



# BRITISH ROUGE *Sheep Society*

Spring Newsletter 2023

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FOR 2023 IS

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# Message from the Chairman

Ian Teasdale

Hi! I'd like to start by offering a warm welcome to our new members, it's a really positive sign to see membership numbers on the increase.

For some, lambing will be well underway and for others it will be a distant memory with lovely spring lambs bouncing out at grass. Either way, I hope it has been a successful time and the great mothering skills of the Rouge have helped you along nicely!

On this note we are looking for a new strap line for the Rouge X Female targeting the Rouge Mule as where we could excel in the marketplace - "The new commercial Breeding Ewe", but we are open to other ideas if you can get your thinking caps on and let us know if you come up with something catchy.

At our Council meetings we are constantly asking for promotional ideas and pictures to use on the British Rouge Sheep Society Facebook page and website. So, if you have any photos or market reports with Rouge successes mentioned then please pass it on to the PLS office or get in touch with myself or another member of the Rouge Council.

**The British Rouge Sheep Society will attend the following events this summer:**

South West Sheep	10 May 2023
North Sheep	7 June 2023
NSA Ireland	4 July 2023

And the following shows have specific Rouge classes (on the dates mentioned below). Winners from these classes gain points towards the overall show flock of the year prize to be presented at the AGM at Carlisle. Of those who are still open to entries, they close soon so please get yourself entered if you wish to exhibit:

Balmoral Show (Northern Ireland)	
11 May 2023	(entries have already closed)
Devon County Show	
18 May 2023	(entries have already closed)
The Royal Highland Show	
23 June 2023	(entries close 26 April)
The Great Yorkshire Show	
12 July 2023	(entries close 27 April)

The number of exhibitors has been limited due to capacity in recent years so please enter as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, it would be great to see some new faces in the show ring! The Society also donates prize money for some of the Rouge Sired Commercial Classes at some of these shows too, so please get in touch if you need more information about that.

At present there are two positions on council which need to be filled. One for Northern Ireland and one for Scotland/Northern England, so if you have a burning desire to join our team then look out for the voting papers in the near future. Most meetings are now held over zoom on a evening so hopefully the commitment is manageable enough for you to consider joining us.

I hope to see you all at some of the events throughout the summer and wish everyone the best of luck and success with your sheep.

Regards,

*Ian Teasdale*



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# News From Council

## Pdf Certificates

At the recent Society Council meeting, it was decided that Pedigree certificates as standard practise will be sent as pdf copies via email, if you would like postal copies please contact the Society office.

## Flock Survey

Council also highlighted compulsory flock surveys to be completed, so these will soon be available to complete online within Grassroots or via post if required.

## 2023 Name Suggestions

### British Rouge Sheep Society

#### 'B' Name Suggestions

- Boogie Woogie
- Bonnie
- Bobby-Dazzler
- Be My Valentine
- Betty Boop
- Beyonce
- Boomerang
- Bambi
- Buzz Lightyear
- Black Magic
- Bright Eyes
- Bull Dozer
- Bounty Hunter
- Bullseye
- Blossom
- Bandit
- Bee's Knees
- Bongo
- Backlash
- Bootylicious
- Black Beauty
- Buckaroo
- Baloo
- Blueberry
- Bugs Bunny
- Boss Baby
- Barbie
- Batman
- Bingo
- Baileys
- Bubbles
- Billy Jean
- Buttons
- Be Good
- Best By Far
- Beautiful
- Big Dreams
- Bo Peep
- Baby Cakes
- Babybel
- Beyond Good
- Braveheart
- Bacardi
- Bamboo
- Birdy
- Blown Away
- Bentley
- Bashful
- Bramble
- Babe
- Bomb Shell
- Brownie Points
- Badass
- Born-Free
- Belle Of The Ball
- Brandy
- Black Jack
- Boss
- Bewitched
- Bass Hunter
- Bargain Hunter
- Beverly Hills
- Beaumont and Bear
- Bossy Boots
- Bring It On
- Baarbara

*A note..*  
**from the Society Office**

It has been a pleasure working with the members of the Rouge Sheep Society and we look forward to working with the progress of the breed. We thank you, the members, for your patience through the transition of the Society Office handover and hope that you have found this as seamless as possible.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Kiri Bass on 01768 870523 or [secretary@rouge-sheep.co.uk](mailto:secretary@rouge-sheep.co.uk)



# Birth Notifications Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> May

## Pedigree and Rou-teX charges

Fees	
<b>Birth Notification Fee</b> (Before May in the year of birth)	£2.40 Inc VAT
<b>Late Birth Notification Fee</b> (After May in the year of birth)	£4.80 Inc VAT
<b>Full Registration Fee</b> (Before December in the year of birth)	£9.60 Inc VAT
<b>Late Registration Fee</b> (Before September the year following birth)	£16.80 Inc VAT
<b>Late Registration Fee</b> (After September the year following birth)	£60.00 Inc VAT
Transfer Fees	
<b>Female Transfer</b>	£6.00 Inc VAT
<b>Male Transfer</b>	£12.00 Inc VAT
<b>Imported Males and Females</b> (With effect from 2018) Can be transferred in at a cost of £24.00 Inc VAT	

All rams and ewes must be transferred into your flock before registration of lambs

- Lambs must be Birth Notified with the Society by 31<sup>st</sup> May in the year of their birth at £2.40 Inc VAT per head.
- Lambs born after 31<sup>st</sup> May must be birth notified at £2.40 per head by the end of the month following birth.
- Lambs Birth Notified Late will be subject to a late double charge of £4.80 Inc VAT per head.
- If you intend to show or sell any lambs either at shows held under the auspices of the Society or at Society Sales, they must also be Fully Registered with the Society at an additional £9.60 Inc VAT per head by 31<sup>st</sup> May in the year of their birth. This is to enable us to get certificates issued to breeders in time for the show or sale entries.
- Any sheep that you intend to retain in your flock, either females for replacements, or any animals that you intend to retain to sell through Society Sales as shearlings the following year, must be fully registered at an additional £9.60 per head by 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of their birth.

- Any application for registration received after 31<sup>st</sup> December and up to 30<sup>th</sup> September the year following birth will be subject to the registration fee of £16.80 Inc VAT
- Or animals may be fully registered at any age if previously birth notified at £60.00 Inc VAT
- Any animals that you wish to sell privately for breeding or for commercial use, you may Birth Notify at £2.40 Inc VAT per head within the time scales stated above. The purchaser then has the option to fully register the animal at a later date if they wish.
- NO ANIMAL CAN BE REGISTERED AS FULLY PEDIGREE AND NO CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED UNLESS THE RELEVANT FEES HAVE BEEN PAID.
- AI & Embryo
  - ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION** - On applying to Birth Notify a lamb got by Artificial Insemination, the insemination form must be forwarded, with the Birth Notification details. Please note any rams used, if not previously registered with the society will be charged at the appropriate fee.
  - EMBRYO TRANSFER** - On applying to Birth Notify lambs got by Embryo Transfer, the insemination form must be forwarded with the Birth Notification details. Please note any rams used, if not previously registered with the society will be charged at the appropriate fee.

### 10. Rou-teX

Please note the following must be entered at the end of the tattoo number depending on the breed of sire as follows:

Beltex Sire (B) Texel Sire (T) Dutch Texel Sire (D)

## Online Birth notifications and registrations

There are two ways to Birth Notify and Register lambs. Either online via Grassroots (Login details and password available on request), or a paper version can be downloaded from the Society website and returned to the Society office.

# Northern Flock Success



Jonathan Warren and Vicki Hainsworth of the Northern Flock have been showing Pedigree and Commercial Rouge Lambs successfully collecting lots of red rosettes along the way.

## Nottingham County Show

In the Any Other Continental section of the sheep classes Northern Flock achieved Reserve Champion Male with Northern Ambition and Reserve Champion Female with Northern Aria- both out of homebred females sire by Glengalliah Va Va Voom.

## Lincolnshire Show 2022

Again, in the Any Other Continental section a stock sire for the Northern Flock Jets Yobbo was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the shearling ram class and went onto achieve Reserve Male Champion AOC, whilst Northern Wistful was 1<sup>st</sup> prized ewe.

In the Butchers Lamb section the Northern Flock was awarded Reserve Champion Butchers Lambs with a pair of lambs from Rouge x Beltex ewes. Northern Flock wiped the board in the Commercial Female section achieving 1<sup>st</sup> and Champion with a pair of ewe lambs out of Rouge x Beltex ewes and then went onto winning another 1<sup>st</sup> and Reserve Champion with Rou-teX Gimmers Northern Yvonne and Northern Yvette.

## Great Yorkshire Show 2022

Northern Flock's success continues winning 1<sup>st</sup> and Champion Butchers Lambs with a trio of Lambs out of Rouge x Beltex ewes.

In the Commercial Female classes a pair of Rou-teX Gimmers Northern Yvonne and Northern Yvette were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> prize pair of Gimmers. Northern Yvette also went on to stand Reserve Champion Commercial Female.



## English Winter Fair

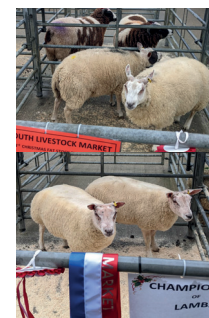
The Northern Flock attended the English Winter Fair where in the Untrimmed, not sired by a Beltex or Texel class they achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place with a pair of Rouge sired lambs, again sired by Jets Yobbo.



Jonathan and Vicki had fantastic results in the Live/Dead class, they achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> Live lambs, 1<sup>st</sup> Carcass and Reserve overall Champion. The carcass lamb and one of the live lambs were sired by a Rouge ram, Jets Yobbo.

## Louth Fatstock Show & Sale 2022

At Louth Fatstock Show and Sale The Northern Flock won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the lightweight class with a pair of 44.5kg lambs out of Rouge x Dutch Texel ewes, fetching £148 (£3.33per kg) per head. And continued their success with a pair of lambs weighing 53.5kg these lambs out of Rouge x Dutch Texel ewes achieved 1<sup>st</sup> heavyweight pair and went onto being Overall Champion going onto sell for an impressive £460 (£8.60 per kg) per head.



We would like to congratulate Johnathan and Vicki's success and wish all our breeders the best for the 2023 Show Season.

# 2023 Dates for your diary



Balmoral (RUAS)	
10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Judge: Mr Ian Teasdale, Jets Flock
Devon County Show	
18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Judge: Mr D Churchill, Kings Flock
Royal Highland Show (RHS)	
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Judge: John Gate, Langford Flock
Great Yorkshire Show (GYS)	
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Judge: Mr Ian McConnell, Ian's Flock



Ballymoney Show	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023
Lurgan Show	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023
Armagh Show	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Saintfield Show	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Ballymena Show	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Omagh Show	30 <sup>th</sup> June – 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2023
Castlewellan Show	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Limavady Show	15 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Antrim Show	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2023
Rouge National Show	

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Rouge Sheep Society Sales 2023

British Rouge Sheep Society 33 <sup>rd</sup> Show & Sale	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> August, Borderway Mart	
Northern Ireland Club 32 <sup>nd</sup> Premier Sale	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August, Dungannon Farmers Mart	

## Society Rules for Showing Rouge Sheep

### Inspection Points

Your sheep will be rejected from Society Sales or Shows for any of the following points

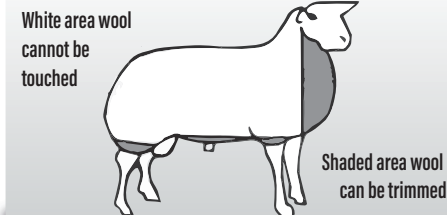
#### THESE ARE ONLY GENERAL GUIDELINES

- For having an undershot or overshot jaw
- For having poor conformation, or for being underweight for age.
- For having badly formed legs or feet (too twisted or too straight) or for poor locomotion.
- For having black wool (including marks and spots in the fleece)
- For not being true to type.
- For having ill health, or for giving reasons to believe that the animal is not capable of breeding.
- For NOT complying with the Society's rules for the showing and selling of sheep.
- Members are respectfully reminded that teeth grinding is a severe contravention of desirable welfare practices. Disciplinary action will be taken against any member found to have carried out this practice

### Presentation of sheep at Show and Sales

- Sheep presented at Shows and Sales at one year of age or older must be shorn bare after the 1<sup>st</sup> January and before being presented at their first show of the current season.
- Rouge lambs are not to be faked in any way by carding comb, shears, etc., except to tidy up head, throat and chest, square tails and take long ends off under the belly and around the legs. NO OTHER PART OF THE LAMB MAY BE TOUCHED. (See diagram)
- Hair on faces and legs may be removed and the faces and legs may be washed and or lightly dressed with colourless oil, but may not be artificially coloured in any way. The use of hair removing substances is strictly forbidden.
- All male sheep to have two correct testicles, no rigs or chasers to be shown or sold.
- No lambs to be born before 1<sup>st</sup> January. If born before this day, they become a Shearling on reaching 1<sup>st</sup> January and must be tattooed/ear tagged with the appropriate letter. The Society reserves the right to make spot checks on lambing dates.

#### ILLUSTRATING WHERE A ROUGE LAMB CAN BE TRIMMED



## Rules governing the showing of British Rouge Sheep

All persons exhibiting Rouge Sheep at shows where sheep are shown under the auspices of the British Rouge Sheep Society must be fully paid up members of the Society and sheep must be registered with the Society.

No exhibitor shall present a sheep before a judge at any Show where the judge has or has had a financial or breeding interest in that animal at any time.

The Society may appoint an inspector to inspect lambs for dressing at the National shows and reserves the right to appoint an inspector at any show where sheep are shown under the British Rouge Society rules.

The Royal Highland Show  
The Great Yorkshire  
The Royal Welsh Show  
The Royal Ulster Show – to be run under the rules and conditions of the Northern Ireland Rouge Club.

ANY LAMB INFRINGING DRESSING REGULATIONS WILL BE INELIGIBLE TO COMPETE WITHIN THE SHOW CLASSES OF THAT SHOW OR AT ANY SALE UNDER ROUGE SHEEP SOCIETY RULES.

THE DECISION OF THE SOCIETY INSPECTOR SHALL BE FINAL.

The Society, its representatives or the disciplinary committee shall be absolved of any liability for any action taken as a consequence of their decision.

# A warm welcome to New Members

The council are delighted with the steady increase in membership since 2022, with new members for 2023 alone making up half of listed new members. We would like to warmly welcome all new members to the Society and hope they get the same enjoyment from the breed as we do.

Name	Prefix	Name	Prefix
Mr G H Beeby	Woolstanwood	Verner Family	Sunbrae
Mr Thomas & Mrs Charlotte Birkett	D'Ney	Miss Emily Jones	Coedmore
Oliver Chapman	Soloby	Kerrie McDermid	Cargen Glen
Mr D & Mrs K Darvill	Beinn Lair	Mrs S J Oddie	SOJO
W J & I Dinsdale	Highfield		

## DNA Reminder

### DNA and Scrapie Testing

DNA testing was introduced to protect The British Rouge Breed and fall in line with other breed societies.

In 2021 the society introduced the rules that all animals that have been used in Embryo Transfer both sire and dam, need to be DNA tested to be able to birth notify lambs with that breeding.

The next stage of DNA rollout is that all stock rams are to be DNA tested in order to birth notify lambs by them.

### DNA Testing of Flush Females

- ★ The Society from 2021 requires all flushing ewes to be DNA tested prior to flushing.
- ★ Embryo lambs can only be birth notified/ registered from a DNA tested female.
- ★ DNA testing of flush females is the responsibility of the owner choosing to flush the female.
- ★ DNA samples should be sent as soon as possible.
- ★ Cost of testing is £30.00 + VAT per animal (this includes the cost of the nasal swab)

### DNA Testing of Stock Sires

- ★ The Society from 2021 requires all rams used for embryo transfer to be DNA tested prior to birth notification /registration of lambs.
- ★ Embryo lambs can only be birth notified/registered if sire has been DNA tested prior to birth.

- ★ In Autumn 2022 the society has introduced that all stock sires intended for breeding must be DNA tested before any lambs can be birth notified/registered by them.
- ★ DNA testing for stock sires is the responsibility of the owner choosing to breed from them.
- ★ DNA samples should be sent as soon as possible.
- ★ Cost of testing is £30.00 + VAT per animal (this includes the cost of the nasal swab)

### DNA Sampling Process

1. Contact the Society office requesting DNA testing kits with the Tattoo number for animals needing testing.
2. Details for the animal requiring testing are logged on Grassroots and nasal swab mailed to you.
3. Follow instructions given and return the nasal swab to the society Office.
4. When the sample is returned it will be barcoded for the lab on Grassroots
5. The office will then send samples to Neogen and create an invoice for you.
6. Scrapie testing is an additional option that is voluntary costing £12.00 + VAT.
7. Results will be automatically uploaded, and invoices sent once results are back.
8. For results, please contact the office.