



## How to Register your Lambs

Questions surrounding lamb registration are commonly received into the Society inbox so let us quickly outline the registration process for you:

- Firstly, you need to join the Society as a 'Gold' member to gain access to the Grassroots registry which you can do so here: <https://valaisblacknosesociety.co.uk/memberships/>
- Once you join the Society and pay your membership fees you will receive your own personal login details for the Grassroots system where you can manage all your flock information.
- To register births, simply go to 'Manage My Animals' and select 'Births'.
- You can choose to: birth notify, list non-breeding animals i.e. castrated and Spitti males or fully register your lambs, please be reminded that all lambs intended for breeding need to be fully registered within 12 months.
- Once the information had been completed, submitted and respective payments received Grassroots with post out your registration certificates.

### Registration Parameters

- Ewes, rams, and lambs must be offspring from registered pedigree parents (both dam & sire).
- Spitti ewe lambs must be DNA profiled.
- Males must meet breed standards in all three grading categories: appearance, conformation, fleece, and DNA profiled.
- Males which do not meet breed standards should be considered for castration. Castrated and Spitti males can be listed in Grassroots as a 'non-breeding' animal and will be issued with a 'non-breeding' certificate for authenticity if required.
- Any offspring born from cross-bred Valais Blacknose sheep are not eligible for registration. We ask that breeders selling cross breed animals declare this prior to any sale to avoid any misapprehension.

If you need to order DNA testing kits for your sheep, this can also be organised by contacting the Grassroots office directly or via your online Grassroots account.

- Simply select 'Manage My Animals'
- Followed by 'DNA Profile and Parentage verification'
- Tick the animal you wish to order a DNA kit for (you can add multiple animals at the same time), and press 'Continue'
- Verify that the details are correct and 'Submit' your request and organise the relevant payment, once received Grassroots with post out your kits.

All information relating to Registry fees can be found here: <https://valaisblacknosesociety.co.uk/fees/>