

## Soay Sheep Society Membership Application

Title:	
Forenames:	
Surname:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone:	
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I do/ do not keep Soay sheep	I do/ do not keep Boreray sheep
No of RBST Regd.:	No of RBST Regd.:
No of unregd.:	No of unregd.:

Signed:	Date:
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Completed form and payment should be forwarded to:

Mrs Julie Suffolk  
Back Forest Farm  
Swythamley  
Macclesfield  
SK11 0RF

Note: We do not pass your details to other organisations, but are sometimes asked by other members of the society. If you object to your details being passed to other members of the Soay Sheep Society, please tick this box



### Why choose Soay or Boreray?

- Able to withstand harsh conditions
- Cope with a range of vegetation types
- Easy lambing - lambing difficulties rare
- Excellent mothers
- Short tail - docking not required
- Less prone to fly strike
- Good hooves - less susceptible to foot-rot
- Shed fleeces - shearing normally not required
- Low fat, full flavoured meat
- Can be contained within standard stock fencing with a top wire



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## Soay Sheep Society

### Friends of the Soay and Boreray



In association with the Rare  
Breeds Survival Trust

## Soay Sheep



### Soay Characteristics

#### Animal:

- Small sized primitive breed
- Intelligent, hardy and agile
- Low maintenance, thrive on marginal pasture
- Rams: average weight 36kgs (80lbs)
- Ewes: average weight 20-23kgs (45-50lbs)
- Rams are horned with various configurations
- Ewes may be horned or polled
- Both sexes may be scurred (exhibiting small undeveloped horns)
- Short tail
- Excellent mothers with ease of lambing

#### Wool:

Fleece colour is predominantly brown, tan or chocolate with light markings on the underbelly and rump, over the eyes, and under the jaw. Self coloured animals occur in tans and browns with occasional blacks. Some white spotted animals also occur. No wool on face or legs. Sheds fleece naturally under normal breeding conditions.

#### Meat:

Full flavoured meat that is low in cholesterol and fat. Cooking methods must take into account lack of fat.

#### Status:

Rare Breeds Survival Trust UK, 2009 Watchlist, category 4, At Risk, less than 1500 registered breeding ewes.

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## Boreray Sheep

### Boreray Characteristics

#### Animal:

- Small sized primitive breed
- Intelligent, hardy and agile
- Low maintenance, thrive on marginal pasture
- Rams: average weight 45kgs (100lbs)
- Ewes: average weight 25-30kgs (55-66lbs)
- Rams have large spiraled horns
- Ewes are generally horned, occasionally polled
- Short tail
- Excellent mothers with ease of lambing

#### Wool:

Fleece colour is mainly pale grey, tan or creamy white, often with a dark collar around the neck and dark rump patch. A few dark animals occur. No wool on face or lower legs - colouring is black, tan or grey with frequent black, tan or speckled markings. Sheds fleece naturally under normal breeding conditions.

#### Meat:

Full flavoured tender meat that is low in cholesterol.

#### Status:

Rare Breeds Survival Trust UK, 2009 Watchlist, category 1, Critical, less than 300 registered breeding ewes.



## The Society

The Soay Sheep Society was founded in 2000 by a group of Soay owners realising the need for a representative body to speak and act on behalf of Soay sheep. In 2003 the Society decided to include Boreray sheep due to their close geographical link to the Soay.

The Society aims to assist new Soay and Boreray enthusiasts with welfare and management regimes, educate other people about their particular characteristics, and help each other with problems if and when they arise. We produce a regular newsletter, and act as a go between when new blood is needed in a flock, helping with ram exchanges and sales.

The Society welcomes members from around the world. Current members are already based in the UK, the USA, Holland, Belgium, France, Germany and Ireland to name but a few.

Membership runs from 1st January each year to 31st December. Fees are as follows:

UK - £10 per annum

EU - €17 per annum

USA - \$20 per annum

The following payment methods are available:

#### UK

Standing order (form available on request)

Cheque payable to 'The Soay Sheep Society'

#### NON UK

PayPal - payment to

soaysheepsociety@btinternet.com

Iban (please phone or email

membership.js@soaysheep.org for details)

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