

# OUessant SHEEP SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN

## BREED STANDARD

**HEAD:** Fine and regular, the rams are horned; the bridge of the nose and forehead should form a continuous line. A very slight bridge to the nose in the ram. In some ewes, tiny horns, without any bony plate may be observed.

**EYES:** Bright and lively look, a prominent orbit to the eye.

**EARS:** Fine, small, short, mobile and have a tendency to be carried pricked.

**HORNS:** Dark for the blacks and browns, light for the whites, triangular in section, strong, curled in a single spiral, of large amplitude, a good distance from the head.

**NECK:** Rounded, without any dewlap, a collar in the mature rams. Toggles or wattles are accepted.

**TRUNK:** Withers not prominent, deep chest.

**BACK:** A level top line from the withers to the base of the tail.

**RUMP:** wide.

**LEGS:** slender, of medium length, well proportioned, good pasterns. Hooves, dark for the black and browns, light for the whites.

**HEIGHT:**

Adult Ram 42cm - 48cm

Yearling Ram 40cm - 46cm

Adult Ewe 40cm - 45cm

Yearling Ewe 38cm - 44cm

**BODY COLOUR:** All solid uniform colours are accepted, black, black/brown, brown (caramel), white - a red base to a white fleece, giving a light reddish aspect appearing mostly on the head, feet or the tail is acceptable in whites

Black lambs are sometimes lightly marked with white on the forehead, these marks diminish with age.

**WOOL:** Fleece- furnishing the forehead, and the cheeks partly. Covering all the body, descending at least to the knees and just to the hocks.

**WOOL COLOUR:** Black, brown, chestnut, white, and the pigmentation must be even throughout the entire fleece.

**WOOL TEXTURE:** Fleece semi closed, and quite compact, a staple of 8 - 10cms for 12 months growth.

Presence of hairs and modulated hairs at the throat - collar accentuated in rams nape and britches. The hairs are similar to the rest of the fleece although, they may be a little darker.

Single births are the norm, twin births can occur but it is not to be encouraged.