

# 127th Oban Show & Sale October 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 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. Calves are raised with their mothers on the moor, wintering on 2000 acres of rough heather ground. Calves weaned naturally, as they would in nature, two months before birth of next calf. Pedigree and breed conformance are paramount, but commercial viability must go hand in hand.

In addition to signet numbers, Ingenity 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.



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 calf's percentage of her Dam's 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](http://www.killochries.co.uk).

**Note: Myostatin NT821.** All cattle at Killochries, male and female, are DNA tested for parentage, Ingenuity Beef and the myostatin NT821. All cattle in the herd are clear of the myostatin NT821.



## HEIFERS FOR SALE

### Princess 37<sup>th</sup> of Killochries - LOT 28

UK 583241 101717 Dob 03/06/2022 Black

The Princess line is one of the strongest black lines we have at Killochries. Princess 37<sup>th</sup> of Killochries' great grandfather on her Mother's side was Seoladair Dubh 2<sup>nd</sup> of Killochries. Princess 37<sup>th</sup> of Killochries' great grandfather on the male side, Gille Dubh 2<sup>nd</sup> of Killochries, has had an exceptional career at Ardbhan, producing Neile Kirkibost, her grandfather, who became a stock bull at Cailaich and

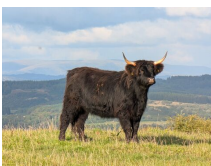


who, in turn, produced her father, Prionnsa Dubh of Cailaich who is currently a stock bull at Ardbhan.

Princess 37<sup>th</sup> 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 37th of Killochries**

Princess 37th of Killochries  
**Birth Date** 03-06-2022



Gille Dubh 2nd of Killochries

Neili Kirkibost of Ardbhan

Fraochan Rhuadh of Ardbhan

Prionnsa Dubh of Cailaich

Whitelaw of Killochries

Frangag dubh 28th of Cailaich

Frangag Dubh 22nd of Cailaich

Seamus 2nd of Killochries

Dughall of Killochries

Princess Dubh 19th of Rigg

Princess Og of Killochries

Calum Seoladair Dubh 2nd of Killochries

Princess 2nd of Kinpurnie

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## Eileen 4<sup>th</sup> of Killochries - LOT 25

UK583241 301691 Dob 09/05/2022 Black

Eileen 4<sup>th</sup> of Killochries shares the same father as Princess 37<sup>th</sup> 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 and America. See below Glen Hastie's comments about Calum. Her paternal great grandfather is Gillie Dubh 2nd of Killochries who produced great stock at Ardbhan, including her grandfather, Neili Kirkibost of Ardbhan, who became the stock bull at Cailaich.





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

**Pedigree Advertisement - Eileen 4th of Killochries**

Eileen 4th of Killochries

**Birth Date** 09-05-2022



Gille Dubh 2nd of Killochries

Neill Kirkibost of Ardbhan

Fraochan Rhuadh of Ardbhan

Prionnsa Dubh of Cailaich

Whitelaw of Killochries

Frangag dubh 28th of Cailaich

Frangag Dubh 22nd of Cailaich

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Princess Dubh 19th of Rigg

Eileen Dughall of Killochries

Calum Seoladair Dubh 2nd of Killochries

Eileen of Kinpurnie

Mairina Ciatach 4th of Glengorm

## Stephanie 8th of Killochries - LOT 27

UK583241 301705 Dob 23/05/2022 White

Stephanie 8th of Killochries' father, Tearlach 2nd of Killochries has been a very successful stock bull at Killochries. Tearlach's pedigree goes back to Ardbhan, Ormsary and Balmoral.

On Stephanie's mother's side her great grandfather Somerled of Killochries goes back to Lord Angus of Old Greenlaw and Capleadh 10th of Millerston. The Capleadh line was a strong and respected line at Millerston.



Pedigree Advertisement - Stephanie 8th of Killochries

Stephanie 8th of Killochries

Birth Date 23-05-2022



Lord Mosscastle of Old Greenlaw

Aonghas 1st of Killochries

Meta T4 of Ardbhan

Tearlach 2nd of Killochries

Sean Ghart of Ormsary

Megan 14th Killochries

Megan 30th of Balmoral

Hamish Mhor 2nd of Callachally

Sean Ghart of Ormsary

Susan 5th of Ormsary

Stephanie Sean of Killochries

Somerled of Killochries

Stephanie 2nd of Killochries

Stephanie of Knotting

## BULL FOR SALE

### **Tearlach 8th of Killochries - Class 14 males, No. 90**

UK583241 101598 Dob 03/04/2021 Red

Tearlach 8th of Killochries father's line has two powerful and prolific grandfathers. Lord Mosscastle of Old Greenlaw a hugely successful bull at Ardbhan and Sean Ghart of Ormsary was our stock bull for many years.



Sean Ghart was the father of our Oban Champion, Sean 2nd of Killochries, in 2015 (see in Ancestry section). Both these bulls have Lord Angus of Old Greenlaw in their pedigrees, which may give him the ability to leave some white calves. Lord Angus left fantastic calves in some of the best folds in Scotland.



Tearlach has been carefully raised to grow slowly during puberty to maximise his fertility and fitness. Raised outside, summer and winter, he has only been inside for dosing and preparation for this sale. He is a bull with good temperament and easy to halter train, even when a mature bull. Tearlach 8th is a powerful, masculine bull that will make a great addition to any fold.

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Lord Mosscastle of Old Greenlaw

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Sean Ghart of Ormsary

Megan 14th Killochries

Megan 30th of Balmoral

Angus the 8th. of Dunvegan

Lachlan 2nd of Auchnacriag

Flora 4th of Torloisk

Proiseag Angus of Killochries

Eoin Mhor of Miungairigh

Proiseag Ruadh 6th of Whitslaid

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## ANCESTRY

### Calum Seoladair Dubh 2nd of Killochries

About Calum Seoladair Dubh 2nd of Killochries

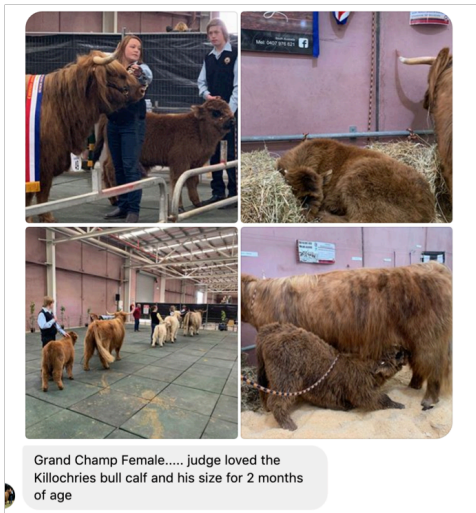
Comments:



*“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.*

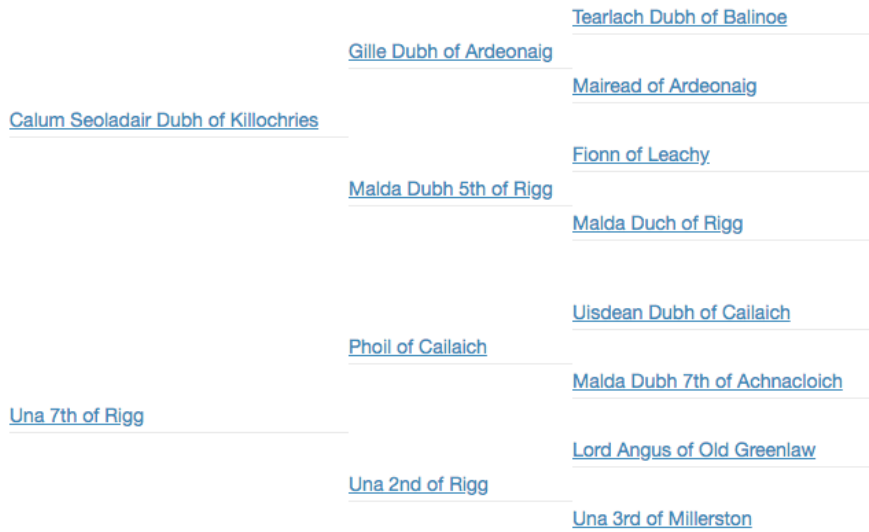


*“Out of interest, at the last Australian National Highland Show, our bull & heifer (both sired by Calum) were named Junior Champion Bull & Heifer. They are indeed traditional, thick Highlands with great locomotion. We are very happy with the type that Calum has produced.”*

*Melissa Kramer - Australia*

## Pedigree:

### Calum Seoladair Dubh 2nd of Killochries



# Ancestry

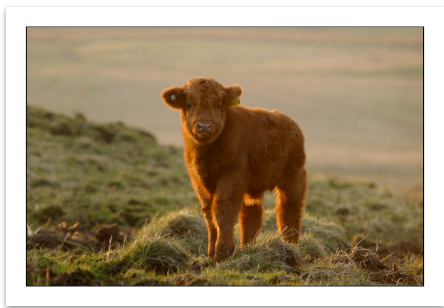
## Sean 2nd of Killochries

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 Shieldaig 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 Shieldaig 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 undoubtably 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 Shieldaig 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 Shieldaig Highlanders are Hihealth accredited and live in their natural environment, out-wintered.



# SEMEN STRAWS

Semen Straws from Killochries Fold are available worldwide. For the UK, please contact Mari Anderson [mari@killochries.com](mailto:mari@killochries.com). The following contacts handle other areas:

| Customer                                       | Country     | Bull        | Contact email                                                            |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jaylyn Ettinger - Willow Fold                  | Canada      | Lord Ranald | <a href="mailto:jaylyn@willowglenfarm.ca">jaylyn@willowglenfarm.ca</a>   |
| Jaylyn Ettinger - Willow Fold                  | Canada      | Sean Ghart  |                                                                          |
| Glen Hastie - Bairsley Fold                    | Australia   | Lord Ranald | <a href="mailto:glen.hastie@gmail.com">glen.hastie@gmail.com</a>         |
| Glen Hastie - Bairsley Fold                    | Australia   | Calum       | <a href="mailto:glen.hastie@gmail.com">glen.hastie@gmail.com</a>         |
| Highland Spice                                 | USA         | Lord Ranald | <a href="mailto:angelclare.long@gmail.com">angelclare.long@gmail.com</a> |
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| James Brown-Strathburn Fold                    | New Zealand | Lord Ranald | <a href="mailto:jamesbrown2012@gmail.com">jamesbrown2012@gmail.com</a>   |
| Ian & Barbara Proudfoot-Highland Heritage Farm | Canada      | Lord Ranald | <a href="mailto:proudfooti@aol.com">proudfooti@aol.com</a>               |

## 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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