

Basic Care Requirements



The following are some typical requirements for successful sheep raising:

A 3-sided shelter to protect sheep and lambs from rain, sleet, snow, or wind.

About an acre of good, improved grass pasture per 5 ewes and their lambs, and good predator-proof fencing; possibly a Livestock Guardian Dog, or guard donkey or guard llama.

One or more good general sheep husbandry books such as *Storey's Guide to Sheep Raising* and Laura Lawson's *Lambing Problems* and *Managing Your Ewe*.

The dedication to get out to the barn twice a day to check on the sheep and to feed and water as necessary.

A place for storage of hay and grain.

Hoof trimmers, hand shears, halters, buckets, and a sheep-specific, loose salt mineral supplement.

Periodic hoof trimming, deworming, shearing and yearly vaccinations are standard care.

If you take the time to regularly handle your sheep they will tame down, walk on leashes, and enjoy socializing with people.

NABSSAR CODE OF ETHICS

To practice and support the goals, philosophy, and procedures as set forth by the NABSSAR.

To keep accurate records individually and turn in proper papers so that the NABSSAR is accurate overall.

To refrain from creating disharmony in the association by attacking the good will of other members or the organization; the flaming of a member or officer on the web or in public constitutes creating disharmony.

To refrain from the introduction of other breeds into Babydoll Southdown sheep to be presented for certification and registration.

To provide accurate and appropriate registration documents to purchasers of one's breeding stock.

To utilize safe animal husbandry practices to insure the health and well being of one's North American Babydoll Southdown Sheep flock.

To be candid in relation to the genetics of one's flock of sheep; to be forthright in dealing with the public and potential purchasers of one's stock.

To conduct oneself with stateliness and integrity at any breed organization function in such a manner as to enhance the image of the NABSSAR over oneself; to refrain from misrepresenting the organization; to respect the officers of the association.

To be knowledgeable about the North American Babydoll Southdown breed standard and thoroughly familiar with the various faults one may encounter in a North American Babydoll Southdown Sheep breeding program in order to preserve and protect the authenticity of the gene pool of the North American Babydoll Southdown breed of sheep.

To honor John Ellman by breeders' integrity in dealings and by efforts to maintain a good breed standard.

INTRODUCING

NABSSAR

AND THE

**NORTH AMERICAN BABYDOLL
SOUTHDOWN SHEEP ASSOCIATION &
REGISTRY**



BABYDOLL SOUTHDOWNS

Cute, small, docile, hardy sheep with desirable wool and wonderful temperaments. And no sheep smiles like a Babydoll! People can hardly resist smiling themselves when they see the cute, smirky, cinnamon face of a Babydoll Southdown lamb.

Come learn more about them by visiting us at:
www.nabssar.org



MARKETING

For the person raising this breed, Babydolls sell well in companion and 4H markets. They are valued in vineyards, sustainable agriculture, and organic farming. Their wool is wonderful for blending and favored among spinners and fiber artists who enjoy fine wool with remarkable spring. The recent trend toward small acreages has given them an important place in the new rural lifestyle for smaller animals. Babydolls also have select carcass value for the table, an attribute not shared by most other miniature breeds.



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- ❖ Affordable registrations and transfers
- ❖ On line newsletter – The Paddock
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- ❖ Membership and breeder's online directory
- ❖ Member owned and operated, non-profit
- ❖ Yearly calendar and contest
- ❖ Free extended pedigrees



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History

Babydoll Southdowns are sheep of the early Southdown type imported into the US and seen in England in the 1800's through the early 1900's. They are 18" to 24" at the shoulder and display the Southdown characteristics spelled out in the NABSSAR breed standard.

The Southdown breed of sheep originated in the South "Downs" of Sussex County, England. They are one of the oldest of the Down breeds. English farms kept these sheep for the flavorful meat and fine fleece. In the early 1800's these small, chunky Southdowns were imported to the United States.

By the 1960's, producers and consumers desired larger carcasses, and the smaller sheep were crossed with larger sheep to produce a larger Southdown. These larger animals make up the background of the American Southdowns of today.

Around 1990, small flocks of the original smaller type Southdowns were gathered up and labeled Olde English Babydoll Southdowns to differentiate them from the larger modern Southdown, and a sole proprietorship registry was formed to register these sheep.

Numbers grew and eventually some Babydoll Southdown sheep fanciers envisioned a publicly owned, board governed association and registry to educate and share information and to encourage members to work together or the good of the breed. On June 10, 2003, the North American Babydoll Southdown Association and Registry was formed and became certified as a non-profit corporation. NABSSAR's goal is to preserve the original Southdown type and characteristics for which these sheep are known.



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BABYDOLL SOUTHDOWNS

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| HEIGHT | 18 – 24" |
| WEIGHT | EWES 70 – 140 LBS RAMS 100 – 200 LBS LAMBS 3 – 9 LBS * |
| COLORS | OFF-WHITE BLACK |
| LIFESPAN | 9-14 YEARS |
| WOOL | 22 – 29 MICRONS SHORT STAPLED 2 – 3" PER YEAR |
| GESTATION | 145 – 147 DAYS |
| MOTHERING | EXCELLENT |
| BIRTHS | EASILY PRODUCE TWINS AND OCCASIONALLY TRIPLETS |
| * weights vary due to heights, muscling, length, and whether lambs are singles, twins or triplets | |