

# LONGHORN



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Longhorn members vote for change

At their AGM on Saturday 14 October members of the Longhorn Cattle Society voted to change their general rules to allow disbudded cattle to show alongside their horned counterparts at shows with Longhorn classes. Disbudded cattle are already allowed at Society sales with show classes.

Commenting on the rule change, Bernard Llewellyn, the Society's Chairman said, 'This decision is a great step forward for the breed. It will allow members who wish to disbud their heifer calves as well as their male calves the flexibility to choose their best animals to enter into shows which are a major shop window for the breed and either keep them in their own herds, or sell top quality cattle to other suckler herds where they will be a huge asset.

The ongoing effect of this rule change will also have benefits when it comes to the end of an animal's life as it is getting harder for abattoirs to take horned cattle – especially mature cows – and animal welfare was another factor that was taken into consideration when members voted in favour of the proposal.

I am however confident that many of us who exhibit cattle will not deprive showgoers the pleasure of observing Longhorns in their natural state, horns and all, for many years to come'

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