

**CASTRATE OR NOT CASTRATE**

We would advise castrating any ram lamb who does not comply with the breed standard. Pedigree breeding rams should be selected and registered based on 3 grading areas in line with the Swiss breeding standards: Markings, Conformation and Fleece. A good stock ram should meet the criteria within each grading area and be evaluated as an entire animal. The breed standards can be found here: <https://valaisblacknosesociety.co.uk/the-breed/>

For more information on castrating please go to:-

[Castration and tail docking](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sruc.ac.uk%2Fdownload%2Fdownloads%2Fid%2F3227%2Ftn679_castration_and_tail_docking_in_lambs.pdf%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR0KLeXAoae9oRnkxvVXN83teCuMrvDatT3CST1cHwpAcPU66aLhS9QSf7M&h=AT2gzK4BHiilJDzJEasN4C-a2NC9F7niPRXLSon5Cl3SQMcMWNgeTwxoWZVmuNl6yB1nTdGTO4tjbZrGH9UrktgJtIOISJy4hvWodiCSyTkt8AGUjByjab5QkPALi07AKcw5pLfR)