

## MANX LOAGHTAN SHEEP BREEDERS' GROUP FLOCK COMPARISONS COMPETITION 2020

The MLSBG Committee has launched the Manx Loaghtan Sheep Comparisons Competition 2020.

- **PURPOSE:** To enable interested members to see the flocks of other members and understand the differences in stock, management and breeder's policies to enable members to appreciate the diversity of all aspects of the breed and counteract the geographical problems related to the wide dispersal of flocks throughout the UK, which limits face-to-face interaction between members of the Group.
- **PROCESS:** Entrants to the competition will complete a basic flock information questionnaire and produce a video description of their flock, no longer than 10 minutes long. There are two categories:
  - Flocks of less than 15 breeding ewes
  - Flocks of more than 15 breeding ewes
  - Videos to be submitted to the Judges' Panel by 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020
  - Prizes to winning entrants to be awarded at 2020 AGM at Melton Mowbray Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Competitors will need to agree to allow their entries to be posted on the MLSBG website

- **JUDGING:** Entries will be judged on the following parameters:
  - presentation of the video
  - description of flock
  - look of the sheep in the flock

The Judges' Panel will be a sub-group of three MLSBG Committee members

- **ENTRANCE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Entrants are to complete the following baseline questionnaire:

- a. Size of flock
- b. Area of pasture available to you for grazing
- c. Reason for keeping a flock of Manx Loaghtan – fleece/meat/conservation grazing/preservation of breed

Other aspects of the breeder's interest such as showing, education, particular characteristics of their sheep, where they farm, why they keep Manx Loaghtans, the challenges they face, cross breeding etc will be left for the entrants to cover in their video.

- **TO ENTER COMPETITION**

Send your name and baseline questionnaire answers to your Breed Secretary by e-mail to [jhedges@doctors.org.uk](mailto:jhedges@doctors.org.uk) or post to 59 Spring Lane, Bassingbourn, Cambs, SG8 5HT.