



Valais Blacknose Sheep Society  
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To whom it may concern:

The Valais Blacknose Sheep Society (VBSS) transitioned to an online, paperless registry in December 2023. Using the Grassroots Systems Ltd. registry system, VBSS verifies and validates parentage and pedigree using DNA and individual password-protected farmer accounts.

VBSS no longer mails out hard copy paper certificates. This letter is offered as evidence of the validity of the registration papers or proof you might be shown.

VBSS acknowledges three methods for proof of registration:

1. a pedigree that contains the animal USDA scrapie tag and the Grassroots Systems Ltd. icon (shown below),
2. a printed copy of the VBSS certificate of recording bearing the VBSS logo (also shown below) or
3. on-line evidence (via phone app or web browser verification) of registration by Grassroots Systems Ltd.

I appreciate your willingness to accept these registration methods. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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