

DNA TESTING POLICY FOR ALL OFFICIAL SHOWS & SALES

As from the **1st January, 2017** all animals, both Male & Female (with exception of calves sold at foot), submitted for entry in an Official Society Sale must be DNA tested and results lodged with the Society at the time of close of entries.

The test to include:-

- Animal Profile
- Sire Verification
- The defects – Hypotrichosis, Dilutor and Idiopathic Epilepsy
(If both parents of the subject animal are tested free of defects it will only be necessary to DNA for Parentage Verification).

Any animal found to be a carrier of one or more of the defects tested will not be accepted for entry.

So as to ensure that the results are known by the close of entries, hair samples should be submitted by the 1st of the month preceding the month in which the entries close:-

Eg: The Spring Show & Sale – 4th April, 2017
Entries Close: 17th February
Hair samples must be submitted by 1st January

A REMINDER OF THE DNA TESTING TIMETABLE

- * Samples lodged with the Society by the 1st of a month should generate a result by the end of the month.
- * Samples lodged with the Society after the 1st of a month should generate a result by the end of the next month.

Please note that both of the above statements depend upon the hair samples submitted being of the required quality to achieve a result:

i.e. Samples must be:-

- plucked so as to provide a reasonable quantity of hair follicles.
- clean – we are finding an increasing number of occasions where samples are not and replacements have to be requested.