta

Submitted by Reed Rigney

Mark your calendar for the 2010 National Show, Sale & AGM in Olds, Alberta November 19-21.



Some information is included in this newsletter, however, complete rules for the show and sale, dates, hotels, entry forms, etc. are available for download on the Canadian and Alberta websites.

We can also e-mail, fax or mail the entry information directly to you (contact Reed Rigney 780-348-5308). Just a reminder that the deadline for Show & Sale entries will be October 8th, 2010. We also need some more sponsorships to be filled in order make this a top notch event; there is a list of sponsorships available in our advertisement elsewhere in this publication, so please take the time to read it. Again I remind those of you coming from a further distance, we would be happy to help you with the care of your animals prior to, and during the show. We will also have a clipping and grooming crew available for those who are not comfortable doing the work themselves. It's going to be a great event, and I hope to see many of you there.

Alberta Bull Test final results (including carcass ultrasound) are available on our website. If you don't have computer access, we can mail or fax results directly to you. Topping the test was a polled Purebred Chevland Trombone son consigned by Shambani Blondes at 4.21 lbs/day and a 135 index. Spruce Vale Blondes of Westeros had the second high gainer; a polled Purebred West Winds Reno 13R son gaining 3.40 lbs/day with a 114 index. A bull from Willow Springs Stock Farm led in the weight per day of age category; the horned fullblood son of Triple C Evader had a WPDA of 3.40 and indexed 115. The test gain topper from Shambani Blondes was next with a WPDA of 3.37 for a 114 index. Thank you to all those who contributed bulls, and those who inquired and/or purchased bulls from the test group. If you are interested in any of the test bulls please contact the individual consignors.

Our 2010 field day will held at Willow Springs Stock Farm (Reed & Michelle Rigney) near Westlock, AB on Saturday June 26th. It is basically just a day to relax, look at a few cattle and enjoy some good discussion and company. If you are interested in attending, please call Reed Rigney at 780-348-5308 for more information. ■

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TATTOO LETTER FOR 2010 IS "X"

Bull Tests are complete

Bull Tests are now complete. Bulls were tested at Douglas Station in Ontario, Douglas Station in Manitoba, at Cattleland Feedyards, and at West Wind Blondes in Alberta.

**Want to see results from
this year's Bull Tests?**

Visit the Canadian Blondes website at
www.canadianblondeassociation.ca

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If you have e-mail but are still receiving your newsletter by Canada Post, please send the CLRC your e-mail address. This will save us postage, envelopes, printing, and labour costs. More importantly, it will help us "BE GREEN". Every little bit helps!



Friendly reminders on ad deadlines for the quarterly newsletter are sent to members with e-mail addresses. If you do not have an e-mail address, mark your calendar today, and get your ad to us this coming September. You'll be glad you did!

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MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Distribution Date</u>
Fall	September 1	September 15
Winter	December 1	December 15
Spring	March 1	March 15
Summer	June 1	June 15

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REPAIRING BROKEN LEGS ON CALVES

BY ROY LEWIS DVM

Contrary to what producers think most broken legs can be repaired economically and with a very good prognosis. This article will outline what procedures are done for different locations of broken legs and what affects the final prognosis. Several times each spring I receive calls from producers over broken legged calves. We discuss the location of the break how big the calf is etc., and they are often a bit shocked when I say it can be repaired with up to a 90% success rate. Young calves are growing rapidly putting down lots of bone so healing is in our favor.

Most breaks of course happen right around calving. It used to be we would see a lot of pulling injuries. These breaks generally occur just above the fetlock and are crushing injuries sometimes resulting in damage to the blood supply to the lower leg which worsens prognosis. Fortunately, most producers are being more diligent about pulling. Especially with harder pulls make sure and double loop the chains. This spreads out the force and minimizes any possibility of breaking a leg. We now see very few pulling breaks.

The lower down the break (either the front or back legs) the easier it is to repair. Any breaks below the hock on the back legs or carpus on the front legs are generally cast. The beauty these days is fiberglass cast material allows veterinarians to apply a cast that is lightweight, extremely strong and waterproof. Experience teaches us to put on the right amount of cast padding to prevent pressure sores developing and to have the leg set in a natural slightly bent

position. Most of these calves have the cast cut off in three to four weeks resulting in complete healing. The majority of breaks occur lower down from calves being stepped on. This cast material will support the weight of any calves right up to mature weight. We just use more material creating a slightly thicker cast on larger cattle. Make sure and follow your veterinarian's directions diligently as to the time of removal. Young calves if cast too long will literally start to grow out of the cast creating large pressure sores. To avoid confusion we mark with a large black felt right on the cast the day we want the calf returned to the clinic for cast removal.

You want to have calves with broken legs attended to as soon as possible. They are an emergency. Calves by trying to stand on a broken leg run the risk of the bone compounding out through the skin. The rubbing of the broken ends against each other scrapes off the periosteum (thin outer surface of the bone), which is where bone deposition comes from. For very unstable breaks: during transport they can be protected by a towel or disposable diaper wrapped around the site. Compound breaks must have the wound covered over and have minimum contamination. If straw, dirt, etc., has gotten in the wound the prognosis for saving the leg is very grim indeed.

For breaks higher up the legs Thomas shroeder splints are often applied by veterinarians. These splints are commonly used on tibial breaks and less commonly on radius and ulnar breaks. These splints immobilize the joints

below and above the break and the calf simply drags the splint around until healing has occurred. Keep a close eye on these calves for a few days as it takes that long for some calves to learn how to lie down and get up with the splint on.

A big word of caution in very cold weather (15 below C or colder); be cognizant of the fact these calves may not be able to lay down properly with their legs under their bodies. These exposed limbs are very subject to frostbite even though the cast or splint provides some insulative value, they may need to be kept in over the cold nights.

Fortunately breaks very high on the limbs seldom happen, and they are very difficult to repair. Femoral breaks require internal fixation in the form of pins and wires or plates. These are more costly procedures, as anesthetic with surgery is necessary. Valuable purebred calves or pet animals are where these challenging cases get tackled. The humerus (large bone at top of front leg) can sometimes heal with very restricted pen rest. Real quiet cattle may tolerate this and can heal.

If handled properly the vast majority of broken legs will heal very well and the calf can go on to be a very productive animal. Before doing anything rash - check with your veterinarian before giving up on any calf with a broken leg regardless of its size. You will find most can be helped and I guarantee in the majority of cases you will be very pleased with the outcome.

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We send "Welcome Greetings" to the South American country of Colombia, who established a Blonde d'Aquitaine association, along with bylaws, in March this year.



New Breeder Directory

Your Board of Directors at their last Meeting made the decision to proceed with a new Breeder Directory. It is now in the final stages of preparation and will be available for distribution shortly.

Copies will be forwarded to the Provincial Associations for hand out at the various shows and fairs over the summer months.

If you are not able to get a copy from your Provincial Association, please contact:

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Temple Grandin made the list of Times 100 most influential people in the world! She is listed under the "Heroes" category. The renowned Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University was born with autism and her life story became an HBO movie called "Temple Grandin". In spite of her growing fame, Grandin continues to pursue her passion – helping the livestock industry develop and implement better ways of handling livestock.

Adapted from www. Cattlenetwork.com



Please remember to advise the CLRC of any fax number changes, email address changes or address changes.

Reminder on Transferring Bulls

It was a busy winter with many bull sales. Whether you are buying or selling, we would like to remind you that bulls sold as purebred must be transferred into the name of the buyer. This is a requirement not only of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association, but it is also a legal obligation under the Animal Pedigree Act. According to the Animal Pedigree Act, a transferred paper needs to be provided to the buyer within six months after the sale date if an animal is sold as a purebred.

Registration certificates:

- Identify the animal by its permanent mark, the tattoo.
- Identify ownership of the animal.
- Identify the three-generation pedigree of the animal.
- Are legal documents recognized by the Animal Pedigree Act.
- Are a guarantee of authenticity backed by the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association.



CBBC Business Tools

In this tough financial time when lenders are less able to give loans to agricultural producers and profit margins are tight, it is more important than ever to have a comprehensive understanding of your operation costs.

The Canadian Beef Breeds Council, an industry association that represents all of Canada's purebred beef cattle producers, has created a program that will help you analyze your cost of production along with the benchmarked average of all producers.

The program has been custom designed for Canadian purebred beef producers and the information can be shared with your accountant or bank. The CBBC program is a management tool designed to help you make critical financial decisions and it is available online:

<http://resources.canadianbeefbreeds.com>



Skimping on vaccinations often has bad outcome

By Brian Cross, Western Producer

Producers who shudder at the cost and effort involved in vaccinating their cattle were recently advised to think about fire insurance.

"Most of us are risk averse. We do things to avoid risk," veterinarian John Campbell from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine told a recent stock handlers conference in Saskatoon.

"Fire insurance? It's a terrible investment. Most of you buy fire insurance all your life, even though you'll never collect on it. But the reason you buy it is that the bad outcome that can happen is so severe and so terrible that you can't take the chance that it might happen to you, even though it's a relatively small probability. Vaccinations are a little bit like that."

Campbell said producers are more likely to forego vaccination programs when beef prices are low because they tend to be viewed as an avoidable cost rather than an insurance policy.

The stark reality hits home when infectious disease strikes.

Campbell said in one case in northeastern Saskatchewan, the owner of an otherwise well managed herd inexplicably lost 15 calves in four days.

Tests showed the calves were infected with bovine viral diarrhoea (BVD), which causes fever, nasal discharge, diarrhoea and restricted movement in newborn calves.

"The cows weren't vaccinated," Campbell said. "They had been vaccinated most other years, but they kind of fell behind that year and the cows didn't get vaccinated. The calves were infected as fetuses in their mothers' bellies. They got BVD virus and it eventually killed them."

In another case, 30 calves were found dead on a farm in east-central Saskatchewan. Post mortem exams revealed heart lesions caused by blackleg.

"The owner didn't vaccinate," Campbell said. "It wasn't worth his time and effort and he lost 30 calves because of it."

Last year, a herd of 450 cows on a farm near North Battleford, Sask., were examined before calving and 140 of them were open. Subsequent blood tests showed high levels of BVD and infectious bovine rhinotracheitis.

The acutely infectious disease usually affects the nasal and respiratory passages, but it can also cause



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reproductive problems and abortion in cows.

"The owner stopped vaccinating around 2003 when BSE hit because he thought it was going to cost him too much money."

Campbell said his message is simple: vaccinate or be prepared to face the consequences.

Vaccines confer active immunity. Unlike passive immunity, in which antibodies are passed from a source to a recipient, active immunity involves an animal actively producing its own antibodies after being exposed to an antigen.

Passive immunity is usually conferred through colostrum, which allows a calf to absorb antibodies through its gut during the first few hours of life.

Active immunity is usually the result of exposure to an infection or a vaccine.

Diseases that warrant vaccination include BVD, scours, pneumonia, leptospirosis, pinkeye and campylobacter fetus.

BVD is a particularly prominent threat in the beef industry. If a pregnant cow is infected with the virus, its fetus also becomes infected.

When that occurs, the fetus's immune system will continue to develop but it will not recognize BVD as a foreign virus.

The calf may come to term and be born normally but it will be persistently infected and immunotolerant to BVD. ■

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