

Oban Show & Sale Feb 2024



A warm welcome from Killochries Fold.

We hope this paper will give you a little more information about us and our breeding policies as well as plenty details on the cattle attending the Oban sale. As always, if you have any questions, please just get in touch!

Since 1995, when Killochries Fold Highlanders were established, our cattle have developed a formidable reputation not only as



show winners but also as a strong commercial strain, with earlier maturing characteristics and exceptional live weight gains.

All Killochries cattle are signet recorded and have shown continuous improvement over the years, to the point where we are struggling to find any weak links to trim the herd! Genetics, not feeding, is key to us. We calve our heifers at 3yrs and do not creep feed the calves as we are trying to measure the cow's ability to raise the calf. Calves are raised with their mothers on the moor, wintering on 4000 acres of rough heather ground. Calves weaned naturally, as they would in nature, 2months before birth of next calf. Pedigree and breed conformance are paramount, but commercial viability must go hand in hand.

In addition to signet numbers, Ingenuity Beef DNA results are available for all our cattle. Having experimented with DNA sampling years ago, we are finding it increasingly useful today due to advances in technology. DNA sampling enables us to measure growth rates, tenderness and general performance at the time the calf is born, rather than wait for the time lag of performance recording.



Calving at 3yrs has been standard practice at Killochries for a significant period of time, with great success. Very high fertility and selective breeding has enabled this early calving and any myths about these cows not reaching full lifespan as a result of early calving have been well and truly dispelled. Our oldest cow calved at 3yrs and is now approaching her 20th year, once again, in calf.



The policy at Killochries is not to creep feed the calves as we are trying to measure the cow's ability to raise the calf. Normally we would target @ 0.75 Kg per day for heifers at 200 day weight and 1.00 Kg per day for bulls. In fact, our heifers often average 1.00 Kg per day, without supplement to cows or calves! The % Dam weight of 41.60% clearly demonstrates the commercial viability of the Highland cow.



Killochries Fold is a high hill farm where cattle are out-wintered in the wet, windy conditions of the west of Scotland. Highland cattle play an integral role in our drive towards regenerative agriculture, where they help to improve crop diversity, which has the knock on effect of improving wildlife and biodiversity on the farm. We

look forward to welcoming you to the pen at Oban. For those who wish to see other Killochries stock for sale, please see contact details on last page. www.killochries.co.uk



CALVES FOR SALE

Princess 36th of Killochries - LOT 86

UK 583241 401699 Dob 19/05/2022 Black

The Princess line is one of the strongest black lines we have at Killochries. Princess 36th of Killochries' great granny, on her mother's side was Princess Dubh 7th of Rigg, (Dob 18th March 1992). When we attended the Rigg dispersal sale, she was the one cow that we were not going home without buying and owning.



Without doubt buying this fantastic cow has proven to be the correct decision. Princess Dubh 7th of Rigg, has been exceptional and has provided the Rigg and Killochries with bulls and heifers of exceptional quality.

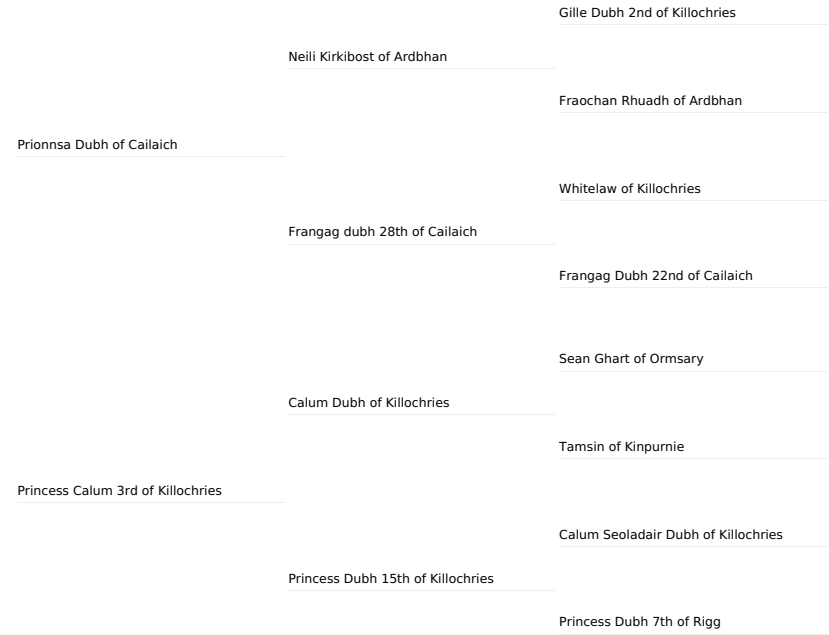
Princess 36th of Killochries' great grandfather on the male side, Gille Dubh 2nd of Killochries, has had an exceptional career at Ardbhan, producing Neile Kirkbost, her grandfather, who became a stock bull at Cailaich and who, in turn, produced her father, Prionnsa Dubh of Cailaich who is currently a stock bull at Ardbhan.

Princess 36th of Killochries is a fantastic opportunity to get black lines from Killochries that go back to our foundation black cattle from the Rigg, which she has in both sides of her pedigree.

Pedigree Advertisement - Princess 36th of Killochries

Princess 36th of Killochries

Birth Date 19-05-2022



Eileen 5th of Killochries - LOT 87

UK583241 201704 Dob 22/05/2022 Black

Eileen 5th of Killochries shares the same father as Princess 36th of Killochries. On her mother's side we have her great grandfather, Calum Seoladair Dubh 2nd of Killochries. Calum's semen is still available worldwide and he has produced show winners and champions in Australia. See below Glen Hastie's comments about Calum.



Eileen 5th of Killochries' maternal great grandfather is Sean Ghart of Ormsary, a highly successful stock bull at Killochries. Sean Ghart's grandfather was Kirkbost of Ardbhan, whose father was Lord Angus of Old Greenlaw.

Way back, you will find Lord Angus of Old Greenlaw's blood lines in the pedigrees of some of the best Highland Cattle that exist today. Kirkbost produced a group of heifers from Ormsary that were the best I have ever seen at Oban.

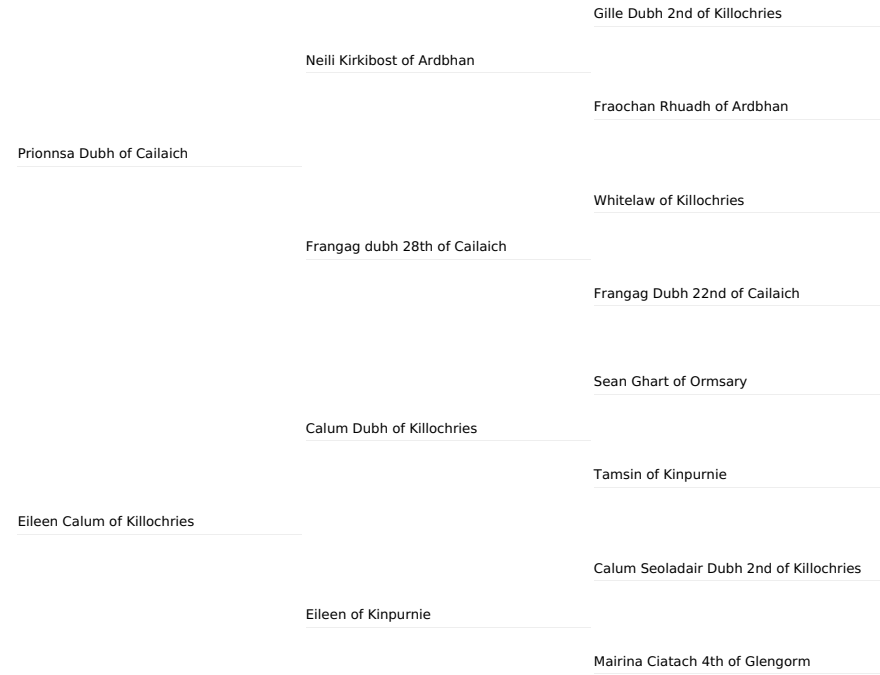
Before halter training for Oban, Princess and Eileen have never been kept inside and impressed us with their easy temperament and nature. They will make a fantastic addition to your fold whether you are conservation grazing or going to the show ring.



Pedigree Advertisement - Eileen 5th of Killochries

Eileen 5th of Killochries

Birth Date 22-05-2022



Ancestry:

Calum Seoladair Dubh 2nd of Killochries



About Calum Seoladair Dubh 2nd of Killochries

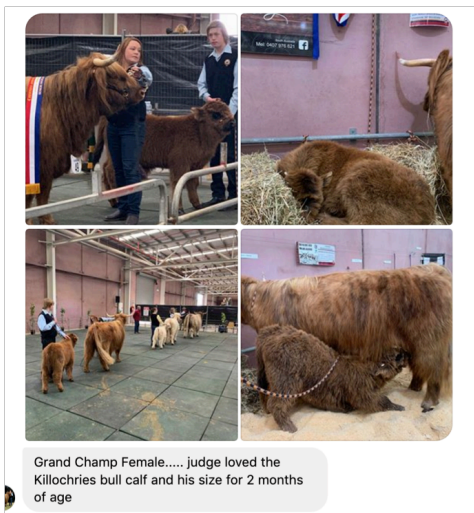
Comments:

“This is the bull we have been looking for in Australia to improve thickness and muscle expression (he has a tremendous loin) and Highland character at the same time (hair, head shape and beautiful horns on his heifers). He throws some width below, great legs, as well as strong top lines. He has a much sought after, traditional pedigree, with Rigg animals on both sides, as well as Achnacloich, Douneside, Millerston, Strathallen, Benmore, Pollok and Old Greenlaw. Being

homozygous black, he will only throw black (or dun if your female has a dilution gene).

"I viewed this bull at the Killochries fold, observed his movement and I was impressed with his thickness, right through over the shoulders. His progeny showed his easy doing, well-fleshed bodies, and beautiful heads. Killochries selected him for his commercial traits - muscling, eye-muscle-area and remarkable early growth, which impressed me greatly. This is a bull that has never been in the show ring, yet he has so much to give in the ring and with carcass statistics."

Glen Hastie – Australia.



"Out of interest, at the last Australian National Highland Show, our bull & heifer (both sired by Calum) were named Junior Champion Bull & Heifer. They are indeed traditional, thick Highlands with great locomotion. We are very happy with the type that Calum has produced."

Glen Hastie - Australia

Melissa Kramer - Australia

Pedigree: Calum Seoladair Dubh 2nd of Killochries

	Tearlach Dubh of Balinoe
Gille Dubh of Ardeonaig	Mairead of Ardeonaig
Calum Seoladair Dubh of Killochries	Fionn of Leachy
Malda Dubh 5th of Rigg	Malda Duch of Rigg
	Uisdean Dubh of Cailaich
Phoil of Cailaich	Malda Dubh 7th of Achnacloich
Una 7th of Rigg	Lord Angus of Old Greenlaw
Una 2nd of Rigg	Una 3rd of Millerston

Ancestry:

Sean 2nd of Killochries

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Male Champion at Oban 2015. Sean is the son of Sean Ghart of Ormsary, a previous stock bull at Killochries. (Sean Ghart's semen is available worldwide).



Background Info

Killochries Fold is part of Aird Farming Group, run by Iain and Sheena Graham and comprises three main farm locations across Scotland (Killochries & Drumcross in the west, Balgay Farm in the east and Shildaig Croft in the Northwest Highlands). Each farm has different activities based on the land type but all have conservation and best practice farming at their heart. Highlanders are reared at Killochries Fold as well as Shildaig Croft in Wester Ross.



Killochries Fold

Iain and Sheena are based at Killochries, located on the hills forty minutes west of Glasgow. Killochries has been producing pedigree Highlands since 1995 and has always been a strong advocate of performance

recording, strictly keeping only the best performing cattle and ensuring easy calvers.

The ground ranges from rough heather-clad hill to lower grassland pastures. As with all activities in Aird Farming Group, we are always striving for new ways to improve the land. We are on a major drive to reduce processed input, using organic matter

wherever possible. As part of this we have been experimenting with various herbal leys, which provide an improved variety of nutrients for both the soil and the cattle. Tree planting is continuous and we have seen a major reduction in water run-off and a decrease in soil erosion, keeping the burn flowing clear even in the wettest of spells. The wildlife is thriving with regular sightings of curlews and lapwings amongst others. Ground that was once bog has been transformed through drainage and paddock grazing the cattle.



When it came to establishing the black herd we were fortunate to have been able to buy some of the best black cattle from the Rigg dispersal sale. Archie Howet devoted a lifetime to breeding these special black Highlanders and the purchase of the Rigg cattle enabled us to continue this passion. Based on this excellent breeding stock as well as continuous performance monitoring, Killochries now has one of the most sought after black herds worldwide.

Today you will find Killochries bulls breeding well in many of the best folds around the world from Australia to Germany and their offspring are often class winners, regularly in the top prices at pedigree sales.

The herd is performance recorded, health (IBR, BVD, Lepto and Johnes) and fertility status is guaranteed. Whether you are an experienced breeder or hoping to establish a small fold or just have a keen interest in Highland Cattle, we will always be pleased to welcome you at Killochries Fold.



Shieldaig Croft

Located in the North west Highlands of Scotland, Shieldaig Croft sits in undoubtedly one of Scotland's finest scenic areas. All the Highlanders that graze here come from Killochries Fold.



Shieldaig Croft is a family run business, tenanted by Iain & Sheena's daughter, Mairi McLellan. It spans some 1000 acres, rising from the sea in Badachro Bay to the top of the Torr, over to the Shieldaig Bay paddocks and up the Stalkers track to Lochan Fuar.

180,000 trees have been planted as part of a natural forest regeneration and our fold of Highland cattle can be seen grazing throughout the year on the paddocks by Shieldaig Lodge or the

hills of the Torr. The Highlanders are core to improving the ground and have been experts at improving the unproductive land. They maintain the balance of plants, thriving on rough fodder and their grazing enables less competitive grasses and flowers to flourish, creating a more complex vegetation structure, which greatly benefits the invertebrates, birds and animals.

We graze sixteen Shildaig Croft Highlanders on the heather hills year round. Each year we bring in a bull from one of the family farms – sometimes a shorthorn bull and sometimes a pure Highlander. The calves are then sold back to the family farm at weaning. All Shildaig Highlanders are Hihealth accredited and live in their natural environment, out-wintered.

Contact

Farm visitors are always welcome. We currently have a good selection of high DNA bulls and heifers, ageing from last year's calves to 3year olds.

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