



PRESS RELEASE

### **Sale Records Soar at Blacknose Beauties National Show & Sale**

After not being able to hold a show since 2019 due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Valais Blacknose Society were very excited to be welcoming returning exhibitors and visitors back for the 2021 Blacknose Beauties National Show & Sale. Whilst the show format had to be adjusted and Swiss grading cancelled in line with regulations the 1-day event undoubtedly showcased some of the finest stock in the UK.

Breaking with Swiss tradition for this year only the show classes and championships were judged by Joint VBS Chairman David Hodge and Julian Walters of the well-known Blackertor flock, with 14 classes to judge and huge participant numbers it was no easy feat.

Scottish breeders Jenni McAllister and Raymond Irvine retained their Overall Supreme Champion title for the 5th year with their yearling ewe Highland Harmonie who was also the Overall Female Champion. Overall Reserve Champion and Overall Male Champion went to Welsh breeders Gerallt & Kerry Jones with their two-shear ram Snowdonia Goliath. Junior ewe lamb Cumberland Isa breed and owned by Adam & Alisha Kirkbride secured Reserve Female whilst Reserve Male was awarded to Jamie Wood's Junior ram lamb Prendwick Invisible.

The live and online sale, saw 72 lots go under the hammer. Once again Gerallt and Kerry Jones of the Snowdonia flock broke the overall breed sale record which they'd previously set in 2019 this time with homebred Snowdonia Goliath selling at 14,000gns. Following at 10,500gns and setting a new female breed record was Jenni McAllister and Raymond Irvine's Highland Harmonie, with Highland Hendrix selling at 9,000gns. Prendwick Invisible bred by Jamie Wood sold at 9,000gns with Adam Kirkbride's Cumberland Isa achieving 8,500gns.

This year also saw the return of the live Young Handlers competitions with 15 entries across both classes, the Age 8 and under young handler class winner was Alfie Bo Jones of the Snowdonia flock with best young handler age 9 and over awarded to Olivia Marston of the Bo-Peep flock.

ON behalf of the Society<

VBS Joint Chairman David Hodge said "Julian and I have been looking forward to judging the Blacknose Beauties show since we were invited. This was our first experience of the show, and the sheep did not disappoint, we were particularly impressed with the quality of confirmation and wool on display and proud to be involved in such a fantastic event".

Commenting on their win and show, Jenni McAllister, VBS Secretary, said:

"The Society is absolutely delighted to have been able to plan our first major event since the start of the pandemic. Whilst the show was adjusted in line with Coronavirus guidelines, we truly appreciated our members support which resulted in such a successful show. Hopefully, all being well the show can return to its original format next year and we can once more welcome our Swiss judges back. On a personal level it's been great to be back showing after two years and even better to see old friends and new. It's amazing to see the popularity of the breed continuing to grow year on year and the number of new breeders increasing. We are absolutely over the moon with our wins at this year's Blacknose Beauties and picking up the supreme title".

To close Joint VBS Chairman Raymond Irvine added:

“It has been a terrific day of competitions and the sale results were truly reflective of the quality breeding on offer from our members which is incredibly encouraging to see. I would like to thank our mainline sponsor GSC Grays, for all their support and Tomintoul Distillery both of which have supported the show since the very beginning and not forgetting all our class sponsors. As a Society we are very excited about the future of this breed and look forward to hopefully welcoming everyone back to a traditional Blacknose Beauties show next year”.

#### LEADING PRICES

**Lot      Price    Purchaser**

#### **RAMS**

101	14,000gns	Half Share Messrs Ellis, Dyffryn Flock, Denbigh Messrs Evans, Valeview Flock, Denbigh
141	9000gns	Messrs Simonini, Bampton, Penrith, Cumbria
115	9000gns	Messrs Beattie, Omagh, Co.Tyrone, N.Ireland
134	5000gns	Messrs Wilson, Appleby in Westmorland, Cumbria
106	5000gns	Messrs Beattie, Omagh, Co.Tyrone, N.Ireland
142	4500gns	Messrs Slee, Bideford, Devon

#### **EWES**

28	10,500gns	Messrs Coates, Filey, North Yorkshire
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26	5200gns	Whitehall Farms Ltd, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire
25	5000gns	Messrs Christie, Woore Road, Crewe, Cheshire
58	4800gns	Whitehall Farms Ltd, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire
22	4500gns	Whitehall Farms Ltd, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire
19	4200gns	Messrs Foley, Turton, Bolton, Lancs.
71	4200gns	Messrs Jones, Waunfawr, Caernarfon, Gwynedd
27	4200gns	BPI Ltd, Edinburgh
32	4200gns	BPI Ltd, Edinburgh
76	4000gns	Messrs Weir, Cumnock, Ayrshire

## AVERAGES

1 aged ram	£14,700.00	7 ewes	£3750.00
5 shearling rams	£3990.00	8 shearling ewes	£4948.13
10 lamb rams	£2761.50	18 ewe lambs	£3572.92



Supreme Champion: Highland Harmonie  
Jenni Mcallister & Raymond Irvine, Valais Blacknose Sheep  
Scotland



Reserve Supreme Champion & Sale Topper: Snowdonia Goliath  
Gerallt & Kerry Jones, Snowdonia Valais Blacknose