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***A Poll Dorset Ram***

***A typical Poll Dorset Ewe***

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Please note:

The Rules of an incorporated Association constitute the terms of a contract between the incorporated Association and its members. Accordingly, members are advised that the Association Rules are to be read in conjunction with the Model Rules (Associations Incorporation Act 1981 - Victoria).

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# AUSTRALIAN POLL DORSET ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

The name of the Association shall be "Australian Poll Dorset Association Incorporated". The Purposes of the Association are:

- (a) To encourage the breeding of Poll Dorset sheep and to develop, promote and maintain the purity and improvement of the breed in Australia.
- (b) To collect, record and publish information relating to Poll Dorset Sheep.
- (c) The investigation of the histories, pedigrees, purity, and type of sheep registered or entered for registration.
- (d) The consideration and the granting or refusal of any application for registration of any sheep or the transfer thereof or for the issue of a certificate for the export of sheep registered in accordance with the rules for the time being in force.
- (e) The consideration of all questions affecting the interests of breeders of Poll Dorset sheep.
- (f) To encourage, promote and carry out research into better methods of animal husbandry and genetics and thereby promote the development of the agricultural resources of Australia in general and the development of Poll Dorset sheep in particular.
- (g) To invest and deal with the moneys of the Association as may from time to time be determined in such manner as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above purposes or any of them.

The income/profits and property of the Association whence ever so derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the purposes of the Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Association, or to any of them, or to any person claiming through any of them. Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith remuneration to any officers or servants of the Association, or to any member thereof or other person in return for any services actually rendered to the Association, nor prevent the payment of interest on money borrowed from any member of the Association for any of the purposes of the Association.

## RULES

### 1 Membership:

Membership is open to any person interested in Poll Dorset sheep and shall be in three categories.

#### (a) Full Membership:

The owner of each flock registered with the Association shall be a Full Member of the Association so long as the flock remains registered.

A Full Member which is a company or partnership must, and a Full Member who is an individual may appoint in writing a natural person as the nominee of that Full Member to exercise all the rights to which a Full Member is entitled under these Rules

for so long as he or she remains the nominee, including the right to be elected to any position within the Association and its Committees.

If more than one natural person is nominated by a Full Member, the Full Member must state the order of precedence of those nominees. The rights of the Full Member can only be exercised by one person on any one occasion or at any one meeting, and the person with higher precedence on the nomination may exercise the rights to the exclusion of all other nominees.

A member may change a nominee but a nominee who is elected to any body or a position within the Association shall not cease to hold office because he ceases to be a nominee.

A Full Member who is an individual cannot exercise any of the rights of a member if a nominee has been appointed until the appointment is cancelled in writing.

**(b) Associate Membership:**

An Associate Member shall be any person with a special interest in a registered Poll Dorset flock.

**(c) Annual Membership:**

An Annual Member shall receive a copy of the Association Journal and shall have the right to attend all meetings without voting power.

1A.(a) Any member, State Committee or Regional Committee may nominate a person for life membership of the Association.

(b) The Board shall consider each nomination, and if it approves it, shall recommend the nomination to the next Annual General Meeting.

(c) A person becomes a Life Member if at least sixty percent of the votes cast on the resolution proposing the nomination at the Annual General Meeting approve the nomination.

(d) A Life Member has all the rights and privileges of a Full Member, but is not required to own a registered flock.

2. A person eligible for Associate or Annual membership shall be admitted to membership of the appropriate category by the Secretary on receipt of a written request to become a member.

3. A member of the Association who has paid all moneys due and payable by him to the Association may resign from the Association by sending notice to the Secretary. Upon receipt of such notice the Secretary shall, if satisfied that all moneys due and payable have been paid, remove his name from the register.

**4. Discipline:**

(a) The Board reserves the right to take whatever action it deems fit against a member including expulsion or a fine not exceeding the amount fixed under the Associations Incorporation Regulations if:

(i) the annual return is not in by the due date or is false and misleading in any material particulars;

(ii) the annual subscription is not in by the due date;

(iii) inspection reveals breeding and management of the member's flock is to the detriment of the good name of the Association;

(iv) any other of the Rules or Regulations of the Association are contravened.

(b) The decision of the Board to discipline a member shall be final, and no appeal to a General Meeting shall be permitted.

(c) Before any decision in relation to discipline is made by the Board, the member concerned shall have the right after reasonable notice to him to appear before the Board to show cause why he should not be disciplined. The notice to the member must specify the allegation against the member and must include a warning that the Board has the power to expel a member.

(d) A flock shall be deregistered upon the expulsion of its owner as a member of the Association.

#### **5. Register of Members:**

The Chief Executive shall maintain the register of members of the Association which shall be available for inspection by the members at the office of the Association.

#### **6. Board:**

The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the Board. Eligibility for the Board shall be open to all Full Members and Associate Members of the Association.

#### **7. Elections:**

All Directors shall be elected by members for a two (2) year term. Elections shall be held every two (2) years.

Five (5) Directors shall be elected by members from New South Wales and Queensland; four (4) Directors shall be elected by members from Victoria; two (2) Directors shall be elected by members from South Australia; two (2) Directors shall be elected by members from Tasmania; two (2) Directors shall be elected by members from Western Australia.

All members shall receive a nomination form for election to the Board with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting. Completed nominations shall be in the hands of the Chief Executive on first July in an election year.

A nomination form must be signed by the nominee and two nominators and all three must be Full or Associate Members of the Association and reside within the State in which an election is to be held. Retiring members shall be deemed to have nominated for re-election unless they notify the Chief Executive in writing to the contrary before the closure of nominations. If the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies in any State or States then the Chief Executive shall conduct a postal ballot for the affected State or States closing on 15th August in an election year.

Voting shall be by the members striking out the names of candidates on the ballot paper so as to leave only as many names of candidates as there are the respective vacancies on the Board to be filled.

8. The President and Vice-President shall be members of the Board and be elected by and from the Board at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting. No President shall serve more than two annual terms consecutively.

The Board shall determine the method of voting to be used to elect Office Bearers and may change it from year to year if it so desires.

Eight (8) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

9. A person shall cease to be a Director if he:

- (a) ceases to be a member of the Association;
- (b) becomes an insolvent under administration;
- (c) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health;
- (d) resigns his office by notice in writing to the Association;
- (e) is absent without the consent of the Board from all meetings of the Board held during a period of one year.

10. The Board shall have power to fill a casual vacancy by conducting a ballot as provided for in Rule 7 to elect a member from the same State as the member ceasing to be a Director. The member so elected shall hold office only until the next election.

11. **Annual Meeting.**

The annual meeting shall be held each year at a time and place to be determined by the Board.

12. **Board Meetings:**

Board meetings will be held at such time and place as the Board shall decide. The procedure at meetings of the Board shall be determined by the Board.

13. **Special General Meetings:**

It shall not be necessary to hold any General Meeting other than the Annual General Meeting in any year unless the President or the Board at its discretion determines to convene a Special General Meeting or a requisition for a Special General Meeting is received by the President or the Chief Executive signed by fifty (50) financial members of the Association.

14. **Procedure for Annual and Special General Meetings:**

- (a) Subject to Rule 26, at least 30 days notice in writing shall be given to all members of the date, time and place of any annual or special general meeting.
- (b) Any motion other than a motion to amend the Statement of Purposes and Rules may be proposed at the annual general meeting without notice.
- (c) No business shall be considered at a special general meeting other than the business set out in the notice of meeting.
- (d) The quorum at the Annual General Meeting shall be 15.
- (e) The quorum at the Special General Meeting shall be 50.
- (f) The President shall preside at all the General Meetings of the Association. If he is not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or if he is unwilling to act the members present shall elect one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- (g) The chairman may with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. If a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the original meeting.

- (h) At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote shall be decided on a show

of hands or by ballot.

i) All Full and Associate Members present at a General Meeting shall be entitled to vote.

(j) At the Annual General Meeting an auditor shall be appointed.

#### 14A. Proxies.

(1) A member cannot vote by proxy, except when voting on an alteration to the Rules or the Statement of Purposes.

(2) A member may vote by proxy on an alteration to the Rules or the Statement of Purposes if

(a) the proxy form specifies how the person exercising the proxy is to vote on the motion;

(b) the proxy form is signed by the member or the member's nominee appointed under Rule 1 (a);

(c) the proxy form is received by hand, by fax or by post at the registered office, stated postal address or fax number of the Association not later than 24 hours before the advertised starting time of the meeting.

(3) The Chief Executive must not permit a member or Director to see any proxy forms prior to the meeting, except in accordance with the following subrule.

(4) The Chief Executive must, one hour before the meeting, make the proxy forms available for scrutiny by two members nominated by the proposer of the motion and two members nominated by the person who prepared the case against the motion (as referred to Rule 26).

(5) The Chief Executive must disclose to the meeting before the vote, the number of proxies received, but not the way in which the votes are directed.

(6) A person appointed as a proxy must vote in accordance with the instructions on the proxy form.

#### 15. Board Duties:

The Board shall:

(a) Have control and management of income and expenditure. In this respect all income and property shall be applied solely towards promotion of the purposes of the Association.

(b) Promulgate the Annual Statement of income and expenditure, together with the President's annual report to all members of the Association.

(c) Cause to be compiled and published the Association's Flock Register.

(d) The Board's decision on all matters relating to the registration and entry of sheep in the Flock Register shall be final.

(e) The Board shall administer all the affairs of the Association, see that the purposes of the Association are maintained, and will supervise and enforce the Statement of Purposes and Rules and Regulations of the Association.

#### 16. Duties of Chief Executive:

(a) The Chief Executive shall receive all moneys and bank same where the Board directs.

(b) He shall disburse Association money as the Board directs, keeping proper account of all transactions; prepare the annual balance sheet and have it duly audited, for submission to the Annual General Meeting.

(c) He shall keep full and accurate minutes of all meetings and shall have custody of all books, documents and securities of the Association.

(d) He shall be the corresponding and recording officer of the Association.

(e) He shall supervise the compilation, printing and distribution of the Flock Register.

**17. Common Seal:**

The Common Seal of the Association shall be kept by the Chief Executive and shall only be affixed by the authority of the Board or a committee of the Board and every instrument to which the Seal is affixed shall be signed by a Board member and countersigned by the Chief Executive or some other person appointed by the Board for that purpose.

**18. Records:**

The books and documents of the Association shall be available for inspection by the members at the office of the Chief Executive of the Association during normal business hours.

**19. Regional Committees and State Committees:**

(a) State Committees shall be constituted in New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania to handle promotion within each State and other matters to be dealt with at a State level. Such committees shall comprise representatives appointed by each regional committee within that State.

State Committees may request the Board to make a levy on all members within that State.

State Committees may request permission from the Board to collect a levy on auction sales within that State for promotion purposes.

(b) Members shall be grouped into geographical regions which shall be administered by Regional Committees.

Additional Regions may be formed with the consent of the Board.

Personnel of such Regional Committees shall be elected at an Annual Meeting of which at least seven (7) days' notice shall have been given to members of such Regions.

(c) Regional Committees shall implement the policy of the Association within their respective Regions and shall:

1. Keep the Board informed and advised on local problems.
2. Arrange and carry out flock inspections as set out in the Regulations.
3. Organise and assist in the conduct of sales, as required.
4. Be responsible for pre-show and pre-sale inspections where required or requested.
5. Recommend judges to show societies within the Region, except where judges are elected by ballot conducted by the Board

6. Assist and advise breeders in the Region in regard to all matters relating to the Association.
7. Promote and safeguard breed interests in the Region at all times.
8. May request the Board to make a levy on all members within that Region.
9. May request permission from the Board to collect a levy on auction sales within that Region for promotion purposes.

20. **Financial year:**

The financial year of the Association shall end on 31st December, in each year.

21. **Funds:**

The funds of the Association shall be derived from subscriptions, levies and payment for such other services as the Board determines.

22. **Cheques:**

All cheques shall be signed by the Chief Executive and a Director in such manner as the Board shall from time to time determine.

23. **Subscriptions:**

The annual subscription shall be decided by the Board and shall be due and payable by 30th April each year. Of this annual subscription such amount as is decided from time to time by the Board shall be allocated to Regional Committees and State Committees in respect to each member within their areas.

24. **Unfinancial Members:**

Unfinancial members may be expelled after 31st May each year, and to gain re-entry must renew their application for registration in accordance with Regulation 3.

25. **Interpretation:**

The Statement of Purposes and Rules and Regulations of the Association shall be binding on all members. Any disputes or questions arising therefrom shall be decided by the Board, whose decisions shall be final.

26. **Alteration to the Rules and Statement of Purposes:**

- (1) The Association may alter its Rules and Statement of Purposes by special resolution at a General Meeting of the Association.
- (2) If a member wishes to propose a motion to alter the Statement of Purposes or Rules at a General Meeting, the date of which has already been advised to the members, the member must deliver the proposed motion to the Chief Executive at least 90 days prior to the date of that meeting. If the proposed motion is received after that date, the Chief Executive must include the motion on the agenda for the next General Meeting, unless a Special General Meeting is requisitioned to deal with the motion.
- (3) A special resolution to alter the Rules or the Statement of Purposes is not effective unless:
- (a) notice of the proposed alteration has been posted by the Chief Executive to each member at least 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting at which the motion is to be considered;
- (b) the notice has attached to it arguments for and against the motion prepared respectively by the proposer of the motion and a Director who is against

the motion (or if there is none) by a person appointed by the President for that purpose;

- (c) the vote is conducted by secret ballot and not by show of hands;
- (d) all the provisions of these Rules in relation to proxies have been observed;
- (e) at least three quarters of the votes cast are in favour of the motion;
- (f) application for approval of the alteration on the approved form is made to the Registrar of Incorporated Associations within 28 days after the passing of the special resolution; and
- (g) the alteration is approved by the Registrar.

**27. Alteration of Regulations:**

The Board shall have the power from time to time to make, vary and repeal Regulations for the proper governance of the breed of Poll Dorset sheep.

**28. Winding-up of Association:**

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association, but shall be given, or transferred to some other institutions or institution having purposes similar to the purposes of this Association and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income or property among its or their members, such institutions or institution to be determined by the members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution or in default thereof by a person appointed for that purpose by the Commonwealth Minister for Primary Industry.

**29. Definition:**

In these Rules the masculine gender is used for the purposes of brevity and in all cases includes the feminine gender.

**30. Disputes and mediation**

(1) The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these Rules between -

- (a) a member and another member; or
- (b) a member and the Association.

(2) The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.

(3) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within 10 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator.

(4) The mediator must be -

- (a) a person chosen by agreement between the parties;  
or
- (b) in the absence of agreement -

- (i) in the case of a dispute between a member and another member,  
a person appointed by the Board of the Association; or

(ii) in the case of a dispute between a member and the Association, a person who is a mediator appointed or employed by the Settlement Centre of Victoria (Department of Justice).

- (5) A member of the Association can be a mediator.
- (6) The mediator cannot be a member who is a party to the dispute.
- (7) The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.
- (8) The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must -
  - (a) give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard; and
  - (b) allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and
  - (c) ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.
- (9) The mediator must not determine the dispute.

- (10) If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act otherwise at law.

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## REGULATIONS

### 1 Definitions:

- (a) A “poll” animal is one which has never shown horns firmly fixed to the skull.
- (b) A “horned” animal is one where horn growth is firmly fixed to the skull.
- (c) A “scur” is a horny growth on the skin and not attached firmly to the skull.
- (d) In all recorded pedigrees horned sheep must be designated as follows:
  - (H) to indicate a Dorset Horn.
  - (PH) to indicate a horned animal of poll breeding.
- (e) The age of any sheep is to be determined from April 1 in the year of drop.

### 2. Registration of Flocks:

Applications for registration of a new flock of Poll Dorset sheep may be accepted provided:-

- (a) the flock comprises sheep transferred from a flock registered with the Australian Poll Dorset Association Inc.; or
- (b) in addition to the above requirement the flock comprises Dorset Horn sheep transferred from a Dorset Horn flock registered with the Australian Stud Sheep Breeders Association Limited.
- (c) the undertaking endorsed on the application form to the effect that the applicant will comply with the Rules and Regulations for the time being in force and accept and be bound by the decisions of the Board is signed by the said applicant.
- (d) the application fully completed is received by the Chief Executive within 90 days of receipt of transfer.
- (e) the Association reserves the right to refuse an application for registration of a new flock. It shall be a ground for refusal that the applicant or if the applicant is a Company, any Director, or, if a partnership, any partner, is or has been associated with a flock which has been deregistered for misconduct.

### 3. Late Application for Registration of Flocks:

Notwithstanding Regulation 2 (d) above an application for registration of a new flock may be accepted when received by the Chief Executive after 90 days from receipt of transfer provided the applicant:

- (1) Furnishes to the Chief Executive a history of his flock stating:
  - (a) The length of time he has owned the sheep the subject of the application.
  - (b) The name and address of each person from whom he has obtained the said sheep.
  - (c) The number of ewes originally acquired by the applicant by transfer and the

the number of ewe and ram lambs respectively bred from such ewes during seasons immediately prior to the application for registration.

(d) Such ewes from other flocks as are added to the said flock from time to time together with ewe and ram lambs respectively bred from these ewes.

(e) The breeding of all rams that have been used in the flock.

(2) Complies with the other provisions of Regulation 2 and agrees to and facilitates:-

(a) The inspection of the new flock and the flock history specified above by inspectors appointed by the Board .

(b) The acceptance or refusal by such inspectors of all or any of his sheep for registration.

(c) The payment of the costs of such inspection.

(d) The payment to the Chief Executive of such penalty fees as may from time to time be determined by the Board

#### **4. Flock Registration Fees:**

The registration fees for any one flock shall be as determined by the Board from time to time. Full particulars of fees appear on the back pages of the Flock Register. A member deregistered because of late returns or arrears of subscriptions shall re-register on the same basis as a new member, as set out in Regulation 3.

#### **5. Unregistered Sheep:**

A member is not permitted to breed or use unregistered Poll Dorset Sheep.

#### **6. Stud Prefix:**

Every registered owner will be required to register a stud prefix for his/her exclusive use in naming the sheep bred by him/her. The registration fee shall be as determined by the Board from time to time. Full particulars of fees appear on the back pages of the Flock Register.

#### **7. Tattooing:**

All sheep in a registered Poll Dorset flock (except for Western Australian flocks) must be tattooed in the appropriate ear with the Association's registered Trade Mark, viz., the letter "P" in a Breeder's registered flock "D", and the number.

The tattooing must be carried out within six (6) months of birth or before such time limit if sold, transferred, or exhibited at Shows.

Poll Dorset sheep in a registered flock in Western Australia must be ear notched in the appropriate ear so that sheep can meet the requirements of the WA Stock Brands Act, and sheep must carry an individual tag with the registered prefix, number and year of birth. Western Australian sheep sold interstate or exhibited interstate must be tattooed.

#### **8. Additions to Flocks:**

No sheep shall be added to a flock after its registration except:

(1) From other registered Poll Dorset flocks.

(2) From Dorset Horn flocks registered with the ASSBA.

The owner shall furnish the Association with full details of additions to his flock in

his Annual Flock Return.

#### **9. Registration of Individual Sheep:**

- (a) All rams used in the owners Poll Dorset Flock or sold or leased or loaned to another breeder for use in his Poll Dorset flock must be individually registered.
- (b) All stud rams and stud ewes exported from Australia must be individually registered. (Subject to Regulation 14 (d) )
- (c) Individually registered rams will be allotted a registration number and will be entered in the next Flock Register.
- (d) Ewes exported will be allotted an individual registration number. (Subject to Regulation 14 (d).
- (e) Registration fees shall be as determined by the Board from time to time. Full particulars of fees appear on the back page of the Flock Register.
- (f) Composite forms for the individual registration of sheep and for the transfer of sheep are available without cost from the Association Chief Executive.

#### **10. Ownership of Sheep:**

A ram can be owned by a maximum of four registered flocks.

A separate transfer must be issued by the vendor to each share owner of a ram and the original copy of the transfer lodged with the Chief Executive.

A member intending to offer a stud ram for sale either by auction or private treaty must clearly state both verbally and in writing prior to the sale whether semen is being retained, and if semen is being retained, the number of ewe doses retained and whether the semen is for the member's own use and/or for subsequent sale.

#### **11. Transfer of Ownership of Sheep:**

- (a) On the transfer of ownership of any Poll Dorset stud ram and/or semen, and stud ewe, the vendor shall forward to the Chief Executive a transfer certificate within 60 days of the date of sale.
- (b) Any purchaser not being a registered Poll Dorset flock owner and wishing to become one shall apply for flock registration within 90 days of receipt of transfer.
- (c) Members who do not forward transfer certificates within sixty (60) days from date of sale shall be subject to a penalty of \$5.00 in respect of each transfer certificate received after sixty (60) and within ninety (90) days of sale. Any certificates received later than ninety (90) days of sale, shall only be accepted at the discretion of the Board and upon payment of such penalty as the Board shall prescribe.
- (d) THE TRANSFER OF PH EWES IS NOT PERMITTED except when a flock is being completely dispersed.
- (e) The transfer of stud ewes to two or more registered flocks in partnership, will not be recognised by the Association.
- (f) Forms for transfer and individual registration of sheep are available without cost from the Chief Executive.
- (g) Transfer fees shall be as determined by the Board from time to time. Full particulars of fees appear on the back page of the Flock Register. These fees must accompany the transfer form.

- (h) The transfers of individual sheep will not be accepted within 12 months of previous transfer, except at the discretion of the Board.
- (i) Vendors will bear the responsibility for the correctness of their pedigrees.
- (j) The Association will record the information supplied by members/flocks but will bear no responsibility for its accuracy.

## **12. Certificate of Ram Service and Semen Transfer:**

The owner of a stud ram who allows natural service or semen from that ram to be used or sold for use by another breeder must:

- (a) Ensure that the ram is individually registered.
- (b) Forward a Certificate of Stud Ram Service and Semen Transfer to the Chief Executive within 60 days from the date of natural service or semen transfer. The certificate must specify whether it is natural service or semen transfer.
- (c) There is no ram service fee for natural service.
- (d) The semen transfer fee shall be as determined by the Board from time to time and shall apply on each semen package sold per stud ram.

Subsequent semen sales of the same ram to the same purchaser will be free of further semen transfer fees.

Full particulars of fees will appear in the Flock Register in the table of Current Fees.

Breeders using semen obtained from other than the owner of the donor ram or using imported semen, will be responsible for payment of the semen transfer fee.

- (e) Members who do not forward semen transfer certificates within sixty (60) days from the date of service shall be subject to a penalty of \$5.00 in respect of each ram service certificate received after sixty (60) and within (90) days of service. Any certificates received later than ninety (90) days of service, shall only be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Executive and upon payment of such penalty fee as the Board shall prescribe.
- (f) Stud ram service and semen transfer certificate forms are available free from the Chief Executive.

## **13. Inspection of Production or Reducing or Dispersal Sales or Flock Ram Sales by Auction or Dispersal by Private Treaty:**

- (a) A member intending to hold a production or reducing or dispersal sale or flock ram sale by auction or dispersal by private treaty, must notify the Chief Executive at least 30 days' prior to such sale **IF** an inspection is required by that member.
- (b) The cost of such inspection must be paid before the transfer will be accepted.
- (c) Application for inspection must be made on the official application form available from the Chief Executive and a declaration signed stating that the applicant agrees to abide by the inspector's decision.
- (d) The Chief Executive shall arrange inspections through the Regional Secretary.
- (e) The cost of such inspection shall be borne by the vendor.
- (f) The vendor will forward to the Chief Executive within 60 days of the date of sale, transfer and registration certificates, as set out in Regulations 9,10 and 11

covering each and every sheep sold.

(g) The Chief Executive will draw the attention of new breeders to Regulation 11 (b).

**14. Export Sale Procedure:**

(a) A member intending to export registered sheep or semen from registered sheep to a registered Poll Dorset flock MUST NOTIFY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE in adequate time for an inspection to be arranged.

(b) It is the Vendor's final responsibility to ensure that an official inspection is carried out and an EXPORT CERTIFICATE is issued to him by the Chief Executive before the registered sheep leave the country.

(c) The cost of such inspection shall be borne by the vendor flock.

(d) All stud rams and stud ewes exported to registered flocks shall be individually registered and transferred.

**15. The Sale of Sheep at Public Auction Sales:**

(a) Members may sell stud rams, ewes and flock rams from their registered Poll Dorset flock at any advertised sale. The Chief Executive must be notified at least 30 days' prior to the sale **IF** an inspection is required.

(b) Vendors are reminded of the responsibilities under Regulations 13 (c) and 13 (f) which apply to all public auction sales.

**16. The Sale of Sheep by Private Treaty:**

(a) Stud rams and ewes sold by private treaty are not required to be inspected (except in the case of Regulation 14 covering Export Sales).

(b) The cost of such inspection shall be borne by the vendor.

(c) Such stud rams shall be individually registered and such stud rams and ewes shall be transferred as laid down in Regulations 9,10 and 11.

**17. Inspection Arrangements and Costs:**

(a) The appointment of inspectors, the number of such appointments and the revocation of such appointments shall be a matter within the discretion of the Regional Chairman and Regional Secretary acting jointly. Inspectors shall be drawn from the Official Judges Panel.

(b) The Board may at its discretion cause any flock to be inspected at any time and the Association will bear the cost of such inspection.

(c) A member, at any time he so desires, may request the Board to arrange an inspection of his flock provided he is prepared to pay the cost of such inspection.

(d) Regulations of Show Societies may require inspection and hence with the cooperation of the Show Societies, the Board will arrange inspection of all Poll Dorset sheep presented for exhibition and for subsequent sale at any major show.

(e) Maximum inspection charges are as determined by the Board from time to time. Full particulars of fees appear on the back page of the Flock Register.

(f) Inspectors shall be paid at a maximum rate as determined by the Board from time to time. Full particulars of fees appear on the back pages of the Flock Register.

(g) All inspection fees to be collected by the inspectors on the same day as the inspection is carried out.

**18. Inspector's Duties: (See Chapter "Guidance to Breeders and Inspectors").**

- (a) Inspectors may reject any sheep as not being up to breed standard and such decision shall be final. Such rejected sheep shall be cull-marked by the Inspectors.

An appeal against a decision of a single inspector may be made to an Appeals Panel comprising three inspectors of which one should be a Director or his/her nominee.

- (b) It is the duty of members to remove cull-marked sheep from the flock without delay.
- (c) Inspectors may reject any sheep at any show or sale that in their opinion is a detriment to the Poll Dorset breed.
- (d) Inspectors may reject any sheep at any show or sale that in their opinion is unfairly shorn or trimmed.

**19. A Stud Ram:**

A stud ram may be rejected by a majority vote of inspectors if they consider the ram does not meet with the required breed standards as laid down in these Regulations.

**20. Flock Rams Exhibited at Shows:**

Must comply with show standards relating to horn growth as specified for stud rams in Regulation 21 (a) below.

**21. Horn and Scur Growth:**

- (a) Stud rams showing definite horn growth, or solid immovable scurs, or loose scurs with a length or diameter greater than 1-1/2 in. at widest point must not be exhibited at shows.
- (b) Flock rams carrying scurs with a length of not more than 1-1/2 in. or cut to this length with a diameter of not more than 1-1/2 in., at widest point will be acceptable at registered flock ram sales.

**22. Tampering with Teeth or Scurs:**

- (a) Deliberate tampering with teeth of any sheep offered for show and sale is not permitted. Such animals will be rejected by Association inspectors. The only exception to this Regulation is aged sheep that have had their teeth cut off to preserve their mouths.
- (b) Deliberate tampering with scurs of any sheep offered for sale as a stud sheep or entered for competition at shows is not permitted. Such animals will be rejected by Association inspectors. See Regulation 21 (b) regarding scurs on flock rams.

**23. Culling by Member:**

It is the annual responsibility of each breeder to cull out and cull mark animals of inferior standard. All rejected and culled sheep must be cull marked in the appropriate ear or ears and the rams desexed. Cullmarked sheep must be removed from the flock without delay. (For guidance on cull marks see diagrams following these Regulations.)

**24. Annual Returns:**

- (a) All owners of registered Poll Dorset flocks must forward to the Chief Executive

by the 30th April each year, an Annual Return duly completed, showing necessary particulars of the flock as at 31st March. Subscriptions and levies shall accompany annual returns. Forms will be sent out by the Chief Executive during the month of March.

- (b) Flock Returns received between 1st May and 31st May will carry a late penalty fee as determined by the Board from time to time. Full particulars of fees appear on the back pages of the Flock Register.

Members failing to furnish a Return by 31st May will be omitted from the Flock Register and their membership may be cancelled.

25. **Contents and Issue of Flock Register:**

- (A) The Flock Register, as published, shall contain a complete record of Members, their addresses and Flock numbers; a history of all registered flocks, and their latest breeding returns; a complete list of individually registered rams since the last register. Those members and flocks shall be omitted where:-

(a) The flock has been dispersed.

(b) The owner has omitted to make an annual return.

(c) The member has not paid his annual subscription. No flock shall be deemed to be a registered stud unless it shall appear in the latest Flock Register. The Flock Register shall be known as the "Flock Register for Poll Dorset Sheep in Australia".

- (B) A copy of the most recently issued Flock Register shall be issued to each new Full or Associate member free of charge. Each Full or Associate financial member shall receive a Flock Register free of charge as published. Previous volumes may be purchased at a cost to be determined by the Board from time to time. Copies of the Flock Register may be supplied to non-members under the same terms.

26. **Flock Records:**

It is the duty of all registered flock owners to keep true and accurate records of the breeding of their registered flock. Such records are to be available for inspection by the Board in accordance with Rule 4.

27. **Offences:**

Any member charged with conduct calculated to bring the Association into discredit shall be brought before the Board, and if found guilty, shall be subject to reprimand or expulsion from the Association.

28. **Flock Numbers and Dispersal of Flocks:**

- (a) In the event of a member selling his complete flock the purchaser shall have no right to the previous owner's flock number except with the approval of the Board.

The purchaser shall have no right to the previous owner's stud prefix except with the written sanction of the previous owner and with the approval of the Board.

- (b) Any member who advertises and holds a complete dispersal sale shall be barred from again registering Poll Dorset sheep for a period of five (5) years or for such other period of time as the Board shall deem fit.

- (c) No member shall advertise any sale of Poll Dorset sheep as a dispersal sale

unless the whole flock is to be sold within twelve months of the date of the first sale advertised as a dispersal sale. In the event of a breach of this Regulation the Board shall have power to deal with the member concerned as it deems fit.

**29. Reallocation of Stud Prefixes:**

Stud prefixes may be reallocated by the Board after being in abeyance for a period of eight years.

**30. Artificial Insemination (A.I.) Within Australia.**

1. There shall be no restriction applied to use of A.I. in Poll Dorset breeding flocks.

*2. Sale of Semen.*

The use of semen for stud purposes outside an owner(s) flock(s) must be accompanied by a certificate of stud ram service and semen transfer.

3. A ram can be owned by a maximum of four registered flocks (Regulation 10).

4. The Board may in its absolute discretion and may in any case where in its opinion any doubt arises, cause blood typing or any other scientific tests to be performed on any animal to the satisfaction of the Board.

5. All eligible progeny got by A.I. shall be so noted in the Flock Register.

6. Where a ram is owned by more than one registered flock, a copy of the agreement identifying the flock's involved must be lodged with the Association Chief Executive.

7. Full transfer fees apply to each share transfer.

**31. Export of Semen.**

There shall be no restriction on the export of Poll Dorset semen except for the requirements of the importing country.

**32. Embryo Transfer (E.T.).**

1. There shall be no restriction to the use of E.T. where the ram and donor ewe are the property of the owner.

2. Where sale of registered embryos is intended the Association E.T. application form must be completed and lodged with the Chief Executive before embarking on an E.T. programme.

3. The registered owner(s) of the donor ewe at the time of conception shall be known as the breeder of the resultant progeny.

4. There will be no limit to the number of lambs eligible for registration from any one donor ewe.

5. The progeny of recipient ewes may be required to have a parentage determination carried out prior to registration.

6. Any pregnant recipient ewe carrying a certificate of embryo transfer may be sold by the original purchaser to another prior to lambing by way of a normal transfer certificate.

7. The registration certificate will record the name of the breeder of the embryo and the resulting progeny will carry the prefix and ownership of the member who owns the recipient ewe at the time of lambing.

8. A donor ewe can only be owned by one registered flock.

9. All eligible progeny got by E.T. shall be so noted in the Flock Register.
10. The Board may, in its absolute discretion, and may in any case where in its opinion any doubt arises, cause blood typing or any other scientific tests to be performed on any ram or donor ewe or recipient ewe to the satisfaction of the Board.
11. Transfer fees on all embryos sold will be as set by the Board from time to time.

33. **Export of Embryos.**

There shall be no restriction on the export of Poll Dorset embryos except for the requirements of the importing country.

34. **Growth Stimulants:**

The Board may at its discretion conduct tests to ascertain the presence of growth stimulants in Poll Dorset sheep and apply Rule 4 (Discipline) where applicable.

**35. DNA Protocol**

From 1st April 2005 when semen is collected and frozen from a ram to be used for stud purposes a DNA sample must be collected and processed by a licensed AI Centre and forwarded for DNA testing.

## **STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR POLL DORSET SHEEP**

RAMS	Long, bold, masculine appearance and carriage with strong bone and of robust character.
EWES	Appearance bright, with feminine characteristics.
HEAD	Polled, broad open white face, open nostril, with pink nose and lips, free of pigmentation, well covered with wool from brow to poll.
EYES	Bold, eyelids free of pigmentation and well covered with hair.
MOUTH	Even well set jaw with teeth meeting a wide pad with a firm bite.
EARS	Medium size, white and firm, well covered with hair.
NECK	Medium length, muscular on rams, moulding into the shoulders finer towards the head and such that the sheep can hold its head in an alert position.
SHOULDERS	Shoulder blades should be slightly lower than the spine and sloping away to a smooth setting without excessive movement when walking.
BACK AND LOIN	Broad, long and straight, with well-sprung ribs.
HINDQUARTERS and	Full, wide and deep, with flesh extending to the hocks, well muscled thighs.
TAIL SETTING	Well set up, almost level with the topline.
LEGS AND PASTERNS	Medium length, well placed at the four quarters and free moving, straight between the joints, with strong bone, well woolled to the knees and hocks with pasterns well set up and straight.
FEET	White and compact.
WOOL	Fine 'down' type wool, dense and firm handling, free from

# TATTOOMARKS

## VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Rams and Ewes  
Near (left) ear

Rams and Ewes:  
Off (right) ear.

## QUEENSLAND

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Rams: Near (left ear).  
Ewes: Off (right) ear.

Rams:

Ear Notch right (off) ear.  
Ear Tag - left (near) ear.

## NEW SOUTH WALES:

Ewes:

Ear Notch - left (near) ear.  
Ear tag - right (off) ear.

NB.

(1) Ear Notch. To be the registered Ear Notch for the Property as required by the West Australian Brands Act.

(2) Ear Tag. To carry registered Poll Dorset stud prefix on one side and the sheep individual number and year of birth on the other side, eg. 10-96

Rams: Off (right) ear.  
Ewes: Near (left) ear.

DEFECTS- kemp.  
See "Guidance To Breeders And Inspectors".

## CULL MARKS

### TASMANIA

Rams and Ewes.  
Key mark in point of near ear.

**Victoria, NSW and Queensland.**

**Victoria** - Pincer mark in point of near ear, 1 in. long by 1/8 in.wide.

**Queensland** - Above mark in near ear of rams, and in off ear of ewes

**New South Wales** - Above mark in off ear of rams, and in near ear of ewes.

**South Australia and Western Australia.**

**POLL DORSET RAM - Shorn**

**POLL DORSET EWE - Shorn.**

Rams: Pincer mark in point of near ear, 3/4 in. long by 1/4 in. wide.

Ewes. Pincer mark in point of off ear, 3/4 in. long by 1/4 in. wide.

## **GUIDANCE TO BREEDERS AND INSPECTORS**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

In order to carry out the purposes of the Australian Poll Dorset Association Inc. as set out in the Statement of Purposes and Rules and Regulations, it is necessary at times to appoint Inspectors. The purpose of this chapter is:-

- (a) To assist Breeders and Inspectors and Judges to achieve a uniformity of interpretation of Association regulations and Breed standards.
- (b) To help the Inspector in his approach to his task.
- (c) To give the Breeder and the Show Exhibitor an understanding of the Inspector's task.

The description of a Poll Dorset sheep on the preceding page portrays the ideal for which every breeder should aim. However, in the breeding of Poll Dorsets or any animals for that matter, certain faults will inevitably appear.

To assist members in the breeding of the ideal Poll Dorset and in the elimination of defective qualities, the Australian Poll Dorset Association Inc. considers the following defects of major importance, though not in order of priority.

- (a) Faulty mouths.
- (b) Unsound testes.
- (c) Pigmentation of skin, wool or hooves.
- (d) Bareness of eyelids and facial skin.
- (e) Paper thin ears.
- (f) Woolly face.
- (g) Bareness of poll site.
- (h) Straight hocks or any physical weakness such as hockiness.
- (i) Faulty pasterns and twisted feet.
- (j) Excessive fat on carcass.
- (k) The intrusion of kemp.
- (l) Heavy shoulders.

### **TYPES OF INSPECTIONS:**

Inspectors may be appointed by the Association to carry out a variety of tasks, such as -

- the inspection of rams presented for a flock ram auction sale;
- stud ewes and rams presented for stud auction sales;
- sheep presented for exhibition at shows.
- sheep being exported from the country;

- the inspection of a Breeder's entire flock to be carried out on the Breeder's property;
- The inspection of a Breeder's entire flock for dispersal by auction or private treaty.

**AIMS:**

In broad terms, the aims and objects of the Inspections are:

Firstly to protect and maintain the good name and the accepted standards of type, quality and purity of the Breed; and secondly to help and advise Association members on all matters relating to the Association and the Poll Dorset Breed.

To achieve these aims, the Inspector should:-

- (a) Make himself thoroughly conversant with the Association Statement of Purposes and Rules and Regulations, paying particular attention to Regulations 7, 15, 16, 17, 18,19, 21, 22, 23 and 26.
- (b) Make himself thoroughly conversant with the "Standard of Excellence of Poll Dorset Sheep" and the defects listed (a) to (l) above.
- (c) Make himself thoroughly conversant with the various abnormalities of the testes including size. In inspecting for abnormalities, the Inspector should always give the ram the benefit of any doubt, only rejecting positively identifiable abnormalities, or upon the opinion of a qualified sheep veterinarian.

**A. - THE STUD SALE AND SHOW INSPECTOR**

The pre-show Inspector is often acting in the dual capacity of representative of the Show Society, as well as the Breed Association. In addition to ensuring that each exhibit conforms to the standard of type and soundness laid down by the Australian Poll Dorset Association Inc., he must also see that each exhibit conforms to the rules of the Show Society with relation to fairness of preparation, wool length, correct age for class, etc.

In making rulings, the pre-show inspector must clearly state whether it is a breed requirement or a show requirement that is involved.

The Show Inspector should also have in mind the fact that he is approving for public inspection a display window of the Breed.

There may be sheep entered of reasonable quality, but in very poor physical condition, making bad publicity for the Breed. Owners should be asked to withdraw these animals. The rules of most Show Societies allow for this eventuality.

**INTERPRETATION:**

Some Inspectors, Breeders and Judges have been at a variance with regard to the interpretation of type, colour, mouths, wool, scur growth. This is understandable and must be expected and even accepted, up to a point. Such differences of opinion among Breeders exist in all breed societies. However, it is possible to minimise confusion by agreeing on broad principles in some cases, and by having explicit regulations in others.

**1. Type**

The combination of two, three or more minor defects can sometimes make an animal so "off type" as to reach culling point. For instance an otherwise good ram could be

pigmented around the lips and anus, have paper-thin hairless ears and perhaps a rather effeminate head - a combination which would give no chance in stud company. However, any one of these defects in an otherwise good animal, would be passed.

## 2. Pigmentation

Registered Poll Dorset sheep shall be essentially white hooved, white woolled, pink skinned and relatively free from all types of pigmentation. Inspectors shall reject sheep with excessive pigmentation of the hooves or skin or with any wool pigmentation.

## 3. Wool

Wool should be fine "Down" type, dense and firm handling, free from kemp. Long, strong, open, steely with britchiness types of wool are most undesirable.

## 4. Feet and Legs

Soundness of the feet and legs is of tremendous importance. Splayed feet, weak pasterns, bowed legs, turned in knees or hocks, straight hocks, bulldog shoulders are all hereditary weaknesses that should make a cull of an otherwise good animal if the weakness is pronounced.

## 5. Mouths

In describing a good mouth, the lower jaw should not be longer than the upper. Nor should it be shorter to the extent where the teeth bite on the roof of the mouth, or on the line of demarkation between the roof and the pad. The teeth themselves should be flat and chisel shaped and should meet the pad with a firm bite.

The perfect mouth is easily recognised. However, perfection of any character is not easily attained, and it would be foolish to lay down inflexible regulations demanding perfection or nothing. We must of course always aim at perfection, but our regulations should allow reasoned compromise if they are to be practicable and useful.

And this is where the problem arises. If we do not demand perfection, what is an acceptable mouth? And can we interpret this uniformly?

Before attempting to suggest an acceptable standard for mouths that are not perfect, the possible defects should be recognised and understood.

### Defects of the Mouth and their relative Importance:

1. **The long bottom jaw:** (as in a pug dog) is usually quite noticeable in profile before the mouth is opened. This is a serious hereditary defect, is quite unacceptable, and there should be no question that such an animal should be rejected and culled.

2. **The short bottom jaw:** (as in a pig) is also usually quite apparent in profile. If, on inspecting the mouth, the teeth do not meet the pad, but the roof of the mouth, then this animal also should be culled regardless of other qualities. Again, this is a serious hereditary defect and quite unacceptable.

3. **Forward teeth:** Teeth from a good bottom jaw, sometimes do not meet the pad with a good firm bite. There are three main reasons why the teeth of a healthy sheep may come forward of the pad:-

(a) **Cutting teeth.** The bottom jaw of a sheep in the process of cutting his first two permanent teeth is usually swollen and inflamed and temporarily can give the appearance of being forward.

The problem is - how much latitude to give in such a case. It is suggested that, if in your opinion as an Inspector, the mouth will return to normal after cutting, then pass it. If, in your opinion, the mouth will definitely remain a bad one, then reject it. If both you and your fellow inspectors are doubtful (and a careful examination of the side milk teeth may help you reach a decision) then pass it.

(b) **Feed mouths:** The same principles can be applied to those rams which because of long periods of shed feeding, away from their natural bite, grow elongated teeth that soon begin to push forward over the pad. Although excuses can be made for such a mouth, it is not good, and breeders who present sheep with feed mouths must accept the possibility that their entry may be rejected.

To give a more practical assessment, it is suggested that if the mouth is closed gently, and the teeth touch the front of the pad - it is not a case for rejection. If, however, there is an obvious gap between teeth and pad then rejection would normally follow.

(c) **Age:** It is true, that the tendency to develop imperfect mouths increases with age, and it would seem that a slightly less severe interpretation with regard to forward teeth could be applied sensibly in the aged classes. However, there should be no compromise with defective lower jaws.

### **Warning Comments:**

Notwithstanding the foregoing remarks, attention is drawn to the following facts:-

1. There have been many rams prepared for many shows which have retained perfect mouths to the end.
2. Many rams cut their teeth retaining a good mouth throughout the cutting period.
3. Many sheep retain good mouths, with teeth biting hard on the pad to good old ages. If some sheep can do these things, stud breeders should take critical notice of those that do not - and their family strains.
4. Occasionally during cutting period, the gum may become infected, and so swollen as to make a once reasonable mouth look very bad indeed. The owner of such an animal would be well advised to leave him at home until recovered. Inspectors are not prophets and cannot assess such a mouth, and even if they passed it, which they should not do, the Judge cannot consider it on the day.
5. Some breeders, when seeing a short bottom jaw, will remark, "He will be all right when he cuts his teeth". It is true that the slight pig-jaw will often look reasonably passable after he has cut his teeth.

Such rams may be acceptable as flock rams, but Breeders and Inspectors should be aware that these rams carry the harmful recessive gene for short or pig-jaws and they should always be rejected from Show or Stud Sales fixtures.

### **Summary:**

- i) Inspectors should reject defective lower jaws - long or short - without compromise.
  - ii) When the jaw is good, leave minor teeth variations in the capable hands of the Judge.
  - iii) Give a good sheep the benefit of a doubt.
  - iv) As a Judge - a good mouth should be given full credit over a doubtful mouth - even if the defect is considered to be a temporary one only.
6. Effect of Combination of Defects

A combination of two or more of the above defects, can also reach the point where culling is advisable. However, any one of these defects could be so bad, on its own, to warrant culling.

## 7. The Relative Importance of Defects

Up to this point, no mention has been made of carcase conformation, fleshing ability and early maturity. This is not because these things are of lesser importance. On the contrary, all people concerned with the Breed are aware that the maintenance of carcase conformation, fleshing ability and early maturity are of prime importance to the continued success of the Poll Dorset.

Therefore, it is important that the Inspector, the Breeder and the Judge should guard against allowing himself to become a 'faddist' on any particular defect. All defects are relative in themselves.

For instance a foot could be so slightly turned that the defect is insignificant. Or it could be so badly deformed that the animal must be culled regardless of other qualities.

Defects are also of relative importance one to another. For instance, a sheep of weak conformation and relatively sound in all other aspects is much more serious than a sheep with good conformation with pigmentation on several parts of its body.

The Inspector should, therefore, have some idea, not only of the relative importance of defects, the aggregate importance of minor defects, but also when the extent of one particular defect reaches culling point.

## **B-THE FLOCK RAM SALE INSPECTOR**

### **1 . Main Principle**

The main principle underlying Flock Ram Sale inspections is to ensure that only healthy, physically sound, fertile rams of good carcase conformation are put before the ram buyer.

The object is to instill into lamb producers a complete and abiding confidence in the rams they purchase at REGISTERED Sales. Inspectors at these sales who worry about pigmentation, inferior heads or indifferent wool quality are not being realistic. Of course, rams that are so "off-type" that their purity is suspect should be cullmarked and a recommendation forwarded to the appropriate Regional Committee that the Owner's flock and breeding methods be investigated.

It should be noted that Regulations 21 (a) and 22 are designed, as stated therein, to cover the sale of STUD rams and ewes, not flock rams.

### **2. Fly Struck Rams, Foot Abscess and Lameness**

Rams submitted to a flock ram sale with any of these conditions should be rejected by the Inspectors. Such a ram should be regarded as a sick ram. His fertility is probably affected and he should not be offered in this condition. This type of rejection increases buyer confidence in inspected sales.

### **3 Mouths, Feet, Testes**

In emphasising the importance of physical soundness of flock rams, Inspectors and Breeders are urged to read carefully the paragraphs on mouths, feet and testes.

### **4. Summary**

Inspectors at a flock ram sale should make it as easy as possible for Breeders to sell vigorous, physically sound rams, and as difficult as possible for Breeders to sell anything physically unsafe, no matter how beautiful his head nor how white his feet.

## **C.INSPECTION OF REGISTERED FLOCK ON OWNER'S PROPERTY**

### **1. Courtesy**

Courtesy and mutual understanding should be the keynote of a Flock Inspection. It should be, and usually is, an interesting and pleasant occasion when two or three stud breeders get together and chat over Association affairs, swap experiences, check over the Breeders flock and discuss his particular problems.

### **2. Culling**

The visiting Inspectors check to see that the Association regulations regarding tattooing, are carried out; that a reasonable standard is being maintained and may possibly cull one or two animals with dangerous breeding potential as a guide to the Breeder. *But only if necessary.*

It is true that some Breeders leave all their culling to the Inspectors, and these should be treated accordingly. However, most responsible Breeders do their own classing and culling with great care.

There are some Inspectors who feel that they have not done their job properly unless they cull a few animals. This attitude is wrong.

### **3. Flock Assessment**

The Inspectors, having examined a Breeder's entire flock, are in a position to assess the main flock strengths and weaknesses. No matter how able and experienced the Breeder, he can benefit from such an assessment from the visiting Inspectors who gain an overall picture not obvious to the man who lives with his sheep and sees them daily.

### **4. Two Suggestions for the Inspector**

The Flock Inspector must beware of two pitfalls. Firstly, he must not confuse old age, or low condition, with poor quality. Secondly, he must realise that the man who has yarded his flock for inspection is proud of his flock. Over the years, he has planned it and bred it. This stud is his creation - and like any other creative artist displaying his work to another artist - he is sensitive about it. Feelings can be hurt and resentment aroused by unconstructive or tactless criticism - or by an officious or dictatorial manner.

### **5. And Two for the Breeder**

On the other hand, the Breeder whose flock is being inspected must also realise certain things.

Firstly, his attitude towards inspections should be governed by the knowledge that they are of great value to the Breed in the maintenance of Breed standards and Breed purity; and in engendering confidence in, and demand for, his product.

Secondly, he must realise that the Inspector has been appointed by the Association to do a job, which will cause the Inspector inconvenience, time and expense; that the Inspector is not doing the job by choice, but in the interests of the Association and the Breed. He should not be taken for granted.

### **6. Expulsion**

A Breeder who is completely indifferent to the good name of the Breed or the Association, and whose conduct and breeding methods make a farce of registered stud breeding, does more harm inside the Association than out of it. The

recommendation for de-registering a flock may come from the appropriate Region Committee to the Board, and de-registration should only be made after the Breeder in question has been given the opportunity to straighten out his flock and his thinking. (See Rule 4 - Discipline.)

#### **D- CONCLUSION**

Regional Committees should select their Inspectors with care and should be constantly training new ones by sending them out with the more experienced men.

An Inspector, in addition to his experience as a Breeder, should have special qualifications. He must know the Rules and Regulations of the Association. He must be loaded with tact and understanding, and yet have sufficient moral courage to carry out his duties without fear or favour. A sloppy inspection does more harm than no inspection at all.

A firm, thoughtful, and courteous inspection is of real value to the owner, the Breed and the Association.

## FLOCKS DE-REGISTERED AS AT 31/3/2004

KEY	(A)	Sold
	(B)	Transfer of entire stud
	(C)	Withdrawn
	(D)	Not lodging a Flock Return and/or paying current/outstanding fees
	(E)	Amalgamation

FLOCK NO.	REASON	NAME AND ADDRESS
2352	(A)	BADCOCK M E & A C, RICHMOND HILL, 260 LIFFEY ROAD, BISHOPSBOURNE TAS 7301.
4207	(D)	BENTICK S T & H J, ROWAN TREE, PO BOX 462, FORBES NSW 2871.
4235	(D)	BOZANICH F & BARNDEN D L, WINDHAVEN, PO BOX 517, BRIDGETOWN WA 6255.
2366	(D)	BRIGHT L J, ERIN PARK, RMB 417, WILLAURA VIC 3291.
4100	(C)	BUSHNELL C & MOYNIHAN C, BEAUGLEN, 30 R ROSEDALE ROAD, DUBBO NSW 2830.
4330	(D)	CAREY M, BOLWARRAH PARK, RMB E816, BALLARAT VIC 3352.
3960	(A)	CHRISTIE D C, AIRLIE, PO BOX 248, HAMILTON VIC 3300.
83	(A)	CRANE G, KIBAH DOWNS, 1578 MARSDEN PARK RD, LOOMBERAH NSW 2340.
3689	(B)	FLACK, JANICE H, WEEMA, KARA KARA, SPRINGDALE VIA, TEMORA NSW 2666.
4086	(A)	GRIFFIN J M & M J, ASHDONVALE, PURCELL RD, M.S.43, SOUTHBROOK QLD 4363.
4270	(C)	HAMILTON L & R, NETHER CRAIGS, 71 NEALE ST, BENDIGO VIC 3550.
138	(E)	HANKS J R & C B, KEIRMONT, MITCHELL HWY, VITTORIA NSW 2799.
3841	(D)	HANRAHAN T J, KILDARRA, RMB 1947, YARRAWONGA VIC 3730.
1963	(D)	HORT A R & T D, DJINGARRA, 42 BRIDGES ROAD, BINDOON WA 6502.
4090	(C)	KING P R & S D, OAKHURST, BOX 118, DOWERIN WA 6461.
3902	(D)	KUIPER P R, KUIBROOK, PO BOX 61, RAVENSTHORPE WA 6346.
4256	(D)	LEE R, ARALUEN, TWELVE MILE ROAD, TWELVE MILE NSW 2850.
3942	(D)	LENNECKE F R & H J, EPIC DOWNS, RMB 874, CRESWICK VIC 3363.
4154	(A)	LEONAWOOD PROPRIETORS, L PFEIFFER, 6 SISSONS RD, STRATHALBYN SA 5255.
4212	(C)	LEWIS J A, JENDI, LOT 5, JOHNSON RD, ONE TREE HILL SA 5114.
3995	(A)	MACDONALD G, GREENTREES, PO BOX 35, HILLSTON NSW 2675.
2982	(D)	MACKAY K G & M E, BRAESIDE, COOMA NSW 2630.
4276	(A)	MARTIN K R, KILLCARE PARK, 142 LITTLE ST, MURRURUNDI NSW 2338.
3904	(A)	MCPHERSON M W & K M & C J, BRIMVIEW, BOX 39, BRIM VIC 3391.
4038	(D)	MCRAE I & J, ROCKVILLE FARM, BENTLEYS LA, BOX 32, MILLTHORPE NSW 2798.
930	(D)	MILLARD T D & S, SHEOAK LODGE, C/- POST OFFICE, YEELANNA SA 5632.

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- 4001 (E) MITCHELL S & D, RENE PARK, ROCKWOOD, CULCAIRN NSW 2660.  
1960 (D) MOORE C H & J H, MOORALLA, RMB 2750, MOORE LANE, LURG VIA BENALLA VIC 3673.
- 3636 (A) NELSON D A, WARREGAH, 48 MCDOUGALL ST, GEELONG WEST VIC 3218.
- 4252 (D) O'HALLORAN M P, PINNACLE, SHANNON VALE, GLEN INNES NSW 2370.
- 4080 (D) POWELL L & J, TOROSAY, BOX 750, LOBETHAL SA 5241.  
3115 (D) SAUNDERS N, PELLUEBLA PARK, LAKE ROWAN VIC 3727.  
4159 (D) SAWYER K & T, TWIN CREEK, PO BOX 31, MULLEWA WA 6630.  
514 (C) SCOTT R G, GLENAYR, 227 BLACK HILLS ROAD, WHITEMORE TAS 7303.
- 187 (D) SHEPHERD P, WHEEO, CAROONA RD, WOMBAT NSW 2587.  
1251 (C) SULLIVAN P R, PHILMAUR, CARLIN RD, PO BOX 178, BAKERS HILL WA 6562.
- 2472 (D) SWANNELL L A & W L, JAZMAT, 140 JOSHUA MEWS, BASKERVILLE WA 6056.
- 4326 (D) THOMSON L & J & N & M, LONSDALE, 100 SMITH ST, GROVEDALE VIC 3216.
- 3749 (D) TILLEY C T & H B, SUNNYBRAE, HUMBUG SCRUB ROAD, ONE TREE HILL SA 5114.
- 1800 (C) TRELOAR M W & B D, BEDA, PO BOX 36, BOYUP BROOK WA 6244.  
4269 (A) TURRAWAN POLL DORSET STUD, 87 VILLAGE ROAD, NEWBRIDGE NSW 2795.
- 4343 (D) WALLACE I P M, HIGHLAND PARK, 62 HERBERT RD, HARVEY WA 6220.
- 4106 (D) WHEARE D P & C L, MULUMBA, PO BOX 71, CLEVE SA 5640.

## STATISTICS REPORT — Registered Poll Dorset Sheep in Australia as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004

	Number of Members (Flocks)	Stud Rams Used	Stud Rams	Ram Lambs	Ewes (P)	Ewe Lambs (P)	Ewes (PH)	Ewe Lambs (PH)	Ewes (H)	Ewe Lambs (H)	Ewes (P)	and Mated (PH)	Ewe (H)	Flock Rams Sold	Flock Rams Transferred	Stud Rams Sold	Ram Lambs Dropped	Ewe Lambs Dropped	No. of Ewes Transferred
NORTHERN	32	127	91	1254	3204	1381	0	0	18	0	3411	0	18	1316	60	3	1674	1807	31
TAMWORTH	28	72	57	487	1729	575	0	0	0	0	1796	0	0	506	70	7	879	912	27
CENTRAL WESTERN	44	211	160	2862	8298	3129	0	0	0	0	8625	0	0	2516	150	39	3718	4055	163
SOUTH WEST	29	120	104	1687	4548	1477	0	1	4	0	4783	0	4	1435	85	9	1942	1987	24
ALBURY WAGGA	46	232	180	3563	9019	3436	0	0	0	0	9432	0	0	3465	77	86	4373	4438	634
GOULBURN VALLEY	50	197	164	2420	5747	2537	8	0	0	0	6118	0	0	2318	114	8	3260	3274	860
WIMMERA MALLEE	42	155	118	2203	5289	2254	0	0	10	0	5679	0	10	1911	58	25	2475	2628	85
CENTRAL	70	257	212	3327	8454	3396	0	0	35	0	8545	0	35	2839	142	58	4239	4492	418
ADELAIDE	30	125	107	1633	3966	1540	0	0	0	0	4136	0	0	1446	99	15	1851	1915	105
NARACOORTE-HAMILTON	87	436	310	6660	15262	5719	0	0	0	0	15835	0	0	5182	229	45	7718	8149	268
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	120	530	373	6547	16390	6647	0	0	0	0	16991	0	0	4581	596	103	7421	7733	731
TASMANIA	29	149	87	1545	3762	1609	0	0	0	0	4012	0	0	1283	19	23	2025	2126	24
DUBBO	27	102	86	1799	4253	1777	0	0	0	0	4398	0	0	1340	35	16	2055	2161	33
SOUTHERN TABLELANDS	27	92	73	1050	2759	1034	0	0	10	0	2919	0	10	1008	61	10	1226	1399	2
GIPPSLAND	16	45	44	513	1596	465	0	0	0	0	1626	0	0	493	43	0	947	994	134
Region Totals	677	2850	2166	37550	94276	36976	8	1	77	0	98306	0	77	31639	1838	447	45803	48070	3539
New South Wales	227	942	737	12521	33279	12624	0	1	32	0	34852	0	32	11395	547	170	15641	16515	914
Victoria	216	836	671	11115	27531	11085	8	0	45	0	28409	0	45	9429	431	109	13942	14816	1624
Queensland	7	16	17	208	588	200	0	0	0	0	589	0	0	215	0	0	267	270	0
South Australia	78	377	281	5614	12726	4811	0	0	0	0	13453	0	0	4736	245	42	6507	6610	246
Western Australia	120	530	373	6547	16390	6647	0	0	0	0	16991	0	0	4581	596	103	7421	7733	731
Tasmania	29	149	87	1545	3762	1609	0	0	0	0	4012	0	0	1283	19	23	2025	2126	24
State Totals	677	2850	2166	37550	94276	36976	8	1	77	0	98306	0	77	31639	1838	447	45803	48070	3539

## DESIGNATIONS USED IN FLOCK HISTORIES

### **(AC.BR.)**

The letters (AC.BR) appearing beside a Flock in the Flock Histories indicate that the Flock was Accredited Brucellosis Free as at July, 2004 with the respective Department of Agriculture in each State.

The Department of Agriculture in each State can provide the current AC.BR status of any Flock on request and intending purchasers should avail themselves of this free service.

### **(LP)**

The letters (LP) appearing beside a Flock indicate that the Flock is recorded with LAMBPLAN - the National genetic evaluation and improvement system for sheep breeds used in lamb production.

### **(SS)**

Indicates flocks recorded with Stockscan.

### **(PS)**

Indicates flocks recorded with Primescan.

### *Editor's note:*

- Flocks claiming "AC/BR" had to lodge a current accreditation certificate.
- Flocks claiming "LP" status have not been cross-checked by LAMBPLAN.
- Flocks claiming "SS" status have not been cross-checked by Stockscan.
- Flocks claiming "PS" status have not been cross-checked by Primescan.

### **DISCLAIMER**

The information in this Flock Register on "AC:BR", "SS", "PS", "LP" has been collected by the Association from third party sources. The information in the database serves as a guide to the status of flocks. The Association is not able to confirm the accuracy or the completeness of the information and accepts no liability if, for whatever reason, the information is inaccurate or incomplete. Purchasing decisions should not be made on the basis of the information in this Flock Register. Prior to any purchase, the current status of the flock should be confirmed by the vendor in writing.

### **EWES MATED:**

**(PH)** Indicates a horned sheep of poll breeding. If the sheep does not carry horn growth then it is not a PH sheep.

**(H)** Indicates a Dorset Horn sheep.

**(P)** Indicates a Poll Dorset sheep.