



# What to do when you Buy, Sell or Transfer Dutch Spotted Sheep

Selling or buying sheep and transferring them are closely related topics. The following should help you.

If you sell a sheep, you need to transfer the sheep out of your flock and if you buy, you need them transferring in. You can transfer out of your flock yourself, but cannot transfer into your own flock.

## Selling Sheep

As a society registered breeder or owner of Dutch Spotted, you will have a pedigree certificate for each sheep you have bred or own.

- a When you sell a sheep, you should pass on the pedigree certificate to your buyer. PDF certificates can be printed off and handed over, or forwarded by email to your buyer.
- b When you sell sheep, you can transfer them to a different flock online using Grassroots. You only need the buyers Dutch Spotted Flock/membership number.  
**How to:** Login to Grassroots with your Dutch Spotted flock number as your login name, and go to the three little dashes at the top right corner of your screen and choose the TRANSFERS button.

Tick which sheep you wish to transfer and click on NEXT

You will have three options;

- you can use SEARCH MEMBERS to find a member flock
- use ADD MANUALLY if you do not know the flock, but do know who the buyer is and you can enter a name and address
- or use I DO NOT KNOW THEY BUYER if you do not know the buyer at all.

**If you have sold sheep to several buyers, please follow the process for each buyer.**

If you do not have a computer and cannot use Grassroots, you can email [registrations@dutchspottedsheep.co.uk](mailto:registrations@dutchspottedsheep.co.uk) with details of the sheep you sold and who you sold to giving:

- Your name, your flock name and your Dutch Spotted flock number
- the registration number and name of the sheep
- date of sale
- buyer name, Dutch Spotted flock name and number and their address

## Buying Sheep

Buying sheep is something we all give great consideration to. We make sure the sheep's conformation is correct and the animal is healthy. It might seem less important, but the paperwork is also something to take care over and the following may help you.

### If you buy from a society sale:

The society transfers sheep you buy from society sales into your registered Dutch Spotted flocks for you, but only if there no element of doubt that you are the purchaser. If the mart has the same name and address for you as the society does as, there should be no issue.

If you buy from a society sale, and do find that your purchases have not been transferred, please email [registrations@dutchspottedsheep.co.uk](mailto:registrations@dutchspottedsheep.co.uk) with one or both of the following documents:

- a) The printed mart movement document which should include the EID (the sheep's unique number)
- b) The mart invoice will back up the purchase.

*If the movement licence includes the EID and date, we only need that, if it doesn't we will need the invoice too.*

### Buying from a non society auction:

We will not be aware of sales through auction sales other than those associated with the society.

You can therefore email [registrations@dutchspottedsheep.co.uk](mailto:registrations@dutchspottedsheep.co.uk) with:

- a) The pedigree certificate if available or
- b) The printed mart movement document should include the sheep EID (the sheep's unique number)
- c) The mart invoice will back up the purchase.

### Buying sheep privately:

For this its ideal if the seller can give you the sheep pedigree certificate. This will have the society logo on and a secretary signature. If it does not have these it is not a pedigree certificate.

If no pedigree certificate is given, then ask for an invoice from the seller, which should include their name, your name and the sheep EID number(s).

The seller can transfer the sheep into your Dutch Spotted flock directly using Grassroots, but if they do not do this, you can then use the pedigree certificate or invoice to request the transfer.

email [registrations@dutchspottedsheep.co.uk](mailto:registrations@dutchspottedsheep.co.uk) with either the pedigree certificate or invoice.:

*Please Note: We cannot use handwritten movement documents for transferring sheep from private sales and neither can the society transfer into your flock from a list of numbers in an email; we will need documentation as proof of purchase.*

## Birth Notifying Lambs

Using Grassroots you can birth notify your lambs free of charge until **30 June**, after which, lambs should be fully registered. It is a useful exercise to BN when lambs are young and their birth details are fresh in your minds. Upgrade to full registration when you are sure about them and do this before 30 November to avoid doubled registration fees. Login using your Dutch Spotted flock number and password, go through the registration process and choose Birth Notify rather than register. *After 30 June, any requests for Birth Notifying will be converted to full registration and an invoice will be sent.*

## Registering Lambs

Your lambs should be registered online using Grassroots. Login using your Dutch Spotted flock number and password.

- Lambs should be fully registered by 30 November in their year of birth, this includes any birth notified earlier..
- Lambs cannot be birth notified after 30 June and you will be required to fully register them after this date.
- After 30 November, the registration fee for all registrations doubles, including any previously birth notified.

## Using Embryo Transplant (ET) or Artificial Insemination (AI)

We will need to verify your lamb births and you will need to send us a copy of the veterinary papers for any work of these types. Please email a copy to [registrations@dutchspottedsheep.co.uk](mailto:registrations@dutchspottedsheep.co.uk). This can be done ahead of your registrations and will be kept on file for you. If you choose to post, please take a copy before you do.

## Graded Registrations:

Grading is for female lambs only. All graded lambs can be registered online through Grassroots as they will now all have dams within the database.

Names using the relevant year letter for Grades 3, 2 and 1 is not a requirement **but is strongly advised** as it helps with correct identification when registering lambs or selling.

Grade 4 – 50% - last birth year for registering Grade 4 lambs was 2023.

Grade 3 – 75 %

Grade 2 – 87.5%

Grade 1 - 93.75%

Grade 0 – will at the discretion of the society be registered as pure and must be named using the year letter.

## Other useful information:

*To make registering lambs as easy as possible:*

- Make sure all your females are in your flock.
- You will not be able to register lambs out of a sheep you have sold and transferred out of your flock, so make sure you register her lambs before transferring her. You can birth notify them (before 30 June) if you prefer and register fully later, but note the 30 November deadline.
- You will not be able to register lambs out of a dam, if you have notified her as deceased. Register (or birth notify) her lambs before marking her as dead.
- Make sure all your rams used for breeding are in your flock if you do own them. It triggers a check if you use a ram not in your own flock.
- If you borrow a ram, you will be able to find him using the search all button in Grassroots, but it will trigger a check on the use of rams not in your ownership. It is therefore a good idea to email [registrations@dutchspottedsheep.co.uk](mailto:registrations@dutchspottedsheep.co.uk) about the rams you have borrowed”, who from etc.
- Transfer any purchases as soon as you buy, as it delays the process of registering your lambs if done at the same time.
- The transfer fee for sheep is the purchaser's responsibility and by default we will charge the purchaser. If you as the seller wish to pay the transfer fee, please let registrations know so they can invoice the correct flock.
- Please don't leave registering your lambs until the last minute - each sheep is an individual and each registration has to be checked before it is completed.
- EMAIL your forms/photos/etc to the society rather than sending to Whatsapp, messenger or text as this saves society time. Every “message” you send then has to be sent to email anyway. If you are sending from your phone, hold your finger on an image, and use the upload symbol, choosing email provider and send to [registrations@dutchspottedsheep.co.uk](mailto:registrations@dutchspottedsheep.co.uk)

## Printed pedigree certificates

Although we do try to do as much online and by email as we possible can, printed PAPER pedigree certificates can still be purchased and posted to you at a cost of £2.40 (including VAT) for each one.

The tips above are not exhaustive, and if you do need assistance please do not hesitate to contact Penny for help with registrations, transfers and memberships.

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