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**Australian Galloway Association Inc Report
For the 2008 World Galloway Conference
Auckland, New Zealand.**

The Australian Galloway Association has seen many changes in the Galloway World in the last 10 years. Some of these changes have required major changes to be made to the structure and the direction of the Galloway Association and these have produced very positive outcomes.

The Australian Galloway Association is now an organisation that is continually evolving as it takes into account the different make up of members, of cattle types and of interests. New memberships are being received on a regular basis which indicates that the Association is offering the service wanted by new cattle breeders. Some of these changes can be seen in the changes in the membership numbers, registration and transfer figures.

YEAR	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Life Members	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	15
Full Members	48	60	60	63	62	72	70	85	81	90
School Members	1				1	2	2	2	1	1
Junior Members	1	4	3	8	5	4	2	2	2	3
Associate/Commercial Members	15	42	33	37	32	35	46	56	39	32
TOTAL	79	120	110	122	114	127	134	159	137	141

YEAR	Bull Registrations	Female Registrations	Total Registrations	Transfers
2002	39 (12%)	268	307	93
2003	57 (18%)	251	308	94
2004	62 (18%)	269	331	133
2005	48 (22%)	167	215	115
2006	63 (26%)	172	235	76
2007	47 (10%)	397	444	190

There is an interesting trend to note that the percentage of the total animals registered which are bulls is increasing every year apart from 2007 where we had a large increase in the numbers of females registered. This may be explained by the reduced size of each herd in our Association.

Australia has experienced huge extremes of weather over the past 6 months. Several areas in Australia, particularly in South Australia and Northern Victoria, are still drought declared while parts of Queensland and Northern New South Wales have experienced huge floods. **Water** is the topic of many debates with our politicians. Desalination plants, piping water from the Goulburn region of Victoria to supply Melbourne, irrigation water allocations, re-cycling waste water, etc. The outcome of some of these debates may have a dramatic affect on what and how Australian farmers produce in the future. Change can bring opportunities and we have to be willing to move with the times. Galloways are an EXTENSIVE breed and we can use this great characteristic of the breed to our advantage. Beef will need to be able to

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be produced in harsher conditions than in the past. Galloways are well known for their ability to forage on poorer pastures and yet not destroy the environment at the same time. There are numerous examples around the world of where Galloways and Belted Galloways have been used on sensitive environmental areas to encourage the growth and survival of native species of grasses.

With the increase in grain prices, many feedlots in Australia are not running at full capacity as they struggle to make a profit. This has kept a lid on store prices.

The Australian Galloway Association, while small in the comparison to many of the European and North American Galloway Associations, is in a very sound financial position and continues to grow in memberships and in the activities of its members.

Sallie Wadley has recently taken over the role of Executive Officer of the Australian Galloway Association Inc. Sallie has many years of cattle breeding experience and she and her husband Andrew run a cattle stud on their property in Northern Tasmania. If you are thinking of travelling to Australia, please contact Sallie and she will arrange to give you the contact details of our members who would welcome the opportunity to show you their cattle and great Australian hospitality.

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Canadian Galloway Association Report.

Report from the president --- Randy Kaiser

As many of you are well aware the Canadian Beef Cattle industry is right in the middle of what some are calling the perfect storm. Coupled with the blow from the lingering BSE debacle, producers in Canada are dealing with major increase in the Canadian Dollar vs our largest trading partner in the United States of America. Exporting nations like Canada and especially industries like our own do not handle these kind of economic changes well. Added to this is a major shift in the feed grain market due to the world wide demand for food quality cereals and bio fuel components. Like I said - the perfect storm for the cattle producer.

However, there are always opportunities in any difficult situation, and Galloway breeders who have not looked at their glasses as being half empty, but half full, have seen a growing number of Canadian producers showing interest in our Breed. The grain situation has been the most beneficial of all of the problems as more and more producers look to forage based rations and cattle that can handle and thrive on these type of rations. There is no better breed in the world than Galloway to take advantage of this situation handed to us.

From the point of view of this current President of the Canadian Galloway association, we need to spread out and strike while the irons are hot. "Encourage diversity" - is my personal message to all Galloway breeders; but especially those in Canada. Cattle shows are a fine way to expose our breed to the public, but production sales, beef marketing groups, steer trials, bull tests, forward thinking breeding programs and many other efforts are just as important. This industry will turn itself around, and when it does people may once again forget about the practical common sense cattle that pay bills and drag us through these tough times by their tails. In the mean time we need to do all that we can to expand our breed and keep the converted on side when times get better. There has never been as much interest in the Galloway breed in Canada as there is now. Of course it is difficult to pull the dollars we need from these folks who are suffering, but once they see the advantages of raising these hardy, maternal, productive and efficient cattle, we will have them for life.

All the best from Canada
and looking forward to the future

Randy Kaiser
President Canadian Galloway Association.

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Report from the Danish Galloway Society

Saturday 16. February 2008

In many respects the last two years have been a good and fruitful period.

First a few statistics:

At the end of 2007 the total number of Galloways in Denmark was 3521, at the end of 2005 it was 2554, a 38% growth.

2093 of the Galloways were in the herd book in 2007, 1507 in 2005, a 39% growth. That makes Galloway number 8 out of 16 beef cattle races in Denmark constituting 3.2% of Danish beef cattle in herd books.

Over the same two-year period the number of members in the Danish Galloway Society has grown from 81 to 104 (pt. 106). Around half of the Danish galloway breeders are members of the Danish Galloway Society.

It has been a pretty profitable business to be a galloway breeder over the past two years. Meat prices have been high, feed prices low except for the last quarter where cereal prices went up. Fortunately, most of our galloway breeders winterfeed their herds primarily with home grown feed, as hay and straw, so the price jump in cereals has a relatively weak impact on economical results. Well - in some areas straw has been difficult to get because it is increasingly used for heating in thermal power stations. So in those areas straw is becoming more expensive too.

Bluetongue is a threat. We had a single outbreak in 2007 and expect more to come this year. An EU-plan for dealing with Bluetongue is on the way.

In Denmark the different Galloway types are in the same herd book. That was a demand from the Danish Cattle Society when types other than "blacks" turned up. "Just one herd book for Galloways" they said. As compensation the type of every ancestor is written in the pedigree. That way it is possible to follow type crossings backwards through generations.

It has been difficult to motivate Galloway breeders to participate with their best animals in cattle shows. Earlier it was rare to see Galloways at shows. Over the years this situation has improved a little. There were e.g. 10 Galloways at the National Show in 2006 and 6 Galloways in 2007.

We have breeders who take breeding seriously, but most of our members have Galloways for other reasons. Maybe they just like them or they have them for environmental conservation programmes.

An important activity in our society is our annual meeting. We visit a couple of members, see their Galloways; they tell us about their farms and their handling of Galloways and we have good discussions. That way it becomes a good social activity too. We have also tried regional meetings with variable success.

The Danish Galloway Society

German Galloway Association Report

The year 2007 was signed by the bluetongue-virus, that was imported in the year 2006. The passage of the disease started in West-Germany. Until the winter 2007 the whole Federal Republic was determined.

The disease runs rapid in sheep herds and the mortality increases. In comparison to sheep the infection of the cows go slightly and the death rate in cattle population failed less than 1 %. But here are also great economic casualties.

The organisational structure of the Galloway Society was revised in the last year and adapted to the number of members. The homepage of the BDG had to be redesigned. The segment "animal market" on the BDG-homepage was revised and text offers' can be deposited now with pictures. This supply is accepted very well by the breeders. Further the segment "news and current" was constantly equipped with new information. All national important dates are written in our calendar.

Homepage topics for the future are:

- "Why BDG?" - A flyer with the basic information about the services of the BDG.
- Result tables of all German breeding shows with pictures
- Advertising of our breeders and companies
- Photo gallery
- An intern committee side for fast information

Our public work and the actuality of the reports brought in the last quarter of 2007 various new entrances for the Society.

The marketing for meat (especially Galloway) is developing in Germany positively. Increasing prices for milk and milk products should give an incentive for our association and our members to increase the selling price for the Galloway meat.

The breed-cattle market needs impulses to get international more attractive. Some bulls, imported from Scotland in the year 2006 and 2007, are relevant. The breeders wait for their first descendants and their development.

All over the Federal Republic were founded local breeder societies, which enjoy larger popularity. The Galloway breeders meet between 4 and 6 times over the year. Within this meetings Galloway herds can be visit and the members discuss general interesting topics. It is important that the breeders have also the opportunity to inform each other and new breeders have the possibility to inform themselves in an unformal atmosphere.

A very important date in Germany is the "Bundes-Galloway-Schau" on 09/10 May 2008 in Alsfeld. If you are interested in further information or events please take a look at our homepage www.galloway-deutschland.de.

We wish a successful and interesting World Galloway Council in New Zealand.

Georg Menke
German Galloway Society Inc.



Bundesverband Belted Galloway e.V.



Deutschland

Report to 2008 Galloway World Council

We are glad to tell you that we founded a Belted Galloway Society in Germany 'Bundesverband Belted Galloway e.V. (BBG)', since October 2007 we are registered. Before this we were an interest group of belted breeders for several years and organized meetings, farm visits and two shows only for purebred Belted Galloways.

As you know in Germany the registration of pedigree cattle is different to other countries. Every county has its own beef cattle society (11 at the moment) and its own way of herdbook regulations.

Except in one county all colours of Galloways (solid coloured, belted, white and riggit) are registered together in one herdbook. That means for example that the offspring of Galloway and Belted Galloway is not a crossbred like in other countries, in Germany this is a purebred Galloway with full herdbook, called Galloway black, Galloway dun belted or Galloway red riggit, it is registered only under the suspect of the coat markings. Calves are always in the herdbook, even they are missmarked.

The only beef cattle society registering Belted Galloways and Galloways in strictly separate herdbooks is the 'Verband Schleswig-Holsteiner Fleischrinderzüchter' (FRZ). Our intention for the future is to give all German Belted Galloway breeders the chance to register their cattle in a separate Belted Galloway herdbook, like the traditional system in Scotland and most other countries.

This herdbook system would be according to the German livestock breeding law which says that the conservation of genetic diversity of livestock is a part of their policy.

A separate German Belted Galloway herdbook would be conform to the international standard and simplifies the increasing international trading of cattle, embryos and semen.

Thank you,
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**GALLOWAY CATTLE SOCIETY
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The Society has experienced growth particularly within the 'life-style' (hobby) farmer.

This has been bought about through feature articles in Life-Style publications and promotions at a local district level.

Interest in 'different' stock to grace the small block is leading the demand.

This summer has put most of New Zealand in drought conditions and this has reflected in the escalating cost of supplement feeds and decrease returns at sale.

The high New Zealand dollar is also affecting the returns on the open market.

Members have formed 'discussion' groups and visit herds in their areas. These are great social events with everyone enjoying looking at one and others stock.

There are members who are selling their organic products at local Farmers Markets and are enjoying growing clientele. This is also generating on-going butchering and marketing opportunities.

There is a very strong 'Show Team' in the lower South Island with members displaying stock at local Agricultural and Pastoral Shows to great success. There has also been stock shown in the North Island.

Galloways are winning Supreme awards over more traditional winning stock.

Displays at shows are also attracting attention to 'What is a Galloway?', and receiving favourable comments from the general public.

We continue to display White, Black and Belted Galloways at the National Fieldays at Mystery Creek and generate a lot of interest .

The Galloway Cattle Society of New Zealand (inc) are proud to Host the World Congress.



Lindy Richards

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2008 World Congress


Just as well we don't have a crystal ball, if we were to see into the future and see what was in store for British Agriculture in 2007, we would have never have believed it, and probably given up on the spot.

After a warm and dry spring, which made lambing a pleasure (nearly) May, June and July was the wettest period on record recorded across England and Wales with 414.1mm as opposed to next wettest which was 1789 with 349.1mm, it was so wet the famous Royal Show was cancelled on the last day. All summer, agricultural shows were a wash out and not much pleasure. That was the least of our problems, little did we know that at the start of August and a week before our event of the year, our National Show, all shows and movements of cattle, sheep, pigs etc would be cancelled due to a Foot and Mouth disease outbreak in Surrey, no fault of the farmers, but due to a leak of the virus at the vaccination laboratory. It was a sharp reminder of the outbreak in 2001, one that severely effect Galloway genetics. With no movements, it effected our farmers in many different ways, and gave the industry more complex problems than the 2001 outbreak, which resulted in difficulty in moving and sourcing rams and bulls, welfare problems, no exports for our beef industry (which had only been open months), financial and cash flow problems and the uncertainly when sales would reopen. Just as the Foot and Mouth virus was eradicated and restrictions were lifting, another disease was lurking on our shores, the Blue Tongue virus, which had infected the cattle and sheep in Europe, was found in cattle in South East England, more restrictions zones where in place, resulting in cattle not being able to be sold at Society sales which were out with these protection zones. The Blue Tongue virus is an unknown quantity, as midges spread the disease and we are unsure how it will spread in coming months and the consequences of such a disease.

Many sales where cancelled but at least our autumn sales went ahead and Galloways where easily sold and in demand. We have reasons to be positive regarding Galloways. At both our sale centres, averages increased on the year and many cattle going home with new members. Galloway cattle have gained in popularity in recent years, especially for environmental reasons, with new members increasing year on year and nearly 1000 females being registered in 2007, this is the first time registrations will be in nearly four figures since calving year 1997/1998.

Every new year, brings new hopes and beliefs and surely 2008 will be better than 2007, we look forward to Galloways going from strength to strength, as many UK farmers are looking forward to easier fed, lower costs animals like everywhere else grain prices have increased, we look forward to hosting our National show which will be held at Peebles show on Saturday 16th August and British Agriculture recovering from the effects of 2007. As ever we would take great delight to welcome you to any events, shows, sales and farm tours, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

We were all sadden to learn of the death of our Vice President Mr Robert McIntosh, Outer Huntly, many of you will remember him as he never missed a World Congress and was highly sought after as a judge, he was a great friend and enthusiast of the Galloway Cattle here in the UK and overseas. Many will miss him.



**Swiss
Galloway Society**

**Annual report
2007**

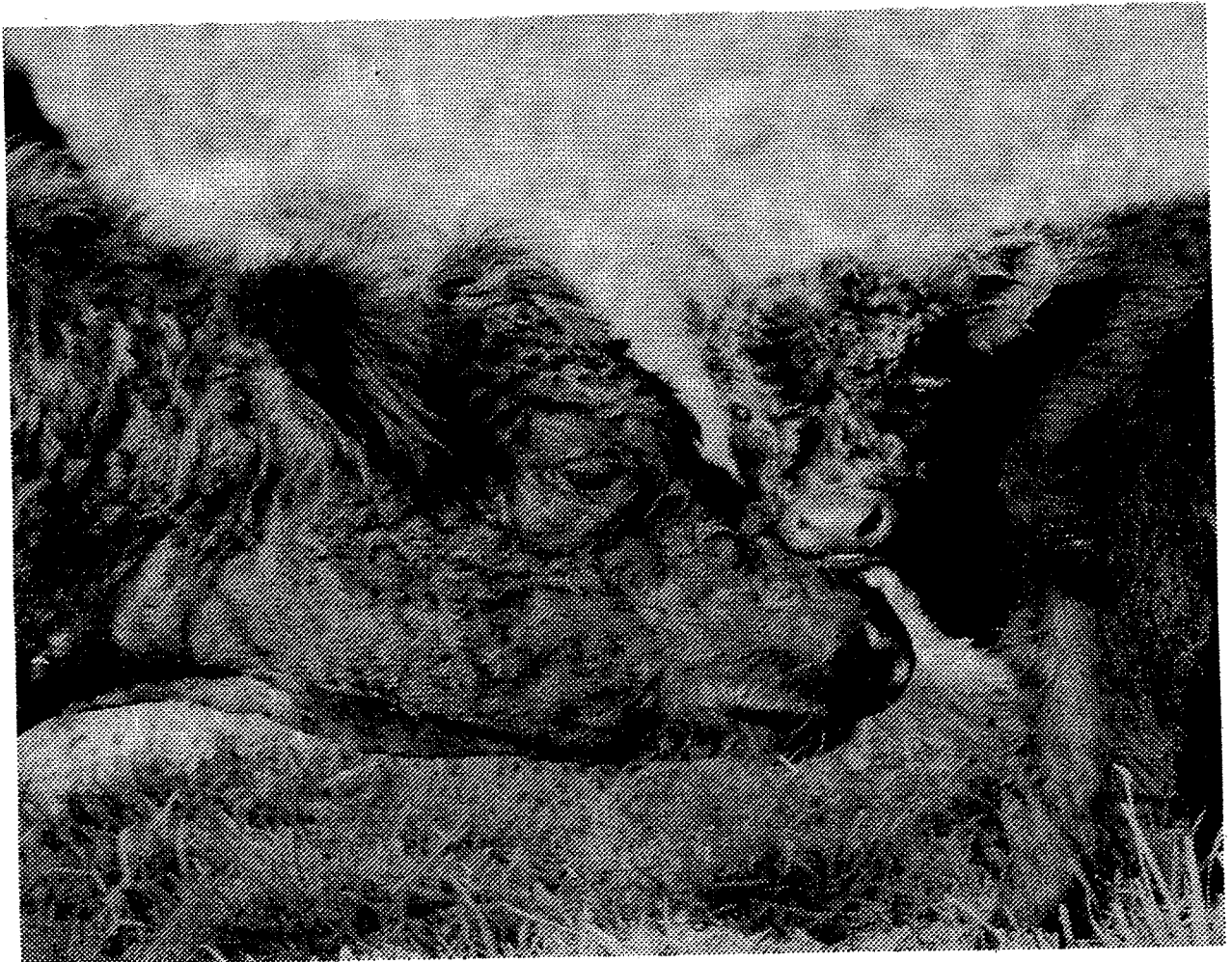


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3012 Bern, im Dezember 2007



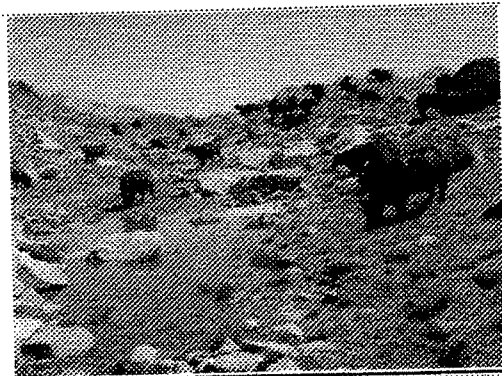
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Great sumer outing to the Wallis



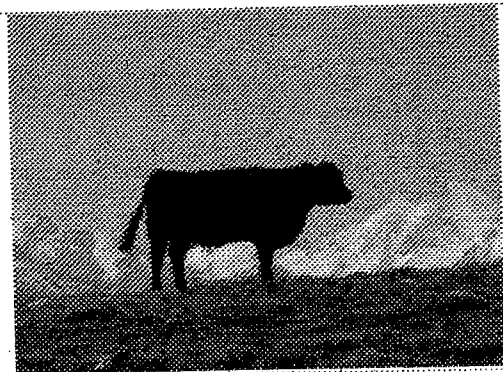
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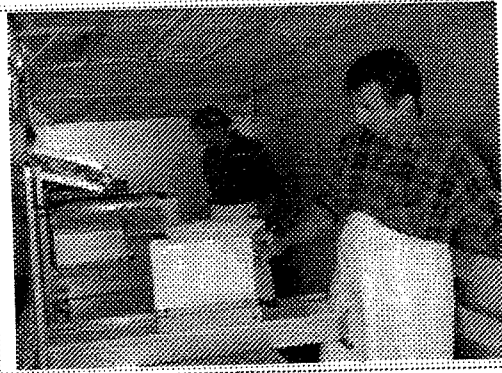
Die prächtige Gallowayherde der Familie
Hallenbarter



Grimselgranit als Ersatz für Kratzbürsten



Auch Galloways geniessen die wunderbare



Fachmännische Raclettezubereitung

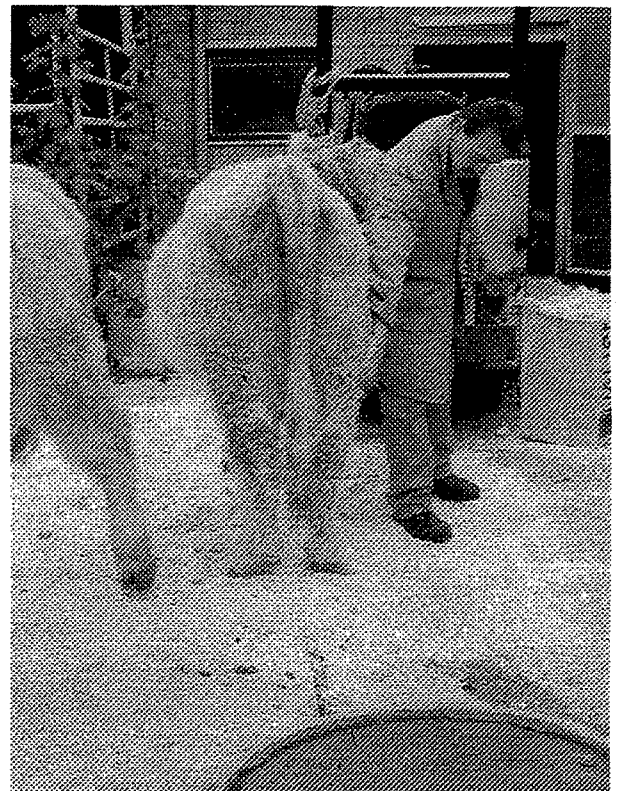
Aussicht.



Zwischendurch bleibt auch immer Zeit für einen Gedankenaustausch.



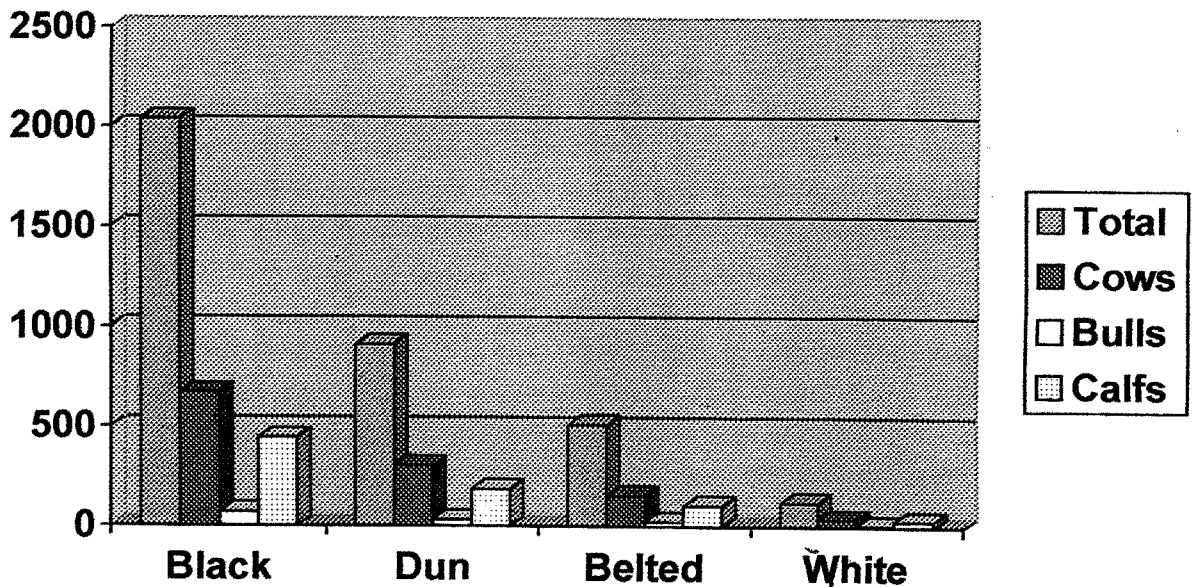
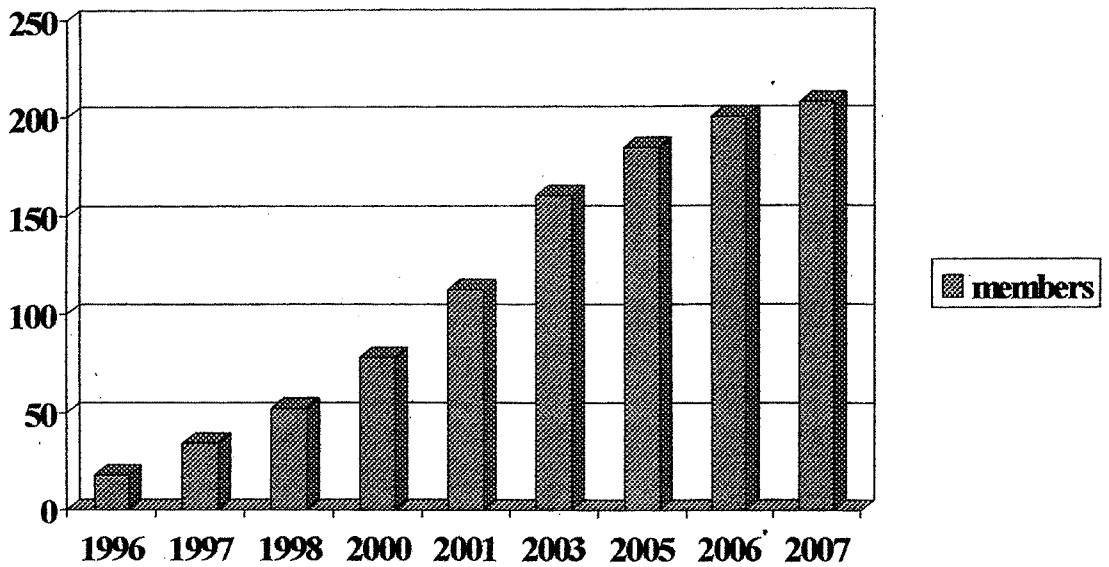
Our butcher and meat teaching event 27.10.2007
(www.hof-flückiger.ch)



Galloway Statistics 2007

Data collected until Mai 1st 2007
 Questionnaires: 212
 Questionnaires turned in: 203 (95,75%)

**Swiss Galloway Society
 Members since the foundation**

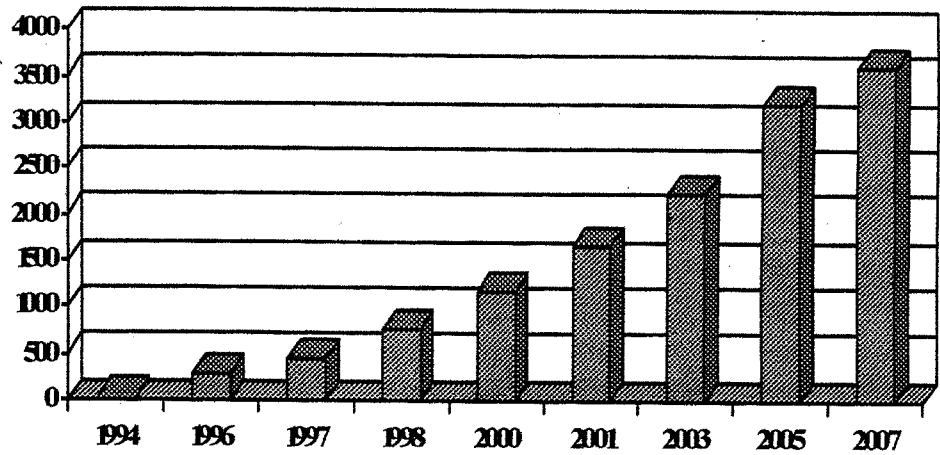


The different Colour Breeds in Switzerland

Details 1.5.2007

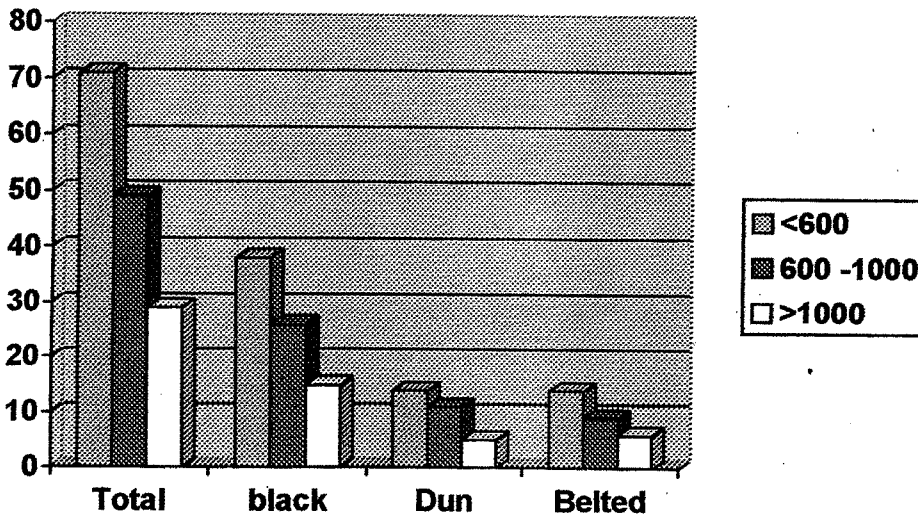
	Black	Dun	Belted	White	Riggitt	Dun-Belted	Total
Cows	675	304	156	39	1		1175
Bulls > 2 years for breeding	70	33	24	6	2		135
Heifers > 2 years for breeding	153	54	43	10			260
Heifers 1 - 2 years for breeding	186	74	42	12	2		316
Bulls 1 - 2 years for breeding	22	14	5	2			43
Weaned calfs female <12 months	76	35	24	4			139
Male calfs weaned <12 months	77	31	30	2			140
Callfs < 1-year oldg	446	187	106	29	10	5	783
Heifers + Oxes for beef 1-2 years	259	149	56	5	13	4	486
Heifers + Oxes for beef >2 years	75	33	25	12			145
Total	2039	914	511	121	28	9	3622

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Swiss Galloway Society
Animal Statistics in absolute numbers



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Different altitudes above sea level of the Swiss Galloway farms



Size of Swiss Galloway farms (only black animal breeding farms)

