



The Hooves and Boots Award

We believe hooves and worn out boots should be part of every childhood and that God makes calves for kids. In memory of Elijah Jacob Dibble, sponsored by his family.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this contest is to give a young person and their family the blessing of the joys and cares of raising and owning a heifer calf, to encourage those who do not presently own Normandes to become involved with the breed, and to promote the Normande breed in general.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Through this program one registered Purebred or Fullblood Normande heifer calf will be awarded to the applicant from the Northeast US who shows high interest in the Normande breed and demonstrates the potential of developing a great relationship with their animal. The winning applicant will also be awarded one year of free membership to NANA (North American Normande Association) as a Junior Member.

The deadline for applications to be received is May 1 of each year. Winner will be announced by May 15 of each year and details for receipt of animal worked out as best to suit situation of the recipient, with ownership transfer occurring at that time if the plan is to show the animal in that year.

CONTEST RULES AND EXPECTATIONS:

Showing.

- A) A contestant can win only one heifer from this program. Applicants not chosen to receive a heifer in the year they apply are eligible to apply in another year, as long as the age requirements are met.
 - B) Applicants can be male or female, and **must** be 8-17 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. We encourage the person to be active in either 4-H or FFA.
 - C) The winner of the heifer **must** compete in at least two cattle shows per year for two years after receiving the calf. The two cattle shows **must** include their local county fair and the annual Farmer's Museum Junior Livestock Show in Cooperstown, which is open only to 4H members. If the winner is not eligible to show at the Cooperstown show due to location, another show in addition to their county fair **must** be specified in their application and they may still be considered. The winner is encouraged to show in other cattle shows, but it is not required beyond the two specified shows.
- 1) *The Applicant is responsible to find out, in advance, the requirements for entering at the required shows, including entry deadlines and shot requirements for each show. Your county 4-H or FFA agent may assist you.*
 - 2) *The applicant is responsible for bringing their own feed and bedding for their animal as the various fairs require, as well as whatever they will need for themselves, and they are expected to demonstrate a helpful attitude toward others around them at the shows.*

D) The recipient **must** be willing to promote the Normande breed and this program to others. This will include learning the breed's attributes and discussing them with others whenever the opportunity presents itself.

General animal care.

A) The responsibility for the daily care of the heifer **must** be accepted by the recipient and his/her family and the recipient is expected to be the main caretaker.

B) If future circumstances allow, the recipient is strongly encouraged to return one of the first three heifer offspring of the awarded animal to the program to bless another young person, and stay in touch with the Dibble family until this is facilitated. It is our hope that this program facilitate not only a blessing to one person, but that each person pass that blessing on to another in due time. If the recipient wishes to cease ownership of the animal after a heifer has been returned to the program, we strongly desire that she go somewhere where she will be used to breed rather than simply "beefed" and encourage contact with the Dibble family to help find a solution if the owner has trouble with it.

C) The recipient **must** breed his/her heifer to a registered Purebred or Fullblood Normande bull. If the heifer is a Fullblood, she must be bred to a registered Fullblood bull. This is to increase the number of these rare animals in the US.

D) The recipient **must** register their heifer's calves with NANA.

E) The recipient **must** be open to a Dibble family representative checking on the welfare of the heifer.

F) The recipient and his/her family **must** be willing to commit themselves to the two year length of this program.

G) The recipient is encouraged to pay the dues for NANA membership in the second year of the program. A form of record keeping to keep track of expenses and other needs in raising and animal is strongly encouraged, and a journal or diary to record the personal side of the experience is suggested.

Other provisions.

A) The recipient **must** submit photos and a yearly summary of their activities with the heifer for two years by March 1 of each year. The photos and summary may be used in whole or in part for promotional purposes.

B) Richard Dibble and/or the Dibble Family reserves the right to reclaim the animal if deemed necessary due to the recipient not complying with the above requirements.

C) Follow up questions may be asked and answers considered in the decision making process, and the Dibble Family may use any criteria they deem proper to make the decision, and may verify information any way they see fit. The decisions of the Dibble family as rendered finally by Richard S. Dibble or his duly authorized agents shall be final and without appeal.

D) Applicants understand that the Dibble family can not and does not guarantee an adequate supply of heifers in any given year and will not be liable if unable to produce a heifer for this program for any reason at all. The Dibble Family reserves all rights in all decisions regarding this program and makes no guarantees or promises whatsoever.

E) If problems arise in the raising of this calf, the Dibble Family will be consulted to help make appropriate decisions regarding the calf if needed.

F) If, within the first two years of caring for this calf, the recipient and/or family happens to fall on circumstances which make caring for this animal untenable, the Dibble Family reserves the right to take the animal back and do what is in their best judgment in the best interest of the animal and program.

G) All materials submitted to the Dibble Family in association with this contest become the property of the Dibble Family and may be used for promotional purposes.

H) Dibble Family may waive any provisions without indemnity and failure to enforce any provision one time shall in no way require waiving of any provision in the future.

Applicant's information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex M / F

We agree to the terms set forth above and hereby apply for the award of a Normande calf in the year _____.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____

AREA OF NORMANDE INTEREST: Beef _____ Dairy _____

AUTOMATICALLY RE-CONSIDER APPLICATION IF I DO NOT WIN THIS YEAR: Yes _____ No _____

Please print and return the first three pages of this document with your essay. Essay instructions need not be returned. THANK YOU!

The Essay

Applicant's essay **must** be in their handwriting and **must** be accompanied by a completed application (the above pages of this document) form with signatures and **must** be received by May 1. Print and mail to Hooves and Boots, c/o Fr. Rich Dibble, 10265 US Highway 20, West Winfield, NY 13491. Only hardcopy applications will be accepted but questions or comments can be emailed to diakonio@windstream.net, or phone inquiries at 315-725-3745. Please keep a copy yourself. Please give your essay a title. There is no length limit. In your essay please answer the following questions (feel free to include pictures where applicable):

1. Tell us why you would like to participate in this program. What are your goals and where do you see this project taking you?
2. Tell us how you would be able to promote this project and the Normande breed within your state and community. Would you be willing to donate a heifer in the future to perpetuate this program?
3. Describe your home farm and what your responsibilities there are or will be with this animal. Do not be afraid if this is your family's first cow or if your family milks thousands of cows.
4. If you were awarded a calf, describe how you would care for it, where you would keep it, and how you would feed it. If it would need to be housed on another farm, what is the owner's name and phone number, how far away is it, and when would you spend time with your calf? Please give all the information you can.
5. What organizations do you participate in and what positions of leadership have you held?
6. Tell us about the people you would call on if you needed help with anything about this animal.
7. What experience have you already had in taking care of animals?
8. Have you ever won an animal before in a contest like this? If so, how did the experience turn out?
9. How do you expect this calf to impact the dynamics of your family? Do you have siblings who are interested in Normandes?
10. Tell us about something difficult you have accomplished.
11. If, when showing your animal, you encounter a judge who is unfamiliar with the Normande breed, how will you handle it?
12. Tell us about your greatest positive and negative experiences with animals so far.
13. What are your other interests outside of raising cattle?
14. Is there anything else you would like to tell us?
15. Sometimes we are not able to have our calves as early in the year as we would like. If we do not have a spring heifer to give away, would you prefer an animal born later last year to be shown this year, or an animal born later this year to show next year? Would you still be interested if we could not meet your first choice? Do you have any interest in a bull calf?

16. Please give any suggestions which you feel would make this program better.
17. What types of technology do you use in your everyday life?
18. Would you be willing to participate in helping with communications or planning events for other area people interested in Normandes?
19. If this essay has required the help of an older person to complete, please indicate how much the older person helped. If the applicant has trouble reading or writing, do not be afraid to say so and try anyway.

We look forward to receiving your application and good luck!