

Hello to all Portland Breeders and Supporters

Are you stuck at home or in the lambing shed? Are you wondering when you will next be able to exhibit your sheep or just visit your local agricultural show? Will you miss fighting through traffic jams to get to the show, parading your small Portland next to a giant Kerry Hill in a mixed class and then having to muck out the trailer at the end of a long day? We have the solution. Welcome to...

The First Ever...Online... Portland Sheep Show

- Free Entry.
- Pedigree Portlands only, no mixed classes.
- No geographical limits. Open to all UK and EU flocks.
- Novices and experienced breeders compete on equal terms.
- Share your photos and videos within the Portland community.
- Rosettes for the winner of each class.
- Entries close Friday 1 May.

How will it work?

We shall use the Portland Sheep Breeders Group Facebook page. You can enter by uploading photos or short video clips in four classes as explained below. A small panel of judges will then review all the entries and decide on first, second and third place in each class. The winner of each class will receive a rosette. Second and third places will receive a certificate. We also hope to be able to issue participation certificates to all entrants.

What are the four classes?

- Class 1. Best photo of a ewe with her lamb or twins.
- Class 2. Best photo of a group of lambs. (Three or more lambs in the group. Ewes may be in the picture but will not be judged.)
- Class 3. Best video of a Portland flock, ewes and lambs. (No upper or lower limit to the size of the flock)
- Class 4. Best video of lamb fun and games. (A single lamb or group of lambs skipping, running, climbing etc.)

**Videos must not exceed 30 seconds.
No more than two entries per flock
in each class,
i.e maximum 8 entries in total.**

I am new to Facebook. What should I do?

- If you are already a member of the PSBG Facebook page, you are all set to enter.
- If you use Facebook but are not a member of the PSBG Facebook page, please apply to join. The administrator, Sarah Tricks, can then approve you.
- If you are new to Facebook and are unsure about uploading photos and videos, please ask a friend or family member to help you (so far as allowed by Covid-19 regulations). The friend or family member can show you how to join the PSBG Facebook page and upload your entries or they can upload your entries on your behalf if they are a member of the PSBG Facebook page.

What other information should I provide?

Please remember that other non-competition material will be uploaded on the PSBG Facebook page while the competition is running. We therefore need to be able to identify each entry clearly. Please include the following information on each entry:

- The class number for the relevant entry.
- The registered name of the flock.
- The name of the person on whose behalf the entry is made, if not yourself.
- A short caption of not more than 12 words. For class 1, please give the registered name of the ewe, if known.

The last word.

Entries close on Friday 1 May 2020. Please do not leave your entries until the last day. The idea is that everyone should be able to enjoy watching the entries come in over the next few weeks.

This is an experiment. We hope it will be fun, but please bear with us if it does not work out quite as you or we envisaged. The decision of the Committee on any point is final.

We have focused on lambing because this is a spring show. If it works well and if there are still no actual shows in the summer, we may run another show with different classes, including some for halter-trained sheep for those wanting an excuse to put on their white coats!

Have Fun.

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