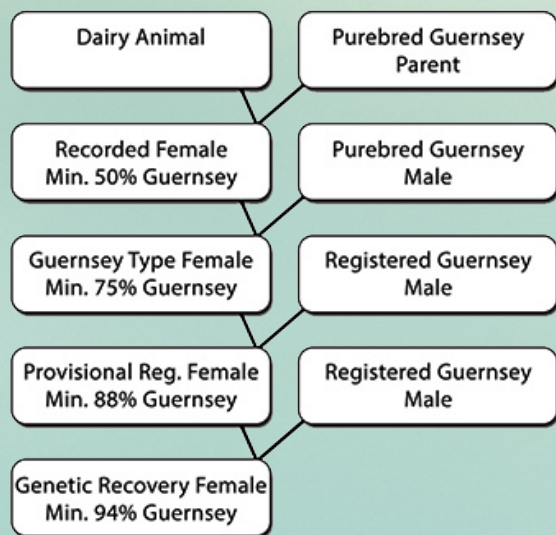


# Increase Value

The American Guernsey Association's Genetic Recovery Program allows animals to enter and advance through the Herd Register as they increase Guernsey genetics with every generation. Cows qualifying for the Herd Register through the Genetic Recovery Program have sons in A.I., have been recognized as national class leaders, have earned All-American honors and have sold for top dollar from the auction block. The following is a detailed look at each of the steps of the Genetic Recovery Program.



## GR-Ealy Highland Jackpot Money VG-85

3-01 361D 19,520M 4.7% 912F 3.6% 618P

Yield Deviations: +486M +31F +42P

Bred by Dan & Sherry Ealy and owned by Christa Ealy

"Both Dan and I grew up with Guernseys, but when we took over the farm, the herd had switched to Holsteins. We wanted to own a 100% Guernsey herd, and the most economical way to do that was to breed our Holsteins to Guernsey bulls. The Genetic Recovery Program allowed us to develop our own Guernsey herd. There's something about raising each generation and watching it improve that gives you a great sense of accomplishment."

-Sherry Ealy, Sharpville, PA

# Steps To Recovery

## Step 1

Step one is the Recorded Female (RF). She must be a dairy type animal with no genetic-related abnormalities. She must have at least one purebred Guernsey parent.

## Step 2

Step two is the Guernsey Type (GT) animal. This female must be sired by a purebred Guernsey bull out of an RF female. The animal in this step must be a minimum of 75% Guernsey. If adequate records are provided, the initial animal may enter the Genetic Recovery Program as a GT animal.

## Step 3

Step three is the Provisional Register (PR) animal. This is a female out of a GT dam and sired by a registered Guernsey bull. This step requires a minimum of 87% Guernsey genetics. Beginning at this level, females are eligible for exhibition at national shows, as long as they are of "Guernsey" appearance.

## Step 4

Step four is the Genetic Recovery (GR) animal. This is a female out of a PR dam and a registered Guernsey bull. Females in this step are eligible for production awards. This step requires a minimum of 94% Guernsey genetics.

Animals in all four steps have the same information available as registered animals, such as registration certificates, production records and classification records. Every animal must be available for inspection by an AGA representative if requested. Genetic Recovery (GR) females are fully registered, thereby having all the privileges of registered Guernseys.

## A Small Investment

### Fees for Genetic Recovery

RF- \$8.00 • GT- \$8.00

PR- \$10.00 • GR- regular rates apply

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# Proven Results with Genetic Recovery



## Top: GR-Dix Lee Royce Starskittles

Sold for \$4,000 in the 2016 Ozark Jubilee Sale!

Reserve Jr. All-American & Nom. All-American 2016

Bred by Keith Dixon & owned by Justin & Daniel Chupp

## Bottom: PR-Dix Lee Kojack Peony EX-92

3-08 365D 20,770M 4.1% 850F 3.5% 726P

Featured in the Hoard's Dairyman Judging Contest!

Both cows bred & owned by Keith Dixon, Phillipsburg, MO

"For us, the Genetic Recovery Program was a way of switching from the Holsteins we had left to Guernseys. The Genetic Recovery Program has been very beneficial to our herd. We now have animals we can show and breed from that we wouldn't have otherwise. The resulting crosses continue to milk well quantity-wise and quality increases. Calving ease is also a bonus. Grazing ability improves as generations continue to be bred Guernsey."

-Keith Dixon, Phillipsburg, MO



# Envision the Opportunities with Genetic Recovery



## **GR-Willow Brook Pies Ronda EX-92**

Reserve All-American Sr 3-Year-Old 2014

3-02 305D 21,597M 4.3% 930F 3.2% 699P

Bred & owned by Willow Brook Farm, West Middlesex, PA



## **Walnut Ridge Mentor Sophia VG-88**

2-03 365D 29,660M 5.7% 1,691F\* 3.5% 1,036P

HM All-American Sr 2-Year-Old 2014

Dam: **GR-Walnut Ridge Brant Simplicity VG-85**

**110,640M Life**

Sophia bred by Walnut Ridge Farm & owned by Amber Beachley, Middletown, MD

"Only our show calves were registered when I took over the farm. Instead of going back through generations of records, we entered many of our animals into the Genetic Recovery program to save time and money. We now use it mostly for crossbreeding. We're going to start breeding our Jerseys to Guernseys for the Guernsey temperament."

-Pam Moser, Walnut Ridge Farm



## **PR-Spencer Farm Job Eliza EX-92**

4-02 365D 27,020M 4.4% 1,183F 3.3% 883P

Her embryos sold for \$250 each through the Ozark Sale!

Bred & owned by Seth & Shari Spencer, Lebanon, OR



## **GR-Craig Moor Camero Starlet EX-91**

Nominated Jr. All-American 4-Year-Old 2016

Grand Chamion New York State Fair 2016

Bred by Craig Moor Farm, North Bangor, NY and owned by Chascidy LaQuay, Philadelphia, NY



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## **GR-Ripley Farms Rudy Nikki EX-91**

3-04 365D 3X 29,380M 4.0% 1,178F 3.1% 921P

Reserve Jr. All-American Sr. 3-Year-Old 2017

#53 August '17 CPI List

Bred by Thomas Ripley & owned by Benjamin Axtell, Moravia, NY

**GAIN from GR:** pedigree information • classification • production awards • exhibition • All-American • registered Guernsey sales • CPI List • bull mothers • Guernsey community