## **Kentucky Meadows Stud Service Policy**

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We at Kentucky Meadows agree to let our ram stand for stud service under certain circumstances. These include:

- 1. All ewes come from healthy herds, and are free of visible disease (no abscesses whatsoever, no wounds, normal temperature, no diarrhea, FAMACHA score 3 or higher)
- 2. Breeder and ewe owner shall discuss terms of stud/ewe breeding arrangements which can include "driveway breeding" or a board and breed arrangement. Boarding a ewe will increase the stud fee charged.
  - A. Boarding is \$5 per day per ewe, unless otherwise arranged, for feed, water, and board. Any special diets must be provided by owner of ewe.
- 3. The appropriate stud fee is paid prior to the breeding. Stud fee amounts will vary based upon the age, lineage and performance of the ram or his offspring, length of stay in breeding pen, etc.
- 4. For clients who want to register their sheep, the ewes must have a form of permanent identification (i.e. Ear Tag).
- 5. Should the ewe become sick while in the care of Kentucky Meadows, the owner of the ewe will cover all veterinarian expenses incurred.
  - A. Kentucky Meadows will consult with owner of ewe prior to services rendered.
  - B. If owners cannot be reached during an emergency, Kentucky Meadows will permit any and all veterinarian services to stabilize health of ewe at the owner of the ewe's expense.
  - C. Should a ewe expire while in the custody of Kentucky Meadows, Kentucky Meadows will not be held responsible unless malicious neglect or negligence is found to be evident as the sole cause of the ewe's death.
- 6. Any additional fees incurred during the breeding stay of a ewe will be paid in full prior to the ewe being released to her owner.
- 7. Any ewe left beyond the terms of the "stay and breed" agreement without reconsideration of the terms of the agreement for more than 60 days, may be considered abandoned and surrendered and will become the property of Kentucky Meadows.

As part of the Stud Service Policy, Kentucky Meadows agrees:

- 1. That all our service rams are registered with the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association and the American & Delaine Merino Record Association.
- 2. That all rams used for stud service are healthy and free from genetic faults.
- 3. That repeat breedings will be available in the case of a ewe that has not "settled," following previous breedings, up to the point of one year.

- 4. In the event that after a ewe has not settled after one year, all stud fees will be refunded. Board fees are non-refundable.
- 5. All efforts will be made by the ewe's owners to certify that she is able to conceive. These include observations of heat, blood work, or other diagnostic tools available to the veterinarian. Kentucky Meadows will have tests done on any ram that has failed to successfully breed more than one ewe, and that until the results of that test are known, his service will be withheld.
- 6. In order to maintain bio security Kentucky Meadows will keep any sheep being bred separate from the Kentucky Meadows flock. All Rams used in Stud Service are quarantined for 20 days after servicing.
- 7. Rams used in stud services will not be used for 'back to back' servicing of different flocks. Every Ram will have a minimum of a one month break between servicing different flocks.

The ewe's owner is responsible for reporting any subsequent heats, following the breeding, to confirm pregnancy, or to refute it. We also ask, though do not demand, to be notified of all offspring's color, numbers and sex, for our records.

We cannot guarantee size, color or sex of any offspring, but will honestly reveal any issues that may have arisen in the production from that ram's line.

It is our hope that providing stud service from Kentucky Meadows will build a stronger Kentucky sheep community and breed. We aspire to be good stewards of the species and breed, and to assist anyone involved in the breed anyway possible.

Exya Nama/Tag Number

Ewe Name/ rag Number	
Ewe Owner's Signature:	Date:
Ram's Name/Tag Number:	
Ram Owner's Signature:	Date:
Terms of Stay:	
Ewe's Arrival Date:	
Ewe's Departure Date:	
Notes on ewe's health upon arrival:	

Breeding stay notes:	
Service Fee Charged:	
Payment type:	
Projected Due Date:	
Outcome of Breeding:	

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