

HISTORY

Highland cattle are capable of surviving the harshest environmental conditions in some of the roughest hill country of Northern Scotland. They were originally kept by small farmers and used to raise a calf and produce milk for the farm family. In Great Britain the Highland Cattle Society was formed over 100 years ago to preserve this ancient breed. The Royal Family are members and patrons of the Society and keep very good Highlands at Balmoral Castle in Scotland.

Recently, Highlands have gained in popularity because their meat is very lean and low in cholesterol. This appeals to the new American taste for healthy, naturally grown beef.

DISPOSITION

Highland Cattle are more docile than most other breeds of cattle. They respond to human contact and on the whole are gentle. However care should be taken when approaching cows with calves. Bulls are good natured but should be respected. Anyone who does not wish to own a bull could utilize artificial insemination. (A certain inability to get their cows in calf.)

LONGEVITY

Highland cattle live longer and produce more calves than other breeds. Highlands will breed up to 20 years of age. The calves are weaned from their mothers between 6 and 8 months old, allowing the cow to get back in condition for her next calf. The gestation period is nine months and cows will be expected to have a calf each year.

WHERE TO PURCHASE

HIGHLANDS

Highland cattle are usually bought from individual breeders. See our website www.nwhca.org for sale listings, and breeder contacts.



BENEFITS OF NWHCA MEMBERSHIP

- The NWHCA's quarterly Newsletter (The Highland Connection) is available to all members.
- A network with owners dedicated to promoting the breed and support of new members.
- The opportunity to benefit from our breed promotion program.
- Internet advertising opportunity on our website.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Visit us at www.nwhca.org
- Contact the breeder listed below



THE NORTHWEST HIGHLAND CATTLE ASSOCIATION



“Ancient cattle for a progressive world”

Northwest Highland Cattle Association

WELCOME

The membership of the association includes the states of Idaho, Oregon, Washington and the Province of British Columbia. Events, meetings, shows and gatherings are organized throughout the year. Presentations at meetings cover animal nutrition, health, facilities, handling, selection and management. Our website, www.nwhca.org provides many benefits to members for information, animal sales, and shows. Members receive our Quarterly Newsletter (The Fold).

MISSION STATEMENT

The Northwest Highland Cattle Association (NWHCA) is dedicated to working together toward the promotion of Highland cattle, protecting the integrity of our pure breed and encouraging all its members in their breeding and marketing endeavors. The rules and regulations of the American Highland Cattle Association (AHCA) will prevail in all our decisions and processes. The ultimate goal being for every member to benefit from the efforts of this association.



THE MULTI-PURPOSE

BREED

High quality beef is very lean and low in cholesterol, described by many as gourmet.

Highland cattle are great browsers they will eat a variety of forage and improve your property.

- Owners of registered heifers and cows often sell them as registered breeding stock.
- The cattle are real show stoppers at State and County Fairs. Often our members take their animals to various "Highland Games" in the Northwest.
- Tanned Highland hides, horns and bleached skulls are value added.



FEED

During the summer, Highlands will survive comfortably on an ample supply of grass with access to water. In winter, hay or silage can be fed with no need for extensive feeding of grain. They will require access to minerals to ensure vitamin levels are maintained. Cows with calves at their side or being prepared for show may be offered supplementary feed such as grain.

SHELTER

Highland cattle withstand extreme weather conditions. The wool coats; the inner is thick and designed to act as a blanket for heat retention, the second is the long outer coat which acts to shed rain on the animal thus avoiding the inner coat becoming damp and cold. Highlands shed much of this coat for the summer. They will seek out shade in the heat of the day. Trees or an open walled roof will provide adequate shelter.



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