

# Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association

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## BREEDER PROFILE

The Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association is pleased to offer this space to profile our breeder members. If your operation has been featured in a magazine or newspaper, please contact Rheo Machina at [rheo@mbrheocattle.com](mailto:rheo@mbrheocattle.com).

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### LRB BLONDES

#### Cross Results with Blondes are Ideal

*By Beth Ferrier, February 2005*

John and Beth Ferrier became involved in the Blonde d'Aquitaine breed in 1967 with the purchase of Liahn Poll Cat from Liahn Farms, London, Ontario. They originally started with a mainly purebred Charolais herd that numbered about 50 head at the time, breeding to a purebred Charolais bull. The Ferriers had the good fortune of seeing a Charolais herd which had been exposed to a Blonde bull. "To say we were impressed with the resulting calf crop was a gross understatement," says Beth. "We had always wanted to modify bone and increase muscling, and this seemed the way to go!"

After purchasing "The Cat", John and Beth had the good fortune to purchase the nucleus of the Liahn Farms seedstock, some of the best pedigreed cattle available. Being more interested in the production end of the industry, they began to look for a young sire to add into their program, and were delighted to purchase Roseneath Juggler at the Braithwaite Dispersal. In late 1999, Juggler was the top gaining Blonde bull on test that year, with a 5.19 ADG, and an over 17" ribeye.

The Ferriers have purchased several more additions to their herd, concentrating on old Blonde blood as an addition to their herd, to add more performance. They also purchased Liahn Five Plus, a plus five pound a day fullblood bull, and a top Blonde Year Award performer. They are using a combination of these pedigrees now, with Poll Cat as mainly a female line sire, for milking ability and temperament.

John and Beth presently have close to 60 head of purebred or fullblood Blondes, as well as approximately 100 head of crossbreds. No matter what the brood cow's pedigree is, they have found that the terminal cross resulting from the Blonde bull is an ideal market product.

As in every year, LRB Blondes has bulls on test at the Douglas Ontario Test Centre.

As well as having a keen interest in the production results of their market stockers, John and Beth are heavily involved in show dogs. In 2000, they were the proud breeders and owners of Champion Taeplace Monet, who was Canada's Top Show Dog, All Breeds! This was the first such award presented to a Toy Dog in Canada's history! Monet is the result of five generations of their breeding.

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