## Instructions for Using the aAa® Bull Central® Database

## Bull Central<sup>®</sup> features:

- Search for a specific bull Use this to find a bull using one or more identifiers: name, registration number, date of birth, breed, owner, etc.
- Search for a group of bulls –Use this to find a group of bulls who share a common identifier, such as aAa<sup>®</sup> numbers, breed or owner. You can search for "Bulls Analyzed in the Past Year", "Bulls Analyzed in the Past 5 Years", "Search All Bulls", or search "Custom Date Range".

**Note:** Reviewed bulls – aAa<sup>®</sup> numbers of A.I. bulls are sometimes reviewed and occasionally change upon review. Bull Central<sup>®</sup> displays the *most current aAa<sup>®</sup> numbers* for bulls who have been reviewed.

## Search for a specific bull:

- 1. Click "Search for a Specific Bull"
- 2. Start by entering the bull's short name in the "Name" box and click "Search"
- 3. A list of search results will appear at the bottom of the page

Tips for successful searching:

- a. A "Search too broad" message means not enough identifiers were used. Add more to the name or add another identifier, such as the last 4 digits of the bull's registration number and click "Search" again.
- b. A "No bulls found" message means too many or too specific identifiers were used. Shorten the name or remove an identifier and click "Search" again.
- c. The database reads identifiers literally including spelling, spaces and dashes. If necessary, check the identifiers you entered and click "Search" again.
- d. Older bulls may be missing some identifiers. If you cannot find an older bull in Bull Central®, please email info@aAaWeeks.com to see if he was analyzed.
- 4. Organize the list of search results by clicking the arrows at the top of each column
- 5. To view all information about a bull, click the "Details" button to the far right of the bull's name
- 6. To see more than 10 bulls at a time in search results, click on the drop-down menu at the top of the search results list next to "Show"

## Search for a group of bulls:

- 1. Click the time period you want to search:
  - a. "Bulls Analyzed in the Past Year"
  - b. "Bulls Analyzed in the Past 5 Years"
  - c. "Search All Bulls" use this option to include bulls who may be missing the "date of analysis" identifier
  - d. "Search Custom Date Range"
- 2. Follow the steps above to enter identifiers and display search results.
- 3. "Search Custom Date Range" is especially useful for finding newly analyzed bulls. Enter a date 6 months from the current date, then refine the search by breed, bull owner, country, etc.