

FAQ About Showing At The National Texel Show

What Must I do to be able to show at the National Texel Show?

At the National show there are classes for Junior members and classes for Regular members. To show in the Jr. classes you must fill out an entry form and send back to Julie Korkow, the TSBS Secretary. To show in the Open show you must fill out an entry form from the Midwest Stud Ram Sale and send it in to them. All animals must be accompanied by health papers and registered with the TSBS.

What should I have on my animals health papers?

Each animal must be identified individually with either a Voluntary Scrapie program ear tag or a Mandatory Scrapie ID tag. This ID number will correspond to the number that will appear on your Official State Transport Health Certificate that you will get from your Veterinarian. You should also make sure that somewhere on the Health Certificate your Vet. States that "these animals are free of any evidence of infectious or communicable diseases, including foot rot, epididymitis, sore mouth, caseous lymphadenitis, scabies, and no evidence of scrapie." Your Veterinarian can help you get the required blood tests taken. The Sale Mgmt has asked that for each of your entries a copy (photo copy OK) of your Transport Health Cert. be provided at check in. Most Health Cert.s are only good for 30 days from the day they are written by your Veterinarian so plan ahead and get your papers no earlier than June 5th.

What blood tests do I need to take?

The Texel Sheep Breeders Association requires an OPP (Ovine Progressive Pneumonia) test result for each entry. The test results must be within 30 days of the sale. If an entry is a lamb under 6 months of age then a copy of the dam's test results will be accepted. B. Ovis tests are required for all Yearling rams.

What about codon testing?

It is encouraged that animals be tested for their scrapie resistance genes but it is not required. Your veterinarian can help you get the tests you need. There are few places that you can send your tests to. The following are addresses for a couple of them:

GeneAnalysis Laboratory Inc.
508 S. Englebeck Rd.
Lakeside, Oh 43440
1-888-300-4363

www.genealysislaboratory.com

Gene Check, Inc.
1629 Blue Spruce Dr.
Suite 106
Ft. Collin, Co 80524
1-800-822-6740
www.genecheck.com

What Items must I bring to the show?

Your animals' registration papers, health papers, copies of your entries can be helpful too. Also bring any feed and animal care supplies that you normally use, including bedding, feed and water pans. Any show supplies that you have that you will want to use to prepare and show your animals. MUZZLES are not allowed. If you forget an item there are many suppliers that have products for sale at the show.

What can we expect the show to be like?

Texel breeders are similar to the animals they raise! All are friendly and helpful. The Texel show has the feel and camaraderie of a family reunion. Everyone here tries to help everyone do their best. Yes it is a show competition but the stress and strain on the animals and owners seen in other breeds are not here. Everyone comes to have a good time and the show is run similarly.

What if I have questions after arriving at the show?

You can ask anyone around you! Every breeder will try to help or help you find someone to help you out. There are certain members designated to help run the show and answer questions but anyone will help you. If you want to find those members look for the ones wearing name tags.

Where can I stay while attending the show?

Although you want to put up and lock any valuables you have. Most people do not stay with the animals. There is security at the fairgrounds. There are several motels around that you can stay at close by. The TSBS does have a block of rooms available at the Super 8. These are on a first come first serve basis. If you need help finding a room feel free to contact TSBS and they will try to assist you. You need to do this before coming to the show as the sale is quite large and rooms go fast.

How Far is it to the show?

The show is at the Missouri State Fairgrounds at Sedalia, Mo. It is approximately 2 hours west of St. Louis, 1 hour east of Kansas City, Mo.,

What do I do once I arrive at the fairgrounds?

First thing to do is locate where the Texel sheep are being housed. A map of the fairgrounds is in the front of the Midwest Stud Ram Sale catalog and is available on the Missouri State Fairgrounds website at: www.mostatefair.com/map.html

Once you locate the barn where the Texels are kept you can then proceed to find your pens. This year it looks like the Texels will once again be in the Sheep Barn, but that could change to the Youth Barn. Pens are assigned and your name will be on your pen(s). Once you get your animals settled in their pens, seek out a member of the TSBS to get your animals checked in. At this time you will need to have your registration and health papers available for check in with the Sale Mgmt office. It is a good idea to make extra copies of all of your registration papers and your Health Certificate to have on hand at your pens. Also, provide the TSBS Sale Manager (Rob Morris) or the TSBS Secretary (Julie Korkow) with your OPP test results. Once checked in, relax and enjoy the show!!