

SPECIFICATIONS OF TYPE OF SHEEP

HEAD - The face is of medium length, strong in feature. The upper part of the face is deep black, a bright silvery white surrounds the nose and eyes. The eyes are quick and bright, the hair on the face is short and strong, deep jaw and short broad teeth. This type of sheep grows greyer with age. Points 10.

HORNS AND EARS - Horns set low, round and rather wide. Ears are grey or silver and of medium length. Points 5.

WOOL - White, with a thick deep bed and a curly top, medium length, not coarse, and which hangs down to the shanks. The wool has good bind and fills the hand well. Points 15.

BODY - Medium length of neck, shoulders medium and well rounded ribs, chest well let down, broad level back, good firm loins, long drawn hind quarters and full in thigh. Points 30.

TAIL - Thick, long and woolly. Points 5.

LEGS - Good flat bone and of medium length, well set and with well shaped hocks, stands firm and straight on short pasterns, and good sized feet. Both front and hind legs grey or mottled in colour at front of leg and black up the back with silver tip on hock. Walks well. Points 15.

GENERAL - The Swaledale Sheep has proved itself to be a bold hardy sheep, well fitted to endure the hardships of exposed and high lying situations. It is of an alert nature and a good thriver. The ewes make most excellent lamb rearers. The wool is admitted to be more durable in wear and of even texture. Being excellent feeders and of strong constitution, as lamb producers that are second to none. Points 20.

The Brand of the Association is a Crown. District Marks or letters are as follows: -

- A - Barnard Castle District.
- B - Swaledale District.
- C - Kirkby Stephen District.
- D - Weardale District.
- E - Cleveland District.

Registered ewes are branded with Crown only.

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OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Incorporated under the Companies Act,
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The name of the Association is "The Swaledale Sheep Breeders' Association."

The Registered Office of the Association is situated at Riddings Farm, Reeth, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL11 6UR

The objects for which the Association is established are:-

- (a) The encouragement of the breeding of Swaledale sheep and the maintenance of their purity.
- (b) The establishment and publication of a Flock Book of recognised and pure-bred sires, and the annual registration of pedigree of such sires, as are proved to the satisfaction of the Council of Management to be eligible for entry.
- (c) The inspection of cases of doubtful and suspected pedigrees and the general protection of the interest of the breed.
- (d) The holding of shows and sales, the obtaining of classes and giving of prizes at shows, and the appointment and recommendation of judges.
- (e) The arbitration upon and settlement of disputes and questions connected with and relating to Swaledale sheep.

RULES AND BYE-LAWS

1. Terms of membership:- Each member shall be a *bona fide* Swaledale Sheep Breeder or Keeper, except Honorary Members who subscribe annually not less than £5, who shall be eligible to attend the Annual Meeting each year.

2. The Annual Subscription shall be £20 for Large Breeders of more than 100 registered ewes and £15 for Small Breeders of not more than 100 registered ewes. In addition fees of 10p per ewe, 10p per gimmer lamb and £1 per ram lamb shall be paid on registration.
3. The quorum of the Board of Directors shall be seven.
4. The Accounts of the Association shall be approved annually by a Chartered Accountant.
5. Members shall observe all Rules and Orders of the Association or Council. Any Member can on application to the Secretary, inspect a copy of these Rules and will be deemed to have had full notice of all the clauses and conditions therein contained, and will be held bound by the same.
6. All disputes shall be settled by the Council, whose decisions will be final.
7. Every Member will, provided he has paid his Annual Subscription for the current year, be entitled to a copy of each of the Association's publications without further charge.
8. Each Member on joining the Association shall pay the Annual Subscription and all subsequent Annual Subscriptions shall be considered as falling due on the 1st February in each year. Each Member shall sign a Registration Form of the Association. The Association's year will end on the 31st January.
9. No ram can be entered for an Association Ram Sale unless all Registration and Subscription fees have been paid.

10. Any member who neglects to pay any Subscription or Fee before 31st January in any year will, after receiving one months notice in writing that they are in arrears, cease to be a Member of the Association.
11. Qualification for entry in the Flock Book shall be by means of an Annual Inspection conducted by Inspectors appointed by the Association, the Council, or a District Committee. The sons and daughters of Members can act as Inspectors.
12. No Ram shall be admitted for registration which has not been bred by a Member of the Association. No Ram shall be eligible for inspection after the Ram Sale in each respective District. All Rams presented for registration must have undergone Scrapie genotyping by an organisation, approved by the Association, and found to be clear of Valine. All Scrapie genotyping test results must use the official E.I.D. tag number of the Ram submitted for registration. The application for registration MUST be accompanied by an irrevocable undertaking (in a form approved by the Association), signed by the Member/Breeder authorising the release by any veterinary practice or organisation involved in the genotyping testing of the relevant sheep of all data held by them relating to such genotyping tests and agreeing to provide such information concerning the Ram as Officers of the Association shall reasonably require.
13. A fee of £1 is payable on the crowning of each Ram Lamb, which must be out of a crowned Ewe, and a further £12 upon the Registration of such lamb as a Shearling. No Ram shall be eligible for registration unless it has been crowned as a Lamb.
14. All lambs for inspection must be in the hands of the breeder at the date of Inspection, and all rams and gimmer lambs must be crowned by the end of November.
15. A 2 shear ram shall be eligible for Registration provided it has been crowned as a lamb.
16. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held alternately in Districts D, C, B and A.
17. A member must produce all his lambs for inspection at one and the same time.
18. Members shall use Registered Rams or Crowned Ram Lambs only with their Swaledale Flocks. Any member who uses a Crowned Ram Lamb which dies before reaching registration as a Shearling can apply to the Council of Management for a special registration number. This request to be accompanied by a letter from a Veterinary Surgeon confirming death and giving the ram's ear number and cause of death, if possible. These letters to be lodged with the Head Secretary. Each case to be judged on its own merits.
19. The District Secretaries, during their time in office, are considered as members of the Council (as long as they are members of the Association).
20. An appeal against rejection in registration of Rams is allowed on condition that the appeal is submitted in writing, along with a deposit of £25 per Ram, to be received by the Head Secretary within three days of rejection. This deposit is refundable on a successful appeal.
21. A.I. is to be allowed from injured or ill Rams provided a Veterinary Certificate, stating the Ram is incapable of natural service, because of the afore mentioned reasons, is lodged with the Head Secretary.
22. The SSBA will enter into the breeding book, animals of the same breed, that are eligible for entry under the Society's breed criteria, without discrimination on account of their country of origin.

RAM SALE RULES

1. The Shows and Sales are confined to Registered Sheep in the hands of Registered Members of the Swaledale Sheep breeders' Association.
2. No unregistered rams allowed on Mart Premises on days of Official Registered Sales.
3. All Rams to be allowed one entry only at Official Ram Sales. If any Ram is found to be entered at more than one sale it will be catalogued for the earliest sale at which it is entered.
4. In the event that the scrapie genotyping result, with which the ram was sold, proves incorrect for whatever reason, the Association accepts no liability whatsoever in contract, or negligence or otherwise for any loss, damage, costs or expenses of any nature whatsoever incurred or suffered by the buyer including of an indirect or consequential nature, including without limitation economic loss, or the loss of turnover, profits, business or goodwill.
5. In the event of any ram being sold with a genotyping result which is proven to be incorrect by a certificate issued by a Veterinary Investigation Centre, within three years of the date of purchase, the Vendor shall refund to the Purchaser the full purchase price without deductions. In the event of such a refund, the title of the ram shall again vest in the breeder. If any discount is given by the Vendor to the Purchaser, at the time of purchase, this must be refunded.
6. The Association does not guarantee the stock getting capability of any Ram offered for sale. Individual members can undertake to guarantee the stock getting capability of their rams, but having done so, any matter of dispute which may arise shall be resolved between such vendor and purchaser. The Association and the Auction Mart assumes no responsibility whatsoever.
7. At time of registration, if a Shearling Ram is passed by the Inspectors, it is deemed as correct.
8. The Committee does not guarantee that all Rams will be forward.
9. All sheep to pass through the Sale Ring. No sheep allowed to be sold privately unless it has already passed through the Ring.
10. Sale numbers on all Rams must correspond with registration number or purchaser will have the right to annul the sale. This to apply before the ram leaves the Mart. The vendor to be responsible to see that catalogue information is correct and that any inaccuracies be announced at the time of sale.
11. In the event of any Shearling Ram being sold by the Breeder developing 'scrapie' within one year of purchase then the Vendor will refund to the Purchaser the full purchase price (without deductions) provided that the disease is confirmed by a certificate issued by a veterinary investigation centre and the Vendor is given seven days written notice of such condition prior to slaughter or disposal of the carcase to enable an inspection to be made. In the event of such a refund then the title of the ram shall again vest in the Breeder. If any discount is given by the Vendor to the Purchaser at the time of purchase this must be refunded. If the Shearling Ram was purchased as a Ram Lamb then the Vendor of the Shearling in question is entitled to claim the Ram Lamb purchase price from the Vendor of the Lamb.
12. All entries to be received by the date and time stated on the entry form or will not be accepted.