

# LONGHORN



## Cattle Society

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### GUIDANCE NOTES

#### Before you purchase Longhorn cattle...

##### 1 Pedigree Status:

Check that the animals you are buying are 'pedigree' not just 'pure bred'. A reputable member will not be offended if you ask to see the pedigree certificate of the animal in question. A sample certificate is available on the Rules & Forms section of the website. Older certificates vary slightly but all will show the information given on the sample certificate. The reverse of the certificate will give the ownership information of the animal if it was not bred by the vendor.

##### 2 Breed Standard:

The breed standard gives information on how a Longhorn should look. Note that black in the horns and hooves is undesirable. The standard is available in the Rules & Forms section of the website.

##### 3 Registration numbers:

Registration numbers can be confusing. For an animal to be 'pedigree' it must have a registration number issued by the Breed Society and must have pedigree parents.

- a. Older cows and bulls will have a four figure number, ie: **9999**
- b. Cows and bulls born after 2000 will have a four or five figure number followed by a year letter and the herd number of the breeder, ie: **99999/A0999**
- c. Animals that have been birth notified to the Society but have not been registered will have either an XB or BN prefix and a five figure number, ie: **XB99999** or **BN99999**. Any male animal with this sort of number cannot be used as a herd sire until it has been registered (if eligible). Any female animal cannot be used for breeding.
- d. Some females will have SR.A., SR.B, or SR.C before a two or three figure registration number ie: **SR.A.99**. This means the animal is on the Supplementary Register. Please see the 'Rules' in the Rules & Forms section of the website for a fuller explanation.
- e. Just because an animal has a name does not mean it has been registered.

##### 4 Transfer Fees:

A transfer fee of £10 + VAT is payable by both the vendor and the purchaser. The vendor should send the pedigree certificate to the office for amendment and then both the certificate and the animal are transferred into the ownership of the purchaser on payment of the transfer fee.

**If you are in any doubt please contact the office as a quick phone call could avoid disappointment later**