

## Rules for Texas Shorthorn Lassie Princesses and Queen

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Shorthorn Lassies is to help promote Shorthorn and Polled Shorthorn cattle. The Lassies:

- maintain breed booths at State Fairs and livestock shows
- assist at field days, picnics, meetings, shows and sales
- sponsor awards and the queen/princess
- mail publicity releases to media outlets
- appear for radio and television programs on Shorthorns
- promote family fellowship for the breeders.

Age for Princess – 15 (by June 1) to 20 years of age

Age for Queen – 16 and not over 21 years of age

To be a Texas Shorthorn Lassie Princess or Queen, you and your Mother or guardian must be members of the Texas Shorthorn Lassie Association. Annual dues are \$20.00. This will also affiliate you with the national auxiliary.

A young lady must be single and remain single during her reign, or she will be required to relinquish her title.

To qualify, a candidate must be a member of a Shorthorn/Polled Shorthorn family OR must raise or show registered Shorthorns/Polled Shorthorns herself. Shorthorn Princess and Queen must show Shorthorn heifers (if they exhibit) but will not be limited to only Shorthorn heifers. They may show a second breed, and steers of any breed, with the understanding that the Shorthorn breed remains the primary focus.

It will be the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide a chaperone for the Princess/Queen when traveling. Young ladies must be mature enough to follow the rules which are set up for the good of all princesses and the queen.

Lassies will be requested to wear complete kilt costume at area Shorthorn activities (banquets, field days, shows, sales, etc.), when working the breed both at major shows, at open shows (Amarillo, Lubbock, Fort Worth and Houston) and junior heifer or steer shows (including State Fair of Texas, East Texas Fair, San Antonio, Abilene and San Angelo) when NOT in the ring showing cattle. The queen will be allowed to wear black pants rather than the kilt in costume (in state only) to present awards at shows where she is actually exhibiting her animal. Princesses may wear an official plaid vest with white blouse and black jeans to present awards in a show where she is exhibiting an animal. They are NOT permitted to "show" in any official costume (Royal Stuart plaid). Girls should carry the costume to all shows.

## **COSTUME**

Princesses will be provided a plaid vest, sash and crown. Girls will furnish black jeans, white blouse and black western boots. Princesses may wear a long-sleeved black sweater over the blouse in cold weather. The Princess will pay a \$35 vest deposit that will be refunded at the end of her princess reign, if the vest is returned to the Vice President/Queen Chairman dry-cleaned and in good condition. The sash and crown may be kept by the princess as a gift for her service.

Queen will be provided a kilt, stole and badge, as well as, a crown and sash. She will provide her own white blouse, black hose (or tights for cold weather) and plain black knee boots. At the end of the queens reign she will return the kilt, stole and badge to the Vice President/ Queen Chairman clean and in good condition. The sash and crown may be kept by the queen as a gift for her service.

Costume care is the Princess/Queen's responsibility during her reign. Store wool with moth balls. Upon completion of the reign, return the costume to the state Lassie vice-president dry-cleaned and in good condition. If a Lassie has an issue with her costume it must be reported to the Vice President/ Queen Chairman immediately.

## **CONDUCT**

Lassies are the most visible ambassadors of the Shorthorn breed and are role models to younger girls. While serving as Lassies, ladies are expected to uphold exemplary character while in and out of costume - *this includes social media*. A lassie's social media should be free of pictures that include partying, alcohol, smoking/vaping and attire that is not considered modest.

At no time while attending a Lassie function, or traveling to and from it by public transportation, will you drink or smoke/vape, whether in costume or not.

## **INFORMATION SHEETS**

At the beginning of your reign, you will complete a resume sheet for the Queen Chairman and Publicity Officer. The Publicity Officer will write and distribute releases and arrange TV/Radio appearances. Girls may do publicity in their own area too.

- **Princesses** will need 3 black and white 5x7 glossy prints (bust shots) made in costume. Send 2 prints to the publicity officer and keep one for your scrapbook.
- **Queen** will need 5 black and white 5x7 glossy prints (bust shots) in costume. Send 3 to the publicity officer and keep 2 to mail to national queen chairman. You will need 1 full length black and white glossy print in costume during the last half of the reign for the queen chairman.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Texas Shorthorn Lassies will sponsor a maximum of four (4) Princesses and one (1) queen per year (preferably all from different areas in the state). If an area association exists, a Princess may represent that geographic area or group of Shorthorn breeders.

A girl who becomes Princess may be re-elected once (as Princess) and serve as a Queen, making the total time a maximum of 3 years. A girl may become Queen and compete in the National Shorthorn Lassie Queen contest only once and once she has become Queen, she may not be selected as Princess.

A **Princess** will be given \$25.00 (each year) by the Texas Lassies to help with expense of pictures, etc.

A **Queen** will be given \$125.00 to purchase pictures, gloves, etc., and to travel in Texas. The Texas Lassies will pay \$500 Queen expenses to national and the Queen's registration fee for the contest to the National Lassies (currently \$175.00). The Texas Shorthorn Lassie Queen will receive a \$250 college scholarship at the end of her reign.

The Queen will preside at Shorthorn events (lead in classes, present awards at shows, banquets, field days and sales) in her association or area of the state; the state annual meeting/show; at open Shorthorn shows in Amarillo, Lubbock, Fort Worth and Houston; and at junior shows (State Fair, Tyler, San Antonio, Abilene and San Angelo), if possible. **CONTACT the Queen Chairman if unable to attend a major show.** Queen may attend activities and participate at the request of the Princess in her immediate area. Queen is encouraged to wear costume to all Shorthorn events.

Lassies are expected to attend the shows in their region and work the ring in costume when not showing. Additionally, Lassies are expected to work the ring when not showing at all other shows they attend. Failure to do this at 2 shows in one season will lead to dismissal and they will be required to turn in their crown, sash and vest. Note: there is no penalty for not attending a show outside of one's region.

Exceptions will be allowed on a case by case scenario but must have permission from the Queen Chairman prior to the show in question.

As stated on page 1, Princesses and Queen are encouraged to stay in the breed booth at shows or events, in costume if possible, to distribute literature and give information on Shorthorns. Participation in costume is also encouraged at breed association events such as sales and the Texas Shorthorn Association Field Day. Lassies are also expected to participate in fundraiser events held on behalf of the Lassies.

## **QUEEN SELECTION**

Princesses may compete for the title of Texas Shorthorn Lassie Queen.

Queen candidates will submit a digital photobook on activities from the time she was selected Princess and turn it in at the close of the year to the state queen chairman for judging. The digital photobook should be neat in appearance and original. The book should include:

- Shorthorn activities attended within own association or area of the state in and out of costume; Cattle raised by princess during the year;
- Cattle shown during current year;
- Civic functions attended in costume (Farm Bureau meetings, Lions Club, FFA or 4-H meetings for talks, etc.
- Newspaper clippings; TV and/or radio appearances; Pictures (cattle and activities) and letters;
- Small section on school, community and church activities
- Digital photobook will count as a possible 25 points.

Queen candidates will write and submit, with the digital photobook, to the state queen chairman two ESSAYS entitled:

- “What Being Princess Has Meant to Me”, and
- “Why I Want to Become Texas Shorthorn Lassie Queen”

The combined ESSAYS will count as a possible 25 points.

The Princess, in costume, will be interviewed by a panel of judges consisting of representatives from the Texas Shorthorn Lassie Association, the Texas Shorthorn Association and news media or farm related individuals. The INTERVIEW will follow a score card consisting of four categories:

- 1) Personality, poise, natural beauty; tell something about yourself and your future goals – 8 points
- 2) Speaking ability – 12 points
- 3) Knowledge of breed, agriculture, structure of Shorthorn organization – 20 points
- 4) Your involvement with Shorthorns/Polled Shorthorns; your family and Shorthorns; your ideas on responsibility of Queen in promoting Shorthorns – 10 points

Possible 50 points from INTERVIEW to make a TOTAL of 100 Points. Judges decisions are final and may not be disputed. The new Queen will be crowned at the annual meeting of the Texas Shorthorn Association or Texas Junior Shorthorn Association Preview Sale and banquet.

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**LASSIE PRINCESS/QUEEN ACCEPTANCE FORM**

(Please complete the form and return this page to the queen chairman)

Princess/Queen and Mother/Guardian please sign on the lines below indicating you have READ the rules for the Texas Shorthorn Lassie Princess and Queen and UNDERSTAND the rules.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lassie Princess/Queen

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Lassie's Mother/Guardian

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Witness

Sign 2 copies. One for Lassie to keep with rules, one for the Vice President/ Queen Chairman to keep for their records.

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