

National Junior Santa Gertrudis Donated Heifer Program

“To encourage donated heifer recipients to build their herds with genetics through the generosity of the breeder’s donation, to hone communication skills of recipients and foster relationships between juniors and breeders, all while enhancing the promotion of the Santa Gertrudis breed.”

Rules and Regulations

1. Each recipient of a donated heifer and his/her parent or legal guardian **is required** to sign a written statement agreeing to abide by the rules and regulations of the NJSGS Donated Heifer Program. Those that refuse to sign the statement will automatically forfeit the donated heifer to the second-place winner of the class.
2. At the time of preparing entries for the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show, juniors must read and sign their acknowledgement of the Donated Heifer Program rules. Juniors must also designate if they would like a donated heifer if they are to win a class at the National Junior Show. If no is selected, the junior will forfeit their ability to win a donated heifer at that year’s National Show.
3. Recipients can receive a maximum of 2 donated heifers each year. If a recipient wins more than two, the second-place winner of the youngest additional class(es) will win the donated heifer. For example, if a junior wins classes 2, 12 and Champion Bred & Owned, the second-place winner in Class 2 will receive the donated heifer.
4. Donated Heifer recipients will draw for their assigned donor at the conclusion of the NJSGS; unless they have won a class that the donor has specifically requested (i.e., Bred & Owned, Star Five)
5. Each recipient **MUST** send a handwritten thank you letter by **July 30, 2021** to the donor of the heifer, which they were awarded at NJSGS. **A copy of the thank you letter must be sent to the YAC Donated Heifer Subcommittee Chairmen.**
6. Once the heifer’s registration papers have been transferred to the recipient’s name at SGBI, a copy of the original registration papers stamped with a red NJSGS Donated Heifer Program stamp will be forwarded to the recipient along with a letter from the NJSGS Donated Heifer Program. (This documentation should be acceptable for your local shows as well as major shows.) The original registration certificate **will remain** in the files of SGBI c/o Donated Heifer Committee until the end of the 2022 NJSGS.
7. Donated heifers **MUST** be registered in the name of the recipient and picked up by **January 1, 2022. (The Donated Heifer Subcommittee should be notified if the heifer cannot be picked up by January 1, 2022 so that other plans can be made.)**
8. The recipient **MUST** write a letter to the breeder of the donated heifer every 3 months after being awarded the heifer at the 2021 National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show. The first communication is a handwritten thank you letter due by **July 30, 2021**. Subsequent letters are due by **September 30, December 30, March 30 and June 30** (which is the final letter due after next year’s Jr Nationals). Once the heifer is received a monthly progress report is due during the months the letter is not written. This can be in the form of personal contact, email, photos, etc. **Communicate with your donor!!!** **Copies of reports/letters must be sent to the YAC Donated Heifer Subcommittee Chairmen.** (Texting is not an acceptable form of communication)

If recipient has not fulfilled requirements of the Donated Heifer Program: The recipient will be notified in writing by April 15th (prior to Jr Nationals) that he or she may be in violation of the donated

heifer contract. The recipient will then have until May 1st to correct the deficiencies and notify the committee of the corrections. If the committee has not been informed of the corrections by May 1st, the recipient will be notified immediately by letter that the terms of the donated heifer contract have been violated. Any recipient who has violated the terms of the donated heifer contract, and has been sent written notification, may not show the donated heifer at the ensuing National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show and will not be eligible to receive a donated heifer at the show again.

9. **Donors will notify the recipient and the Donated Heifer Subcommittee, at the time of transfer, if they would like the heifer to be shown at the following NJS GS.** If the donor has requested that the animal be shown, all efforts must be made by the recipient to have the donated heifer at the NJS GS. If the Donor does not require the heifer be shown, the recipient does not have to bring it back the following year but is more than welcome to and encouraged. The **donated heifers can be shown** in their respective classes and a special class at that National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show.
10. The recipient, while attending the 2022 NJS GS, **MUST** display a sign above the donated heifer indicating the heifer donor, heifer's name, and heifer recipient. The sign may also be displayed at various shows throughout the year as a sign of gratitude.
11. **Exceptions to the above:**
The recipient of a donated heifer who is ineligible to return to the NJS GS may transfer the donated heifer to another junior (who is an eligible SGBI junior member) or the second-place winner in the class with the understanding that all rules and regulations of the NJS GS Donated Heifer Program will be met. The ineligible recipient may also just keep the heifer, fulfill the requirements of the letter writing/progress reports (as stated in #5 and #8) and would therefore be able to bring the heifer back to the NJS GS for the Donated Heifer class. **The Donated Heifer Subcommittee MUST be notified of this decision.**
12. An award at the 2022 NJS GS for the Donated Class will be presented to the Grand Champion and **the Donor.**
13. The original registration certificate will be mailed to the heifer recipient, after all of the rules and regulations of the NJS GS Donated Heifer Program are met, following the 2022 NJS GS.
14. All obligations of the NJS GS Donated Heifer Program **MUST** be met and **MUST** be verified by the Donated Heifer Subcommittee. Considerations from all parties - Donated Heifer Subcommittee, Donor, and Recipient- will be taken into judgement before action is taken.
15. If you have any questions or concerns, please immediately contact:

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Remember, this opportunity is yours ONLY because of your Donor! Treat them, as you would like to be treated.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND UPLOAD DURING ONLINE ENTRY PROCESS
(exhibitors *WILL NOT* be able to continue *ONLINE ENTRY* process until they have completed and uploaded *SURVEY*)

NAME: _____ **HERD #:** _____

1. I have read the Donated Heifer Rules and agree to abide by them. _____ YES
2. If you win a donated heifer during the 2021 National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show, would you accept it? _____ YES _____ NO
3. If you win two (2) classes during the 2021 National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show, would accept both donated heifers. _____ YES _____ NO
4. Would you like the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Show to remain at same locations for two (2) consecutive years? _____ YES _____ NO
5. You have Read and understand the 2021 NJSGS packet and will abide by all rules. _____ YES
6. I understand the changes to the 2021 NJSGS check in procedure, and understand it is my responsibility to ensure ALL BRANDS & EAR TATTOO matches information on my SGBI Official Registration papers prior to checking in my cattle. _____ YES

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