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REPORT - Secretary

In 1997 the Group was represented at several well known shows. [REDACTED] entered sheep in the R.B.S.T. Dorset Group Show at Motcombe. [REDACTED] attended the Denbigh Show and [REDACTED] the Oxford County Show and the Uffington Show. The breed was advertised monthly in *Country Garden and Smallholding*, and once in the *Newsletter of the Icelandic Horse Society of G.B.* [REDACTED] wrote an article on the breed for both these journals.

This year there will be a **General Meeting of the Group**. This will take place at the British Coloured Sheep Breeders' Annual Fleece Show and Sale, at **Cogges Working Farm Museum, Witney, Oxfordshire, on Sunday 7 June**. Members of the B.C.S.B.A. will be able to sell their fleeces etc., and enter the classes for wool and skins. Entry to the site is from 9.30, parking is near Cogges church. The museum is open to the public from 12.00 noon. **We will meet at the Icelandic stand at 11.00**. We look forward to seeing many members at this meeting, and hearing their suggestions concerning the running of the Group and its future. If you are interested in becoming a Committee member please put your name forward. It would be helpful to have some idea of numbers, so please let [REDACTED] know if you intend to come

This year the Committee decided to apply for **affiliation to the National Sheep Association**. This will help spread information about the breed. The necessary documents have been prepared and sent to the Association. A new edition of the NSA publication, *British Sheep*, is in preparation, so a breed description and photographs have been sent for inclusion.

This summer the Group will be represented at the following events; details can be obtained from the persons named below.

May, Saturday 23rd. An event called *A Taste of Iceland*, organised by the Icelandic Horse Society of G.B., at Northop Horticultural College, Flintshire, North Wales. This should be an interesting event, with Icelandic food etc. available. [REDACTED]

June Sunday 7th. **General Meeting**, see above.

July Wednesday 29th. **Sheep 98**, Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcs. This is Britain's major bi-annual sheep show, which is organised by the NSA and the Royal Agricultural Society. We should be very grateful for offers of help on the Stand. [REDACTED] will be bringing sheep for display.

The Icelandic Farmers' Union have recently published a poster showing the Icelandic sheep in a wide range of colours and patterns. We have ordered some for sale and display at shows, and also for members who have requested them. Please let me know if you wish to buy a poster through the Group or would like to be sent the address in Iceland from which they can be ordered.

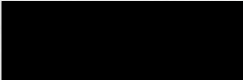
The Flock Return form and Membership form for 1998 will be sent out in the autumn.

[REDACTED], Secretary, April 1998.

REPORT - Treasurer

Balance as at 13 May 1997 £ 303 - 07

Balance as at 28 March, 1998 £ 469 - 00

 March 1998

ABBREVIATIONS

P = pure, 100%. Both ewe and ram pure. When only one animal is pure the first cross with another breed will result in a lamb which is half Icelandic. If this lamb is later put to another pure sheep this will be the second cross, and so on.

In 1994 a General Meeting agreed to the gradual phasing out of cross-bred stock. From 1998 sheep less than 87.5% Icelandic cannot be registered. From 2000 registration is only for sheep over 93.75%. From 2002 only pure and UP (upgraded stock = 95% and over) animals will be registered. It is hoped that by this time members will only be breeding from pure sheep and that the registration of UP sheep will not be necessary.

1st. cross = f.1 = 1/2 Icelandic = 50%
2nd. cross = f.2 = 3/4 " = 75%
3rd. cross = f.3 = 7/8 " = 87.5%
4th cross = f.4 = 15/16 " = 93.75%
5th cross = f.5 = 31/32 " = 98.5%
UP = upgraded, = 95% and over.

It is up to flock owners to describe their animals as they think fit, but it is not necessary to go into detail. The colour of the fleece should be determined by looking at the roots of the wool fibres. The colour of the outer coat will be affected by fading, so should not be described.

Polled Stock

If a ram has no horns, or only small scurs, he is polled, and will not carry a gene for horns, so cannot pass them on to his lambs.

If a ewe has no horns, or only small scurs, she may be carrying one gene for polled and one for horned. It is a matter of chance which she will pass on to her lamb.

Some flocks which have polled ewes descended from polled ewes imported by fl. 1 or fl.17 should breed true for the polled gene. This is indicated in the flock heading.

Volume X should be inserted at the back of your flock book folder.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	1	[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has retained her flock but has ceased breeding sheep. She has no stock for sale.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	6 Springfield	[REDACTED]

<u>No/Name.</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
25 Springfield Brutus	31.3.97	P, moorit, twin, polled sold to fl. 7	Agamemnon fl.7, ex fl.17	Bruni
26 Springfield Anghar	8.4.97	P, moorit, twin, polled sold to fl. 55	"	Apricot

Females

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	7	[REDACTED]

This flock contains polled ewes which are from polled stock and should breed true. All polled rams breed true.

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
4 blue	12.4.97	P, brown, twin, polled sold to fl. 75	gold 5 GRI Balthazar ex fl.17	101 blue Hope
7 blue	2.5.97	P, brown and white, twin, horned	146 Alpha ex fl. 45	28 white Squeak
9 blue	21.5.97	P, white, black head and shoulders, single, polled	17 DIO Gunnar ex fl. 17	191 white Bounty
<u>Females</u>				
13 yellow Cowslip	11.4.97	P, brown and white, twin, horned sold to fl.67	146 Alpha ex fl.45	G79Aconite ex fl.18
15 yellow Connie	4.5.97	P, white brown markings, single, horned sold to fl. 67	146 Alpha ex fl.45	196 white Bonny

Deceased - 179 white, 1995, 178 white 1995, Magnella 2 1992.

Sold 193 white Bruna 1996 to fl.74. 13 yellow and 15 yellow above to fl. 67.

Bought - From fl. 6, 25 Springfield Brutus '97; from fl. 67 W-F9 Blackbird '97; from fl.45, 195 '97.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	13 Cae'rddraig	[REDACTED]

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
TY 086 C.Magnum	21.5.97	P, black, single, horned	C.Janu-ap-Bjorn	C.Jooles
TY 083 C. Mathu	11.5.97	P, black, twin, horned	" " "	Skutorg
TY 084 C.Maakus	11.5.97	P, white, twin, polled at present	" " "	"
TY 085 C.Madog	8.5.97	P, black, single, horned	C. Luke Bach	C.Kjetil
TY 090 C.Myrrddin	3.5.97	P, pale grey, single, polled at present	" " "	C.Ketja
<u>Females</u>				
TY088 C.Morag	1.5.97	P, morit, twin, polled	C.Janu-ap Bjorn	Jaffa
TY082 C.Marta	1.5.97	P, moorit, twin, polled	" "	Skolfina
TY081 C.Magda	4.5.97	UP, 98.4%, pale grey, single, polled	C.Kier	C.Kassi
TY089 C.Melodii	10.5.97	UP, 99.21%, pale grey, triplet, horned	C.Kier	C. Ginnie
TY091 C.Marika	26.4.97	UP, 99.21%, pale grey, single, polled	C. Luke Bach	C.Kia

Alteration to 1996 Flock Book - TY067 C. Luke Bach is horned.

Deceased - C,Kylie, C.Kishi, C. Janu-ap-Bjorn, C.Kassi, C.Luned,C.Llair, C.Ishaeli, (Joly)Heskii.

Sold - TY082, TY081, see above, to [REDACTED]

For Sale - TY083 and TY085 see above.

<u>Flock 17 continued.</u>					
28 DIO Hirondelle	3.4.97	P, black/white, twin, polled true	Dionysus	Amaryllis	
29 DIO Hippolyta	3.4.97	P, apricot/white, twin, polled true	"	"	
1 HAR Harriet	4.4.97	P, fawn/grey, single, polled	Harald	Fritillery	
2 HAR Harebell	4.4.97	P, grey/silver, single, polled	"	Fillagree	
31 DIO Hepisbah	4.4.97	P, black, twin, polled	Dionysus	Franzipan	
32 DIO Heather	4.4.97	P, black, twin, polled	"	"	
26 DIO Hilary	4.4.97	P, black, twin, polled - true	"	Europa	
27 DIO Haematite	4.4.97	P, apricot, twin, polled true	"	Europa	
35 DIO Hellebore	6.4.97	P, apricot, twin, polled	"	Heimay	
7EZ Hapshetsut	9.4.97	P, black, twin, polled	Ezra	Cordelia	
8 EZ Hermione	9.4.97	P, black, twin, polled	"	"	
48 GRI Heartsease	28.3.97	UP, white, twin, polled - true	Grinn	Fiona	
34 DIO Hammamelis	1.4.97	UP, white, single, polled	Dionysus	Floradora	
23 DIO Hester	3 4.97	UP, black, twin, polled	Dionysus	Francesca	
51 GRI Hannah	4.4.97	UP, white, twin, polled	Grinn	Fay	
54 GRI Hebe	12.4.97	UP, white, twin, polled	"	Fancy	
blue 6 GRI Huckleberry	6.4.96	UP, black, single, polled	Grimaldi R.L.	Golliberry	

Upgraded ewe lambs - breed of cross not given where uncertain

Sales

To [REDACTED]

Pure - Guillemot 32 CHA 1996, Harriet 1 HA see above, Hermione 8EZ see above.

UP - Bedelia 5 BER, Bathsheba 1 BER both 1991. Cleopatra 7 BER and Coreopsis 8 BER both 1992. Dagmar 3 SAM 1993. Francesca 15 P.GRI 1995. Fancy blue 27, Fiona, red 1, Freda blue 26 all ex fl. 9.

To [REDACTED] 3EZ Helga, 4EZ Harmony, 5EZ Halcyon, 31 DIO Hepisbah, 32 DIO Heather details as above. 11 DIO Geranium 1996.

To fl. 75 Graziella 36 GRI, UP. 1996, and 48 GRI Heartsease, see above.

Flock 17 continued.

Exchange

Balthazar gold 5 GRI 1991 from flock 55 in exchange for 39 DIO Hibernian see above.

Deceased

Galileo 1996

Errata

The following ewes were registered in 1996 with Dionysus as sire instead of Grinn.

31 GRI Goldie, 32 GRI Gilda, 33 GRI Gypsophila, 35 GRI Gentian, 36 GRI Graziella.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
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[REDACTED]	18	[REDACTED]
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<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
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Males

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Females

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Six remaining ewes from flock 18 were covered by a [REDACTED] this year. The cross proved very successful.

Bought - From fl. 45 ram lamb 192, P, grey, 1997.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
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[REDACTED]	19 Monks Hall	[REDACTED]
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<u>No/Name</u>	<u>DO.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
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Males

None kept

Females

G31 Mary	30.4.97	P, black, single, polled	Flavius ex fl.17	G11 Knetta
G 33 Marietta	12.6.97	P, silver/grey, twin, polled	"	G5 Julietta returned from fl.53
G35 Mignonetta	"	P, black, twin, polled	"	"
G30 Maisie	28.4.97	UP, dark brown, single polled	"	G10 Karen
G32 Midge	4.5.97	93.75%, Shetland x, grey, twin, polled	"	G7 Jessica
G26 Mabel	20.4.97	93.75%, Shetland x, cream, single, polled	"	Y49 Iris
G25 Magic	18.4.97	93.75. Shetland x, golden brown, single,	"	G16 Kay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	24 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] imported ram died this year. His remaining up-graded ewes were put to a Ryeland and the lambs have been sold, as have the majority of the ewes.

[REDACTED] has ceased breeding. This is a loss for the Group as [REDACTED] was one of the founder members. He wishes us every success in the future and we wish him a happy retirement.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	27 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
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<u>Females</u>				
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No Icelandics bred this year.

[REDACTED]	45 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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<u>No/Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
140	22.4.97	P, grey/brown, triplet, horned	RM190	16Z6651
191	24.4.97	P, grey, twin, horned	167	154
192	24.4.97	P, grey, twin, horned	"	"
196	27.4.97	P, brown/black, twin, horned	167	139
187	30.4.97	P, white, twin, horned	RM190	72
<u>Females</u>				
195	22.4.97	P, white with brown patches, triplet, horned	RM190	16Z6 651
193	22.4.97	P,badger, twin, horned	RM190	164
197	22.4.97	P, grey, twin, horned	RM190	164
189	23.4.97	P, brown, single, horned	167	157
194	27.4.97	P, grey badger, twin, horned	167	139
200	29.4.97	P, black, single, horned	130	184
188	30.4.97	P, grey, twin, horned,	RM190	72
198	4.5.97	P, grey, twin, horned	RM190	LH83
199	4.5.97	P, brown/black, horned, twin	RM190	LH83

Sold
 To [REDACTED] 188, 193, 197, 194, 199, 200.
 To fl. 18, 192. To fl. 7, 195. To fl. 72, 196.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	53 Foxhill	[REDACTED]

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
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<u>Females</u>				
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No lambs retained for breeding this year.

Deceased or culled
 R5 Monkshall Ella, G 16 Foxhill Daisy, R17 Monkshall Gemma, G13 Foxhill Ebony

Sold
 R11, Monkshall Fanny, G3 Foxhill Jill, 1997, sold to [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 G5, Monkshall Julietta returned to fl. 19.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	54 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
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<u>Females</u>				
Clemantine	1.3.97	87.5%, black and white, twin, polled	Bragi	Abbey

Dec'd
 Bragi and Beatty

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	55 Honorwood	[REDACTED]

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
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<u>Females</u>				
401 H.Daphne	27.3.97	P, black/white, single, polled	Olaf fl.7	0031 H. Balm
402 H.Delphinium	31.4.97	P, fawn/white, triplet, polled	"	0011 H.Alyssum
403 H.Dianthus	31.3.97	P, moorit/white, triplet polled	"	0011 H.Alyssum
405 H.Daisy	31.3.97	P, moorit, single, polled	"	0010 H.Aster

Flock 55 continued.

407 H.Deutzia	2.4.97	P, moorit, single, polled	"	0022 H.Bracken
409 H.Dill	3.4.97	P, brown/white pied, twin, polled	"	13RN ex fl.6
416 H.Dorothea	14.4.97	P, moorit, twin, polled	"	16RN ex fl.6
417 H.Digitalis	14.4.97	P, light apricot, twin, polled	"	"
418 Dierama	15.4.97	P, grey and tan, single, polled	"	0027 H.Begonia
419 Davidia	26.4.97	P, dark moorit, single, polled	"	0009 H.Anemone
406 Dahlia	2.4.97	UP 98.43%, moorit, single, polled	"	0015 H.Bryony
408 Dandelion	2.4.97	UP, 96.09%, pale moorit and fawn, single, polled	"	0024 H. Bamboo
414 Daffodil	11.4.97	UP, 96.09%, grey and black, single, polled	"	0023 H.Buddleia
415 Dogrose	14.4.97	UP, 92.18%, dark moorit, twin polled	"	18 Clover ex fl.12

Sold - 0048 H.Clarkia, to [REDACTED]

Bought from fl.73, Bay, Bettony, Blackberry, Briar, Burnett all 199, all pure; also Esme 14 HA, Flax 19 SAM, FIR 24 CHA, Fiola 12SAM, Foxglove 14 SAM and Demeter.12 BER, all bought by fl.73 from fl.17 in 1995.

Deceased 15 RN Springfield Katrin, ex fl. 6, TY010 Dreamer, ex fl. 13.

Stock for sale Rams for hire, sale or exchange.

Corrections to 1995 Flock Book

0015 H.Bryony, 26.3.95, is UP 96.87%, not 93.75%, and her dam, Heidi, is ex fl.13 not fl.1.

Stock for sale. Rams for sale, hire and exchange.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	58	[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is now breeding Icelandic/Shetland crosses.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	60	[REDACTED]

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
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<u>Females</u> -				
Dettifoss	31.3.97	81.25%, apricot, twin, polled	Hofdi	Gullfoss

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	63 Kinabalu	[REDACTED]

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
ETH 69	12.4.97	P, white, triplet, horned	EIH 42	10Z6384
K.Erniesson			[REDACTED] Ernie	Ilse
<u>Females</u>				
ETH 138	22.3.97	P, black, single, polled	"	Ingrid
K. Ernestine				
ETH 140	29.3.97	P, black twin, polled	"	EIH 8
K. Ermatrude				Isobella
ETH 132	1997	80%, grey, badger faced, twin, polled	K. Blackie	Grizelda
K.Gretel				
ETH 133	1997	80%, Shetland X, white, twin, horned	"	"
K. Gizelle				

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	67	[REDACTED]

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
W-F9 Blackbird	3.4.97	P, black, twin, horned	125 blue Old Spot ex fl. 7	W-F1 Black Bess
W-F12 Ron	11.5.97	P, auburn/apricot, twin, horned	"	W-F3 Phoenie
<u>Females</u>				
W-F10 Birdee	3.4.97	P, black twin, horned	"	W-F1 Black Bess
W-F 11 Tuesday	8.4.97	P, auburn/apricot, single, horned	"	183 Hazel ex fl. 45
<u>Deceased</u>				
Ewe lamb 182, 1996, ex fl. 45. Ram 125 blue, 1995 ex fl. 7				
<u>Bought</u>				
From fl. 7, 2 ewe lambs, 13 yellow Cowslip, and 15 yellow Connie.				
<u>Sold</u>				
To fl. 7, ram lamb, W-F 9 as above				
<u>For sale or exchange</u>				
Ram lamb W-F 12 as above				

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	68	[REDACTED]

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
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<u>Females</u>				
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No sheep to be registered this year.				

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	69	[REDACTED]

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
<u>Females</u>				
No return received this year.				

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	70	[REDACTED]

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				

Females

No sheep to be registered this year.

Deceased - Hagar 66, 1990 import

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	71	[REDACTED]

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
8 Llwyni Lars ap Knut	23.4.97	P, white, twin, horned	TY044 ex fl.13	169

Females

10 Llinos	21.4.97	P, white, twin, horned	"	170
11 Llwyd	21.4.97	P, white, twin, horned	"	"

Llwyn Bach	23.4.97	P, white, twin, horned	"	169
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Lyn-du	26.4.97	P, black, single, horned	"	163
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Change of colour

175, 30.4.95 originally registered as brown has turned out black.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	72	[REDACTED]

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
196 Fergus	24.4.97	P, black, horned, ex fl. 45	167 fl.45	139 fl.45
<u>Females</u>				
722 Alice	25.4.96	P, black, horned	RM190 fl.45	176
723 Pip	20.6.97	P, white, horned	168 Rambo fl.45	174
724 Squeak	3.7.97	P, white, horned	"	722 Alice

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flock</u>	<u>Address</u>
[REDACTED]	73	[REDACTED]

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
<u>Females</u>				
Amber	2.4.96	P, golden/cream,twin, polled	Andrew fl. 55	14 HA Esme
Bay	29.3.97	P, white, single polled	"	19 SAM Flax
Bettony	25.3.97	P, white, twin polled	"	14HA Esme
Blackberry	23.3.97	P, black, twin, polled	"	24 CHA Fir
Briar	24.3.97	P, white with black markings on face, twin, polled	"	12SAM Fiola
Burnet	28.3.97	P, apricot, twin, polled	"	12 BER Demeter

Sold Amber 1996 and all the 1997 lambs listed above to fl. 55. Also Esme 14 HA, Flax 19 SAM, Fir 24 CHA, Fiola 12 SAM, Foxglove 14 SAM and Demeter 12 BER, all bought from fl. 17 in 1995. The entire stock has now been sold to fl.55.

Name

Flock
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Address

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
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<u>Females</u>				
UKAJ00295 -9 Grace	20.4.97	87.5%, black and white, twin, polled	Johann Haraldson	Fraig 0888/95
UKAJ00295 - 12 Kirsty	18.4.97	" brown and white, triplet, polled	"	N7 Kittiwake
UKAJ00295 - Sine	2.4.97	" black, single, polled	"	N11 Shearwater
UKAJ00295 - 4 Bramble	29.3.97	" brown, twin, polled	"	No.2 Brown Sugar
UKAJ00295 - 3 Briar	"	" brown, twin, polled	"	"
UKAJ00295 - Eithne	16.6.97	" black, twin, polled	"	No.4 Ebony
UKAJ00295 -6 Milly	12.4.97	" beige, twin, polled	"	310/86 Mairi
UKAJ00295 - 5 Molly	"	" brown, twin, polled	"	"
UKAJ00295 - 8 Fran	20.4.97	" black, twin, horned	"	Fraig 0605/93
UKAJ00295 - 10 Fraoch	"	" brown,twin, horned	"	"
UKAJ00295 - 7 Cerise	30.3.97	" black, single, polled	"	Cherry Blossom

Deceased - N.7 Kittiwake 1993.

Name [REDACTED] Flock 75 Address [REDACTED]

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
4 blue Bruno ex fl.7	12.4.97	P, brown, twin, polled	gold 5 Gri Balthazar fl.17	101 blue Hope fl.7
<u>Females</u>				
193 white Bruna fl.7	31.3.96	P, brown, twin, true polled	Agamemnon fl. 17, 1990	Jutta fl.7.
36 GRI fl.17 Graziella	5.4.96	P, white twin, polled - true	Grinn 1993 fl.17	Freda fl.9 1989
48 GRI fl.17 Heartsease	28.3.97	UP, white, twin, polled - true	Grinn fl.17	Fiona fl.9

Name [REDACTED] Flock 76 Address [REDACTED]

<u>No/Name.</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
<u>Males</u>				
<u>Females</u>				
TY 082 C.Marta fl.13	1.5.97	P, moorit, twin, polled	C.Janu ap Bjorn fl.13	Skolfina fl.13
TY081 C.Magda fl.13	4.5.97	UP, 98.4%, pale grey, single, polled	C. Kier fl.13	C. Kassi fl.13

Name [REDACTED] Flock 77 Address [REDACTED]

<u>No/Name</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>
3 EZ Helga	19.3.97	P, black, twin, polled	Ezra	Fleur
4EZ Harmony	28.3.97	P, black/white, spotty, single, polled	"	Eglantine
5EZ Halcyon	31.3.97	P, black/white, twin, polled	"	Daphne
31 DIO Hepisbah	4.4.97	P, black, twin, polled	Dionysus	Franzipan
32 DIO Heather	4.4.97	P, black, twin, polled	"	"
11 DIO Geranium	1.4.96	P, apricot, twin, polled	"	Eglantine

STOCK FOR SALE AND / OR EXCHANGE

Most flocks have stock for sale or exchange. This list is only a supplement to the list of breeders bring attention to particular animals which are on offer this spring.

Flock 7, [REDACTED] polled rams for hire, horned and polled young rams for sale.

Flock 13, [REDACTED]
Various stock for sale, see flock entry.

Flock 17, [REDACTED] polled stock for sale.

Flock 55, [REDACTED]
Stock for sale. Rams for sale, exchange or hire.

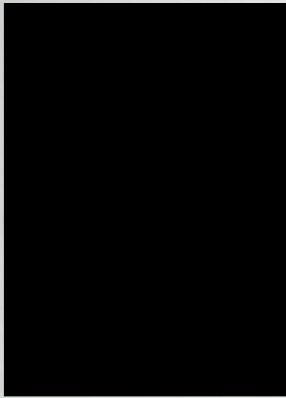
Flock 65. This flock has been discontinued. Two sheep, both high percentage crossbreds, are sti for sale.
[REDACTED]

Please let us know if you are considering selling any pure bred animals. Blood lines have been lost when the sheep have been sold through the markets.

LIST OF BREEDERS

Name and Flock No. Address & Tel. No.

[REDACTED]	60	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	74	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	69	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	7	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	19	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	75	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	55	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	70	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	53	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	63	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	27	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	71	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	1	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	18	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	76	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	77	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	6	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	68	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	72	[REDACTED]



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What makes the Icelandic a Primitive Sheep.

When we call a sheep breed 'primitive' we mean that it resembles wild sheep in more ways than other breeds.

Many types of wild sheep are found in Asia, one type is found in Europe and one main type in North America. After the dog, sheep and goats were the first animals to be domesticated. This took place in western Asia. It is thought that as the climate became increasingly dry and the land less productive, both men and animals were forced to live in more limited areas where good supplies of water were to be found. Domestication probably started as the increasing scarcity of wild creatures led men to rear young animals, and perhaps sought to control the flocks that congregated near water sources. Early human settlements reveal the bones of many wild animals, mostly deer species. Later sites (from c. 10,000 - 7,000 B.C.) show more sheep bones, and fewer bones of deer etc., and even later sites show a marked change in the bones of the sheep. Between 5,000 and 6,000 B.C. the limbs of the sheep become shorter, and some females do not have horns. Very probably the sheep with longer legs were better at escaping from the early farmers, and the farmers preferred to breed from short legged animals. Polled sheep occur naturally but only occasionally, so the increased numbers of these animals leads one to assume that they were preferred to horned stock. There are no wool remains from this period but it is probable that this is the timewhen the dual coat of the wild sheep, which consists of a very fine undercoat and a very coarse outer fibres, was replaced by the fleece we know today. A statuette from the sixth millennium B.C. shows a sheep with a woolly fleece. These are the first steps in the alterations which man has made to the wild sheep to produce the breeds which we know today.

Between 3,000 B.C. and 2,000 B.C. more changes took place. The wild sheep has a short, fluke shaped tail but the tails of the sheep shown in pictures from Mesopotamia and Ancient Egypt, are long and sometimes fat. Wild sheep are brown but may have white or black markings. Paintings from this period show sheep that are white, black brown or piebald. The development of dyeing had made white wool more valuable than coloured.

The most primitive sheep breed remaining in Europe is the Soay, from the St. Kilda Group of islands off the west coast of Scotland. These sheep have lived wild on the island of Soay for many hundreds of years. It is thought that they represent the type of domestic sheep that was kept by the first British farmers from about 2,000 B.C. The Soay differs from a wild sheep in that the limb bones are shorter; there are quite a number of polled females; the fleece varies between the dual coat of the wild sheep, and a more uniform, woolly fleece; and the colour may be black as well as brown. In mainland flocks white and piebald lambs occur occasionally. Perhaps on the islands these colours attract predatory gulls.

During the Iron Age (in Britain and Northern Europe from c. 600 B.C.) grey sheep appear, and sheep which did not moult were selected for breeding. The invention of metal shears had made

it possible to shear the sheep, which was more convenient than waiting for them to moult. Moulting is uneconomic as it involves considerable losses of wool on bushes, etc.

The 18th century saw a further alteration to the body of the sheep. Up until that time the main income from sheep had been from wool, with milk and manure coming next in importance. Sheep were not killed for meat because their wool and other products were so valuable. This state of affairs altered during the industrial revolution. Cotton, which was imported from America, competed with wool, and the comparatively well-off workers in the new factories had to be well fed. Suddenly the carcasses of stocky, heavy, fat, well-muscled sheep became of more value than their wool. This type of sheep was widely selected for breeding, and few breeds remained which were not 'improved' along these lines.

We can now fit the Icelandic into this developmental process.

- a) The breed has preserved the short tail of the wild sheep, and something of the lighter body frame.
- b) It still has horns in both sexes, though polled animals are not uncommon.
- c) It has preserved the dual coat, although in an altered form. The undercoat has become rather coarser, and the kemp fibres of the outer coat have altered to long hairs, which are intermediate between the fine, wool fibres and the coarse, brittle, kemp. The fleece is still moulted.
- d) The colours have been preserved, including the white bellied pattern of the wild sheep. The grey sheep of the Iron Age is an addition.
- e) The modern alterations to the carcass have not taken place. The Icelandic still has a lean body with the fat built up within the carcass, largely around the kidneys. There is no heavy muscling on the hind quarters, and therefore no alteration to the angle of the pelvis, which can lead to lambing problems.

It would be fair to say that the Icelandic sheep, except for its larger size, represents the type of sheep which would have been kept by the farmers in the Iron Age. With the exception of the Soay it has more primitive characteristics than any primitive British breed.

Many of the primitive characteristics of the sheep were of no disadvantage in Iceland. Dye plants were not as easy to grow as in more southern lands, and the natural colours of the wool could be used to knit and weave patterns. The long hairs could be used for tapestry and warps, while the soft underwool could be used for fine woollen goods. Much of this work took place on widely scattered farmsteads where the wool could be plucked from the sheep as it was needed, and where it was not necessary to pack up large numbers of fleeces at the same time for sale to foreign merchants, as was the case in medieval England.

Finally - wild sheep also have a larger brain capacity than modern sheep. I leave Icelandic sheep breeders to draw their own conclusions from this scrap of information.

