

The purpose of the NAWSA association shall be to establish and support the Wensleydale breed of sheep in North America, and:

- a) To engage in the education and promotion of Wensleydale sheep.
- b) To register and keep pedigree records of all animals that qualify as percentage blood and purebred Wensleydale sheep according to the guidelines of the Association.
- c) To provide interested people with information about Wensleydale sheep and their products
- d) To promote interest in the Wensleydale breed of sheep wherever possible in order to attract new breeders for the conservation and wellbeing of the breed.

Members are welcome and encouraged to attend Board meetings and participate in the Association. Dates for meetings can be found on the NAWSA website

www.wensleydalesheep.org

Membership in the Association is a privilege and not a right. Active members of the corporation are entitled to attend, speak, and vote at the membership meetings of the association. When the qualification for one membership has been met by more than one person (family, corporation, or any other entity), all persons involved in meeting that qualification may attend, speak at the membership meeting, however, that membership shall have one vote. In addition, members in good standing shall be kept informed of the corporation's activities, shall be notified of all membership meetings, shall have annual reports, and up-to-date copies of the bylaws made available to them. All reports and books of the association may be inspected by any member of the association at any reasonable time, except for matters relating to the hiring, firing, discipline of personnel, or personnel records.

ACTIVE MEMBER: Any person, family or corporation who owns, breeds, and registers Wensleydale Sheep with the NAWSA. If an active member registers no animals for a period of two consecutive years, the member shall automatically become an Associate member. Active members must be current on their membership dues (in good standing) to be eligible to vote and/or hold elective office.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Any person, family or corporation interested in the promotion of Wensleydale sheep may become an associate member of the NAWSA, and as such is entitled to all privileges of full membership except, they shall have no vote, nor shall they be eligible to hold elective office.

HONORARY MEMBER: Any person having made outstanding contributions to the establishment of the Wensleydale breed in North America, upon nomination and election by the Board, may become an honorary member. As such they shall not be entitled to the privileges and responsibilities of active members including the holding of elective office nor the privilege of vote.

d) The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, establish other classes of membership.

MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DUES: Annual membership fees for the above established classes of membership shall be set at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF MEMBERSHIP: Annual membership shall begin January 1st and expire on December 31st.