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# HIGHLAND CATTLE SOCIETY

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## **BULL REGISTRATION PACK**

Dear Member,

Please find enclosed a bull registration and DNA testing kit.

Please complete the bull registration form. All bulls must undergo a vet inspection and the vet should complete the enclosed veterinary certificate. Both these documents should be forwarded to the Highland Cattle Society office with the relevant payment as soon as possible:

Highland Cattle Society  
Stirling Agricultural Centre  
Stirling  
FK9 4RN

Since 2006 all bulls must be DNA tested so whilst the vet is present, they should also take a hair sample, following the instructions provided within this pack.

The hair should be placed in a clean, sealed plastic pocket and the DNA PROFILING SAMPLE FORM completed and attached to the plastic pocket. The hair sample and the DNA profiling sample form should be sent direct to:

Highland Cattle Society  
Stirling Agricultural Centre  
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Please note DNA test results may take up to 8 weeks to be returned.

Yours sincerely

Anne-Marie Thomson  
Breed Secretary



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## BULL REGISTRATION FORM

ANIMAL EARTAG IDENTITY NUMBER .....

DATE OF BIRTH ..... COLOUR .....

OFFICIAL NAME: .....

SIRE EAR TAG NO: .....

DAM EAR TAG NO: .....

SIRE OF DAM: .....

### BREEDER/OWNER CONFIRMATION OF BULL REGISTRATION

BREEDER: .....

OWNER: .....

ADDRESS .....

TELEPHONE NUMBER .....

I attach the completed veterinary certificate for this bull.

I attach the registration fee for this bull:

I confirm that this bull does not have the condition 'crop ear'.

I confirm that the pedigree given above is correct and that the bull has been tattooed and/or tagged per the information given above.

Signed .....

Date .....

Print .....

Position .....



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## VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

Required as a condition for the registration of a pedigree bull in the Herd Book

Owner's Name .....

Address .....

Name of Bull .....

UK Ear tag No ..... Date of Birth .....

The Bull must be examined with regard to the following criteria:

	<b>A tick in any tinted box requires a remark and referral</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
1	<b>GENERAL HEALTH</b> – is the bull in good health to the best of your knowledge on date of inspection		
2	<b>MOUTH</b> – do the teeth make proper contact with the dental pad of the upper jaw?		
3	<b>HERNIA</b> – is there any indication of either inguinal or umbilical hernia?		
4	<b>FEET</b> – are there any signs of abnormal positioning of the feet or badly formed/cracked hooves?		
5	<b>LEGS</b> – are there any signs of abnormal positioning or gait?		
6	<b>EYES</b> – is there any evidence of cataract or microphthalmia?		
7	<b>CROP EAR</b> – is there any sign of ear crop?		
8	<b>TESTICLES</b> – are the testicles of equal size with normal conformation and consistency for this age of bull?		
9	<b>DNA TESTING</b> – a sample of hair is to be pulled from the tail of the bull being inspected and inserted in the sample collector provided.		
<b>SCROTAL MEASUREMENT – MANDATORY</b> Measurement in centimetres of the circumference of the testicles at the widest part of the scrotum is:-			

Remarks.....

I certify that I have examined the Highland Bull Ear tag No **UK** .....

I confirm that this Highland Bull has passed/failed examination (Please circle).

Signed ..... Date of examination .....

Print Name ..... Telephone No. ....

Veterinary Practice Name .....

Address .....

..... Telephone No. ....

**Section 9 – All bulls born after 1 January 2006 must be DNA tested.**



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## DNA SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Samples will be of the root ends from the animals tail hair
2. Obtain a clean comb free from hair and foreign matter.
3. Thoroughly wash and dry your hands.
4. Comb tail of animal to remove any foreign matter
5. Pull (DO NOT CUT) 20 – 30 tail hairs by wrapping hairs around the forefinger. Grasp hair close to animal's body to ensure the roots are obtained. Pull straight towards your body. If you look closely at the ends, you will see the root bulbs of the hair.
6. Place the tail hair with the root ends in a clean, sealable plastic pocket. **ROOT END MUST BE PROVIDED FOR TESTING TO BE POSSIBLE**
7. Complete and attach the following DNA PROFILING SAMPLE form.
  - a. Name of the Animal (Enter full UK ear tag number if the animal does not have a name)
  - b. Enter Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY)
  - c. Always enter the sires name
  - d. Is a parentage test required for this animal Y / N
    - i. Y = to confirm the sire and dam of this animal, DNA typing both parents must be carried out if not previously completed. Always use a separate, clearly labelled sample bag for each animal's hair.
    - ii. N = the DNA profile of this animal only will be tested

Send the sample and the attached DNA PROFILING SAMPLE form to: Highland Cattle Society  
Stirling Agricultural Centre, Stirling, FK9 4RN

1. If you are sampling multiple animals, please thoroughly wash and dry your hands between each animal or alternatively please put on clean surgical gloves before each animal to prevent cross contamination.



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### DNA PROFILING SAMPLE FORM

(TO BE ATTACHED TO THE PLASTIC POCKET CONTAINING THE HAIR SAMPLE)

**HAIR MUST NOT BE CUT / HAIR MUST BE PULLED WITH THE FOLLICLES (ROOTS) ATTACHED!**

Name of Animal:.....

Ear Tag / UK No:.....

DOB:..... Colour:..... Sex:..... Breed:.....

Sire:.....

Dam:.....

I confirm that the enclosed sample comes from the animal identified above:

Owners Signature:.....

Owners Name: .....

Owners Address: .....

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Owners Telephone No:.....

Send to: **Highland Cattle Society**

**BREED SOCIETY  
STAMP**  
  
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**FOR LAB  
USE ONLY**

Is a Parentage Test  
Required for this  
Animal?  
  
Y / N  
  
(Must be completed)