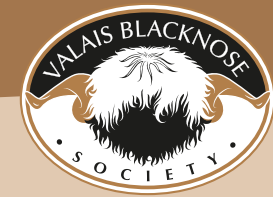


GRADER TIPS



SHEARING & PRESENTATION



- Plan your shearing ahead of events to aim for a minimum of 10cm staple length.



- Old wool is visible and affects overall appearance.



- When shearing, ensure heads and legs are also shorn.

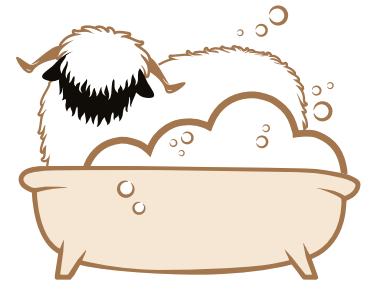


- Avoid trimming wool around the face after shearing.

WASHING & PREPARATION



- If attending multiple events, rinse the fleece with water for earlier shows.



- For the final show, wash using specialist products.

FIELD MANAGEMENT

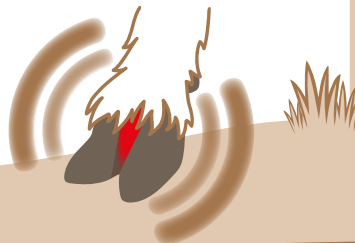
- Avoid keeping sheep in long grass before an event.



- Grass seeds and wet conditions can lead to scald.



- This may cause sheep to bite wool from their lower legs.



WOOL MANAGEMENT



- Maintain cleanliness in the months leading up to grading and show season.



- Good preparation makes final washing easier.