



American Belgian Blue Breeders, Inc.

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HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW 2009

Houston Livestock Show
Houston, Texas

Houston's Belgian Blue Show was judged by Ed Atkins of Paris, Texas on March 15. The Grand Champion Bull was L'Original JBB Poppin' Johnny ET shown and owned by Jones' Cattle Company of Nacogdoches, TX. He is the progeny of Opium De Chocquenee and Against T Wind Franchi Dora. The Grand Champion Female was DeShazo's Sassy Like Cassy, shown and owned by Lacy DeShazo of Bokoshe, Oklahoma. She is the progeny SCH BB Opium Otis and DeShazo's Cassy.

The show was a success with a large audience showing interest in the breed. Mr. Atkins educated them on the breed's qualities as he judged the cattle. The show also made the numbers in order to keep the show at HLSR. Thanks to all the breeders who participated as well as Mr. Atkins.

FEMALES

Heifer Calf born 3/1/08 – 5/31/08

1. Price's Daisy, Ronnie & Kathy Price, Greenville, TX. Sire: Clown Du Tilleul. Dam: JTC Jones' Nellie Belle
2. DeShazo's Hazel, Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK. Sire: Daffydd D'Ochain. Dam: Lacy's Baby Doll.

Champion Heifer Calf

Price's Daisy, Ronnie & Kathy Price, Greenville, TX. Sire: Clown Du Tilleul. Dam: JTC Jones' Nellie Belle.

Reserve Heifer Calf

DeShazo's Hazel, Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK. Sire: Daffydd D'Ochain. Dam: Lacy's Baby Doll.

Yearling Heifer born 11-1-07 – 2-28-08

1. SRD Blue Moon, Rachel Dollarhide, Haworth, OK. Sire: KF Black Carter Lutin.

Dam: Blue Ice.

2. Price's Sapphire, Ronnie & Kathy Price, Greenville, TX. Sire: Price's Simon. Dam: JSH Tootsie.

3. MNP Blue Dafydd's Dixie, MNP Farm, Fair Grove, MO. Sire: Daffydd D'Ochain. Dam: JRCL Pixie.

Yearling Heifer born 7-1-07 – 10-31-07

1. JSH Tasha, James & Sharon Hunt, Walnut Grove, MO. Sire: Ridge Dean Money Maker. Dam: Triple Creek's Midnight.

Yearling Heifer born 3-1-07 – 6-30-07

1. JSH Tabby, James & Sharon Hunt, Walnut Grove, MO. Sire: J & M Hercule White Diamond. Dam: Maroney's Gabby.

Champion Yearling Heifer

JSH Tabby, James & Sharon Hunt, Walnut Grove, MO. Sire: J & M Hercule White Diamond. Dam: Maroney's Gabby.

Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer

SRD Blue Moon, Rachel Dollarhide, Haworth, OK. Sire: KF Black Carter Lutin.

Dam: Blue Ice.

Senior Cow born 2-28-07 and before

1. DeShazo's Sassy Like Cassy, Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK. Sire: SCH BB Opium Ottis. Dam: DeShazo's Cassy.

2. Jones' Squirt ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Franchi De La Bonne Raie. Dam: Jones' Tiffany.

3. Schlichte's Sundowner, Schlichte Cattle Co., Merrill, IA. Sire: Filmore LKM9M. Dam: Schlichte's Sinai.

4. Jones' Twinkle, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Jones' Next In Line. Dam: Against T Wind Galopeur Joy.

5. Schlichte's BBU, Schlichte Cattle Co., Merrill, IA. Sire: JTC Qousin Navigator. Dam: Schlichte's Sinai.

Champion Senior Cow

DeShazo's Sassy Like Cassy, Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK. Sire: SCH BB Opium Ottis. Dam: DeShazo's Cassy.

Reserve Champion Senior Cow

Jones' Squirt ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Franchi De La Bonne Raie. Dam: Jones' Tiffany.

Grand Champion Female

DeShazo's Sassy Like Cassy, Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK. Sire: SCH BB Opium Ottis. Dam: DeShazo's Cassy.

Reserve Grand Champion Female

Jones' Squirt ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Franchi De La Bonne Raie. Dam: Jones' Tiffany.

BULLS

Bull Calf born 6-1-08 – 9-1-08

1. Price's Smoky, Ronnie & Kathy Price, Greenville, TX. Sire: Price's Simon. Dam: Price's Pebbles.

Bull Calf born 3-1-08 – 5-31-08

1. Price's Cotton, Ronnie & Kathy Price, Greenville, TX. Sire: Price's Simon. Dam: Jones' Melissa.
2. Schlichte's Rammy, Schlichte Cattle Co., Merrill, IA. Sire: SCH Dakota's Lakota ET. Dam: Schlichte's Sinai.
3. JSH DJ D'Ochain, James & Sharon Hunt, Walnut Grove, MO. Sire: Daffydd D'Ochain. Dam: JS Tippy D'Ozo ET.

Champion Bull Calf

Price's Cotton, Ronnie & Kathy Price, Greenville, TX. Sire: Price's Simon. Dam: Jones' Melissa.

Reserve Champion Bull Calf

Schlichte's Rammy, Schlichte Cattle Co., Merrill, IA. Sire: SCH Dakota's Lakota ET.

Yearling Bull born 11-1-07 – 2-28-08

1. SRD Black Hamp, Rachel Dollarhide, Haworth, OK. Sire: KF Black Carter Lutin. Dam: Danetta LKM23N.
 2. DeShazo's Tonka, Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK. Sire: SCH BB Opium Ottis. Dam: DeShazo's Cassy.
 3. Jones' Uvalde, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Jones' Hamilton. Dam: Jones' Razz-Ma-Tazz.
 4. Jones' Union Jack, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Johnson's Riant II. Dam: De L'Original Etonnante ET.
 5. SIE Jones' Uno ET, Jones' Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Schlichte's Chukka Chan. Dam: SIE Heidi.
 6. Jones' Ultra Fit, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Jones' Hamilton. Dam: Jones' Roxie ET.
- Yearling Bull born 7-1-07 – 11-1-07**
1. Jones' Titan ET, Jones Cattle Co.,

Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Jones' Hamilton. Dam: Jones' Hazel.

2. SRD Black Magic, Slade Dollarhide, Haworth, OK. Sire: KF Black Carter Lutin. Dam: Zeus Mirage.

3. MNP Blue Oliver, MNP Farm, Fair Grove, MO. Sire: Roycedale Dimension ET. Dam: MNP Blue Olivia.

Yearling Bull born 3-1-07 – 6-30-07

1. JSH Teddy Bear, James & Sharon Hunt, Walnut Grove, MO. Sire: J & M Hercule White Diamond. Dam: Ursula LKM14N.

Champion Yearling Bull

Jones' Titan ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Jones' Hamilton. Dam: Jones' Hazel.

Reserve Champion Yearling Bull

JSH Teddy Bear, James & Sharon Hunt, Walnut Grove, MO. Sire: J & M Hercule White Diamond. Dam: Ursula LKM14N.

Senior Bull

1. L'Original JBB Poppin' Johnny ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Opium De Chocquenee. Dam: Against T Wind Franchi Dora.
2. JSH Samson, James & Sharon Hunt, Walnut Grove, MO. Sire: J & M Hercule White Diamond. Dam: Mandy LKM8N.
3. DeShazo's Ram, Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK. Sire: SCH BB Opium Ottis. Dam: WR Lilly ET.
4. JSH Ridge Dean Silver, James & Sharon Hunt, Walnut Grove, MO. Sire: Ridge Dean Mahogany. Dam: JS Tippy D'Ozo ET.

Champion Senior Bull

L'Original JBB Poppin' Johnny ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Opium De Chocquenee. Dam: Against T Wind Franchi Dora.

Reserve Champion Senior Bull

JSH Samson, James & Sharon Hunt, Walnut Grove, MO. Sire: J & M Hercule White Diamond. Dam: Mandy LKM8N.

Grand Champion Bull

L'Original JBB Poppin' Johnny ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Opium De Chocquenee. Dam: Against T Wind Franchi Dora.

Reserve Grand Champion Bull

Jones' Titan ET, Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX. Sire: Jones' Hamilton. Dam: Jones' Hazel.

Best Pair of Bulls

1. Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK.

2. Slade Dollarhide, Haworth, OK
3. Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX.

Best Pair of Females

1. Schlichte Cattle Co., Merrill, IA.
2. Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX.
3. James & Sharon Hunt, Walnut Grove, MO.

Premier Breeder Awards At Houston! Congrats!!

1. Lacy DeShazo, Bokoshe, OK.
2. Jones Cattle Co., Nacogdoches, TX.

The National Show 2009

The *2009 National Show* is scheduled for August 20 at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, IA. The show will be judged by Pierre BOURDEAUD'HUY. Mr. BOURDEAUD'HUY farms with his wife Frédérique CAMBIER in the village of MONTROEUL AU BOIS. The village is situated close to the historical town of TOURNAI, Belgium. He and his wife have 2 daughters.

Rules and classes for the show are available online:

<http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/opencl asslivestock.php>. Entries are due by July 1. Online entry is available. The schedule for the show is:

Entry Deadline is July 1, 2009 with late entries due July 8, 2009.

August 19: Cattle are to be in place by noon.

August 20: Show at 8 a.m. in the New Arena next to the new stalling barn

August 21: Membership meeting 10 a.m. in the Gammon Barn (Hereford building).

Banquet and benefit auction in the Penningroth Sale Arena in the cattle barn at 7 p.m.

August 22: Release 2 p.m.

Three hotels have been reserved for this event. The list of hotels and their deadlines are below. Deadlines are different for each hotel.

HOLIDAY INN NORTHWEST

4800 Merle Hay Road
Des Moines, IA 50322

DOUBLE QUEEN -- \$99

(10 rooms held for Tuesday, August 18, 15 rooms for Wednesday through Friday nights, August 19-21)

EXEC. KING -- \$99

(15 rooms held for Wednesday through Friday nights, August 19-21)

Phone 515-278-4755 Ask for American Belgian Blue Breeders, Inc. block by July 28, 2009. After that reservations will be taken on a space available basis only.

AMERICA'S BEST INN

5050 Merle Hay Road
Johnston, IA 50131

QUEEN -- \$62.10

(7 held for Wednesday through Friday nights, August 19-21)

2 DOUBLES -- \$76.50

(8 held for Wednesday through Friday nights, August 19-21)

Includes a Continental breakfast.

Phone 515-270-1111 Ask for cattle block by July 21, 2009.

COMFORT INN & SUITES

11167 Hickman Road
Urbandale, IA 50322

2 DOUBLES AND A SOFA WITH PULL-OUT

SLEEPER -- \$99

(10 held for Tuesday through Friday nights, August 19-21)

KING -- \$99

(5 held for Wednesday through Friday nights, August 19-21)

Includes Hot Continental breakfast.

Phone 575-276-1126 Ask for American Belgian Blue Breeders, Inc. block by July 19, 2009.

*If earlier arrival is needed ask hotels for availability when making reservations.

2009 BELGIAN BLUE **INTERNET SALE**

The *2009 Sale* is heading in a new direction! Edge Livestock Services – Joel Edge of Iowa will be the manager for the sale. After much discussion and several board meetings the board has decided to hold the sale Online in late October. It will be run much like E-Bay with EDJE technologies hosting the 3 day sale. The cattle will be photographed and/or video taped at the National Show and/or the Tulsa State Fair. Only cattle that are exhibited at either the

National Show or Tulsa are eligible for entry into this sale. Commission for this sale will be 6 percent. A non-refundable nomination fee will be charged on the following scale:

Fullbloods and Purebreds --- \$100

High Percentage ----- \$ 75

Low Percentage ----- \$ 50

*Classifications are the same as for shows (high and low percentage).

The nomination fee will be deducted from the commission so no one will pay more than a total of 6 percent to sell an animal in the sale. This sale will be a great way to advertise your cattle. Help promote the breed by participating in the shows plus great friendships.

Watch for more information on the ABBB website: www.belgianblue.org

Blue Congrats!

Congrats to James and Mary Keesee of Prattsville, Arkansas on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 9, 2009!!

Congrats to Grandpa Stanly and Grandma Diane Jones on their new granddaughter. Angie and Chris Risher are the proud parents of a new little Blue - Clair Adelyn born March 07, 2009

Congrats to Grandma Glenda Sieren on her new grandson. Jeremy and Ashley Sieren are proud parents of a new little Blue - Brantyn Lynn, born December 30, 2008.

New Members Welcome!

Melvin Herring, Tyrone, AR

Alex Guilin, Blythe, CA

Steven McManigle, Evansdale, IA

Larry Don & Sandie Hull, Ardmore, OK

Charles Weddle, Edmond, OK

“So They Say”

Helpful hints from some “ole’ timers”!

If you have any helpful hints let us know!! A hint from James Keesee (a young timer)! He had a calf bloat. A vet was not available so they decided to slaughter the calf due to James’ suspicion. The calf was full of twisted plastic bags. So if you happen to have land in an area where plastic bags might blow in – James suggests – “we all better pick them up”!!

The Safest Beef For Your Arteries and Heart

If you want to go whole hog on steak without making a pig of yourself – Belgian Blue is the best choice. Ounce for ounce, it contains less fat and cholesterol than skinless chicken breast. Blues were imported for the purpose of crossbreeding to other commercial animals to produce leaner cuts of meat. As a result of their “double muscling”, natural size and bulk, they are high in protein and remarkably low in fat.

Typical cuts of beef will have 25 to 35 percent fat. Blues average 3 percent or less (skinless chicken breast has about 4 percent fat); a seven-ounce double portion carries just six grams of fat. Cholesterol counts are rock-bottom, too. Regular beef contains around 80 milligrams per serving, while fish has 50 or more. Belgian Blue beef has only 20 mg of cholesterol per 3 ½ ounce serving. The cattle are also raised hormone and antibiotic-free.

Best of all, the flavor and tenderness are lauded as world-class. Because Belgian Blue cuts are so low in fat, they cook in one-third the time of ordinary meat.

Additionally, the fine fibered beef has high moisture content, so it’s easy to prepare in a skillet or over a charcoal grill. Serve it rare or medium-rare for optimum flavor.

Clay Center stats are available on our website: www.belgianblue.org

How To Cook The Perfect Steak

You’ve selected your favorite cut of steak: now you have to cook it. Broiling or grilling is a great way to prepare the lean Belgian Blue Beef!

Here are a few tips from the big boys!

- Beef cooks more evenly and stays juicier if allowed to come to room temperature prior to cooking.
- Placing the refrigerated meat on a thick aluminum or copper pan or cookie sheet will help warm it up by conducting the cold away more swiftly, Cover lightly with plastic wrap, but do not make an airtight seal.
- Grill the meat hot. A good way to test the grill is with water. Sprinkle a few

drops on the surface; if it sizzles, you're set.

- Be sure to cook the meat at the correct temperature. This is often the difference between a good steak and an inedible slab of shoe leather. Too high a temperature can char the outside before the inside is done properly, or can overcook the whole thing.
- For best results, baste the steak with olive or canola oil; sear the steak over a high heat before cooking it over reduced heat. Searing seals the juices in and allows the meat to cook more evenly.
- To check the temperature of your barbecue or gas grill cautiously hold the palm of your hand about four inches above the grate. Count the number of seconds you can hold your hand in that position before the heat forces you to pull away. Four seconds means medium coals, five seconds indicates medium-low.
- Always use tongs to turn your steak: a fork will pierce the meat and allow the natural juices to escape.
- Take the steak off the grill just short of the desired doneness. A thick steak will continue to cook after it's been removed from the heat. **DON'T OVERCOOK IT.** You can always put it back on the grill, but you can't undo what's been done.
- Allow the meat to rest 10 minutes before carving so the juices can settle and be redistributed throughout the meat.
- Prepare your side dishes first. In most cases, your steak will be done in a few minutes, and you don't want it to get cold while you're waiting for your baked potato or steamed vegetable.
- Enjoy!!

Showing information Reminder

Here are policies set forth by the board when showing cattle. Please help us with these policies:

(1) The tie breaking method used for the Premier Bull, Cow, and Breeder will be as follows: A tie in any of the premier awards will be which breeder or animal in each of the respective categories have the most Grand Champions, then the most Reserve Grand

Champions, continuing to the most Division Champions' and then to the most First Places. Records will be maintained in the ABBB office.

(2) Any questions or challenges on the results of any ABBB sanctioned show will need to be addressed before the official completion of the show and will be resolved before the animals leave the show grounds.

(3) Clipping of show cattle will be a slick shearing against the hair growth for the fullbloods, purebreds, and high percentage within 30 days of the show. The halfblood cattle may be shown slick sheared or with hair in order to accommodate the FFA and 4H shows. To show with hair the halfblood should be groomed and/or blown with the hair growth and not against the hair growth.

(4) Please refrain from wearing anything in the show arena that advertises your farm or ranch.

Please use the classified ads to advertise you cattle.

Tulsa State Fair 2009 Blue Show

Superintendent –Steve Dollarhide, Haworth, OK
www.sdollarhide@yahoo.com or 870.648.6546
Judge **David** Panek, Charlotte, TN

Show Schedule:

IN PLACE: May begin arriving on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 after 12:00 noon. Must be in place on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 12:00 noon.

SHOW: Friday, October 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

RELEASE: Staged Release on Saturday, October 3, 2009

ENTRY DEADLINE: **August 28, 2009.** Open Show entries must be submitted online or mailed in on an official entry form.

Entries submitted online will be accepted until 12:00 midnight on August 28. Entries mailed must be postmarked by August 28.

ENTRY EXTENSION: Entries received prior to August 28, 2009, are able to add additional animals at double the head fees until

September 18, 2009.

LATE ENTRIES: Entries not received prior to August 28, 2009, can enter until September 18, 2009, for triple head fees.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Substitutions of animals will be accepted until 12:00 noon the day preceding the show for \$15.00. Change in ownership is not a substitution

TULSA Hotel Information

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT
3340 S. 79th E. Avenue (just off Memorial – close to I44 and 64)
Tulsa, OK 74115
Phone: 918-660-0646
Fax: 918-660-0731
Room rate: \$69 for Queen/King
10 rooms held for Wednesday 9-30-09
15 rooms held for Thursday thru Saturday 10-1-09 thru 10-3-09
Hot breakfast buffet available -- \$5per person.
Reservations must be received by 9-16-09. After this date reservations will be accepted on a space available basis only. ENTRY FEES: \$40 per head.

Please help us keep our records up to date. Let us know of any changes on the cattle. It is very important in order to refer potential breeders. Also, it is very important to keep the office informed of animals listed on the classified ads that have been sold. Thanks!

Registrations and Transfers

Please send in your registrations and transfers to the office as needed. To keep our herd book up to date, please make sure transfers are complete on animals sold. Transfers are especially helpful to new breeders. Thanks for your cooperation.

Your association support is greatly appreciated and is what keeps the Blues rolling.

Feeder Cattle Classified Ads on the ABBB Website

Members are encouraged to use the classified ads in the Newsletter and on the **ABBB** website free of charge for both your market and registered cattle. Please call or email the office with your ads

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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Juniors – Scholarship applications need to be postmarked by July 1, 2009. Application and criteria available on the ABBB website.

Classified Ads

For Sale - 3yr old elite full blood bull mostly roan with black ready for breeding. Contact Tudor Oak Farms - Harold Brubaker, 336-302-4663.

For Sale: Black purebred (99%) bull.
Born 1/1/2006. 65 pound birth weight.
Contact Wilbur Kehrl, Elmcrest Genetics at 563.920.8494.

For Sale: Fullblood and High Percentage Bulls.
Call Steve Dollarhide, Haworth, OK @ 580.245.2370

For Sale: White 2 year old fullblood bull. Also, black $\frac{3}{4}$ blood and halfblood bulls. See Sieren Cattle webpage
www.belgianblue.org/members/sierencattle

For Sale: Fullblood and 1/2 Blood Bulls & Heifers. Sired by SCH Opium Ottis, Grand Champion Bull at 2007 National Belgian Blue Show and sire of multiple Grand Champions and National Champion Cow in 2006.

Contact Michael or Shirley DeShazo @ 918-969-2608 after 3:30 Weekdays or 918.658.4389 or 918.658.4385 anytime.

Cattle For Sale: Contact Bill Parkey at 918.256.8532 www.blcattle.com

Cattle For Sale: Contact James Keese in Arkansas, 870.699.4498 or visit our website <http://www.keeseefarms.com>

For Sale: Fullblood and halfblood bulls.
Call Lynn Kaufman, Underhill Farms - phone: 620.345.8415 or visit our website www.underhillfarms.com or email lynn@underhillfarms.com

For Sale: Purebred and High Percentage Bulls available. Please check our website www.mnppfarm.com and "Sale Cattlelog" Contact: MNP Farm at 417.759.7916, cell 417.840.5464 or email info@mnppfarm.com

Please send us your great photos of your Blues to use on the website. We would like to show off your fullbloods, purebreds, or percentage Blues!! Email to the office!!