

Townsville Show

June 2008

Arrived at Townsville mid afternoon Thursday, unloaded the team and settled them in. Set up camp and went and spent the night talking to my friends that bred Dexters and Murray Greys, it was good to catch up after year. Friday morning early, I washed the cattle and kept them clean for the public to view for the day, it was an easy day til the evening came along, then the public flocked in, children wanting to pat the cattle, adults asking questions, it was good, a lot of people went away with a little more knowledge on small cattle, especially on Nadudanas. 8pm, we closed the doors to the cattle shed and went and rested ourselves.

John and Terry breed Murray Greys, well the guys never got a great deal of time when we last met to actually check out the cattle, they were very imprest, loved my senior bull Gundare The Lawman, in fact they both just loved the breed, but the calves really blow them away. Kathleen and Jim the Dexter breeders, they really like the cattle too, Kathleen has many a time asked me whether I would notice if she'd swap a Dexter calf for one of mine babies, yaaa I think so!!!!!!

Saturday morning, off washing the cattle again, just a quick one. It was about 10ish when we got rolling with people and it was steady all day. A lot of interested people with small acreage even just backyards, wishing they could keep one. Probally ½ dozen really interested people in buying cattle in the near future. The day was hot, dry and I thought productive, once again, fed the cattle at 5.30pm and by 8pm closed the doors.

Sunday!!!! The day of Exhibition, small breeds was up first, results as follows:

<i>Baridbaran Quest</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Bull calf 6mths and under 9mths Champion Bull calf Grand Champion Bull of Show</i>
<i>Jawahar Prospect</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Bull Junior 12mths and under 18mths Champion Bull Junior</i>
<i>Darjeeling Rogue</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Female calf 6mths and under 9mths</i>
<i>Damyanti Tuppents</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Female Junior 12mths and under 18mths Champion Female Junior</i>
<i>Frostie's Tetrece</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Female Senior 48mths and over Reserve Champion Female</i>

I was happy with the Judges comments, he said that Quest is a stylist bull calf with good length and shapely hind quarters, with equal testicles, really couldn't pick anything wrong with him. Prospect, he did like the bull but found him too leggy and needed to fill out a bit more. Rogue, his comments on her, as a lovely shaped animal but the Dexter calf had a bit more length, which lost her first place.

Tuppents did well and the judge liked the way she carried herself, lengthy body, good teat position and good wide pins.

Tetreece, well even Terry and John thought I might I've had 1st place with her, but the Dexter took it out and only on length of body, that was the only difference.

On days of judging, it's not what the judge has to say but what the spectators outside the ring are thinking, they are the ones we have to impress. All in all Townsville Show has always been one show that I do like being at, plenty of prospective buyers, good atmosphere and friends.