

310.10 ASSOCIATION APPROVED SHOW POLICY FOR GENETIC CONCERNS

310.11 Any show that is sponsored by American Southdown Breeders Association or adopts the following policy approved by the American Southdown Breeders' Association. Every ram and ewe shown at this show, as well as the following shows; the open and junior shows at the North American International Livestock and Exposition, and the National Southdown open and junior shows, as well as The Classic weekend shows, must be a non-carrier of Hereditary Chondrodysplasia (spider syndrome -NN), Ectodermal Dysplasia ("Hairy Lamb Syndrome"-EDF) and Ovine Dwarfism (FF).

Upon the conclusion of the show, two DNA samples will be drawn from the following animal:

- Grand and Reserve Grand Champion ram and ewe, as well as Bred and Owned if it is not the same animals
- Jr and Sr Champion and Reserve Ram and Ewe
- Any animal whose placing and individual class has been randomly selected for testing by the Board of Directors.

The first (1st) through fifteenth (15th) placings 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 as well as the placings to be tested. Two DNA samples will be drawn from each animal, by a breed Association representative, to be tested at a laboratory designated by the American Southdown Breeders' Association. The blood samples will be submitted to the 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 Association and then the exhibitor from the laboratory.

In the case of any controversy involving the test results, the Board of Directors of the American Southdown Breeders' 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 they deem relevant in making this determination.

Any animal determined by diagnostics to be a carrier of this genetic recessive condition 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 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).

Anyone who exhibits an animal determined to be a carrier of this genetic recessive condition will be barred from showing Southdown sheep for one (1) year at: the Open

and Junior shows at the North American International Livestock and Exposition, the Junior National Southdown Show, and the National Southdown Show. Any ram or ewe testing as a carrier (FD) or worse of the Ovine Dwarfism will have registration removed. Any previous or future offspring of said animal will also be ineligible for registration.

The membership of the American Southdown Breeders' Association will be notified of any animal determined to be a carrier of Heredity Chondrodysplasia), **Ectodermal** Dysplasia ("Hairy Lamb Syndrome") and Ovine Dwarfism by appropriate electronic or written communication.

Any exhibitor who refuses to allow their animal to be tested, 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), will be barred from showing Southdown sheep for five (5) years at: the Open and Junior shows at the North American International Livestock and Exposition, the Junior National Southdown Show, and the National Southdown Show, as well as The Classic weekend shows. **(Effective January 1, 2023)**