

Angus Foundation Heifer to Sell

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The Angus Foundation has announced that Camron “Cam” Cooper, owner of the Talon Ranch in Twin Bridges, Mont., will donate the 2011 Angus Foundation Heifer, set to sell at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, at the National Western Angus Bull Sale in Denver, Colo.

TR Barbara Perfection 9711 is the special heifer chosen to represent the Talon Ranch program. A February 2009 daughter of Sitz Upward 307R, this outstanding female descends from the Connealy program on her paternal side. Confirmed safe in heifer calf to Connealy Thunder, she is expected to calve in late January.

“We are honored by the donation of TR Barbara Perfection 9711 from the Talon Ranch herd. This is an opportunity for Angus breeders to add proven genetics to their herds, while simultaneously supporting the future of the Angus breed,” Angus Foundation President Milford Jenkins says. “We are extremely grateful to Cam for her generous donation and



TR Barbara Perfection 9711

commend her ongoing dedication to supporting education, research and the next generation of Angus breeders through the Angus Foundation.”

Cam’s philanthropic spirit toward the Angus Foundation extends far beyond the donation of this heifer. With the establishment of the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Endowment Fund in 2009 through outright cash gifts, Cam

has since played a critical role in empowering Angus youth to pursue their dreams of obtaining a higher education while gaining an understanding of the importance of land and livestock stewardship.

Already more than 20 significant undergraduate and graduate student scholarships have been awarded from this fund. Educational internships for Angus youth at host Angus breeders’ farms across the United States and the administration of this comprehensive program through the American Angus Association and Angus Foundation will be provided by the fund in the future.

In addition, through the Angus Foundation’s visionary planned giving program, the Angus Legacy Society, Cam has named the Angus Foundation as a charitable beneficiary of her estate, formally bequeathing the Talon Ranch of 2,200 acres in its entirety, her Angus cow herd, equipment, home and other assets to the Angus Foundation. The hard assets will eventually be liquidated, with the entire sale proceeds solely designated to further building the Angus/Talon Youth Educational Learning Program Endowment Fund.

“One can only be humbled by Cam’s generous commitment to the Angus Foundation. All of her gifts serve as an inspiration to all involved in the Angus breed to search our own hearts to determine what we can do financially in support of this worthwhile organization,” states Phil Trowbridge, chairman of the Angus Foundation Board of Directors.

The sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, an annual fundraising tradition initiated in 1980, supports the Angus Foundation, the not-for-profit affiliate of the American Angus Association that funds and supports programs involving education, youth and research in the Angus breed and agricultural industry.

For more information on the Angus Foundation Heifer Package or to support the Angus Foundation, contact President Milford Jenkins at 816-383-5100, or visit www.angusfoundation.org.

