

DORPER NEWS

DECEMBER 2018

The AGM of the Society was held on 14th November and attended by 21 members, where your Council for this year was elected:

Dave Prowse, Rose van de Ruit, Rose Prowse, Solomon Zawe, Doug Follwell and Heather Kageler.

For information purposes :

CURRENT JUDGES OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE :

Dave Prowse, Gaye Wilde

CURRENT INSPECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE :

Rose van de Ruit, Dave Prowse, Gaye Wilde and Maree Osborne (Junior Inspector)

NEW MEMBERS:

This year we welcome on board numerous new members:

Renee Peall, Gerald Mazhindu, Ross Leaper, J Manjengwa, Max Korombo, Chengetai Mukosera, Loveness Mutezo, Terence Mazhindu, Joseph Muzenda, Dylan and Donna Stone, S Munemo, Nyasha Madziyire, Lance Matare, Ernest Mashinya, Pete Kaulback, Bright Magura, James Bruce, Mark Nyatsanza, Alfred Mthumkhulu. Warm welcome to you all and trust you will all benefit from the membership.

Our grateful thanks extended to Gaye Wilde for over 40 years of Dorper membership, including many on Council and as Chairlady, a Judge and Inspector. Gaye stepped down from the Committee in November, she was presented with a Clock, by Rose in appreciation for her dedication and leadership.

Our heartfelt thanks also extended to Maree Osborne, who also stepped down from the committee. Maree has done a great job of keeping us informed with her newsletters and interesting articles. Not forgetting the various Courses that she has run in Macheke and attended elsewhere, sharing her knowledge. Blue Gums is one of the current registered Stud Breeders. Maree has also been running the facebook page since inception. Like and follow us on [facebook](#) : [DORPER ZIMBABWE](#)

The field day after the AGM on 14th November was well attended, with over 50 people on the register. Excellent day out and informative for us all. Grateful to Rose and the Bramber team for a great day! For those that would like to be on the whatsapp group, which is for SHEEP MATTERS only, please send your details to Heather, the Secretary :: kagelerheather@gmail.com Some of you are already on, no need for a further request.

CARING FOR YOUR SHEEP IN THE WET WEATHER

Provide your sheep with a shelter this protects them from all the elements – sun, wind and RAIN. While a barn is great its not necessary. A three sided structure works just as well!

A shaded area outside is also a good idea, it can be anything from an overhang off a barn to a clump of trees.



Maintain their hooves properly. Hooves should be trimmed every six weeks, but may be more often in the rains. Foot rot is a specific problem to sheep and goats. Especially animals walking on damp or wet ground. Softer hooves make it easier for bacteria to penetrate. Foot rot can cause severe pain and lameness and usually stays in the pasture around 12 days. Separate infected sheep, pare the hoof to remove excess horn and apply antiseptic agents.

WORMS... Zimbabwean producers have traditionally commenced regular treatment of worms at the onset of the rains, without justifying the reason for treatment, wasting time and money. Rather treat if the worm infestation is sufficiently high to justify the cost. Conducting faecal egg counts give the producer a reliable indication of worm infestations.

Collect fresh faeces from 10 selected animals from each age/breeding group, place in separate labelled plastic bags. Refrigerate until submitted to a diagnostic laboratory. Results are usually quick and reasonably priced.

You should not be allowing your sheep to drink DAM water, or grazing against a dam, due to worm infestation.

HAPPY SHEEP, AND HAPPY SHEPHERDS, go together like lamb chops and fine wine! Tend your sheep in a manner that allows them to be the effective, profitable producers, and you to, will be happy in return.

DIARY FOR 2019

JANUARY 2019 – SUBS ARE DUE \$40.00 for the year.

**Bank details : DORPER SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION,
NMB BANK BORROWDALE #260193368**

Please ensure we get copies of your deposits as often no details are put on the statement. ZIPIT payments must have a screenshot to prove ownership!!! Email POP to prorowse@zol.co.zw.

COURSES

Although final dates are still being confirmed, we are planning a **SHEPHERD'S** course **19th February 2019**.

This is a must for your staff members. Bookings via kagelerheather@gmail.com or rosevdr@gmail.com

Includes: Basic handling of sheep, Healthy vs sick sheep, Pregnancies, care of newborn lambs, cleanliness of facilities, tail docking/castrating/dehorning/dipping/weighing, record keeping, diseases and treatments, condition scoring, vaccinations, even down to how to set a broken leg. This is a hands-on, detailed course.

Basic camping accommodation is offered. This is a **4 day course**. Cost to be advised.

One must be a member to send attendees to this course. If you are interested, please let us know so we can work on numbers. A good response would be appreciated. The Trainers give of their time for your benefit.

MAY 2019 – Basic course

JULY 2019 – NATIONAL SALE : date to be confirmed.

SHEEP CENSUS

We would still like to ascertain the approximate numbers of sheep in Zimbabwe, if you have not already indicated please take a couple of minutes and email us.

Its Mango season so here's a recipe

FAST SWEET AND SOUR LAMB CHOPS

4 lamb chops, 3 tablespoons Mango Chutney, 2 teaspoons prepared mustard, ½ teaspoon mixed herbs. Salt to taste.

Put chops in a roasting tin with a cover

Mix sauce ingredients, chopping mango pieces if too large.

Pour half of the sauce over the chops – cover

Roast in moderate oven for 15 minutes

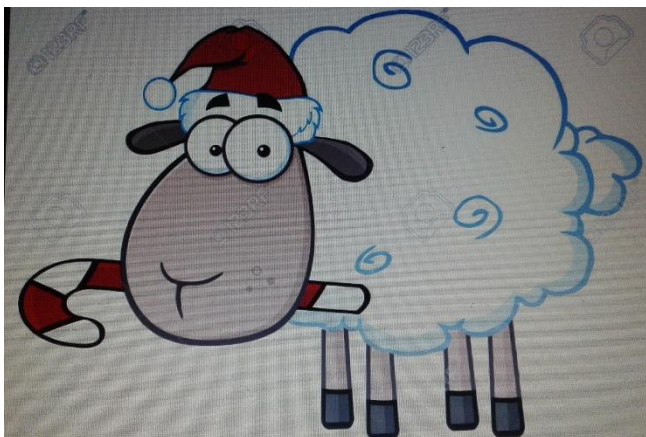
Turn chops over and pour rest of sauce over them

Cover and cook 10 to 15 minutes more. If sauce becomes too sticky moisten with a bit of water.

If you have any items of interest, please send them to me for possible printing in the next newsletter. Should you have any problems you feel may be answered by a more experienced farmer, please feel free to email us.

The **SHEEP HANDBOOK OF ZIMBABWE**, updated in 2014, is available for purchase at FIVET in Harare. This book is all encompassing regarding sheep breeding and rearing. A manual that will likely answers so many questions, down to handling facility design and dip tanks.

Our next newsletter will be out in March 2019.



Happy Christmas to You All !!