

Texas Hill Country Dorper Association Show and Sale

Sept 7, 8, & 9, 2023

Gillespie County Fair Grounds

Fredericksburg, Texas

Show Rules:

1. Entry deadline is **August 15, 2023**. No entries will be accepted after this date.
2. The entry fee for each single entry is \$20.00 per head. A pen of three will be \$10.00 per head or \$30.00 for the pen.
3. Shavings will be available for a per bag fee.
4. All consignors must be a member of the THCDA to enter sheep. Consignors who are not current members of the THCDA must become members of the THCDA prior to the deadline to enter the Show (see <https://www.thcdorpe.com>). All consignors must also be members of the ADSBS.
5. Sheep must arrive between **12 noon and no later than 5pm on Thursday September 7, 2023**
6. The pens of three lots will show Friday Sept 8, 2023, following the Haltered show which will start at 10 am Friday.
7. The following documents will be presented to the sale secretary at check in:
 - a. ADSBS registration for each sheep,
 - b. A veterinary health certificate no older than 30 days (if multiple sheep listed on the health certificate, one photocopy for each sheep, attached to the registration, must be provided. There will be a \$10 charge for all copies of health papers not provided which will be withheld from commission checks.
8. All sheep must have a scrapie tag and the Animal ID must match the registration papers provided.
9. All sheep will be paint branded with their respective lot numbers. An "X" will be paint branded if the sheep is a percentage (pen of three only).
10. All sheep must be shorn within two weeks of the show.
11. Substitutions within sex will be allowed after the closing date. Substituted sheep will be given new lot numbers to reduce confusion, but will not be included in the catalog.
12. Entries are limited to ten (10) total lots per Consignor with no more than fourteen (14) head if entering one breed or fifteen (15) head being entered per farm if entering both breeds. One (1) pen of

three is equal to one lot. (if additional numbers are needed to have a viable sale, this rule can / will be suspended on the President's call)

13. Consignors will be limited to a maximum of (2) pens of three within one breed

14. A consignor may enter two (2) rams without entering ewes. The consignor's third ram and each ram thereafter require the consignor to enter two (2) ewe lots per ram entered.

For example: Rams Number of Ewe Lots required (1 lot per pen of three)

2 – 0

3 - 2

4 – 4

5 - 6

15. There will be no un-haltered class this year.

16. Haltered sheep will be only Purebred or Fullblood Dorpers, as designated on their registration.

17. The pen of three class is a group of three (3) ewes shown/sold together and can each be 75% Dorper or greater, Purebred, or Fullblood. Pens of three sheep will be penned in the same area for ease of judging and moving to and from the sale ring. The judge's placing will determine sale order. Pens of three will be shown in one class according to breed.

18. Classes will be divided by age shown on registration papers and consist of :

a. Yearling Rams (older) (Sept 1, 2021 – Feb. 28, 2022)

b. Yearling Rams (younger) (Mar 1, 2022 – Aug 30, 2022)

c. Fall Rams (Sept 1, 2022 – Dec. 31, 2022)

d. Spring Rams (Jan 1, 2023, and later)

e. Yearling Ewes (older) (Sept 1, 2021 – Feb. 28, 2022)

f. Yearling Ewes (younger) (Mar 1, 2022 – Aug 30, 2022)

g. Fall Ewes (Sept 1, 2022 – Dec. 31, 2022)

h. Spring Ewes (Jan 1, 2023, and later)

19. White Dorpers and Dorpers will show separately, with one breed following the other in each gender group. Example is all Dorper Rams show followed by all White Dorper Rams followed by Dorper ewes, followed by White Dorper Ewes.

20. A third party sifter will assess all sheep prior to paint branding and will remove sheep from the Show and Sale, if needed, which do not meet quality type standards. The sifter's decision will be final. The judge will also sift according to Dorper standards. That animal will not be placed and will not be allowed to sell. No refund of fees will be given for sifted sheep. The sifting will be done according to the Dorper Standards outlined in the South African Dorsers into the New Century publication. Considerations for sifting include but are not limited to:

- a. Unsound feet and legs (crippled, coon footed, sickle hocked)
- b. Unsound mouth (overbite, underbite)
- c. Unsound reproductive organs
- d. Poor breed character, health, or confirmation fault.
- e. Any sheep judged to not represent Stud or Select quality of the breed.

The tentative show order will be:

1. Yearling Dorper Rams (older)
2. Yearling Dorper Rams (younger)
3. Fall Dorper Rams
4. Spring Dorper Rams
5. Yearling White Dorper Rams (older)
6. Yearling White Dorper Rams (younger)
7. Fall White Dorper Rams
8. Spring White Dorper Rams
9. Yearling Dorper Ewes (older)
10. Yearling Dorper Ewes (younger)
11. Fall Dorper Ewes
12. Spring Dorper Ewes
13. Yearling White Dorper Ewes (older)
14. Yearling White Dorper Ewes (younger)
15. Fall White Dorper Ewes
16. Spring White Dorper Ewes

Sale Rules:

1. Sale will collect 10% commission per lot. If a lot is sold at or above floor price, consignors are responsible for paying commission.
2. The sale order will be the same as the show order by class, followed by pens of three. The highest placing animal in each class will sell first.
3. Consignors are responsible for moving their sheep to the sale ring and back to their pens.
4. All rams and ewes will be guaranteed by the consignor to be fertile if maintained in good condition and if exposed one breeding season. Most breeders will guarantee ewe lambs (not exposed their first year) for longer, if maintained in good condition. Please confirm with the Consigners before you buy. All guarantees are between buyer and seller.
5. The Texas Hill Country Dorper Association is not responsible for the health or fertility of any animal consigned for sale.
6. Health certificates are required for all entries (see Show Rules for details). All sheep sold will leave with health certificates.
7. All sheep brought to the Show and Sale must sell, unless sifted or culled prior to the sale.
8. All sheep must be shorn within two weeks of the show.
9. A 5% service fee will be added to all lots paid for by credit card online or at the sale office.
10. Credit card transactions that are denied by the card company will void the sale of all lots included in the transaction. No sheep will be turned over to the buyer until payment is made.
11. At the end of the Sale all Registration papers will be sent in for transfer into the new owners name by the THCDA. (Junior members it is very important that you each have your own bidders number so that the animals are registered into the proper name for validation reasons.) A fee of \$10 per animal will be withheld from consignor's checks for the transfer fee.

Recommended Buyer Protection Guidelines

- a. Ewes presented as "bred" should have sonogram results posted at the pen
- b. Ewes presented as "exposed" do not have pregnancy guarantee
- c. Consignors should post any specific guarantee or warranty terms at the pen of the lot prior to sale.
- d. The Texas Hill Country Dorper Association is in no way liable, nor does it guarantee animals.

Warranties, whether expressed or implied are strictly between consigner and buyer.

The Sale Order will be Rams, Ewes, and then Pens of Three, subject to change by the Sale Committee

12. There will be no loading out of sheep until auction is complete.

13. All sheep must be paid for and removed from the Sale Barn on Saturday evening.