

Karakul Friends Newsletter

January 1, 2010



NEWS FROM THE REGISTRY

(By Rey Perera)

Happy new decade. Let's hope this decade is better than the past one. Our country suffered some horrific occurrences the past ten years which have changed our way of life forever.

I would really appreciate receiving some stories from our members that I can feature in the newsletter. I know things go on with your flocks which would be interesting or instructional to new Karakul breeders,

The New England Sheep & Wool Growers and Eastern States Exposition is having "The Fiber Festival of New England" to be held November 6 & 7, 2010, in the Mallary Complex on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA. Further details may be seen on the homepage of our webpage at www.karakulsheep.com.

As a reminder, membership dues for 2010 were due on January 1. If you wish to be listed on the member list on the Karakul webpage, your dues must be received by the 20th of February. This will be the only opportunity for members to be listed on our webpage

Since the last newsletter, postal rates have gone up again. And again I will absorb the increase. But please note the fees for registrations and transfers shown on the Work Order I am including herewith. They are the same fees I've had for the past two years but some members use old Work Orders and sometimes do not include the correct fee for transfers. The only rates I've changed on this latest Work Order are for Priority Mail which is now \$4.95 and Express Mail which is now 17.50. Our fees are a bargain when compared to registrations for other breeds.

Please include a Work Order form whenever you request services from AKSR. The form is extremely useful to me for record keeping and helps me insure that I perform all of the actions requested. A copy of the new Work Order with updated fee rates is on the last page of this newsletter or can be linked from the AKSR webpage.

In the interest of promoting the Karakul breed, AKSR advertises in The Shepherd magazine and the Sheep magazine. And of course, there is the karakulsheep.com webpage.

Remember, it is now optional if you want to have a picture of the lamb you are registering on the Certificate. If you do not include a picture, I will complete the certificate without the picture. If you do send a picture, please be sure to make it a size that I can use (preferably a max of 4 inches wide and three or four inches high, and not so small that it does not show clearly on the Certificate). If you wish you may e-mail me the pictures in JPG format and I can adjust them to fit on the Certificate.

Another reminder. Ear Tag # **must** be included in the registration application or I cannot complete your Certificate. By now I hope breeders have obtained USDA tags for their sheep from USDA and that number should also be included. The ear tag # is the only direct connection there is between the sheep you are registering and the Certificate for the sheep.

In the past, I've asked members to indicate on the Work Order if they wanted to be listed on the webpage or excluded. I've found that many members do not so indicate and then I don't know if I should list them. I know that some members are just getting started, do not have lambs for sale, and therefore do not want to be listed. If you don't want to be listed, please indicate by checking off "NO". If you don't check "NO", I will assume you want to be listed and will do so.

When you submit a registration application for a lamb/sheep that you have already sold, please understand that two separate actions must take place. First the sheep is registered in the name of the owner of the ewe. Then a separate action is required to transfer the sheep to the purchaser. And please don't forget to include the fees for the registration action and for the transfer. In most cases, the breeder and owner are the same and they will be shown the same on the Registration Certificate. However, if a ewe is purchased pregnant, the name of the previous owner will be shown on the Certificate as the Breeder while the name of the current owner will be shown as the owner.

Here's a touchy subject. On numerous occasions I have asked breeders to complete the transfer action themselves and send it to me when they sell their sheep. Much too often I find that the seller gives the Registration Certificate to the buyer without completing the

transfer action. On one occasion this year I was contacted by a buyer who went to a Sheep Show and found that the show Superintendent would not let her show a sheep because the reverse of the Certificate had not been completed. Technically the sheep did not belong to her. Fortunately for the Buyer, the Superintendent contacted me and I was able to complete the transfer by FAXing documents to and fro. It is really unfair to make the Buyer responsible for completing the transfer action. A new breeder probably has no idea what to do. Again, I urge a Seller to complete the transfer action, rather than pass it off on the Buyer. It's the professional thing to do.

All states require a Health Certificate to bring most animals (including sheep) into their state. When you sell a sheep to someone who is transporting it to another state it is necessary, under penalty of law, to obtain a Health Certificate which must accompany the animal. Enclosed is a copy of the "Health Paper Requirements by State to Enter with Sheep (As of 3/1/09)" published by The Banner. The listing is subject to change so you should query your Veterinarian to insure that you are compliant for the health requirements of the state your sheep are being transported. You should check with your Vet as early as possible because some States require comprehensive physical examinations which could take a considerable amount of time to complete.

Plan to attend "The Fiber Festival of New England" to be held November 6 and 7, 2010 in the Mallary Complex on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA. Additional info is available at www.nesheep.org or www.TheBigE.com.

Dee's Thoughts

Happy New Year Everyone. I hope you all had a better 2009 than we did. As many of you know, I was in a really bad auto wreck on the 6th of July last summer. I had gone to Columbia to pick up my two cats from the vets, and 3 miles from home I had a seizure and passed out, my car crossed the highway, took out the church sign, went through three yards, took out a power pole, hit a parked 18-wheeler tractor hauler, and landed on a pile of scrap metal. I awoke to a Highway Patrol Officer talking to me, and the Paramedics trying to cut me out of my car, my big concern was for my cats, Cleo and Smudgie, the crate had broken open and they were nowhere to be found. They called Rey and he came, they told him to find the cats because my blood pressure was going up because I was upset about the cats. They life-flighted me to the University Trauma Center. I spent 6 days in the hospital, Thank Goodness my daughter who is a nurse, was able to stay with me, and made sure I was taken care of, or I would have starved to death!!!!. After not getting any food for two days, she asked if I was on a liquid diet, they said no, I had to order from the menu, she asked what menu, they said it was in the drawer of the bedside table, now how are you going to order food when you are in a neck brace, and IV's, and can't even move!!!! Wow, did that Dakota coffee taste good!! My other daughter came home from Japan the day after I came home from the hospital. We had been planning a family vacation to Branson and Silver Dollar City, and Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede, we were to go the

following week,it was all paid including the hotel,Rey said i couldnt go,i couldnt walk and my face was burned from the air bag,and he was afraid i would get sick there,the grand kids were so dissappointed,and i was mad,i wanted to go,we even had two vet students who were going to farm sit for us,so we rented a car for the family,and we rented a scooter chair for me,and off we went!!!! WE only get to see our daughter who teaches in Tokyo,and her two boys every other summer,and it meant so much to the other grand kids for us all to go.I didnt get to go on the rides,but i did get to see everyone get wet on the log ride,and the kids have a great time.I am doing well,Rey has taken up all the feeding,and farm chores,and been a trooper,i am getting out in the evening to help with the hay,and yesterday my Neurologist told me i can start driving again,but i have to take seizure medicine forever.I didnt get to show our sheep anywhere last year,and the State Fair told me they missed me,the first time i have missed since 1993,and i missed seeing all my friends everywhere,including Tulsa Oklahoma.It has been very hard on Rey,he has to do everything,i usually do the running,especialy at hay time,for parts,food for the hay crew, or whatever is needed,i hope to be 100% very soon.Rey found one of the cats,Cleo,but couldnt find Smudgie,everyone was looking for her,it was 5 weeks after the wreck and she showed up close to where it happened,she was very wild,and we had to use the live trap to catch her,we brought her home,and put her in a big cage to settle down next to her mom and brother,she was a bit calmer after a week,so we let her out in the feed room,but she ran out,and we havnt seen her since,i feel very bad about it,but my vet thinks she had head trauma,and wouldnt change.i hope she has found a safe place,we still look for her. Our sheep,Llamas and Alpacas are all doing well,we only bred 8 ewes this time,as we didnt know how i was going to be doing,and we need to cut down some.We will be into hay may and june,so if you need papers for shows,please give Rey time to do them,it doesnt help if you send them a week befor your deadlines for entries.Since i have been housebound,i have been washing some of my wool,and my fibre friends have been encouraging me to spin,it looks like Whoopie Golbergs dreadlocks,or could you call it Novelty Yarn!!!!? I dont think i will ever get the hang of it,one of the vets from the vet school has been coming over,and we have been picking wool,it is more fun to do it with someone else,plus we snack a lot also,she is from New Zealand,and is wonderful with sheep and goats,and has started some new programs at the food animal clinic,including a sheep and goat club,and the students will be coming out here during lambing,even though we dont have that many to lamb,they want to come,they dont get a whole lot of hands on stuff.I am sure many of you are showing at Maryland Sheep and Wool,i am sure you will all do very well.One day i hope to go.

Well,i think thats all the news from here,drop a line to me when you have some time,it is always nice to hear from you.

Happy Lambing

Dee

For Sale and Wool Products/Services

Crowe Woolworks on Raincrow Farm

Featuring custom made handspun and hand woven Karakul rugs in both contemporary and traditional designs. My rugs are carefully crafted, tightly woven. Also featuring felted Karakul rugs and saddlepads made here at my studio in Blanco, TX

Karakul Sheep:

Available this spring exquisitely colored Karakul ewe and ram lambs, from \$150 to \$200. Also have available Karakul wool for sale in many forms, washed, brushed or handspun. Call Angie for prices at 830-833-2904 or raincrow@moment.net. Webpage at www.heronsnetherbfarm.com/web/angiecrowelanding.html

For sale in California. From the beautiful farm of Akali comes exquisitely fall Karakul lambs for sale. They are featured in a wide variety of colors. Come visit our webpage for pictures of our flock as well as ornamental birds, ducks and pea fowl or call 707-447-6312.

FOR SALE in Missouri (Sheep are AKSR Registered):

We have a number of outstanding mature rams and yearling rams in various colors, including red, black grey, and black and white. Shown here is Winston, a proven breeder, DOB: January 2000.

We also have a number of mature ewes and yearling ewes the same colors as the rams.

Also available is Karakul wool processed into rovings, bats and clouds, in various shades of grey, brown, black and white, priced at \$16.00 a pound plus postage. We also have Karakul wool blended with llama and alpaca wool for braiding at \$16.00, plus postage.

Also available is Llama and Alpaca wool processed into rovings in various shades of black, dark auburn, white and grey, priced at \$20.00 a pound plus postage.

Call Dee Perera, 660-838-6340 or e-mail at drperera@iland.net or write Petite Saline Farm, 11500 Highway 5, Boonville, MO 65233.

Visit our [farm web page!](#)

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AMERICAN KARAKUL SHEEP REGISTRY WORK ORDER AND FEE SCHEDULE

11500 HIGHWAY 5, BOONVILLE, MO 65233
(660)838-6340 FAX (660)838-6322

Name _____ Membership # _____

Farm Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ FAX # _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Date _____ eMail # _____

Check One: New Member _____ Current Member _____ (Junior Member _____ Birthday _____)

Include on Breeder's List? (Membership Dues Must be Received by February 15) Yes ___ No ___

Include on Webpage? Yes ___ No ___

	Seller is Member Fee	Seller is Non-Member Fee	Member Fee	Non-Member Fee	<u>Totals</u>
Membership (due January annually) (includes Newsletter)			\$15.00		
Junior Membership) (18 & under) (includes newsletter)			\$ 5.00		
Registrations					
Less than 12 months			\$3.75	\$7.00	
Over 12 months			\$6.50	\$13.00	
Transfers					
Less than 60 days of sale	\$2.25	\$4.50			
Over 60 days from sale	\$3.25	\$6.50			
Duplicate Certificate			\$5.00	\$5.00	
Rush Registration (each)* (Add to Registration Fee)			\$5.00	\$5.00	
Return by Priority Mail (actual cost)			\$4.95	\$4.95	
Return by Express Mail (actual cost)			\$17.50	\$17.50	
**List of those needed by _____ _____					
Yearly Advertising in Webpage (Includes Link to Farm Homepage)			\$20.00		
Three month advertisement in Webpage & Newsletter			\$5.00		
Credits or balance due (previous transactions)					\$ _____
TOTAL OF ABOVE TRANSACTIONS					\$ _____

Make all checks payable to: AKSR

If you have any questions concerning this transaction, please contact Rey Perera, address & phone #'s above.

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