



Young Ambassadors vie for top award

At the 2004 Royal Melbourne Show some 11 Region finalists vied for the title of "Poll Dorset Young Ambassador".

The prize was a trip to New Zealand and included visits to leading Poll Dorset studs to increase the winner's knowledge of the breed.

NZ's Poll Dorset Young Achiever visited Australia in September-October 2004.

The Poll Dorset Young Ambassador Award will be held every two years.

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Top young breeders of Poll Dorset sheep will travel to the Royal Melbourne Show later this month to compete in the Poll Dorset Association's 50th anniversary Young Ambassador's competition.

For many, the competition is the biggest they have entered. There is much at stake. They are representing their regions, their families and themselves. These Young Ambassadors, and their colleagues are the breed's future.

They are being nurtured by their fam-

ilies and fellow breeders to ensure the Poll Dorset grows and further improves over the next 50 years.

The live judging is at to be held during the Melbourne Show on September 17 at 3.30pm.

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Young Poll Dorset breeders from throughout the key prime lamb areas of the country have been competing throughout this year for a chance to represent their region in the breed's big Young Ambassador competition. Representing Western Australia at the competition final to be held at the Royal Melbourne Show is Ryan Meldrum. He was photographed being presented with his certifi-

cate earlier this year by Poll Dorset Association Federal President John Jasper and WA Region President Keith Ladyman. WA contestants were Joanne Moir, Wellstead; Kyla Howard, Esperance; Emma Crane, Perillup; Kaycey Ward, Bridgetown; Michael Smoker, Naremben, Jarod Carroll, Albany; Dylan Lucas, Carnamah; and Brett Davies, York.