

The Dartmoor Sheep Breeders Association Animal Welfare Policy.

The D.S.B.A. policy is;

1/. To strive to maintain the highest possible standards of animal welfare throughout the Society.

2/. To encourage members to follow the D.E.F.R.A. Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock: Sheep and to pay particular attention to the regulations relating to the transport of animals.

Copies of the Code can best be obtained from the Defra website;
www.defra.gov.uk

3/. To offer advice and guidance to new members through the Society's mentor arrangements.

4/. To report to the DSBA Council any cases of animal neglect. Cases of severe neglect may lead to the expulsion of a member by the society and be reported to the relevant authorities .

5/. To ensure that all sheep and lambs are shorn no earlier than 1st April and no later than 31st July in any year. It is recommended that lambs are shorn no earlier than 1st June of the year of their birth but not later than 31st July .

6/. To report to the membership any issues regarding welfare as they arise.

7/. To keep the membership advised regarding any legal or welfare requirements for example: tail docking and tagging .

8/. To encourage members to use the highest possible standards at the time of slaughter to ensure that in so far as possible the process is stress free.

9/. For Animal Welfare to be a permanent agenda item at each Council meeting.