



# American Miniature Zebu Association, LLC

Education/Promotion/Preservation of the World's Smallest Cattle

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## Letter from the AMZA Registrar



I would like to let everyone know that I am available to answer anyone's questions that they may have with the Miniature Zebu's. Whether it would be a registration question or just a question in general with the Miniature Zebu breed. You can reach me by phone (352-391-0977), email ([amzaregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:amzaregistrar@gmail.com)), or thru the mail.

I would like to touch upon that the AMZA does honor other registries registration certificates. Any Miniature Zebu that is registered with another registry can be registered with the AMZA. The AMZA will need a copy of the registration certificate (both sides if there is

Information on the back). Other registries currently recognized by the AMZA include the International Miniature Zebu Association (IMZA). Somewhere on the copy of the registration certificate being sent, you will need to write the zebus color and whether they are horned, dehorned, or naturally polled, and a purchase date if that is not on the certificate. That is all I need and they can be registered at the normal registration fees, \$30.00 (bull or cow) for an AMZA Member in good standings or \$60.00 (bull or cow) for a non-AMZA Member and \$20.00 (steer—please provide proper documentation that the zebu has been steered) for an AMZA Member in good standings or \$40.00 for a non-AMZA Member. **(The AMZA does not delete any lineage that is on any other approved registries registration certificates.)**

The AMZA has also implemented a 'Hardship' registration for Miniature Zebu cattle that are unregistered for several reasons; lost registration certificated, sold without updated paperwork, lost paperwork, etc.

The AMZA works very hard to make this process as user friendly as possible, by texting or emailing pictures first, with the height of the animal, our hardship committee will access the animal and provide you a decision before you send in any money. The AMZA does NOT charge any fees for hardship unless the animal is approved for hardship registration.



## Understanding Cattle Social Structure

When your herd of zebu, whether two or twenty, are grazing in the pasture or milling around the barn at feeding time there are strict social rules obeyed by all. In cattle there is always a herd hierarchy and every cow is a queen to those below her and the fawning subject of those less dominant cows in the herd.

When cows are separated from each other, there still remains the status quo as every remaining cow still knows her place, but, when you bring the separated cow back into the herd after a few days, weeks, or months, she must regain the social status she left with. Sometimes cows gain on the dominance ladder and sometimes they loose.

You will always have one cow that bows to none, she is the boss and has uncontested access to the best pasture, gets the most grain, the best spot to lay and is most revered.

The social status can be from a number of things, not just size or horns, but they certainly help. Intelligence, brut force, and audacity certainly are part of the equation. But, dominance in the herd does not necessarily mean that she will be the most productive and reproductive.

It is important to keep watch on those cattle that are at the bottom of the herd's social hierarchy. The cow at the bottom will wait her turn at the hay rack, at the feed trough, and many times will leave with less than adequate feed. Always learn and respect the social structure of your herd as this affords you the opportunity to manage your animals better and maintain more consistency in productivity, reproductivity and general health.

*Article from Nadu-Zebu Journal.Spring.04*



## Life On Rouse Ranch

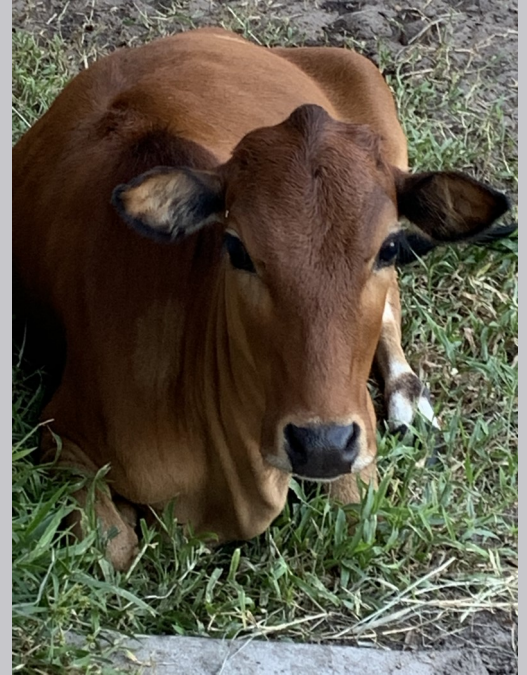
Ed and Carol Rouse here to share a little ranching experience, located in beautiful Haines City, FL.

In 2015 we started looking into miniature cattle when we came across the Miniature Zebu breed and fell in love with them. I visited several breeders and bought a bull and 5 heifers (Yikes). I wanted them all!

I went to the Florida State Fair where I got to meet many more zebu enthusiast. Got to see many more animals and watch them in the show ring. I couldn't wait to start working with my little guys so that I could show, being raised on a Ranch with regular beef cattle was always interesting but these little zebus stole the spotlight.

Though I didn't really know anything about breed characteristics nor lineage I went with what appealed to me and I thought I made some pretty good choices. Although, after attending my first show with my little guys I wasn't so, sure some of them placed last in their class. (I took it to heart , maybe I should of learned more before I bought) Not true though cause the next show they did much better. A breeder came to me and said, 'Just because your animal didn't do good doesn't mean it's a bad animal'.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Ed was building and putting up covers for them to get out of the elements when necessary, and putting feed and water troughs in each pasture. There were always numerous trips to the feed store and Home Depot for much needed supplies to make each pasture unique, so they would be "well taken care of" as I like to say. Others tell me they are SPOILED!!



I soon started posting on social media my zebus and was contacted asking if I'd like a pair. Well, me being the kind hearted person that I am, I said 'Let me come look at them.' That was a mistake cause I took the pair (Goose and Gander) and five others (Abbi, Molli, Lil Bit, Besty, Zeby). Wondering how I was going to explain this all to the hubby. I then found another I wanted and had this one shipped in from Texas. Then I had a breeder contact me about four a lady was wanting to sell as a group, well you guessed it!! Then the lady contacted me later and asked if I would like her last two.



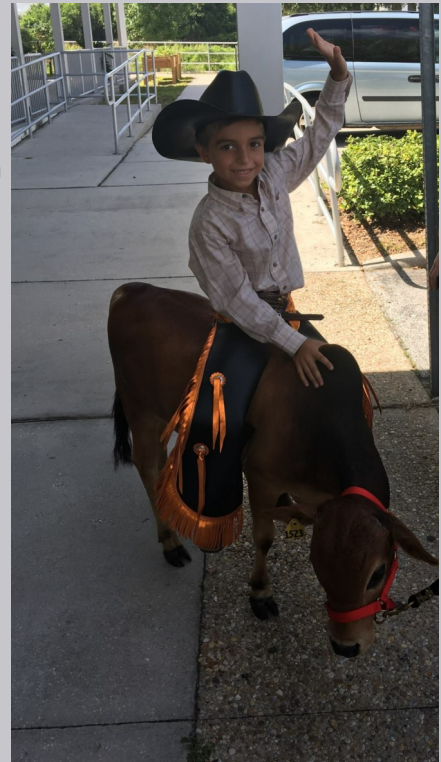
## Life On Rouse Ranch cont'd

A four hour trip and I had two more and a warning ticket to go along with! Last year I acquired three more. The saying 'They are like potato chips' is so true!

Likewise, the grandkids fell in love with our zebus. When they would visit they would spend all their time at the barn with them for hours. When they learned they could show, well it is a no brainer, they each fought over who was going to show who. Just tickled my heart. They played with them, rode on them, bathed them, and I believe a couple even got dressed up.

Everyday was a learning experience for me and likewise, I too could spend hours out at the barn, Ed works during the week, but on weekends you can find him out at the barn with them. They are like our kids. Each one has their own personality and uniqueness; my

grandkids would always ask who my favorite was and I'd say 'All of them', but truly I had a favorite just wouldn't say ....hehe....



Talk about a bittersweet moment was when I sold the first zebu, then another, but soon a few of the older groups started having babies so it was all better. Except, when you found yourself on the phone with Rick and Bobbi Ressler getting step by step instructions on how to help mom bring that beautiful little bundle into the world. There is always time for zebu licks and kisses at Rouse Ranch..... Bath time is always a struggle, not sure about yours, but mine aren't fond of the water hose nor the soap, but love the back, jaw, and brisket rubs!



## Life On Rouse Ranch cont'd

In the mornings when they hear me come out they all start singing to me, not sure if it is to let me know they are happy to see me or to let me know they are hungry; they love treats 'Nicker Makers' are their favorite. I talk to all of them by name and let them know I'm happy they are happy to see me. They fuss over who is getting to me first as they are coming across the pasture. None of them are bottle babies yet but you would think they are by the way they act! You can sit on them, lay across them, or sit down out in the pasture and they will come lay beside you.



If you ever want to visit Rouse Ranch, the gates are always open, our 'kids' especially love small visitors!! And of course, there is always chores to be done, feeding, hay to be put out, water troughs that need cleaning, stalls to be mucked, halters to be put on as well as lead drops. This is the picture of life on Rouse Ranch.

**Ed and Carol Rouse**

**Rouse Ranch**

**Haines City, FL**



## 2019 AMZA Judges Training

The AMZA held Judges Training on November 1st and 2nd, 2019 in Lady Lake, FL. Thank you to Linda Grant, AMZA Certified Master Judge and Rick Ressler, AMZA Certified Judge, for instructing this Judges Training. Thank you to Caula Beyl, Carol Rouse, Cindy Ritz, and Colton Nichols, who were able to attend.



## *Show Results*

### ***2020 Southeastern Classic Miniature Zebu Show***

Grand Champion Jr. Bull—Rouse Ranch Champ—Carol Rouse

Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Bull—DAB Thor—Sharon Collins

Grand Champion Sr. Bull—Stormy Hill Farms Wyatt—Wesley Swank

Reserve Grand Champion Sr. Bull—Flying P Sweet Lazarus (Baxter) - Colton Nichols

Champion Challenge Bull—Stormy Hill Farms Wyatt—Wesley Swank

Grand Champion Heifer—The Other Side Leena—Corinne Heaton

Reserve Grand Champion Heifer—Kades Critters Lady Scarlet—Haines City FFA

Grand Champion Cow—The Other Sides Gina—Sharon Collins

Reserve Grand Champion Cow—Stormy Hill Farms Patience—Bobbi Thompson

Champion Challenge Cow—The Other Sides Gina—Sharon Collins



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## ***Show Results cont'd***

### ***2020 Florida State Fair Open Miniature Zebu Show***

Grand Champion Jr. Bull—Southern Side Sheldon—Marc Tardif  
Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Bull—DAB Thor—Sharon Collins  
Grand Champion Sr. Bull—Stormy Hill Farms Wyatt—Wesley Swank  
Reserve Grand Champion Sr. Bull—ANB Lil Charlie—Rick Bogle  
Champion Challenge Bull—Stormy Hill Farms Wyatt—Wesley Swank  
Grand Champion Heifer—Wards Farm Autumn—Aubrey Ward  
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer—The Other Sides Anna—John Schmidt  
Grand Champion Cow—The Other Sides Roseann—John Schmidt  
Reserve Grand Champion Cow—The Other Sides Shelly—Marc Tardif  
Champion Challenge Cow—The Other Sides Roseann—John Schmidt



### ***2020 North Louisiana AG EXPO Miniature Zebu Show***

Grand Champion Jr. Bull—Maxwell Minis Blackjack—Kiara McDaniel  
Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Bull—Maxwell Minis Brysen—Whitney Barnett  
Grand Champion Heifer—Maxwell Minis Red Ruby—Daniel Barnett  
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer—Maxwell Minis Esmeralda—Roger Maxwell



### ***2019 State Fair of Louisiana—2nd Show***

Grand Champion Steer—Double Dream Mossberg—Nickolas Beatty  
Reserve Grand Champion Steer—Bottelberghe Farms Jagger—Triniti Corder  
Champion Challenge Steer—Double Dream Mossberg—Nickolas Beatty  
Grand Champion Jr. Bull—Bottelberghe Farms Gas Money—Blakley Bottelberghe  
Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Bull—Maxwell Minis Blackjack—Kiara McDaniel  
Grand Champion Sr. Bull—Triangle J Zeb—Darlene Chaffin

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## ***2019 State Fair of Louisiana—2nd Show cont'd***



Reserve Grand Champion Sr. Bull—Diamond Farms Red Yeti—Kiara McDaniel

Champion Challenge Bull—Triangel J Zeb—Darlene Chaffin

Grand Champion Heifer—Safe Haven Farms Harvest Moon—Safe Haven Farms

Reserve Grand Champion Heifer—Texas Cattle Co A Little Bit of Whiskey Bliss—Angel Frederick

Grand Champion Cow—Double Dream Lily—Jeff Ganschow

Reserve Grand Champion Cow—Diamond Cross Farms Bucks Southern Pistol Annie—Rodger Theriot

Champion Challenge Cow—Safe Haven Farms Harvest Moon—Safe Haven Farms

## ***2019 State Fair of Louisiana—1st Show***

Grand Champion Steer—Safe Haven Farms Thor—Safe Haven Farms

Reserve Grand Champion Steer—Double Dream Mossberg—Nickolas Beatty

Champion Challenge Steer—Safe Haven Farms Thor—Safe Haven Farms

Grand Champion Jr. Bull—Bottelberghe Farms Gas Money—Blakley Bottelberghe

Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Bull—Diamond D Farms Master Wrangler EZT—Rodger Theriot

Grand Champion Sr. Bull—LOS Saltos Shadow—Monica Bickers

Reserve Grand Champion Sr. Bull—Bottelberghe Farms Dale Yeah—Josh Bottelberghe

Champion Challenge Bull—Bottelberghe Farms Gas Money—Teagan Bottelberghe

Grand Champion Heifer—The Quinn Ranch Spicy Roux—Rodger Theriot

Reserve Grand Champion Heifer—Maxwell Minis Bandera—Kiara McDaniel

Grand Champion Cow—Bottelberghe Farms Notta Chance—Josh Bottelberghe

Champion Challenge Cow—Bottelberghe Farms Notta Change—Hosh Bottelberghe



## ***2019 Spook-Tacular Miniature Zebu Show***

Grand Champion Jr. Bull—Rouse Ranch Champ—Carol Rouse

Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Bull—The Other Side Twisted Bull—Robert Gregoire

Grand Champion Sr. Bull—Flying P Ranch Sweet Lazarus (Baxter) - Colton Nichols

Reserve Grand Champion Sr. Bull—Stormy Hill Farms Whiskey—Aubrey Ward

Champion Challenge Bull— Flying P Ranch Sweet Lazarus (Baxter) - Colton Nichols





## ***2019 Spook-Tacular Miniature Zebu Show cont'd***

Grand Champion Heifer—Stormy Hill Farms Porchea—Rick Ressler  
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer—Wards Farm Sutumn—Aubrey Ward  
Grand Champion Cow—The Other Side Dolly—Aubrey Ward  
Reserve Grand Champion Cow—Stormy Hill Farms Peyton—Carol Rouse  
Champion Challenge Cow—The Other Side Dolly—Aubrey Ward



## ***2019 New England Fall Classic***

Grand Champion Jr. Bull—Have Ya Herd Humble—Sara Prideaux  
Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Bull—Clear Brook Aerosmith—Frank De Bem  
Grand Champion Sr. Bull—Zebutopia Bullwhip—Frank De Bem  
Reserve Grand Champion Sr. Bull—River Ranch Crash—Sara Prideaux  
Champion Challenge Bull—Zebutopia Bullwhip—Frank De Bem  
Grand Champion Heifer—Clear Brooks Billie Holiday—Frank De Bem  
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer—DBL Lady Guinevere—Dianne and Larry Robbins  
Grand Champion Cow—Zebutopia Carren—Frank De Bem  
Reserve Grand Champion Cow—Zebutopia Valala—Frank De Bem  
Champion Challenge Cow—Clear Brooks Billie Holiday—Frank De Bem



***AMZA Members, submit your articles, special, or unique happenings with your miniature zebu for publication in the AMZA Newsletter. Sharing your experiences with others helps everyone to learn and become better Zebu individuals as we all work toward the successes of the Miniature Zebu Breed.***

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