

ASSOCIATION APPROVED SHOW POLICY FOR HEREDITARY CHONDRODYSPLASIA

This show has adopted the following policy approved by the American Oxford Sheep Association (AOSA).

Every ram and ewe exhibited at this show, as well as the following shows: the Open show at the North American International Livestock and Exposition and the National Oxford Show must be a non-carrier of hereditary chondrodysplasia (spider syndrome).

Upon the conclusion of the show, two blood samples will be drawn from the following animals:

- * Grand and Reserve Grand Champion ram and ewe.
- * Any animal whose placing and individual class has been randomly selected for testing by the Board of Directors.

All animals entering the show ring for judging will comprise the pool from which the randomly selected placings will be chosen. Prior to the judge determining the placings within an individual class that has been selected for testing, an announcement will be made that this class has been randomly chosen for testing.

Two blood samples will be drawn from each selected animal, by a licensed veterinarian selected by the Association Board of Directors, to be tested at a laboratory designated by the American Oxford Sheep Association. The blood samples will be submitted to an Association approved laboratory for confirmation of whether or not these animals are carriers of hereditary chondrodysplasia. There will be no cost charged to the exhibitor. The test results will be sent to the AOSA and then the exhibitor from the laboratory. By exhibiting Oxford sheep at this show, the exhibitor hereby authorizes and appoints the American Oxford Sheep Association and its Board of Directors to receive the results of all testing under this policy and further releases, discharges and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the American Oxford Sheep Association and its Board of Directors, members, successors, agents and representatives of and from any and all actions, causes of action, suits, accounts, debts, claims and demands whatsoever, at law or in equity, and however arising, involving the testing and testing results under this policy.

In the case of any controversy involving the test results, the Board of Directors of the American Oxford Sheep Association will make the final determination as to the carrier status of an individual animal. In making this decision, the Board will consider any evidence presented by the exhibitor as well as any and all other information it deems relevant in making this determination.

Any animal determined by testing under this policy to be a carrier of hereditary chondrodysplasia or any exhibitor refusing to permit an animal to be tested will forfeit all awards and premiums won by that animal during the show. The exhibitor, at his expense, will be responsible for returning all ribbons, banners, trophies, and premiums won by the animal individually or as a member of a group of animals in a "group class" (i.e. pairs, flock, etc.) to the show management and any other sponsoring organization as applicable.

Anyone who exhibits an animal determined by testing under this policy to be a carrier of hereditary chondrodysplasia will be barred from showing Oxford sheep for one (1) year at any show or sale sponsored or sanctioned by the American Oxford Sheep Association, including but not limited to, the Open and Junior shows at the North American International Livestock and Exposition, the National Oxford Show and the National Oxford Show and Sale.

Any exhibitor who refuses to allow their animal to be tested under this policy, or fails to return all ribbons, banners, trophies, and premiums won by the animal individually or as a member of a group of animals in a "group class" (i.e. pairs, flock, etc.), will be barred from showing Oxford sheep for five (5) years at any show or sale sponsored or sanctioned by the American Oxford Sheep Association, including but not limited to, the Open and Junior shows at the North American International Livestock and Exposition, the National Oxford Show and the National Oxford Show and Sale.