



hebridean sheep society

Flock Prefix Rules

1. All Flock Prefixes are the property of the Hebridean Sheep Society and may be used by breeders for naming sheep they have bred. This use is under licence from the Society and free of charge.
2. The Society does not allow Flock Suffixes and urges breeders to choose a single word as the Prefix, where possible. The Society will not allow any prefix that could bring the Society or the breed into disrepute.
3. Flock Prefixes must be unique and cannot be re-issued to a different owner or flock except as in 4 and 5 below.
4. In certain circumstances the Society will consider transferring a Flock Prefix to a new owner/breeder taking on an existing flock. The following criteria must be met before an application can be made:
 - a. The original owner/breeder will not continue breeding Hebridean Sheep and does not intend to re-commence doing so.
 - b. At least 75% of the registered sheep in the flock become the property of the new owner/breeder.
 - c. The new owner/breeder is one of
 - i. A close family member (e.g. partner, child) taking on the flock because the original owner wishes to retire or has died
 - ii. A non-relative or distant relative whom the deceased original owner nominated to take on the flock.
5. **Procedure for Transfer of a Flock Prefix.** The retiring original owner, or in the case of death the owner's executors, must make an application to the Registration Secretary
 - explaining the circumstances
 - verifying that the original owner will not be breeding Hebridean Sheep any more
 - listing the pedigree sheep becoming the property of the new owner
 - giving the address and contact details of the new owner

The Registration Secretary will action the transfer if it meets all the necessary criteria or refuse, explaining why. Any disputes will be referred to the Board of Trustees for a final decision.

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