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PRESS RELEASE

Monzie herd take inaugural Lady Anne memorial cup

The second sale for the Luing breed at Dingwall produced a healthy trade for the 78-head of cattle forward. A very impressive average of £1,474 was achieved for 42 pedigree Luing bulling heifers sold.

Pedigree Luing bulling heifers were bid to 2,200gns with 42 sold averaging £1,474 – down a mere £68 on the year with 7 more sold. The Monzie herd of J.J. & R. Cameron from Blair Atholl achieved the top average of £1,821 for 14 sold – with 12 of these heifers going to Mark Kemp from Hampshire who was setting up a new herd in the New Forest. The outstanding Monzie consignment contained a pair of heifers sired by *Wooplaw Glen Affric* that were awarded the inaugural Lady Anne memorial cup for the best pair of bulling heifers as provided by Welbeck Scottish Farms. The top price in the sale of 2,200gns was paid by Sheila Campbell-Lloyd of the Lealty Luing herd at Boath, Ross-shire for a pair of heifers from Cadzow Brothers Ltd. sired by the home-bred bulls *Luing Crusader* and *Luing Dirk*. Cadzow Brothers Ltd. went on to have a very strong trade for their split consignment of two-year old and yearling pedigree heifers with their 11 two-year olds averaging £1,785 and the 14 yearlings all selling to average £1,025.

A very strong line-up of bulling heifers also saw good averages for Culmaily who sold two to average £1,759; Lochbroom averaged £1,137 for four and Deveron averaged £1,084 for 8. The Deveron herd from Turriff also did well with their eight Luing cross Beef Shorthorn and Luing cross Aberdeen Angus bulling heifers selling to average £899.

The demand for bulls was limited with four of the six forward selling to average £1,609 – a top of 3,000gns was paid by the Crofters Commission for *Nunnerie Kahn* from C.C. MacArthur & Co.; a two-year old son by *Harehead Davy-Dee* and out of a home-bred cow. This bull had stood out in the pre-sale bull parade standing 56" at the shoulder, weighing 915kg with a scrotal circumference measurement of 39cm; combined with a set of very good scores from the Society's Dam Classification scheme for his dam, *Nunnerie Kahn* should go on to breed some good females via the Crofters bull stud.

Society Chairman Matthew Mauchlen, who also judged the inaugural Lady Anne memorial cup competition for best pair of bulling heifers, commented, "Today's trade was very satisfactory for the consignors and the prices certainly matched the high standard of stock forward. Whilst averages may be slightly back on the year, we did have 31 more cattle here and it was always going to be hard to match last year's trade at the inaugural sale. It was pleasing to see local farmers and crofters getting the chance to take some good pedigree bulling heifers home as well as a large consignment going south to Hampshire to set up a new herd in the New Forest for Mark Kemp."

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