



## Glasgow Wins "Show Fold Of The Year" Trophy

The people of Glasgow's Highland Cattle Fold fly the flag for the City. For the third time, Glasgow's team of Highland Cattle wins the prestigious Highland Cattle Society Fold of the Year Competition reaffirming Glasgow City's Peoples' Fold's longstanding position as one of the world's leading highland cattle folds.



### *GLASGOW'S MILES BETTER*

This highly contested award is for consistent quality and all round excellence in the show ring throughout 2009. In the toughest year on record with more folds than ever before from all over Britain competing for this much coveted trophy,

Pollok came out top gaining a total of 100 points in five select shows leading their nearest rivals by some 24 points. Once again proving that Glasgow's Cattle are miles better.

### BRIGHT START AT BEITH

Glasgow's Fold made an impressive start to the show season in Beith, North Ayrshire winning rosettes in five Highland cattle classes including first prizes in the Cow Class and second prize in the Bull Class. Una Dun won the Cow Class with her "mini-me" dun coloured calf Una Odhar 2<sup>nd</sup> at foot. The third time mum & show ring veteran went on to win Reserve Champion. In her heifer heydays, glamour girl Una Dun was the toast of the nation when she became the first ever municipally owned & dun coloured highlander to be crowned Supreme Champion at The Royal Highland Show – the greatest honour that can be bestowed to a Highlander. Glasgow's young team also did exceptionally well Magaidh 18<sup>th</sup> winning 1st prize in the 2 year old Heifer Class. Three year old heifers Bachy Mor 4<sup>th</sup> & Chorrach 3<sup>rd</sup> who came 2nd & 3rd in their own class, joined forces to win a 1st prize in the Pairs. Spurred on the "Glasgow Girls" went on to compete in the Interbreed Class beating other pedigree breeds of dairy & beef cattle to lift Beith's prestigious "Meadowbank Perpetual Trophy".

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## GLASGOW BRINGS HOME THE PARKS TROPHY

Next up was Neilston Show, the chance to reclaim "Glasgow City Council's Parks Trophy". To win this trophy Glasgow City's fold of highlanders faced stiff competition against both Highland and other pedigree breeds of beef cattle. This trophy was won through accumulating points in individual Highland Cattle show classes within these classes Glasgow won four 1st prizes including Senior Cow won by Una Dun with little Una Odhar 2<sup>nd</sup>, a 1st for first time mum Maisie 41<sup>st</sup> and her calf in the Junior Cow Class and following up their success at Beith another 1st in the pairs class for "Glasgow Girls" Bachy Mor 4<sup>th</sup> & Chorrach 3<sup>rd</sup>. Finally with two 2<sup>nd</sup>'s & a 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Junior Bull and 3 year old Heifer classes the team took home the illustrious "Parks Trophy".

## TOP OF THE CLASS

Once again at Kilmacolm the Glasgow People's Fold came out top of their class winning enough points in the Highland Cattle Section to take the renowned Kilmacolm & Port Glasgow Agricultural Show's "Anna Bruce Salver".

Junior Bull Uallach Ruadh 4<sup>th</sup> continued his steady performance winning his third consecutive 2<sup>nd</sup> place of the season in a highly competitive class. It was a hat tick for Una Dun & little Una Odhar coming in 1<sup>st</sup> in the Cow Class. Most notable was the rising star Bachy Mor 4<sup>th</sup> of the "Glasgow Girls" pair, after winning her heifer class she was crowned "Champion Highlander" of the show retaining the prestigious "Bank of Scotland Trophy" she won at the show last year.



## MARKET CHAMPIONS

Glasgow's Highlanders beat the best at Perth's historic market place.

The team won the "Redpath Quaich" awarded to the Champion Highland Steers and home bred red coated heifer Una Ruadh 38<sup>th</sup> was crowned Show Champion, taking the "Battlecourt Perpetual Trophy".

In the sale ring the trophy winning pure bred highland steers sold for £620 each, the highest price on the day. The female and supreme overall champion heifer Una Ruadh 38<sup>th</sup> sold for the third best price in the auction ring being "knocked down for 1400 guineas", that's £1,470.

## STIRLING JOB

Best of Beef and Dairy – the Pollok Fold hit Stirling with style this year stealing the show with a total of 8 wins in Highland Cattle Section. Points ahead of the other cattle breeds Glasgow City swept through to take the Scottish Central Agricultural Association's Trophy.

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Glasgow's fold continued their domination of the Cow Class, Una Dun with her third calf Una Odhar came 1st in the Senior Cow Class, her fourth consecutive win this season, and first time mum Siusan Ruadh 45<sup>th</sup> with calf were placed 2nd in the Junior Cow Class. Inspired by their mothers the two calves went on to win 2nd & 3rd prizes in the calf class. Junior bull Uallach Ruadh 4<sup>th</sup> up against the big boys in a mixed bull class came 3rd and 1 year old heifer Una Ruadh 40<sup>th</sup> won a 1st.



## BIGGAR & BETTER

Biggar marked the coming of age for Glasgow's Junior Bull Uallach Ruadh. Steadily maturing through out the season with a series of consecutive 2nd & 3rd prize tickets he finally showed his true champion qualities, confidently taking the ring he stole the show from the senior bulls and won the Bull Class.

The rest of the fold preformed well - 2 year old heifer Magaidh 18<sup>th</sup> won her class for the second time this season and "Glasgow Girls" Bachy Mor 4<sup>th</sup> & Chorrach 3<sup>rd</sup> picked up 2nd & 3rd in the class for 3 year old heifers. Una Dun with Una Odhar continued her run of 1st's with a fifth consecutive win in the Cow Class with first time mum Siusan Ruadh 45<sup>th</sup> coming second and the calves winning 2nd & 3rd in their own class.

## DEBUT AT DALMALLY



Dalmally Show billed as the "Unofficial World Championship", had a record number of entrants this year.

In biggest calf class of the season thus far, Una Dun's "mini-me" Una Odhar 2<sup>nd</sup>, free from the apron strings, joined in the parade of show ring society's best debutant calves. Rising to the occasion City Slicker, Una Odhar took to the ring "Glasgow Style" wooing the crowds, catching the judge's critical eye she out shone her peers to take 1st place.

Elsewhere Calum 6<sup>th</sup> came 2nd in the Junior Bull class, Uallach Dubh 5<sup>th</sup> was placed 3rd in the very complete Senior Bull Class and the fold picked up places in a total of 8 classes.



## GLASGOW'S INTERNATIONAL CATTLE SHOW

### - A GLORIOUS HOME COMING -



With over 100 highlanders on display from 31 breeders from all over Scotland and the north of England, the City of Glasgow's "International Highland Cattle Show" was the biggest in Britain this year.

However, the Pollok Fold prevailed with their classic mixture of quality and show ring flair, constantly picking up points and places across a total of 7 classes. Glasgow City's fold attained their ultimate goal and won the new Cameron Trophy donated by Ann Cameron of the Glenogle Fold, for the most points in any five classes. Afterwards, the Judge praised this year's Glasgow International Show stating to the press he was very impressed with the quality of the cattle which was by far the best ever seen at the event.

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Both the Supreme and Junior Championship titles were won by Her Majesty the Queen's Balmoral Fold with a 3 year old heifer, Garbh Allt 34<sup>th</sup> of Balmoral taking the top honour and 19 month old bull, Aodhair of Balmoral winning the junior crown. This was the first time the HM Queen's Balmoral Fold had competed at the Glasgow event. Kean walkers may be familiar with the royal

heifer's name sake "Garbh Allt" is a burn with a spectacular set of falls along one of the more popular routes up Lochnagar. A full report on this show can be found at: <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/Parks>.

## TEAM SPIRIT

The Glasgow City's People's Fold must keep up appearances at all times, just 15 minutes way from Glasgow Airport, the City of Glasgow's highland cattle fold act as International Ambassadors for the Scottish Tourism. Highland Cattle are seen as an intrinsic part of the Scottish landscape and must on all tourists tick lists. Cattle Shows represent only a small part of the work the cattle do to promote their City. They are involved with educational visits for schools and colleges; public talks and walks covering all aspects of highland cattle husbandry, management, conservation grazing; they attend Country to City days and Wild in the City days organized by the Countryside Rangers; attend local events & gala days, along with starring at large scale citywide events such as The Glasgow Show and Pollok Family Day.

The success of Glasgow City's fold is down to the hard work of Pollok's livestock and management team in their pursuit of excellence throughout the year. The "Best Fold in Britain" award is an apt tribute to their relentless efforts to promote Highland Cattle and improve the quality of their pedigree stock for the people of Glasgow.

*NOT TO BE MISSED NEXT YEAR'S CITY OF GLASGOW'S INTERNATIONAL HIGHLAND CATTLE SHOW ! Highland Cattle breeders from around the world will be converging on Glasgow from 24th September to 2nd October 2010 to attend the 3rd International Gathering of Highland Cattle Breeders. The City of Glasgow International Highland Cattle Show at **Pollok Country Park on 2nd October** will be a fitting finale to this prestigious Gathering.*



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