



• Terry Pierce with Peppercorn Zula, at home in Barrington, in February before heading to New Zealand

Aussie first for Peppercorn Stud

Barrington's Peppercorn Stud has achieved an Australian first.

Stud owners Terry and Karen Pierce have become the first Belted Galloway stud to export a live Belted Galloway from Australia, to neighbours New Zealand.

The Pierces said the export of Peppercorn Zula marks a huge step since they purchased their first Belted Galloway in Wodonga in 1996.

The couple saw their first Belted Galloways on a trip to the U.S.A.

"We were living in Sydney at the time but later moved to their property at Barrington" Terry said.

"We started a long evaluation process for which breed would best fit this smaller block and kept on coming back to the Belties. I just could not see why more stud breeders were not buying into the breed."

The Pierces' first purchase was at Wodonga in 1996 where they took ownership of a bull and five females, one of which was in calf and another with a calf at foot.

From this fairly modest start their passion for the breed has taken them a long way in the ensuing years. They have taken a quantum leap from carting their animals all over the country where they have won Champion, Grand Champion and Supreme Exhibit at Royal Shows, to be the first stud to export a live Belted Galloway from Australia, to neighbours New Zealand.

During a trip to the isles to "test the water" the Pierces travelled the length and breadth of the country beating the drum for their Belties and

attempting to generate interest in their stud, visiting more than 17 studs.

After arriving home they decided to embark on an ambitious plan to take a live bull to New Zealand. After months of red tape and protocol during which the bull spent 120 days in Melbourne where he underwent exhaustive health tests, the big day arrived and in June, Terry finally took the flight out with the bull.

Peppercorn Zula is the grandson of Mochrum Kingfisher. Born on November 29, 2004, his sire is Peppercorn Wisdom, Grand Champion at Sydney and Brisbane Royals in 2003. His dam is Peppercorn Ursula, Reserve Senior Champion Canberra 2002 in a class of nine and without a calf.

Terry and Karen wanted to send abroad what they considered to be the best they had.

Terry says Zula is a very correct young bull, with an excellent temperament.

"He displays great muscling from shoulder through to hindquarters, has a strong straight topline and stands up straight on good legs and feet. An extremely alert young bull with a good head. At 18 months of age he weighs 445kg, is 107cm long, 46cm wide, is 43cm from hip to pin, stands 127cm high and has a scrotal circumference of 34cm - impressive figures," he said.

Zula will reside at the Tararua Breeding Centre for semen collection, before heading to the South Island to service two studs. In November, Zula will make his debut at Royal Christchurch Show, where Terry and Karen hope to further their showing prowess.