



THE IMPORTANCE OF PEDIGREE BREEDING

YOU OWE IT TO THE NEXT GENERATION



Why breed pedigree

Pedigree is Conservation – Without pedigree breeding our wonderful diversity of pig breeds would have been lost for ever. As a pedigree breeder you will be part of one of largest and longest running conservation projects in history.

Pedigree is Traceability – Most pedigree pigs can trace their family tree unbroken back over one hundred years. Pedigree gives buyers complete assurance about the provenance of the pigs or pork that they are buying.

Pedigree is Quality – Pedigree breeders conform to a set of independent breed standards to ensure that the best quality pigs go on to be the parents of the next generation.

The British Pig Association was founded in 1884. The Association is the official breed society and maintains the Herd Books for the following breeds:

Berkshire, British Landrace, British Saddleback, Duroc, Gloucestershire Old Spots, Hampshire, Large Black, Large White, Mangalitza, Middle White, Oxford Sandy & Black, Pietrain, Tamworth and Welsh.

The majority of our traditional native breeds have less than 500 sows, which puts them at risk of extinction. One of the most important tasks of the Association is to register the birth of all pedigree litters of pigs so that we can maintain and hopefully increase the number of registered breeding pigs in each of these breeds to ensure the safety and survival of our unique genetic heritage.

The chain of pedigree registration goes right back to 1884. Piglets born to pedigree parents must be recorded if the chain is to continue. If these piglets fall out of the system it is very difficult and expensive to prove their pedigree.

By joining the BPA and registering your pigs you will be part of this important conservation project.

The Association provides certification if you are planning to sell your pigs for meat. There are significant premiums available for pedigree pork. Pedigree registration allows you to sell breeding stock for higher prices and the Association organises an Annual Pedigree Auction Sale.

The BPA also represents the interests of pedigree breeders to government and tries to prevent the introduction of legislation that would damage your breed or your livelihood.

Pedigree pigs can also be entered into agricultural shows. Showing pigs is great fun for all the family and is a fantastic shop window for the public to see our native breeds and to raise awareness of the need for conservation.



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How does it work

Pedigree is Simple – Pedigree means I know who this pig is and I know who its pedigree parents are. Pedigree is all about identity and proving it.

The three step plan.

Step one – Identify your piglets soon after birth when you can still be sure who the parents are.

Step two – Record that information on the BPA database

Step three – Select the pigs that are suitable for breeding the next generations of pedigree pigs and register them in the BPA herdbook

The rules

1. Newly born pigs have to be individually identified and recorded on the BPA database with details of their birth and parents within 10 weeks. This is so we have a chance to inspect them whilst they are still young and their parents are still around if we need to take a DNA test.
2. Only the breeder may birth notify a litter and you must be the registered owner of the dam. The boar could be borrowed or rented but the sow must be registered to you.
3. Only the breeder can register a birth notified pig. A registered pig carries the herd name or prefix of the breeder. If you sold a pig for fattening because you didn't think it was good enough then you wouldn't want someone else to register the pig using your herd name.
4. Only the registered owner can transfer the ownership of a registered pig. (You can't tell the DVLA computer that you own your neighbours car.)
5. You must keep certain records on farm to back up your pedigree records. The BPA has the right to inspect your pigs and your records and take DNA samples for pedigree verification.
6. You must comply with DEFRA rules and regulations designed to protect pigs from the spread of disease. This means registering your herd with the local Animal Health Office and completing movement licences when you move your pigs.



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EAR MARKING

Every pedigree pig reared in every litter must be ear-marked. Ear-marking must be carried out by the breeder of a pig (the person on whose premises the animal was born), be completed before weaning or mixing with another litter and in any case not later than eight weeks of age.

The basic BPA requirement for ear-marking with regard to Herd Book identification purposes is an ear number and possibly Herd Designation Letters. Commence allocating numbers from 1 for the first litter. Mark each sex separately, starting with males. Each subsequent pig will have a separate number in sequence. Continue the numerical progression with subsequent litters.

The BPA recommends Tattooing or Notching for Pedigree Identification. If you opt to use tags as your only form of identification you must inform the BPA in writing and follow the rules for double tagging registered pigs. Plastic button tags with your DEFRA herdmark on one side and your HDL and ear number on the other are best. We do not recommend metal tags for pedigree identification. Pigs for showing must be tattooed or notched.

Birth notified pigs can be identified with ear tattoos, ear notches or ear tags.

Registered pigs must be identified with ear tattoos, ear notches or double tags (one in each ear). The BPA database can hold two ID's for each registered pig which could be a notch and a tag, a tattoo and a tag or two tags with different numbers. Registered pigs identified with tags **must** be double tagged, one in each ear, the tag numbers can be the same or different. It is recommended that every registered pig should have two forms of identification recorded on the BPA database.

Replacement ID. Tattoos fade, Ear notches can get torn and tags can get pulled out. If your registered pig needs a replacement ID you must apply in writing to the BPA. An inspection and DNA testing may be required.



British Pig Association Membership Application Form Information for your membership



YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION (please print)

NAME: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms

BUSINESS NAME (if applicable).....

ADDRESS:.....

.....COUNTY (choose from our list).....

POST CODE:TEL NO:.....MOBILE.....

EMAIL:.....

WEBSITEDate of Birth (Junior members only).....

DATA PROTECTION. The BPA supplies information to DEFRA for the Breeds at Risk Register for special protection measures in the event of a disease outbreak as well as other statutory purposes. We also operate a sales register on our website to allow buyers to find pigs. Tick if you do **NOT** wish your details to appear in this register.

YOUR STATUTORY INFORMATION (you must supply these details if you are a UK pig breeder)

HERDMARK

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All UK pig keepers must register with their local Animal Health Office and obtain a herdmark (usually 2 letters and 4 numbers) even if they only keep pet animals. Details of local Animal Health Offices are available from the DEFRA helpline 0845 050 9876.

COUNTY PARISH HOLDING NO

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YOUR PEDIGREE HERD

BREED(S): Total no. of registered adult breeding pigs:

Please register my herd prefix :

(alternative choices).....

Choose a name for your herd as well as a couple of alternatives. Your prefix is usually the name of your farm. You cannot use a well-known town or place nor any word that is likely to be confused with another prefix already established. Your own name or a derivative is not allowed. Prefixes should not be used as marketing slogans. If your prefix is in Welsh and has any other meaning than a farm or herd name please provide a translation. You can use the on-line herdbook to check availability

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PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO:

BPA, TRUMPINGTON MEWS, 40B HIGH STREET, TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE, CB2 9LS.

Pedigree Enquires: 01223 845096, General Enquiries 01223 845100, Fax: 01223 846235,

E mail: bpa@britishpigs.org Website: www.britishpigs.org



British Pig Association Membership Application Form Membership Types and Gift Aid Declaration



YOUR MEMBERSHIP TYPE

There are two main types of membership available.

All Inclusive On-Line Membership. Cost £60.00 per year payable by Direct Debit only.

This is only available at present for herds with up to 10 registered pigs and must be paid by Direct Debit. You pay once at the beginning of each subscription year and then all your pedigree activity such as birth notification and registrations can be carried out on-line with nothing else to pay

Pay As You Go Membership. Cost £45 herd set up fee plus annual subscription.

Payment by Direct Debit for up to 10 registered pigs. £45 set up fee plus £20 annual subscription = £65

Payment by Cheque for up to 10 registered pigs. £45 set up fee plus £30 annual subscription = £75

This type of membership is available for all herd sizes. You pay an initial subscription at the beginning of each year and then purchase pre-paid forms each time you want to birth notify, register or transfer pigs.

The BPA subscription year runs from January to December. For details of subscriptions for larger herds, Junior Memberships and other charges please the latest list of fees.

I wish to apply for On-Line / Pay As You Go / Junior membership (delete as applicable)

I have read and agree to abide by the rules of the Association

Signed..... Date.....

Gift Aid. Please take a moment to complete the enclosed Gift Aid form so that as a registered charity we can claim an additional 28% of your payment from the Treasury.

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Donor Full Name:.....

Donor Address:.....

.....Post Code:.....

To be completed by BPA - HDL:.....Prefix:.....

Please use all donations I make to the British Pig Association as Gift Aid donations.

Signing this Gift Aid form will enable the BPA, as a registered charity to claim 28p from the Treasury for every pound that you donate. Please note you should not sign a gift aid declaration if you do not pay income tax or capital gains tax equal to the tax deducted from your donations. (28p for every pound you give.)

Please notify us if, having signed this form, you no longer pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax equivalent to the tax we reclaim on your donations (28p for every pound you give)

Signed:..... Date.....

Please tick the box and return if you are not eligible for gift aid donations

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BRITISH PIG ASSOCIATION GENERAL RULES



1. In addition to Birth Notification and Registration details provided through official BPA forms, the Association expects the Member to keep private records, covering:
 - Service Date Register (including identities of boars)
 - Sow and Progeny Register
 - Ear Number Register
 - Dates of ear marking
2. The Association or any person(s) authorised by the BPA Council will have the right to inspect such records and pigs of a Member.
3. If at any time the Association is of the opinion that a Member has failed to keep suitable records relating to his pigs, or believes that the particulars of the pigs submitted by a Member to the association are or are likely to be for any reason inaccurate, or is dissatisfied with the management of a Member's herd, they may refuse either absolutely or for a limited period that is considered proper to register in the Herd Book the pigs of any such Member.

The Association may at any time delete from the Herd Book any entry therein which is either incorrect or open to reasonable doubt.

The Association has the discretionary power of investigating all cases of alleged wilful misrepresentation or other misconduct or irregularity, which may come to its notice and of dealing with in such manner as it may think fit.

4. The Association may withhold all or any privileges of membership if the person fails to pay monies owing to the Association.
5. The Association may from time to time require the keeping of further relevant pedigree breeding records.
6. Members wishing to sell by auction under the Association's auspices, pure-bred pigs registered or eligible for registration in the Association's Herd Book may adopt the National Pig Auction Rules (available from the BPA).
7. No Member shall sell or offer or advertise for sale a pure-bred pig by name unless it has actually been registered in the Herd Book. This rule applies to any form of sale, whether by Private Treaty or by Auction, and whether under the Association's auspices, or not.
8. If any entry for the Herd Book is cancelled, and the cancellation is accepted by the Association as reasonable, the name or names and numeral given to the pig (as shown on the entry form) shall not be given to any other pig.
9. The BPA will not tolerate any abusive behaviour towards its staff.
10. Detailed Bye-Laws of the Association are available on request.



PEDIGREE CHARGES – JANUARY 2010
All prices include VAT



Membership Subscriptions and joining fees: (The BPA subscription year is January to December)

All inclusive annual subscription for up to 10 registered pigs. Includes herd set up fee and unlimited on-line birth notifications, registrations and transfers. Payment by direct debit only.	£60.00
Herd Set up Fee Includes: Set up on BPA pedigree database, Prefix Registration, 2 Birth Notifications, 1 Herd Book Registration Form & Pedigree Pig Breeds Book.	£45.00
Direct Debit subscription up to 10 registered pigs.	£20.00
Cheque payment subscription up to 10 registered pigs.	£30.00
Direct Debit subscription up to 100 registered pigs.	£40.00
Cheque subscription up to 100 registered pigs	£50.00
Junior subscription (under 16) Max 2 reg. pigs	£15.00
Subscription rates for larger herds available on request	

Example 1. On-Line Membership by Direct Debit. Pay £60 now and £60 again next January with nothing else to pay.

Example 2. Pay As You Go by Standing Order for 10 Pigs. Pay £65 (£45 + £20) now and then £20 next January plus additional payments for notifications and registrations

Example 3. Pay as you go by cash for 10 pigs. Pay £75 (£45 + £30) now and then £30 next January plus additional payments for notifications and registrations

Birth Notification Forms

Paper forms £3.00 per litter.	Minimum order 5	£15.00
Electronic Forms Numbers for On-Line Birth Notification £2.50 per litter	Minimum order 5	£12.50

Herd Book Registration Forms

Paper forms	£7.00
Electronic Forms Numbers for On-Line Registration	£6.00

Registered Pig Transfer Forms

Paper forms	£5.00
Electronic Forms Numbers for On-Line Transfers	£4.00

Export Certificate Charges (pigs must also be herd book registered)

Up to 20 pigs (per pig)	£12.00
Over 20 pigs (per pig)	£10.00
Export shipments over 100 pigs prices on application	

Pedigree Pig Breeds Book £5.00

Pedigree Pig Breeds Poster £3.00

BPA Tie £5.00



The BPA Pedigree Pork Scheme



The BPA Pedigree Pork Scheme promotes the sale of pork from pedigree pigs direct to the public through farm shops, farmers markets, local butchers and mail order.

The Pedigree Pork section of the BPA website has a special search facility so that the public can find producers in their area who sell direct. Members of the scheme automatically appear in these listings provided that they have birth notified their pigs. To make best use of the scheme you should give us your website address to appear in your listing. Buyers can then visit your site to check which markets you attend or the opening hours of your shop. If you sell through a local butcher you could also give their details. If you do not have your own website the BPA offers a webpage service for you to have a dedicated page on the BPA site where you can advertise your pigs and your pork.

Meat certificates are now available on-line and can be printed for display in your shop. Pedigree Pork leaflets are available to scheme members with space for your own label or stamp. Pedigree pork members receive special e-mails with details of forthcoming events and sales opportunities.

The BPA promotes the scheme at shows throughout the year including the BBC Good Food Shows, the Winter Fairs and the Smithfield Show.

Membership of the scheme is free to BPA members and all you have to do to sign up is complete this form and return it to the BPA office.

Please enrol me in the BPA Pedigree Pork Scheme.

How do you sell your pork (please tick)

- Mail order
- Farmers markets
- Farm shops
- My website address is
- Please send me details of the BPA Webpage Service

Name.....

HDL Letters..... Prefix.....

Signed..... Date.....

Please return this form to:

British Pig Association
Trumpington Mews
40b High Street
Trumpington
Cambridge CB2 1LS

(please turn over →)



The BPA Pedigree Pork Scheme



The BPA website advertising and promotion for members, works on the basis of search counties which are then organised into regions. Local government reorganisation often means that addresses don't have traditional counties anymore. Please choose **ONE** county from the list below by ticking the appropriate box.

Aberdeenshire		County Monaghan		Mid Glamorgan	
Angus		County Offaly		Midlothian	
Argyll & Bute		County Roscommon		Monmouthshire	
Avon		County Sligo		Moray	
Ayrshire		County Tipperary		Nairnshire	
Banffshire		County Tyrone		Norfolk	
Bedfordshire		County Waterford		North Yorkshire	
Berkshire		County Westmeath		Northamptonshire	
Berwickshire		County Wexford		Northumberland	
Buckinghamshire		County Wicklow		Nottinghamshire	
Caithness		Cumbria		Orkney	
Cambridgeshire		Denbighshire		Oxfordshire	
Cardiganshire		Derbyshire		Peeblesshire	
Carmarthenshire		Devon		Pembrokeshire	
Ceredigion		Dorset		Perth Kinross	
Channel Islands		Dumfries & Galloway		Powys	
Cheshire		Dunbartonshire		Renfrewshire	
Clackmannanshire		Dyfed		Ross Cromarty	
Cleveland		East Lothian		Roxburghshire	
Clwyd		East Riding of Yorkshire		Rutland	
Cornwall		East Sussex		Scottish Borders	
County Antrim		Essex		Selkirkshire	
County Armagh		Fife		Shetland	
County Carlow		Flintshire		Shropshire	
County Cavan		Gloucestershire		Somerset	
County Clare		Greater London		South Glamorgan	
County Cork		Greater Manchester		South Yorkshire	
County Donegal		Gwynedd		Staffordshire	
County Down		Hampshire		Stirlingshire	
County Dublin		Herefordshire		Suffolk	
County Durham		Hertfordshire		Surrey	
County Fermanagh		Invernessshire		Sutherland	
County Galway		Isle of Arran		Tayside	
County Kerry		Isle of Man		Tyne Wear	
County Kildare		Isle of Uist		Warwickshire	
County Kilkenny		Isle of Wight		West Glamorgan	
County Laois		Kent		West Lothian	
County Leitrim		Kincardineshire		West Midlands	
County Limerick		Kirkcudbrightshire		West Sussex	
County Louth		Lanarkshire		West Yorkshire	
County Londonderry		Lancashire		Western Isles	
County Longford		Leicestershire		Wigtownshire	
County Mayo		Lincolnshire		Wiltshire	
County Meath		Merseyside		Worcestershire	

The BPA only use this information to answer enquiries regarding the purchase of pigs or pork. Your details will only be used by authorised BPA staff or representatives. Your details will be **not** be passed on to other organisations for marketing purposes.