



SOUTHERN OREGON
SOAY SHEEP FARMS

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May Calendar

- ❑ Give lambs their first vaccinations at about four weeks and their second ones 21-28 days later.
- ❑ Worm lambs with their second vaccinations.
- ❑ Castrate ram lambs between four and eight weeks of age (in the US), depending on the lamb's size; be sure to vaccinate when you band (ring). NOTE: Castration by ringing takes place earlier in the UK.
- ❑ To make registration easier, get birthing records in order.
- ❑ Birth notify or register British Soay lambs with the RBST.
- ❑ Black Sheep Gathering in Eugene, Oregon, is one week later this year than usual, June 24-26. If you have never been it is worth a visit.

Viewpoint

FROM THE PREMIER BREEDER OF BRITISH REGISTERED SOAY SHEEP

AI lambs photo gallery

by Kathie Miller

The Soay artificial insemination project has been fascinating.

AI lambs seem to come in a wider variety of colors than conventionally bred (domestic) lambs, but I have been surprised to see that this variation has not held up as they

have matured: light phase are the same tan as before, and the variation in dark phase—with the exception of some black—is not as wide as I had expected.

It has not been until the animals are about three years old that I am beginning to see the effects of the new

genetics on phenotypes. Face structure and horn shapes are beginning to more closely resemble UK parentage.

The following is a series of photos of the Welsh progeny as lambs, as yearlings, and as mature adults. What will develop as I continue this project remains to be seen.

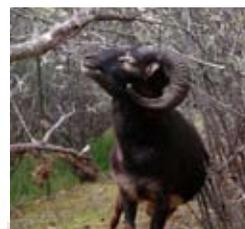
Gaerllwyd Norris



Triplets, 2008 (Hannah, r.)



Daughter Hebe, 3 yrs.



Son Heath, 3 yrs.



Daughter Hannah, 3 yrs.



Lambs, 2011



Daughter, 2011



Gaerllwyd Quentin

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Resources

With lambs here you may find the following references useful. The first is a booklet on lambs and lamb care, and the second is a 2008 issue of this newsletter about coping with "teenagers". Soay lambs can get into all kinds of trouble and you need to watch them carefully. Here you will read some of my experiences.

Lambing and Lamb Care guide:

<http://www.soayfarms.com/Lambing%20and%20Lamb%20care.pdf>

June 2008 Viewpoint article, "Coping with Teenagers":

http://www.soayfarms.com/viewpoint/SOSSF_JUNE_Newsletter.pdf

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All advice in this newsletter has been used successfully on our farm. It is important to remember that every animal and situation is different. Before you try any of our suggestions, we urge you to consult your veterinarian.

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Gaerllwyd Mustard



Son Holloway, 3 yrs.



Daughter Helen, 3 yrs.



Daughter Julilette, 1 yr.



Sons Jock and Jasper, 2010



Son Jock, 1 yr.

Sandle Ash



Ash and Quentin's lambs, 2011



Daughter, 2011

Tip of the Month

**Use a medicated
lamb/kid
creep feed to help
control coccidiosis
in lambs.**