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Dear Members

As a member of the Dorper Society of Australia you are receiving a current copy of the NSW facts sheet on Ovine Brucellosis.

Ovine Brucellosis is a bacterial disease of sheep that occurs in ALL SHEEP BREEDS and causes considerable economic loss in flocks that become affected. This economic loss is most likely detected in commercial flocks as poor lambing percentages.

Recently this disease has been detected in some Dorper and White Dorper flocks and it is the decision of the Board of the Dorper Society to encourage all Dorper and White Dorper breeders to join their State accreditation scheme with the aim of eradicating this problem from our breed.

The "facts sheet" is to educate members so that they are well informed and can put in the appropriate management techniques to ensure that this disease does not enter your flocks and if detected then the appropriate management can be undertaken to eradicate this problem.

One of the major traits of the Dorper and White Dorper is their fertility, and it would be unwise for members to ignore the potential risk associated with Brucella Ovis

While this disease is found in all sheep breeds, it is the Society's aim that the Dorper & White Dorper breed be an industry leader and for all members to be free of the disease and in a State run accreditation system within 5 years.

To contact your State Accreditation Scheme use the following contacts

Western Australia

Kelly Manning kemanning@agric.wa.gov.au or 0890813111 Web site : www.agric.wa.gov.au

New South Wales

For further information, contact your accredited veterinarian or the State Coordinator, NSW Department of Primary Industries on (02) 6938 1967. Web site : www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

Victoria

Animal Health staff at your local DPI office. Web site : www.dpi.vic.gov.au

South Australia

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Tasmania - mail to GPO Box 44, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia 7001, or by telephone to 03 6233 6634.

Queensland

For further information contact the DPI Business Information Centre on 13 25 23 (Queensland residents) or (07) 3404 6999 (non-Queensland residents) between 8 am and 6 pm weekdays, or e-mail callweb@dpi.qld.gov.au. Web site : www2.dpi.qld.gov.au

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