

## The Dartmoor Sheep Breeders Association Animal Welfare Policy.

The D.S.B.A. policy is;

1/. To strive to maintain the highest possible standards of animal welfare throughout the Society.

2/. To encourage members to follow the D.E.F.R.A. Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock: Sheep and to pay particular attention to the regulations relating to the transport of animals.

Copies of the Code can best be obtained from the Defra website;  
[www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk)

3/. To offer advice and guidance to new members through the Society's mentor arrangements.

4/. To report to the DSBA Council any cases of animal neglect. Cases of severe neglect may lead to the expulsion of a member by the society and be reported to the relevant authorities .

5/. To ensure that all sheep and lambs are shorn no earlier than 1<sup>st</sup> April and no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July in any year. It is recommended that lambs are shorn no earlier than 1st June of the year of their birth but not later than 31st July .

6/. To report to the membership any issues regarding welfare as they arise.

7/. To keep the membership advised regarding any legal or welfare requirements for example: tail docking and tagging .

8/. To encourage members to use the highest possible standards at the time of slaughter to ensure that in so far as possible the process is stress free.

9/. For Animal Welfare to be a permanent agenda item at each Council meeting.