



## PEDIGREE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



### **HERD BOOK REGISTRATION**

Herd Book registration is required for any pig

- from which you wish to breed pedigree pigs
- which you wish to enter at shows supported by the BPA and possibly at other shows and sales
- which you sell for export or pedigree breeding

If you sell a pedigree pig for breeding you must register the pig and transfer it to the new owner. In this case you only pay the registration fee and the transfer is free of charge. If you register a pig for your own use and then sell it to a new owner you must complete a Registered Pig Transfer form. In this case you pay a transfer fee. The new owner cannot birth notify litters from the pig until the transfer is complete. Herd Book registration forms and Registered Pig Transfer forms are available from the BPA for a modest fee. Both services are also available on line at discounted rates.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for Herd Book entry a pig must (except in exceptional circumstances) be:

- bred in the United Kingdom
- have at least 12 teats
- ear-marked and birth recorded with the BPA
- the offspring of parents already registered either in the Herd Book of the same breed (or in a supplementary register of the Herd Book maintained at BPA's discretion)
- conform to any other such regulations as are made by the BPA Council from time to time

(Note a purchaser of an eligible pedigree pig sold as a commercial animal will require the breeder's authorisation to register it at a later date).

### **Family Names and Numerals**

It is at the registration stage that a pig is named and is allocated a Herd Book number. The name consists of the herd prefix, followed by a family name of not more than two words. Boars adopt the name of their sire; females adopt the name of their dam. Name changes cannot be introduced, except under circumstances approved by BPA.

As families of a herd expand, numerals are used behind the name. They must be sequential within the line, ie Playboy Lucky Lass 2nd, Lucky Lass 3rd, etc (there is no '1st'; the original pig in the herd uses the name only). You may also use the ear number as a numeral.

### **Herd Book Numbers**

Every pig registered in the herdbook is given a unique Registration Number which appears on the Herdbook Registration Certificate. No member may sell or offer or advertise for sale a pure-bred pig by name unless it has been registered.

**For more details see the BPA leaflet – Pedigree Breeding First Steps**

### **EXPORTING PEDIGREE PIGS**

An export pedigree certificate will be required by a purchaser (or authority concerned with the shipping) of a pedigree pig sold overseas as pure breeding stock. Pigs for export must first be herd book registered after which an export pedigree certificate can be issued.