

DORPER NEWS

OCTOBER 2018

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OBITUARY

It was with great sadness we learnt of the passing of Tommy Millar, of Dunluce Farm, in August 2018, shortly after the National Sale. He was a great inspiration to us all, and is a huge loss to the Dorper family.

Tommy was a well known, dedicated, successful farmer who always went out of his way to help when asked. His contribution to the genetics of both cattle and sheep in Zimbabwe was immense, and will be greatly missed.

Our Association extends our deepest sympathy and thoughts to Renee, Tommy's family and friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 14TH November 2018 AGM(8.30) Field Day 9.30
- 12th–15th February 2019 Shepherds Course, Ruwa
- May 2019 Basic Course

FIELD DAY 14TH November 2018

VENUE: BRAMBER FARM, RUWA

TIME: 9.30am on Wednesday 14th November 2018

(Immediately after AGM)

FREE TO PAID UP MEMBERS

NON MEMBERS: \$10 PER HEAD payable on
registration (ecocash accepted)

THE POTENTIAL OF SHEEP BREEDING IN ZIMBABWE

**What does the Dorper Association offers its
members?**

Shepherds Course

Requirements and Guidelines for Shepherd Courses

The following should be covered in theory and practical if possible.

Introduction - What makes a good Shepherd?

Basic handling skills

Healthy sheep vs. sick sheep

Differences between rams and ewes plus idea of acceptable conformation

Pregnancy, obstetrics, care of new born lambs (including substitute colostrum, prem, bottle feeding, mothering up, fostering etc)

Checking teeth - age and state

Cleaning sheds/ water containers/food containers/ spraying

Mixing food/times to feed/ how to feed
Docking/ castrating/ dehorning/ dipping / weighing
Importance of record keeping and tags on sheep
Shearing
Setting broken legs
Diseases and treatments
Requirements for first aid box
Poisonous plants and treatment for poison
Condition scoring
Dung sample taking, worming
How to give injections and types
Vaccinations
Taking temperature
Hooves- trimming/condition and shaping
Checking teeth – age and state
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BASIC COURSE

Basic animal husbandry of sheep and judging sheep. We believe an essential part of the learning experience with regards to Sheep breeding. We encourage all breeders to complete this course at least ONCE! This course is for all Owners and Managers of flocks of sheep.

ADVANCED DORPER COURSE

To train and maintain standards for judges and breed inspectors.
Must complete 2 basic courses before moving onto the Advanced Course. To become a Stud Breeder, one must have completed and passed the Advanced Course.

MEMBERSHIP what does it all mean?

1. (a) Ordinary Members

(i) Flock Breeders

This class shall be open to all breeders of crossbred mutton sheep who aim at breeding sheep that conform as closely as possible to the standards laid down by the Association

(ii) Stud Breeders.

A Flock Breeder who wishes to be recognized as a Stud Breeder must fill the following requirements

A breeder must possess at least fifty (50) approved ewes and 1 (one) approved ram

(a) A stud Breeder must have passed 2 Basic and 1 Advanced Course on Dorper Breeding.

(b) A Stud Breeder must take an Inspection at least once in two years, if not the Council shall be empowered to place such a breeder back into flock class. Should a breeder, for unforeseen reasons, be unable to take an inspection he must state his reason in writing to the Secretary of the Association.

(c) A Stud Breeder must have had at least two (2) Inspections.

(d) Flock Breeders when applying for Stud Status must write a letter to the Secretary stating the number of approved animals in their possession, and then their application together with the latest Inspection report will be submitted to the Executive Committee.

(e) A Stud Breeder must attend at least one course or inspectors day in 4 years

(iii) Ordinary Members

Any person whose flocks do not qualify as per (i) and (ii), or persons who are interested in the promotion and development in the Dorper Breed.

More things that the Association offers...

DORPER SHEEP HANDBOOK Recently updated, also available at Fivet, or rosevdr@gmail.com A must have for anyone rearing sheep.

FIELD DAYS

The emphasis is on practical demonstrations with lectures by experts on relevant subjects.

FLOCK INSPECTION SERVICE

A service unique to the Dorper breeder. Well-trained, experienced Dorper inspectors visit individual members to classify Dorper sheep, including selection and tagging of Stud sheep. General advice is given.

REGULAR NEWSLETTER

News about members, shows, technical articles, and on sheep management are sent to all members, so that better sheep production with your Dorpers is the end result.

ANNUAL SALE OF APPROVED RAMS AND EWES

Every animal at the Dorper Sale is inspected and classified by Dorper Inspectors. Each animal is marked Type 5 Stud, Type 4 Stud, and First Selection for the information and protection of both buyers and sellers. Such a service must be unique in livestock sales in the country.

FRIENDLY ADVICE AND HELP TO MEMBERS

Whatever your sheep problem, the Association will be able to find you the answer you need. If the first person you ask does not know the answer, they will find someone who does.

The Association is there for you. Please feel free to ask questions

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