

# Shetland Sheep Society

## Breed Standard

(Score out of 100)



<i>General character &amp; appearance</i>	Horned or hornless	9
<i>Head</i>	Good width between ears, tapering rapidly to base of nose, which should be broad and with little taper to the muzzle, hollow between cheeks and nose well marked.	9
<i>Face</i>	Medium length of face from eyes to muzzle, nose prominent but not Roman, small mouth.	5
<i>Eyes</i>	Full, bright, and active look.	3
<i>Ears</i>	Fine, medium size, set well back, carried slightly above the horizontal.	4
<i>Neck</i>	Full, tapers into a fairly broad chest.	4
<i>Shoulders</i>	Well set, top level with back.	6
<i>Chest</i>	Medium width and deep.	5
<i>Back</i>	Level, with as much width as possible.	9
<i>Ribs</i>	Well sprung and well ribbed up.	4
<i>Rump</i>	Good width, with well turned rounded hips.	5
<i>Tail</i>	Fluke tail. Wool at root forming the broad rounded part, and tapering suddenly to barely covered fine point. This is a strong character, and any crossing is easily made out by it. Length varies according to the size of sheep, rarely exceeds six inches, or thereby.	9
<i>Legs of mutton</i>	Light, but very fine in quality.	4
<i>Skin</i>	Varies according to colour of wool. In white no blue or black colouring	2
<i>Wool</i>	Extra fine and soft texture, longish, wavy, and well closed. Wool on forehead and poll tapering into neck, likewise wool on cheeks. Colours: white, black or brown, moorit (from reddish to fawn). Greys (including Shaela). Other known colours - Mirkface (brownish spots on face); Katmoget (dark under parts from muzzle to tail and legs), Burrit (light underparts); also Blaegit, Fleckit, and Sholmit.	20
<i>Carriage</i>	Alert and nimble, with a smart active gait.	2
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>100</b>

### Disqualifications

- ❖ Long heavy tail, broad to point.
- ❖ Bad wool, coarse and open.
- ❖ Very coarse wool on breeches.
- ❖ Deformities of jaws.
- ❖ Undersized animals.
- ❖ Defective coloured or badly shaped animals as sires.
- ❖ White hairs in moorit and black, and dark hairs in white.

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