

# Betsy's Calf

## New York State Jersey Cattle Club

### About Betsy

Betsy (Luchsinger) Czadzeck, lived and worked at the family farm, Silver Spring Farm, in Syracuse, N.Y., until 1996, when she married Roger Czadzeck and moved to his home in Clyde. Betsy managed the calf raising program at Silver Spring Farm and helped with other phases of the operation too. She was an invaluable asset because of her attention to detail and financial management skills. She was an integral part of the family team that found success in exhibiting Jerseys at five major shows across three decades. The tanbark trail included the New York State Fair, the Eastern States Exposition, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Show, the All-American Jersey Show and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (RAWF). Over the years, Betsy became well known to the exhibitors and followers of these events. She earned a reputation as being a friendly, cheerful, fun-loving, hardworking, and enthusiastic competitor. In 1996, she moved her herd of about 30 head to Roger's home place in Clyde. A year later, several others joined the herd, an inheritance from her father at his passing. At Meadow Winds Farm, she continued to breed and market the same kind of genetics that captured prizes for Silver Spring Farm. Calves and heifers she consigned to local sales brought the top dollar, and often, young exhibitors various county shows and at the New York State Fair, won classes cattle carrying the Meadow Winds prefix. Betsy left behind a legacy for being a great friend and someone who would lend a helping hand to anyone.

Betsy passed away February 12, 2021 and, in her memory, friends and family have funded a scholarship in her memory to continue to help kids own jerseys, as Betsy always did.

### Scholarship Details

A scholarship of up to \$1000 will be awarded to a deserving youth between the ages of 8 and 16 (as of January 1 of the current year) to purchase a registered jersey calf. Preference is given to youth that live in New York state and do not currently own a jersey.

The following requirements are due by **February 15<sup>th</sup>** to [lyndalehr@gmail.com](mailto:lyndalehr@gmail.com)

1. Completed application
2. A recommendation letter from your 4-H educator or FFA advisor
3. OPTIONAL – an additional recommendation letter from someone else that knows you (e.g. Jersey breeder or local farmer)
4. Applicant and parent acknowledgments

Additional requirement due by January 15<sup>th</sup> of the following **two years** to [lyndalehr@gmail.com](mailto:lyndalehr@gmail.com):

- A letter to the New York Jersey Club with an update on your calf (where did you purchase her, what is her pedigree, how have you cared for her, what shows did you attend, what have you learned, and what your future plans).
- A picture of you and your calf.

For questions, contact one of the following:

- Junior Activities Chairman: Lynda Lehr, 315-857-7161 or [lyndalehr@gmail.com](mailto:lyndalehr@gmail.com)
- NY Jersey Club President: Sandy Ferry Scott, 518-522-3321 or [sferry77@gmail.com](mailto:sferry77@gmail.com)

# Betsy's Calf Application

Name:

Age (as of January 1):

Address:

County:

Phone Number:

Email:

Name of person providing your recommendation:

Do you own any other dairy animals? If yes, how many and what breeds?

**Complete all of the following questions (use as many pages as needed to thoroughly answer the questions, include your name at the top of all pages).**

1. Why do you want a jersey calf?
2. How will you care for the calf?
3. Describe where your calf will be housed and the facilities for housing your calf. If housed on another farm, provide the name of the farm owner and how you will be involved in caring for the calf.
4. What are your plans with your calf? This year? Next year? Future?
5. Where do you plan to show your calf?
6. Do you need a mentor to help provide advice for feeding and caring for your calf?
7. Are you financially able to care for the calf? Describe how.
8. Do you need help finding a calf?
9. Why should you be selected for Betsy's calf?
10. Do you know any Jersey breeders? If yes, list names
11. Have you participated in any Jersey activities? If so, which ones?
  - If not, are you interested in participating? How would you participate? Opportunities include: helping at the NY state sale, selling raffle tickets, volunteering at the Jersey booth at state fair, helping at club shows, etc.

## **Betsy's Calf Application Acknowledgements**

### **Applicant Acknowledgement**

If selected, I agree to purchase a registered jersey calf with the scholarship money, care for it appropriately, and provide a written update for two years, as stated in the scholarship details requirements.

Name:

Date:

### **Parent Acknowledgement**

I acknowledge that my child is applying for the Betsy's calf scholarship and understand, if my child is selected, they will purchase a calf that they will be responsible to care for.

Name:

Date: