

2008 WORLD DORPER SHOW – SOUTH AFRICA

The South African Dorper Breeder's Society has named Upington as its venue for the 2008 World Dorper Show.

Those who attended the show in Pretoria in 2004 will welcome the decision with Upington being in the centre of South Africa's Dorper Land and close to the Namibian border. (At Pretoria the Aussies paid almost \$1000 each in taxi fares to and from the showgrounds which are a fair distance from the city.) It is expected the show will be held in March/April and dates will be confirmed in the New Year.

Travelscene Hay will take an escorted tour from Australia to coincide with the Upington show. The tour will also include visits to Dorper and White Dorper studs, game reserves and Cape Town. Extended tours into Namibia are also offered.

The tour is limited to 15 people and for more information call Ken and Tertia Butcher (02) 6993 0669 or Ren-ay Davies at Travelscene Hay (02) 6993 4444.

REGISTRATION ENTRY RESTRICTION

Members are reminded that as from the 1st January 2007, registrations will be restricted to sheep that already have both sire and dam registered. The only exception being progeny born as a result of imported embryo's provided they are accompanied by documentation verifying that they are full bloods.

If you intend to register sheep that do not have one or both of the parents registered, please do so before the 31st December 2006.

REGISTRATION AND TRANSFERS

I advise that the Secretariat has been working with ABRI on a range of registration matters, these are as follows:

1. The development of a 16 digit animal identification, possibly as an additional option for inclusion on certificates for members who request it.
2. The office has viewed and will be testing Online registrations and payment systems. In January 2007, a small number of selected members will be trialling this online system. Once we are happy that the system is functioning properly, we will release it for general use.
3. It's pleasing to advise that a sizeable number of upgrades have been registered, and from feedback I am receiving the registration of upgrades will be on the increase. To effect the upgrade registrations, a number of minor alterations were made to the registration program.

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fees are \$6.60 (GST inclusive)

Transfer fees are \$6.60 (GST inclusive)

Registration and Transfer fees are \$13.20 (GST inclusive)

REGISTRATION FORMS

It would be appreciated if members could use the correct forms when submitting registrations and/or transfers.

Please remember when effecting a transfer, please fill out the back section of the certificate and return it to us with the correct payment. If you sell an animal that was registered by the Secretariat, you will need to forward the correct form. In 2007, the registration form may be modified as a result of the registration restrictions.

If you require forms please contact us or download them from the website, www.dorper.com.au

EASTERN REGION NEWS

Lambplan Workshop

A Lambplan workshop will be organized for mid March 2007. This will be an introduction to Lambplan for newcomers to this concept. Contact ER Secretary, Liz Johnson on (02) 6866 1244, or email wingarastud@bigpond.com for further details.

Dorper and White Dorper Judging School

A Dorper and White Dorper Judging School is to be held during February-March 2007. Contact Laurie McGrath on (02) 6847 0470, or email sandymcg@hwy.com.au for further details and bookings.

UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS

It would be appreciated if members who have not paid their 2006-2007 membership could please do so by the 5th January 2007.

If any member is experiencing cash flow problems due to the drought situation, please contact me so other payment options can be arranged. Any contact on this matter will remain strictly confidential between you and the Secretary.

TESTING FOR OVINE DERMATOSPARAXIS

I advise that the Dorper Sheep Society of Australia has agreed to cooperate with the NSW Department of Agriculture and take up the option that will provide members who decide to test with a 30% discount. Discounted testing through the Society will be available from January 2007, we have had to delay this as upgraded logistics on how the program will function will be provided by the NSW Department of Agriculture in January.

Any member who is intending to test can obtain information from the Secretary from the 2nd January onwards.

WINE

Members are advised that they can purchase quality Dorper labeled wine produced by the Sevenhills Winery from the Clare Valley in South Australia.

The wine types are Shiraz and Cabernet Saivignon. Cost is \$15 (GST inclusive) per bottle plus freight.

MAGAZINE

If there are any members who have not booked advertising in the 2007 magazine and who wish to do so, please forward the form work to us ASAP.

OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

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On behalf of the Secretariat staff, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wetter New Year.

The office will be closed from 5.00pm on Friday 15th December 2006, and will reopen on Tuesday 2nd January 2007. All registrations received between the 15th December and the 2nd January 2007 will be honoured.