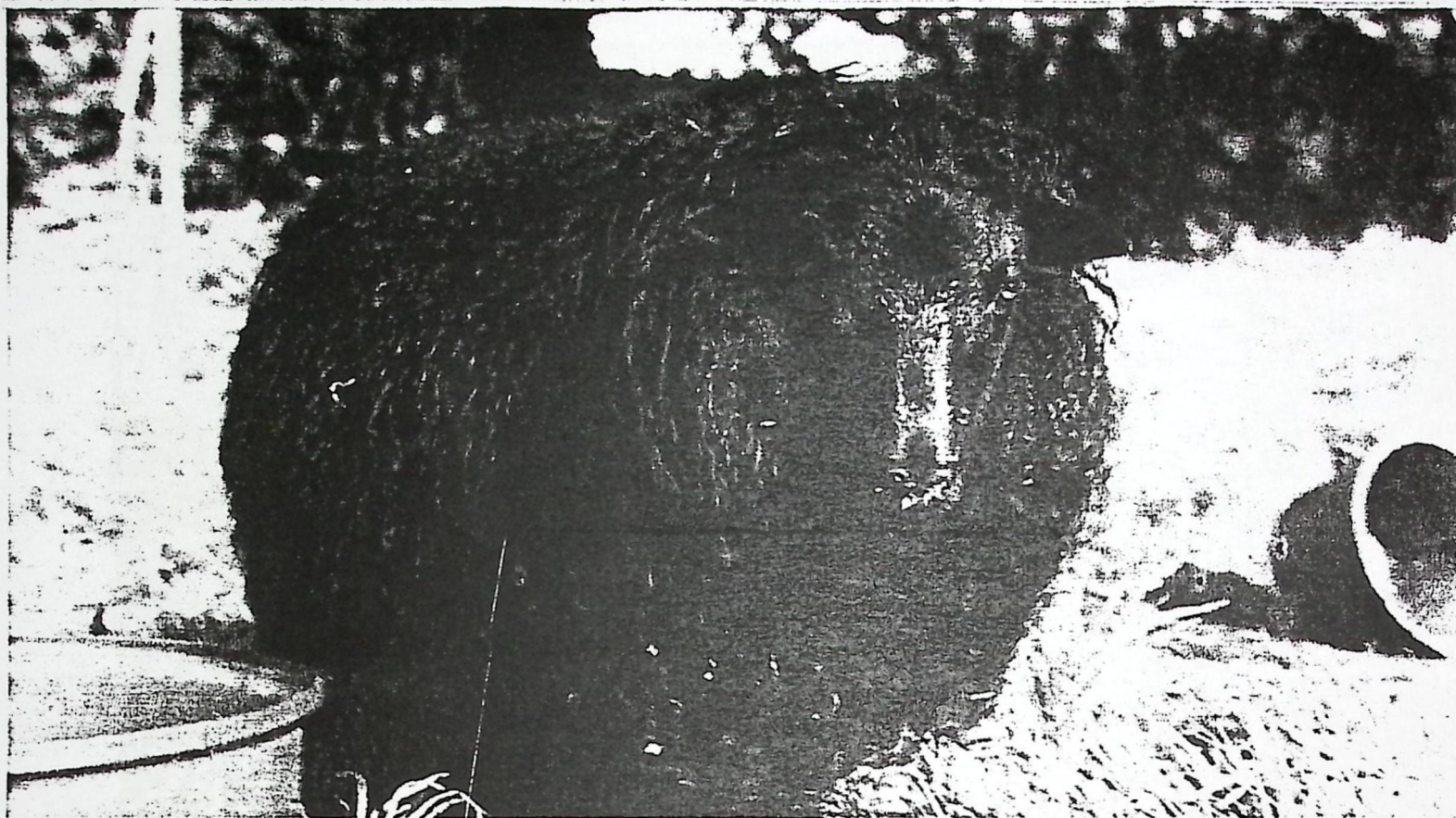
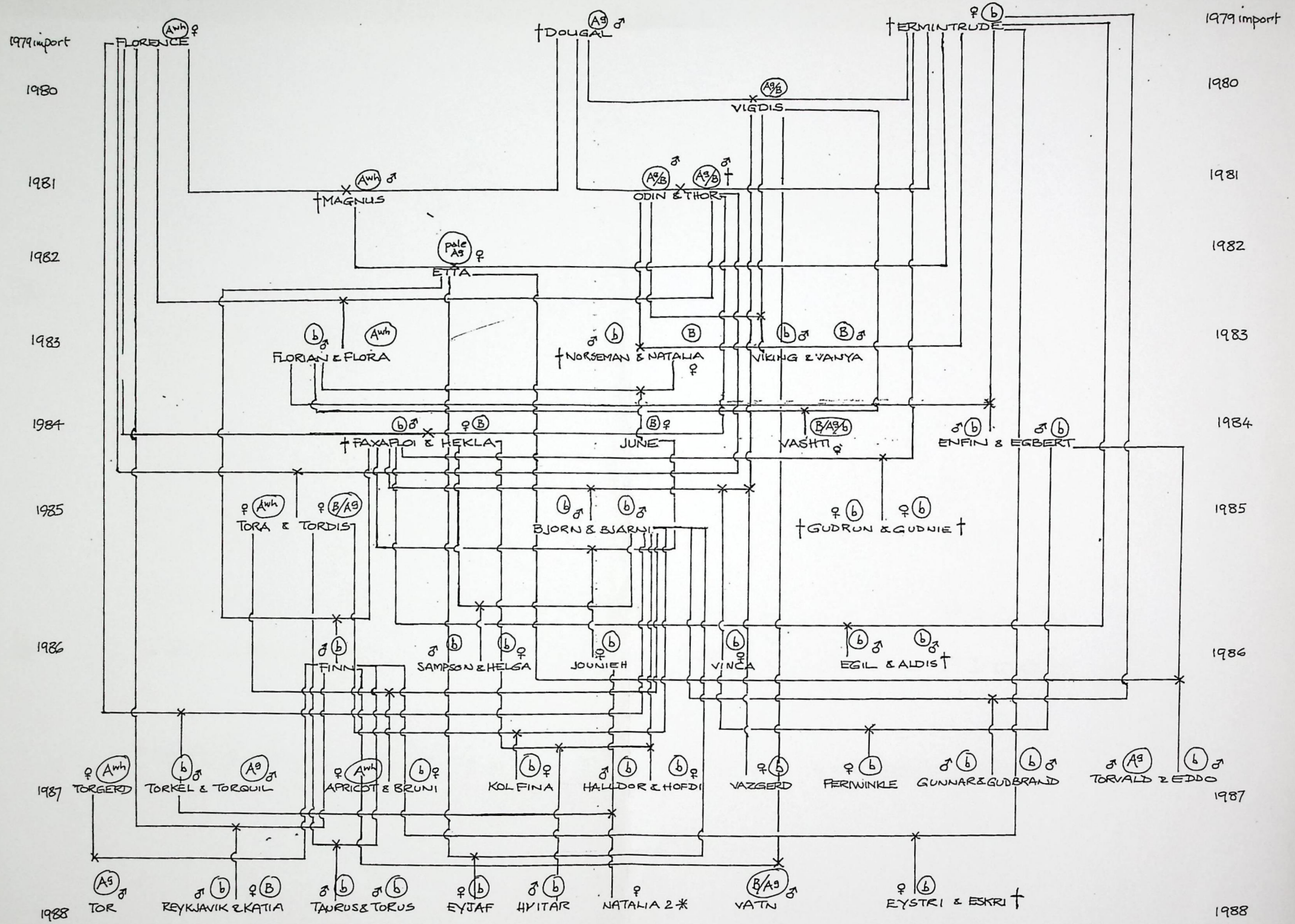


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SHEEP BREEDERS GROUP



Thank you for responding to our questionnaire about Icelandic sheep in Britain. We hope that this first flock book will be of interest and help those wishing to acquire stock or the services of a ram to make contact. We apologise for any omissions or inaccuracies which may have happened due to our wish to produce the book speedily and we hope that the standard of production may be improved in future issues. Last but not least our grateful thanks to [REDACTED] who has been inundated with queries from many of us during the last few weeks and without whom none of this would have happened.

# The Joly Foundation Flock Pedigree



KEY: Awh = white  
 A9 = grey  
 B = black  
 b = brown, moorit

A9/B = charcoal black  
 A9/B/b = grey, black & brown  
 9 = broken colour

† = deceased

\* = bred by another member from stock bought from Mrs Joly.

♀ = ewe

♂ = ram

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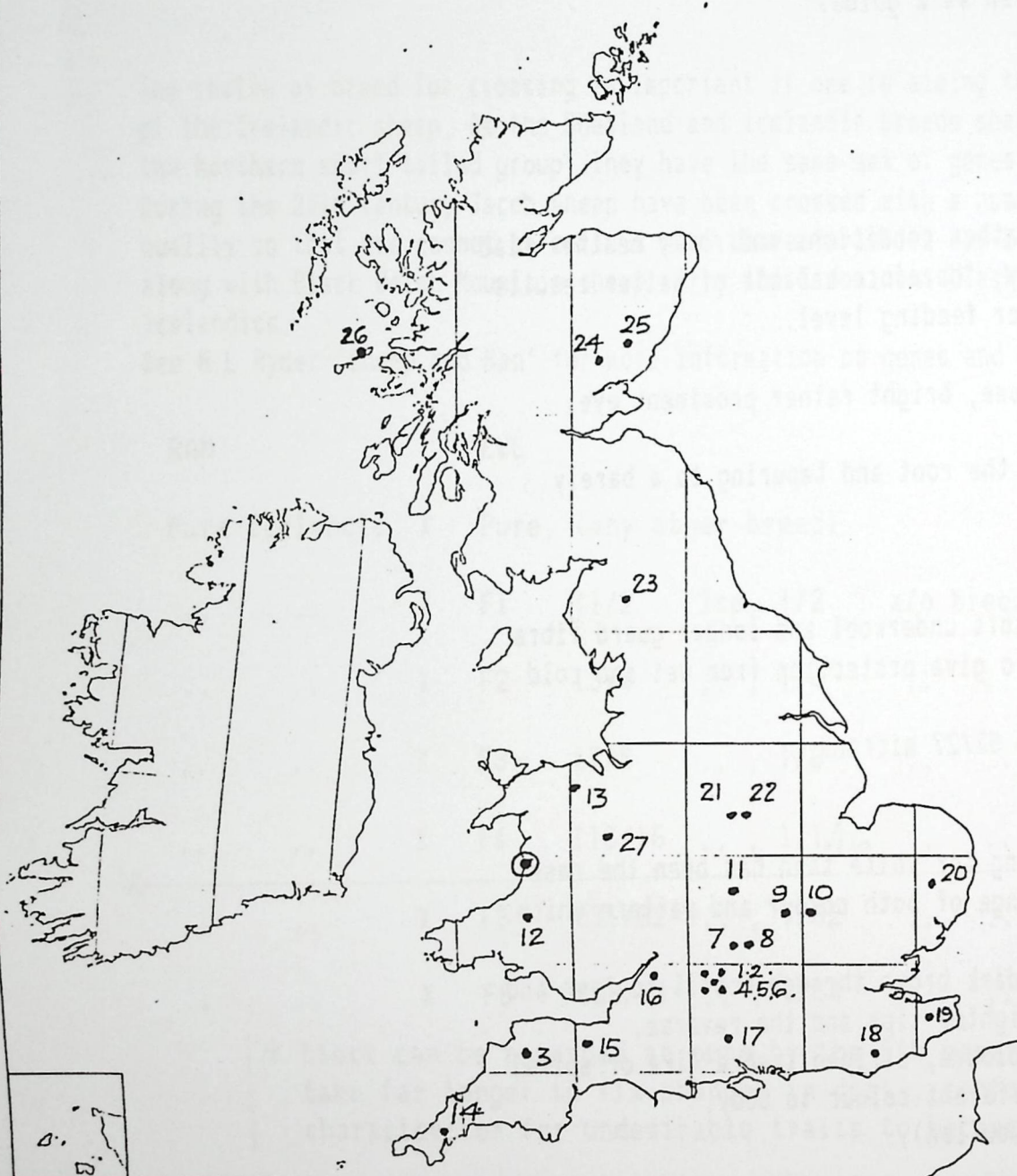
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SECRETARY:	[REDACTED]	Flock 7
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For this first year positions were filled to satisfy bank requirements and are not elected by the membership.

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# Members



Flock No	Area	Owner	Prefix
Flock 1*	Wilts	[REDACTED]	
.. 2*	..	[REDACTED]	
.. 3*	Devon	[REDACTED]	
.. 4		[REDACTED]	
.. 5	Wilts	[REDACTED]	Shelan
.. 6*	..	[REDACTED]	Springfield
.. 7*	Oxon	[REDACTED]	Ramsden Heath
.. 8	..	[REDACTED]	Ladywell
.. 9*	Beds	[REDACTED]	Jemecs
.. 10*	..	[REDACTED]	
.. 11	Warks	[REDACTED]	Oak Tree
.. 12	Wales	[REDACTED]	Valhalla
.. 13*	..	[REDACTED]	Cae'rddraig
.. 14	Cornwall	[REDACTED]	Trehill
.. 15*	Somerset	[REDACTED]	
.. 16	Avon	[REDACTED]	
.. 17	Hamps	[REDACTED]	Sherfield
.. 18*	Surrey	[REDACTED]	
.. 19	Kent	[REDACTED]	Monks Hall
.. 20	Cambs	[REDACTED]	White Fen
.. 21	Derbys	[REDACTED]	Croft
.. 22	..	[REDACTED]	
.. 23	Cumbria	[REDACTED]	
.. 24	Scotland	[REDACTED]	Rottal
.. 25*	..	[REDACTED]	Monzie
.. 26	..	[REDACTED]	
.. 27	Wales	[REDACTED]	Wrekin

\* Flocks with 100% pure stock

# Standard

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Icelandic Sheep Standard (not official, but given as a guide)

A Hill Breed--Characteristics; Active habit

Hardiness

Milking qualities

Longevity

A sheep well suited to exposed weather conditions and rocky heather-clad hill grazing often of poor quality, therefore capable of better results on lowland pasture or with a higher feeding level.

Horned or polled either sex.

Face of medium length, straight nose, bright rather prominent eye.

Straight back.

Short fluke shaped tail (broad at the root and tapering to a barely covered fine point).

Weight; Ram 90kg/200lb

ewe 60kg/132lb

Fleece; A dual fibre coat of fine soft underwool and longer guard fibre which grows in the Autumn to give protection from wet and cold during the Winter.

Weight; 2kg/4lb Count; 46 to 52/27 microns

Staple 6cm/2 1/2" inner coat

21cm/9" outer coat

Colours; With less selective breeding for white than has been the case in Britain there is a very wide range of both colour and pattern which is similar to the Shetland breed.

White, a variety of greys, black, dark brown through moorit to fawn and mouse, Coats with dark roots and lighter tips and the reverse.

Spotted and patched in 2 or more colours, striped (zebra-like or spinal line), Spectacles or collars of different colour to body.

Wild pattern (mouflon and reverse mouflon).

# Crossbreeding and Upgrading

The choice of breed for crossing is important if one is aiming to retain the fibre colour and quality of the Icelandic sheep, As the Shetland and Icelandic breeds share a common origin, both members of the Northern short-tailed group; they have the same set of genes responsible for colour and pattern. During the 20th century Jacob sheep have been crossed with a number of other breeds to improve fibre quality so that one cannot be certain what characteristics may be introduced, In addition this breed along with Black Welsh Mountain sheep carry the E dominant black gene which is probably not present in Icelandics.

See [redacted] 'Sheep and Man' for more information on genes and breeds of sheep.

RAM	EWE	DEGREE OF PURITY
Pure Icelandic	X Pure, (any other breed)	F1 = 1/2 = 50%
.. ..	X F1 (1/2 Ice, 1/2 a/o breed)	F2 = 3/4 = 75%
.. ..	X F2 (3/4 .., 1/4 .. ..)	F3 = 7/8 = 87.5%
.. ..	X F3 (7/8 .., 1/8 .. ..)	F4 = 15/16 = 93.75%
.. ..	X F4 (15/16 .., 1/16 .. ..)	F5 = 31/32 = 97%
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.. ..	X F5 (31/32 .., 1/32 .. ..)	F6 = 63/64 = 98.5%
.. ..	X F6 (63/64 .., 1/64 .. ..)	F7 = 127/128 = 100%

\* Stock can be regarded as pure by the 5th generation (F5) but it may take far longer to fix changes in coat, conformation and character; or for undesirable traits to become evident.



Name [Redacted] Flock Prefix/Suffix Address [Redacted] Telephone [Redacted]

Name/No	D of B	Description (colour) (S Tw Tr Q)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
<b>Males</b>						
Torkel	03 87	Brown Tr	Pure		Bjarni P	Florence P
<b>Females</b>						
June No 2	03 84	Char/Bl S	Pure		Florian P	Natalia P <sup>No 1</sup>
Natalia 13	03 88	Brown S	Pure		Torkel P	Jounieh P
Peasblossom	04 87	Brown Tw	¾	¼ Shet	Bjarni P	Posy ¼ Shet
No 8	03 87	Black S	15/16	1/16 Shet	Torkel P	Peasblossom ¼ Shet
Garda+Gerda	03 86	Lt Br Q	¾	¼ Shet	Egbert P	Gerda ½ Shet
No 6	04 88	White S	¾	¼ Fries	Torkel P	No 14 FrxIce ½
No 7	04 88	Black S	¾	¼ Fries	Torkel P	No 15 FrxIce ½

Several ½ Icelandics crossed with Friesland, SuffolkxMule, Shetland.  
1989 Texel crosses.

Name

Flock Prefix/Suffix

Address

Telephone

Jamecs

Name/No

D of B

Description  
(colour)  
(S Tw Tr Q)Purity Breed X  
DegreeSire  
Name/NoDam  
Name/No

Males

Neil

03 86

White Tw

 $\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}$  D H

Bjarni P

Nealia  $\frac{1}{4}$ : D H

Females

Flora

03 83

White

Pure

Thor P

Florence P

Florence

White

Pure

?

?

(original import)

Fiona

12 03 89

White Tw

 $\frac{15}{16}$   $\frac{1}{16}$  D HNeil  $\frac{1}{8}$  D H

Flora P

Laurel

03 86

White

 $\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{4}$  Shet

Egbert P

Laura  $\frac{1}{2}$  Shet

Lavender

03 86

White

 $\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{4}$  ?

Egbert P

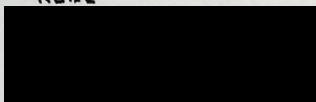
Dilly  $\frac{1}{2}$

Name

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Monzie



Name/No

D of B

Description  
(colour)  
(S Tw Tr Q)

Purity  
Degree

Breed X

Sire  
Name/No

Dam  
Name/No

Males

Taurus

88

Moorit

Pure

Finn P

Tordis P

Females

Felous

88

Moorit

1/2

1/2 Shet

Bjarni P

Floosie 1/2 Shet

Fossum

88

Moorit

1/2

1/2 Shet

Bjarni P

Posy 1/2 Shet

Name

Flock Prefix/Suffix  
Ramsden Heath

Address

Telephone

Name/No

D of B

Description  
(colour)  
(S Tw Tr Q)

Purity Breed X  
Degree

Sire  
Name/No

Dam  
Name/No

Males

Females

Hofdi  
Fleece

87  
87

Moorit Tw  
Moorit Tw

Pure  
& ¼ Shet

Bjarni P  
Bjarni P

Hekla P  
Floosie ½ Shet

Name	Flock Prefix/Suffix	Address	Telephone
[REDACTED]	Monks Hall	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Name/No	D of B	Description (Colour) (S Tw Tr Q)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
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Males

Females

Name/No	D of B	Description (colour) (S Tw Tr Q)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
Hone-/Bunch	03 88	Moorit S	¾	¼ Cots	Enfin P	Snowy
Sweet Emma	03 88	Black S	¾	¼ Shet	Enfin P	Petrel

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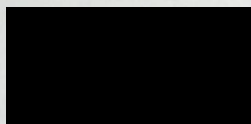
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<b>Males</b>						
Hangist	88	Gray Tw	¾	½ Leic & ¼ Shet	Blackia Leic	Posy ¼ Shet
<b>Females</b>						
Gudnie	85	Lt Br	Pure		Faxafloi P	Ermintrude P
Morag	85	Gray Tw	¾	¾ Shet	Faxafloi P	Dora
Kinsty	86	Gray	¾	¾ Shet	Faxafloi P	Corrie
Fraya	87	Lt Br S	¾	¾ Shet	Egbert P	Kinsty ½ Shet
Gratchen	87	Lt Br Tw	¾	¾ Shet	Bjarni P	Morag ½ Shet

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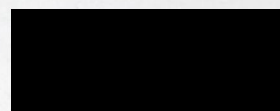
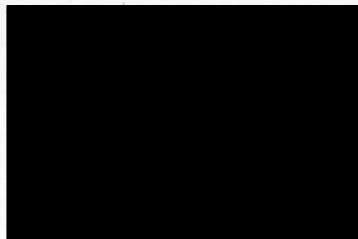
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Rottal



Males

Name/No	D of B	Description (Colour) (S Tw Tr Q)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
Highland No 1	09 04 88	moorit Tw	*		Gardus *I (Moora)	Bess * Shat (Moora)

Females

Name/No	D of B	Description (colour) (S Tw Tr Q)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
No 2	93	gray	*			
No 3		gray	*			
No 4		gray	*			
No 5	to	black	*			
No 6		moorit	*			
No 7		moorit	*			
No 8	85	moorit	*			
No 10		moorit	*			

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Females

Name/No	D of B	Description (colour) (S Tw Tr Q)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
No 11	04 87	moorit Tw	7/8		Odin	No 2
No 12	04 88	white Tw	7/8		Odin	No 6
No 13	04 88	white Tw	7/8		Odin	No 5
No 14	04 88	moorit S	7/8		Odin	No 8
No 15	04 88	moorit S	7/8		Odin	No 5
No 16	04 88	black Tw	7/8		Odin	No 4
No 17	04 88	black Tw	7/8		Odin	No 7
No 18	04 88	white Tw	7/8		Odin	No 3
No 19	04 88	white Tw	7/8		Odin	No 3
No 20	04 88	white Tw	7/8		Odin	No 3
No 21	04 88	white Tw	7/8		Odin	No 8
No 22	04 88	white S	7/8		Odin	No
No 23	04 88	moorit Tw	7/8		Odin	No 8
No 24	04 88	black Tw	7/8		Odin	No 5



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[REDACTED]	Ladywell	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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Name/No	D of B	Description (colour) (S Tw Tr Q)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
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Males

Females

Bridget Tag 165 pink/white	82	Pale gr Tw	½	¼ D H	Magnus P	Ballet ½ D H
Dorcus	88	Black Tw	½	¼ Shet	Thor P	Dilly ½ Shet
Megan Tag 77 pink/white	87	Gr/Bl	½	¼ B W M	Bjarni P	Megans Girl ½ B W M
Dorcus Girl	88	Moorit	½	½ Manx ¼ Shet	Manx ram	Dorcus
No 45	89	Moorit	½	½ Manx ¼ B W M	Manx ram	No 49

Owner's Name

Flock prefix/suffix  
Croft

Address

Tel. No.

Name/No.	D of B	Description (Col,S,Tw)	Purity Degree (eg ¾ Ice)	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
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Males

Raven	87	Ag/B/b Tw	7/8	Shet	Norseman Pure Bess	¼ Shet
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Females

Name/No.	D of B	Description (Col,S,Tw)	Purity Degree (eg ¾ Ice)	Breed X Name/No	Sire Name/No	Dam
Michaelle	87	b	7/8	BWM	Bjarni Pure	Maggie ¼ Shet
Sonja	88	Awh tan face S	7/16	½ Wansley 1/16 Shet	Raven ¾ Ice	Seionnadd ½ W

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Wrekin

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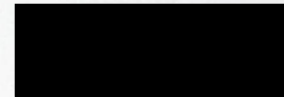
Currently no Icelandic stock but investigating the import 6 ewes and tup during 1989

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Name/No

D of B

Description  
(colour)  
(S Tw Tr Q)

Purity Breed X  
Degree

Sire  
Name/No

Dam  
Name/No

Males

Females

Vashti  
Dassie  
Nassie

Brown  
Gray/Bl  
Gray & Bl

Pure  
& B W M

Name	Flock Prefix/Suffix	Address	Telephone
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Males

Name/No	D of B	Description (colour)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
Bjarni	85	Moorit Tw	Pure		Faxafloi	Vigdis
Finn	86	Moorit Tw	Pure		Faxafloi	Etta
Halldor	87	Moorit Tw	Pure		Bjarni	Hekla
Torquil	87	Gray Tr	Pure		Bjarni	Florence
Gunnar	87	Moorit Tw	Pure		Bjarni	Ermintrude
Gudbrand	87	Moorit Tw	Pure		Bjarni	Ermintrude
Torvald	87	Gray Tw	Pure		Egbert	Etta
Eddo	87	Moorit Tw	Pure		Egbert	Etta
Vatn	88	Gr/Bl S	Pure		Finn	Vigdis
Hvitar	88	Moorit S	Pure		Bjarni	Hekla
Reykjavik	88	Moorit Tr	Pure		Finn	Florence
Tor	88	Gray S 1st L	Pure		Finn	Torgard

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Females

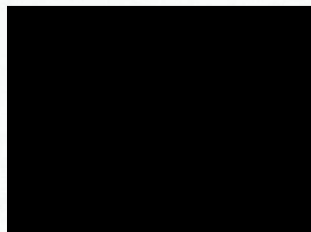
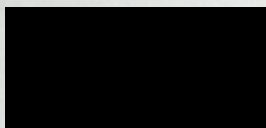
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Vigdis	80	Grey S 1st L	Pure		Dougal	Ermintrude
Etta	82	Pale Grey Tw	Pure		Magnus	Ermintrude
Hekla	84	Moorit Tr	Pure		Faxafloi	Florence
Tordis	85	Gr/Bl Tr	Pure		Thor	Florence
Vinca	86	Moorit S	Pure		Faxafloi	Vigdis
Vazgerd	87	Moorit S	Pure		Egbert	Vigdis
Periwinkle	87	Moorit S 1stL	Pure		Egbert	Vinca
Torgerd	87	White Tr	Pure		Bjarni	Florence
Kolfina	87	Grey Tw	Pure		Bjarni	Tordis
Eyjaf	88	Moorit S	Pure		Bjarni	Etta
Eystri	88	Moorit Tr	Pure		Finn	Ermintrude
Katia	88	Black Tr	Pure		Finn	Florence

Name

Flock Prefix/Suffix

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Males

Name/No	D of B	Description (colour)	Purity Degree	Ereed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
Grim	87	Pale moorit Tw	¾	¼ Shet	Ejarni P	Grace ½ Shet
Norris	87	Moorit Tw	¾	¼ D H	Ejarni P	Neelia ¼ D H
Hurricane	87	Moorit Tr	¾	¼ Shet	Ejarni P	Storm ¼ Shet
Tinys Boy	87	Grey S 1st L	¾	¼ Shet	Egbert P	Tiny ½ Shet
Vincent	88	Moorit	15/16	1/16 D H	Norris ¼ D H	Vinca P

cont.

## Females

Name/No	D of B	Description (colour) (S Tw Tr Q)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
Neelia	84	White Tw	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Shet	Thor P	Nora $\frac{1}{2}$ Shet
Stormbird	8	Moorit	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Shet	Thor P	Storm $\frac{1}{4}$ Shet
Dillis	85	White	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Shet	Thor P	Dill II $\frac{1}{4}$ Shet
Fran	87	Black Tr	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Shet	Bjarni P	Flossa $\frac{1}{4}$ Shet
Whirlwind	87	Moorit Tr	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Shet	Bjarni P	Storm $\frac{1}{4}$ Shet
Miranda	87	Moorit	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Shet	Bjarni P	Posy $\frac{1}{4}$ Shet
Martie	88	Black	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ D H	Bjarni P	Martha $\frac{1}{4}$ D H
Monday	88	Black	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ B W M	Bjarni P	Maggie $\frac{1}{4}$ B W M
Dill III	88	White Tw	$\frac{15}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$ Shet	Bjarni P	Dillis $\frac{1}{4}$ Shet
Shower	88	Moorit Tw	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Shet	Bjarni P	Storm $\frac{1}{4}$ Shet
•ifanwy	88	Black S 1st L	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ B W M	Finn P	Megans Girl $\frac{1}{4}$ B W M
Delirium	88	Black S 1st L	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Shet	Finn P	Delight $\frac{1}{4}$ Shet
Grania	88	Moorit S 1st L	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Shet	Finn P	Gracie $\frac{1}{4}$ Shet

+ Aprox 40  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  Icelandic ewes



Colours produced by 100% Pure Icelandic stock (bracketed groups indicate different ewes)

Colour of ram		Colour of ewe				
		A <sup>wh</sup>	A <sup>o</sup>	A <sup>o</sup> /B	B	b
A <sup>wh</sup>	A <sup>wh</sup> Magnus			{ 2 A <sup>wh</sup>		{ 1 A <sup>o</sup> 1 A <sup>wh</sup>
A <sup>o</sup>	A <sup>o</sup> Dougal	{ 1 A <sup>wh</sup>				{ 3 A <sup>o</sup> /B
A <sup>o</sup> /B	A <sup>o</sup> /B Thor	{ 4 A <sup>wh</sup> 1 A <sup>o</sup> /B 3 b				
	A <sup>o</sup> /B Odin			{ 1 B 1 b		{ 1 B 1 b
B	B					
b	b Florian			{ 1 A <sup>wh</sup> 1 A <sup>o</sup> /B/b	{ 1 B	{ 2 b
	b Faxafloi			{ 3 b	{ 1 b	{ 3 b 1 b
	b Bjarni	{ 1 A <sup>wh</sup> 1 A <sup>o</sup> 1 b 1 A <sup>wh</sup> 1 b		{ 1 pale b		{ 5 b 2 b 1 b
	b Egbert					{ 1 b 1 A <sup>o</sup> 1 b 1 b
	b Finn	{ 1 B 1 b 1 A <sup>o</sup>		{ 1 B 2 b		{ 1 b
	b Torkel					{ 1 b

Colour

Awh

A<sup>9</sup>

A<sup>9</sup>B

B

b

Florence orig imp †Dougals\* or imp

†Ermintrude or imp

†Magnus\* 81 Dx F

Vigdis 80 Dx Er

†Thor\* 81 Dx F

†Faxafloi \* 81 Thx F

Odin\* 81 Dx F

Etta 82 Mx Er

Florian\* 82 Thx Er

Flora 83 Thx F

Natalia 83 Dx N

†Norseman\* 83 Dx N

Vanya 83 Dx V

Viking\* 83 Dx V

June 84 Flx N

Egbert\* 84 Flx Er

Vashti 84 Flx Vg

Hekla 84 Fx F

Thora 85 Thx F

Tordis 85 Thx F

Ejarni\* 85 Fx Vg

Ejorn\* 85 Fx Vg

Gudnie 85 Fx Er

†Gudrun 85 Fx Er

Finn\* 86 Fx Et

Vinca 86 Fx Vg

Egil\* 86 Fx Er

Apricot 87 Bjx Th

Bruni 87 Bjx Th

Torgerd 87 Fnx F

Torquil\* 87 Fnx F

Torkel\* 87 Fnx F

Gudbrand\* 87 Bjx Er

Gunnar\* 87 Bjx Er

Eddo\* 87 Egx Et

Torvald\* 87 Egx Et

Halldor\* 87 Bjx Hk

Kolfina 87 Bjx Td

Hofdi 87 Bjx Hk

Periwinkle 87 Egx Va

Vazgerd 87 Egx Vg

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Vatn\* 88 Fnx Vg

Hvitar\* 88 Bjx Hk

Taurus\* 88 Fnx Td

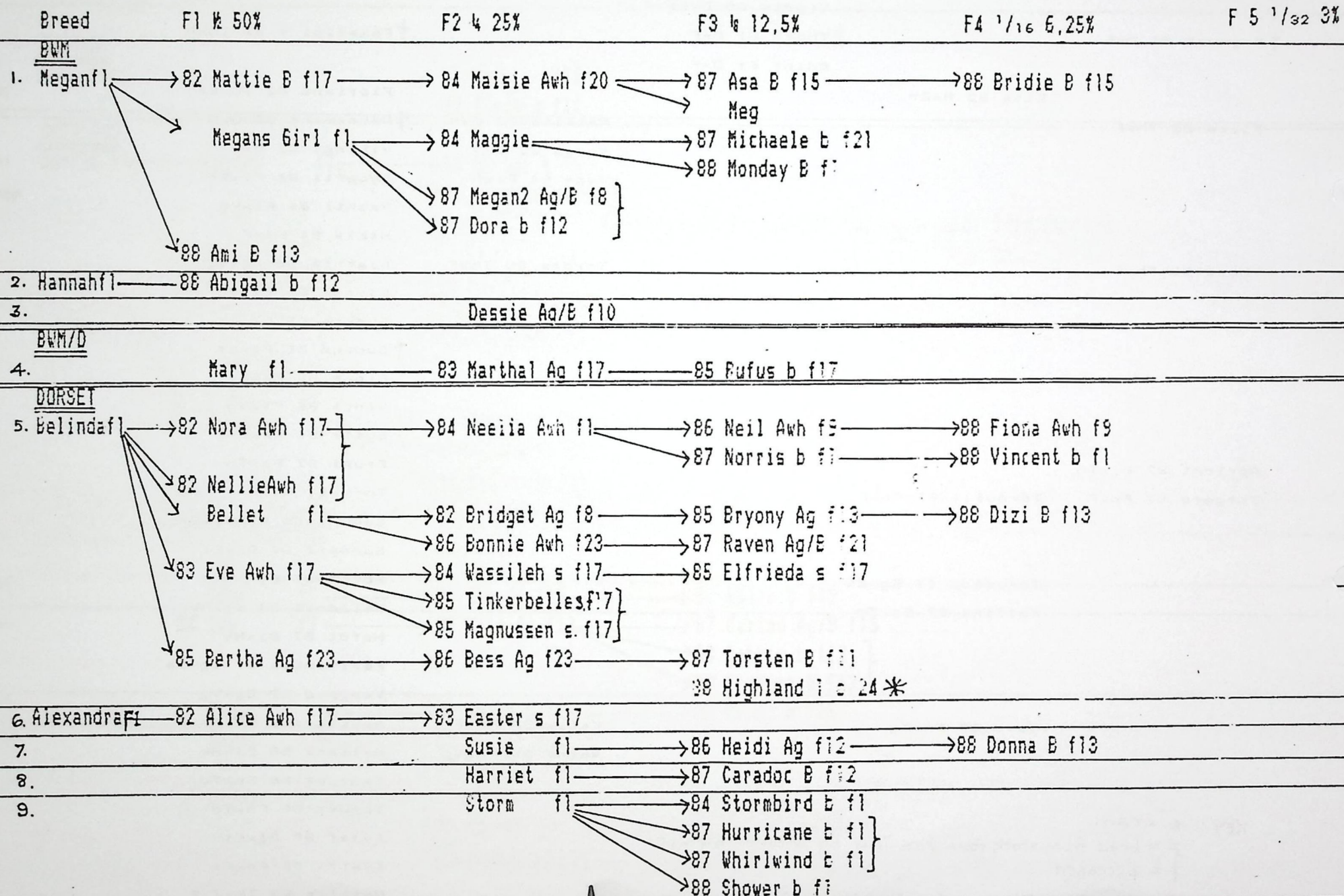
Torus\* 88 Fnx Td

Eyjaf 88 Bjx Et

Eystri 88 Fnx Er

Natalia 88 Tkx J

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Breed

F1

F2

F3

F4

F5

SHET/D

10.

Gem ↓ f18  
86 Gorse b f18

SHETLAND

11. Dorrie fl → Dilly fl → 85 Dorcas B f8  
 → 86 Lavender Awh f9  
 → Dill II fl → 85 Dillis Awh fl → 87 Fifa Awh f18  
 → 88 Dill III Awh F1  
 → 86 Kirsty Ag f3 → 87 Freya b f3

12. Florrie longcoat fl → 85 Laura Awh f12 → 86 Laurel Awh f9  
 → 88 Aura Awh f20  
 → 87 Nora Awh f12 }  
 → 87 Cora b f12 }  
 → Floosie fl → Floss fl → 87 Fran B fl  
 → 87 Fleece b f7  
 → 88 Felous b f25

13. Dora fl → 85 Morag Ag f3 → 87 Gretchen b f3

14. Honeycoat fl → 86 Flora Ag f12

15. Dina fl → 86 Zea Ag f15 → 88 Bairn b f15

16. 84 Ivy fl → 85 Kate Ag f13 → 87 Cariad Ag/B f13  
 → 88 Debbie b f12 }  
 → 88 Dreamer b f12 }

17. Mappy → 87 Amber b f15 → 88 Bruni b f15

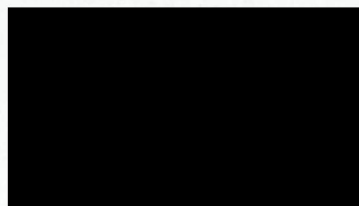
18. Snipe f18 → 83 Petrel Ag f18  
 → 85 Grace b f18

19. Grace fl → Gracie  
 → 85 Martha Awh f20 → 87 Moira Ag f12  
 → 87 Grim b fl

Breed	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5
<u>SHETLAND</u> cont.					
20.	Tiny	f1	→ 87 Tinysboy Ag f1		
21.	Gerda	f1	→ 86 Gerdus b f23 → 86 Gerda b f2 → 86 Gerda b f2	→ 88 Highland 1 b f24 *	
22.	Polly	f1	→ 86 Poldoll B f14 → Posy	→ 87 Miranda b f1 → 87 Peasblossom b f2 → 88 Possum b f25	→ 88 No 8 b f2
23.			84 Pie s f18	→ 87 no name s f18 → 88 no name s f18	
24.			Delight	→ 88 Delirium B f1	
25.	Monkton Attila f6		→ 87 Bianca Awh f6 → 87 Ginger b f6 → 87 Ruby b f6		
<u>Heb</u>					
26.	May f5		→ 88 Honey b f5		
<u>Jacob/Suff</u>					
27.	Two Horn f5 Lady Two f5		→ 88 Marmalade s f5 → 88 Smoky Ag f5 → 88 Jet B f5		

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Name/No	D. of B	Description (colour)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
<b>Males</b>						
Enfin(Mungo)	83	Moorit(ginger) Tw	Pure		Florian P	Ermintrude P
Taurus 20	88	Moorit Tw	Pure		Finn P	Tordis P
<b>Females</b>						
Patrel	83	Blue grey	¾	¼ Shet	Dougal P	Snipe ½ Shet
Pie	84	Mush Br/Wh Piebald	½	½ Shet	Florian P	
Grace 641	85	Honey fawn Tr	¾	¼ Shet	Thor P	Snipe ½ Shet
	85	Bl, Gr shoulder	¾	¼ Hebr	?	?
Gorse	86	Moorit	¾	¼ Sh & D H	Grey & Ice	Gem & Ice
	86	Black	½ ?	Heb/D H	Grey & Ice	Heb & Ice
Snowy	86	White	¾	Cots/D H	Grey & Ice	¼Cots & Ice

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Name/No	D of B	Description (colour) (S Tw Tr Q)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
653 temp tag	05 04 87	Moorit Tw	¾	¼ Shet	Enfin P	Grace 641
654 temp tag	05 04 87	Moorit Tw	¾	¼ Shet	Enfin P	Grace 641
	05 04 87	Gold/Wh Piebald Tw	¾	¼ Shet	Enfin P	Pie -
651 temp tag	05 04 87	Blue Grey Tw	¾	¼ Shet	Enfin P	Patrel
652 temp tag	05 04 87	Bl, Gr shoulder Tw	¾	¼ Shet	Enfin P	Patrel
656 temp tag	09 04 87	White S	¾	¼ Cots	Enfin P	Snowy
	13 03 87	Black Tw	¾	¼ Hebr	Enfin P	
651 temp tag	22 04 87	Honey fawn S	½	½ ShetxSoay	Enfin P	
Gaiety 693 temp tag	28 03 88	Moorit Tr	¾	¼ Shet	Enfin P	Grace 641
685 temp tag	30 03 88	Black Tw	¾	¼ Shet	Enfin P	Snipe
690 temp tag	01 04 88	Honey Tw	½	½ Shet	Enfin P	white shet
		Gold/Wh Piebald Tw	¾	¼ Shet	Enfin P	Pie

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Magnes	10 04 87	Black S			?	?
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Guldron	30 04 87	Gold/Br S	Pure		Thor P	?
Honey	29 05 88	Gold/Br S	½	½ Hebr	Magnes P	May K3516
Marnalade	07 04 88	Cream, Br spots Tw	½	JacobxSuff	Thor P	Two Horn
Smoky	20 06 88	Smoky Gr Tw	½	JacobxSuff	Magnes P	Lady Two
Jet	20 06 89	Black Tw	½	JacobxSuff	Magnes P	Lady Two



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## Males

Trehill Onyx	25 03 88	Black Tw			Mice/Dorset type	Polly 51
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## Females

Name/No	D of B	Description (colour) (S Tw Tr Q)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
Polly 51	84	Black Tw	½	½ ?	Florian P	?
Ivy 52	84	Black Tw	¾	¾ ?	?	?
Poldoll 38	04 86	Black Tw	¾	¾ ?	Faxafloi P	Polly 51
Nallie 62	17 07 86	Black Tw	¾	¾ ?	Ejarni P	?
Gracie		Ginger Br	?	?	?	?
Garnet	05 88	Ginger Br	?	?	?	?

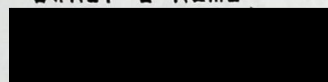
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## Males

Gerdus(No 2)	86	b horned	3/4 I	1/4 Shet	Egbert P	Gerda 1/2 Sh
No 2a	060488	B	3/4 I	1/4 Dorset	Gerdus 3/4 I	Bonnie 3/4 D

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Bonnie		Awh poll	3/4 I	1/4 Dorset	Thor P	Bellet 1/2 D
Bess	86	Ag poll	3/4 I	1/4 Dorset	Egbert P	Bertha 1/2
Bertha	85	Ag poll	1/2 I	1/4 D 1/8 Suf 1/8 WFW	Thor P	Belinda
	87	b	7/8 I	1/8 Dorset	Norseman P	Bonnie 1/4 D
	87	B	7/8 I	1/8 Dorset	Norseman P	Bess 3/4 D
	87 B		7/8 I	1/8 Dorset	Norseman P	Bess 3/4 D
	060488	Awh	3/4 I	1/8 D 1/8 Shet	Gerdus 3/4 I	Bonnie 3/4 D
	280488	B	3/4 I	1/8 D 1/8 Shet	Gerdus 3/4 I	Bess 3/4 D

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Name/No	D of B	Description (Colour) (S Tw Tr Q)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
<b>Males</b>						
Caradoc	02 04 87	Black S	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ D H	Bjorn P	Harriet & D H
<b>Females</b>						
Name/No	D of B	Description (colour) (S Tw Tr Q)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
Laura 536	05 04 85	White S	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ Shet	Thor P	Flossie Longcoat
Heidi	07 07 86	Silver grey Tw	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ D H	Thor P	Susie & D H
Flora 19	02 04 86	Dark grey S	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ Shet	Bjarni P	Honeycoat
Nora 77	20 03 87	White S	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ Shet	Bjarni P	Flossie Longcoat
Cora 17	29 03 87	Moorit S	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ Shet	Bjarni P	Flossie Longcoat
Dora 114	21 03 87	Moorit S	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ D H	Bjarni P	Megans Girl & D H
Maira 78	29 02 87	Steel grey S	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Shet	Bjarni P	Martha & Shet
Abigail 004	14 03 88	Dark Br S	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ B W M	Bjorn P	Hannah
Debbie 009	10 04 88	Dark Br Tw	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Shet	Bjorn P	Katie & Shet
Dreamer 010	10 04 88	Dark Br Tw	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Shet	Bjorn P	Katie & Shet

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 (S Tw Tr Q)

 Purity Breed X  
 Degree

 Sire  
 Name/No

 Dam  
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Males

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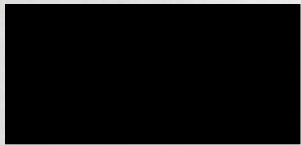
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Thora	02 04 85	White	pure		Thor P	Florence P
Apricot	01 04 87	White Tw	Pure		Bjarni P	Thora P
Bruni	01 04 87	Moorit Tw	Pure		Bjarni P	Thora P
Bianca	15 04 87 88	White Tw	½	½ Shet	Monkton Attila	Thora P
Ginger	15 04 87 88	Moorit Tw	½	½ Shet	Monkton Attila	Thora P
Ruby	22 04 87 88	Moorit S	½	½ Shet	Monkton Attila	Bruni P

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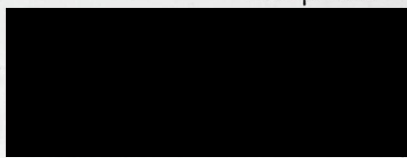
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Purity Breed X  
Degree

Sire  
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(S Tw Tr Q)

Purity Breed X  
Degree

Sire  
Name/No

Dam  
Name/No

Elke

24 04 89

Black Tw

13/16 3/16

Torsten 1/8 Dor Fleeca 1/4 Shet

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Females

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\* Ewes so marked mated by Thor in 1984 and bought from [REDACTED] in early 1985

Alice *	82	White Tr	½	½ Dorset	Dougal P	Alexandra
Nora *	82	White Tr	½	½ Dorset	Dougal P	Belinda
Nellie *	82	White Tr	½	½ Dorset	Dougal P	Belinda
Mattie *	82	Black S	½	½ B W M	Magnus P	Magan
Easter *	83	Apricot/Wh Tw	¼	¼ Dorset	Odin P	Alice ½ Dorset
Eve	83	White Tw	½	½ Dorset	Thor P	Belinda
Martha *	83	Lavender gr Tw	¼	¼ BWM/¼ Dor	Odin P	Mary ¼ BWM/¼ Dor

Their lambs kept by me and still owned by me

Name/No	D of B	Description (colour) (S Tw Tr Q)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
Females						
Wassileh	84	Apricot/Wh S	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Dorset	Norseman P	Eve $\frac{1}{2}$ Dorset
Elfrieda	85	Apricot/Wh Tw	$\frac{7}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$ Dorset	Faxafloi P	Wassileh $\frac{1}{4}$ Dorset
Tinkerbelle	85	Apricot/Wh Tw	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Dorset	Faxafloi P	Eve $\frac{1}{2}$ Dorset
Ellen	86	White Tw	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Suff $\frac{1}{4}$ Dor	Suffolk	Easter $\frac{1}{4}$ Dor
Mary	86	White Tw	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ MS $\frac{1}{4}$ BWM $\frac{1}{4}$ D	Milksheep	Martha see $\uparrow$
Willow	86	White Tw	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ MS $\frac{1}{4}$ D	Milksheep	Wassileh see $\uparrow$
Mirabel	86	Black Tr	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$ MS $\frac{1}{4}$ BWM	Milksheep	Mattie see $\uparrow$
Ninette	86	White Tw	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$ MS $\frac{1}{4}$ D	Milksheep	Nellie see $\uparrow$
Bridget	86	Bl/Silver S	$\frac{13}{16}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	Sampson $\dagger$ see $\downarrow$	Rosybel see $\downarrow$
Megan	87	Black Tw	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ J $\frac{1}{4}$ D	Magnussen $\dagger$ see $\downarrow$	Minty
Rachel	87	Black Tw	$\frac{11}{16}$	$\frac{5}{16}$	Rufus $\dagger$ see $\downarrow$	Mattie see $\uparrow$
Emily	87	Apricot/Wh	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ D	Magnussen $\dagger$	see $\downarrow$ Easter see $\uparrow$
Magda	87	White Tw	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ BWM $\frac{1}{4}$ D	Magnussen $\dagger$ see $\downarrow$	Martha see $\uparrow$
Amy	87	White Tw	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ D	Magnussen $\dagger$ see $\downarrow$	Alice see $\uparrow$
Sara	87	White Tr	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ S	Milksheep	Sunday
Cora	87	White Tw	$\frac{11}{16}$	$\frac{5}{16}$	Rufus $\dagger$ see $\downarrow$	Eve see $\uparrow$
Winkie	87	White Tw	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	Milksheep	Wassileh see $\uparrow$
Rusty	87	Apricot/Wh	$\frac{11}{16}$	$\frac{5}{16}$	Rufus $\dagger$ see $\downarrow$	Eve see $\uparrow$

$\dagger$  Names marked thus bred as follows but no longer owned by me:

Rosybel	85	Black Tr	$\frac{7}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	Thor P	Sunday $\frac{1}{2}$ Ice
Rufus	85	Apricot Tw	$\frac{7}{8}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	Thor P	Martha see $\uparrow$
Magnussen	85	Apricot/White	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	Faxafloi P	Eve see $\uparrow$
Sampson	85	Black	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	Thor P	Mattie see $\uparrow$



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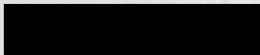
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Males						
Egil(Eric)	86	Brown Tw	Pure		Faxafloi P	Ermintrude P

Females						
Name/No	D of B	Description (colour) (S Tw Tr Q)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
Zea 20 pink	86	Grey S 1st L	¾	¼ Shet	Faxafloi P	Dina ½ Shet
Asa(Fran) 2 wh	87	Black Tr	¾	¼ B W M	Bjarni P	Maisie ¼ B W M
Amber(Lucky) 54 wh	87	Brown Tw	¾	¼ Shet	Bjarni P	Happy ½
Fifa(Dill) 23 wh	87	White S	15/16	1/16 Shet	Bjarni P	Dillis ¼ Shet
Bairn 58 blue	88	Brown S	¾	¼ Shet	Egil P	Zea ¼ Shet
Bruni 54 blue	88	Brown Tw	¾	¼ Shet	Egil P	Amber ¼ Shet
Bridie 53 blue	88	Black S	15/16	1/16 B W M	Egil P	Asa ¼ B W M

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Males

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	28 03 88	b Tr	% Ice	% Shet	Enfin P	Grace %Sh

Females

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## Males

Bjorn	27 03 85	Brown	Pure		Faxafloi P	Vigdis P
Cae'rddraig Dafydd	05 04 88	Steel grey			Bjorn P	Bryony
Cae'rddraig Dougal of the Highlands	22 05 88	Brown			Bjorn P	Cae'rddraig Cari

## Females

Name/No	D of B	Description (colour) (S Tw Tr Q)	Purity Degree	Breed X	Sire Name/No	Dam Name/No
Bryony	18 03 85	Cream/grey	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ D H	Thor P	Bridgat & D H
Kate	12 04 85	Grey	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Shet	Faxafloi P	Ivy $\frac{1}{2}$ Shet
Cae'rddraig Cari	18 05 87	Brown	$\frac{31}{32}$	$\frac{1}{32}$ D H	Bjorn P	Cae'rddraig Heidi
Cae'rddraig Cariad	24 03 87	Black/Grey	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$ Shet	Bjorn P	Kate & Shet
Cae'rddraig Dizi	05 04 88	Black	$\frac{15}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$ D H	Bjorn P	Bryony $\frac{1}{2}$ D H
Cae'rddraig Donna	07 04 88	Black	$\frac{15}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$ D H	Cae'rddraig Caradoc	Cae'rddraig Heidi
Cae'rddraig Ami	14 03 88	Black	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ B W M	Bjorn P	Magan

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Dak Tree



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Description  
(Colour)  
(S Tw Tr Q)

Purity Breed X  
Degree

Sire  
Name/No

Dam  
Name/No

Males

Torsten

25 04 87

Black Tw

¾ ¼ Dor

Norseman P

Bess ¾ Dor

Females

Name/No

D of B

Description  
(colour)  
(S Tw Tr Q)

Purity Breed X  
Degree

Sire  
Name/No

Dam  
Name/No

Blackie

03 87

Black

Goldie

03 87

Tan

Lily

04 85

White

Crocus

04 85

Cream & Tan

Rose

04 85

Black, 6r tips

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Females

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Maisie	03 31	White	2	1/4	Thor P	Mollie W
Martha	03 35	White	2	1/4	Thor P	Mary W
Aura	03 38	White	2	1/4	Bjarni P	Laura W

## Icelandic Farm Life - in the 1800's

Since sheep were the basis of the farm economy, the spring ritual of lambing, which began in mid-May, was a crucial time. During this period, the ewes were kept confined in the home pasture where they could be watched and assisted, and where newborn lambs could be protected against predators such as foxes, ravens, and eagles. Eagles were particularly dangerous, as they appeared and disappeared so suddenly, diving at great speeds from high above and carrying off their prey. A fire was therefore often lit in the centre of the pasture, into which horns and bits of wool were thrown in order to create a smudge which kept the eagles at bay. Weak lambs and lambs from weak mothers were carried home to the farmyard, where they were hand fed cows milk with an artificial teat, consisting of a hollow feather shaft wrapped in leather. Twin lambs were common and triplets were not uncommon, but only an exceptional ewe could provide enough milk for more than one lamb. Measures therefore often had to be taken to get heavy milkers or ewes who had lost lambs to accept lambs other than their own, which could usually be done either by putting ewe and lamb together in the dark or by sewing the fleece of the ewe's dead lamb around the orphaned lamb. Deformed lambs were common in some districts along the ocean, and while superstition held that this was the result of a ewe having encountered a ghost or elf at some point, those who were more pragmatic reasoned that the cause was more likely the seaweed and other plantlife which sheep found and ate along the seashore.

Fráfarur was the term used to refer to the gradual process of separation and weaning the lambs from their mothers. This began when the lambs began nibbling grass at a week or two weeks of age, and started with the penning of lambs at night. This was done at pens called the stekkur, not far from the farmstead, which consisted of an enclosure large enough for the ewes and another pen roofed over, for the lambs. Once the ewes were penned, the lambs were put into their quarters, following which the ewes were released once again, to graze under the watchful eye of a shepherd until next morning. Having been separated around 6 in the evening, the ewes were then brought home and milked around 6 in the morning, following which the lambs were let out and reunited with their mothers for the day. This arrangement lasted for some 4-6 weeks, by which time the lambs were mature enough to be weaned fully of "fært frú" as it was called. Around the same time, the male lambs were castrated usually by the fjármaður (stockman), whose special province the sheep were, and not long afterward preparations began for the flock of lambs and other non-milking stock to be driven up into the summer pastures inland. Meanwhile the ewes remained at home, along with the milk cows and working horses, and occasionally young ewes who gave too little milk to bother with were allowed to keep their lambs with them, these milk-fed lambs being called dalkar, known for their choice meat when slaughtered.

The ewes were milked twice daily, though some had to be milked thrice a day at first, and most gave about one litre (pottur). Good milkers, however, gave two or even three litres, while young ewes usually gave very little milk. The first milk, which was thick and cream coloured was called sauðabroddur, was generally left for the lambs, but in the case of a good milker who gave more than her lamb needed, this new milk was made into a custard called ábystir. Ordinary ewes milk was then used for making butter, cheese, or skyr, while the last milkings before a ewe dried up were frequently boiled down into a thick substance known as thykni or sauðathykni. Kvóða was the name given to the thick gluey fluid first milked from a young female sheep who had not yet freshened. This substance was used as a glue in bookbinding and woodworking, and it is also believed to have been the chief ingredient in the ink and glazes used to record and illuminate the vellum pages of the ancient saga manuscripts.

Spring was also the time to collect and wash the wool, shearing, however, was not practised in Iceland until more recently, as the sheep were instead allowed to shed their wool naturally, which generally occurred around the end of May, as the weather warmed up. Icelandic sheep shed their wool all at once as their new coat began to grow, and the wool usually came off in one piece called a royfi, which resembled a fleece (feldur). The sheep were then left almost naked, except for a short layer of fine hair, and during cold springs this could result in sickness due to chill. Weak and vulnerable sheep were then sometimes kept indoors or covered with a rough homespun coverlet, which was sewn on temporarily.

Once gathered and washed, first in steeped urine and subsequently in clear river or lake water, the wool was separated into two grades fine, short wool, called thel which grew during the summer; and the longer coarser outer coat (tog) which grew during the fall and formed matted layers which shed water. The finer wool was reserved for the weaving of soft undergarments or fine homespun, while the coarser hair, which was almost identical to camel hair, was used in outer garments, blankets, and coarse fabric for sacks. Icelandic wool, once separated, was considered superior by European buyers, but both they and the merchants who dealt directly with the farmer kept this a jealously guarded secret, pretending instead that Icelandic wool was inferior so that they could pay low prices for it.

Once summer was well on its way and the weaning process was complete, the lambs, bull calves, and extra horses were driven up to the highland pastures or afréttir in central Iceland, where they were to spend the summer grazing this vast, sparsely vegetated area. The afréttir for the various regions were defined by the natural lines of division such as rivers and mountains, but within the area allotted for each region all farmers shared grazing rights, with the possible exception of pastureland owned by the parish, which had to be rented specially. Within each afréttir, however, were numerous old markers and cairns from centuries before, when each farmer reserved his own pastureland in the highlands. To ensure that each farmer's livestock reached the mountain pastures and did not wander back down into the valleys, at least one man from each farm had to accompany the animals to the spot designated as the centre of the afréttir. The practice of pasturing livestock in the uplands was practical for two reasons; first it utilized the uninhabited wasteland and secondly it saved the pastures closer to home so that these could be used for winter grazing. It also prevented damage to the homefield and meadows which were to be hayed, as no matter how carefully children were instructed to watch these fields, cattle and horses invariably found a way of getting in and trampling the grass as well as eating it.

The book now carries on with a description of general farming practice which is interesting but too long to type out, the other paragraphs about sheep specifically are as follows: "

Breeding, the natural time for which came with the onset of winter, was held off until around New Year's and was carefully controlled and monitored by the fjármaður (stockman), whose responsibility the management and care of the sheep were. It was his duty to keep watch of which ewes were bred first, as well as to evaluate the ram's performance, one ram being kept for each 30-40 ewes, or in the case of a yearling ram, 20 ewes. An Icelandic ewe's gestation period was only 18-19 weeks, and breeding therefore had to be carefully timed to ensure that lambing did not begin while harsh winter weather could still be expected. Even spring weather was often cold enough to make lambing risky, newborn lambs and ewes being particularly susceptible to chill and sickness at that time. This was particularly true of yearling ewes, giving birth to their first lamb, and on many farms these young ewes were not bred at all, as their lack of maturity and endurance resulted in a high death rate at lambing time.

Sheep, as a rule, were not allowed to reach an advanced age. Geldings were never kept for more than 5 winters, and ewes no more than 8-9 winters. Rams were considered to have reached their prime at 4 or 5 winters. Only flock leaders, sheep who through some quirk of personality assumed this role when the flock was on the move, were kept to the full age of 12-13 winters, the most advanced known age for a sheep in Iceland being 15 winters.

## THE SHAGGY SHEEP



Once upon a time there was a shaggy sheep who came to Iceland with his brothers and sisters from Norway and the Scottish Isles. He was brought by his Viking master.



He was very happy in Iceland because there were so many hills to climb and so much pasture land and so many tasty baby trees. Most of the time he had more to eat than his master.



So he gave milk which his mistress made into skyr and butter and cheese which could last the whole winter long. He gave tasty meat, too. He gave the hair off his back for warm socks and mittens and sweaters and dresses. He even gave his skin for shoes and coats. He was very industrious.



As time went on he was spread on floors for people to walk on and foreign babies to have their pictures taken on, and he was hung on walls because he was picture-ish and he was wrapped around strong men



... and pretty ladies.



I am happy to say that he did not become spoiled, even when his kind master began to grow grass just for him, since the Forestry Department was so mean! He showed his thanks by eating and getting even prettier. Finally in 1970, hundreds of years after he first came to Iceland, a big world institute saw him and said, "You are a Prince among sheep and you must now have our pure new wool crown to wear."



The shaggy sheep was very happy.



So was his master, because somehow



He got a crown, too!

# Notes

In addition to those listed in the flock section there are at least 3 or 4 more small groups of Icelandic sheep, (Herefords, Sussex and Gloucs) who did not return forms. Should anyone wish to be put in touch with these in pursuit of breeding stock or the hire/loan of rams this could be arranged.

The School of Agriculture, Aberystwyth University have for the last 5 years held semen from Iceland for 5 different rams and have run a X breeding programme on Beulah Speckleface ewes.

In 1989 there are 5 members we know of who hope to import further Icelandic stock. This will obviously be easier to organise and more economical if done as a group. Anyone interested in more information about this should contact the secretary or [REDACTED]  
Flock No 23.

You will see from the flock lists that there is a great variety in the way members have described colour and we hope that we will be able to produce a colour chart and glossary in the near future.

Some of the sheep listed are for sale, please contact owners in this connection.

<sup>known to be</sup>  
sheep for sale indicated by f/s



BRITISH ICELANDIC  
SHEEP BREEDERS GROUP

Your 1988-89 subscription has covered the cost of stationery, postage and the duplicating of this modest first flock book. The delay in it reaching you has been due to circumstances beyond my control, namely the loss of availability of an economic photocopier. Some time has been spent trying to locate another which was not too expensive, not entirely satisfactorily either for quality or cost. Nevertheless we hope you will find it interesting and useful.

In early October 1989 we have been given the opportunity of having a stand at the "Small Farms" Event at Stoneleigh in order to further publicise the breed. If any of you will be there we would welcome help in manning the stand on either day. In order to cover the cost of this, and to send you additions for the flock book of the 1989 lambs we will be maintaining the subscription rate at £2 for 1989-90.

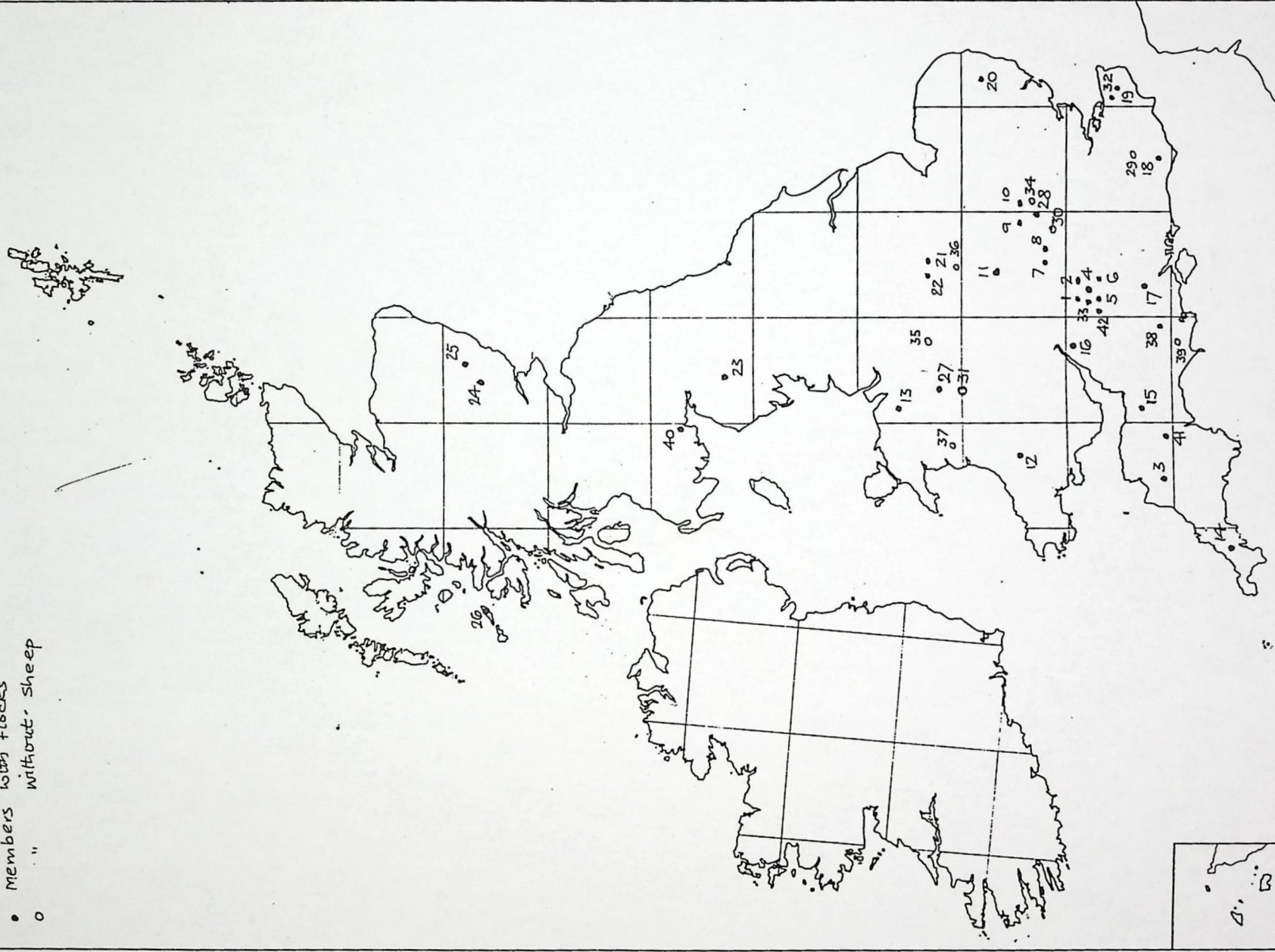
If you have any stock for sale these may be entered on the reverse of the flock return form.

If you have any ideas of what you would like to see included please let us know. We would also welcome material about Icelandic sheep or your particular experiences with them.

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