



## PEDIGREE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



### **RECORDING PEDIGREE PIGS**

There are three simple but essential stages to recording pedigree pigs in the BPA Herd Book.

a) Ear Marking

All pigs must be ear-marked by eight weeks of age or before being separated from their mother/mixed with other pigs if it occurs sooner.

b) Litter Notification

A litter notification form must be submitted to the BPA before the relevant litter is ten weeks of age.

c) Herd Book Registrations

Any pig that is ear-marked, and which has been notified on a litter notification form, is eligible to be entered into the Herd Book.

All of these three stages are described in more detail on the following pages.

For all pedigree recording you will require:

a) Herd Designation Letters (HDL)

You will have been allocated an identifying set of three letters (HDL), by the BPA. It is most important that they are used whenever records require them.

b) Herd Prefix/Name

Your herd prefix will have been notified to you by BPA. All pigs bred by you that are to be entered in the Herd Book must be recorded under your prefix.

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The BPA publishes an on-line pedigree Herd Book, which lists all the registered pedigree pigs by breed. As a BPA member the details of your pedigree activity including your name and address will be published in the on-line Herd Book.



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### **EAR MARKING**

Every pedigree pig reared in every litter must be ear-marked. Ear-marking must be carried out by the breeder of a pig (the person on whose premises the animal was born), be completed before weaning or mixing with another litter and in any case not later than eight weeks of age.

The basic BPA requirement for ear-marking with regard to Herd Book identification purposes is an ear number and possibly Herd Designation Letters. Commence allocating numbers from 1 for the first litter. Mark each sex separately, starting with males. Each subsequent pig will have a separate number in sequence. Continue the numerical progression with subsequent litters.

The BPA recommends Tattooing or Notching for Pedigree Identification. If you opt to use tags as your only form of identification you must inform the BPA in writing and follow the rules for double tagging registered pigs. Pigs for showing must be tattooed or notched.

**Birth notified pigs** can be identified with ear tattoos, ear notches or ear tags.

**Registered pigs** must be identified with ear tattoos, ear notches or double tags (one in each ear). The BPA database can hold two ID's for each registered pig which could be a notch and a tag, a tattoo and a tag or two tags with different numbers. Registered pigs identified with tags **must** be double tagged, one in each ear, the tag numbers can be the same or different. It is recommended that every registered pig should have two forms of identification recorded on the BPA database.

**Replacement ID.** Tattoos fade, Ear notches can get torn and tags can get pulled out. If your registered pig needs a replacement ID you must apply in writing to the BPA. An inspection and DNA testing may be required.

**DEFRA** As well as complying with the requirements of pedigree identification all pig breeders must follow the rules set out in the Pig Records, Identification and Movements Order (PRIMO). A copy of the latest DEFRA leaflet is included.



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### Identification equipment suppliers

The Association recommends Fearing International who offer discounts to members

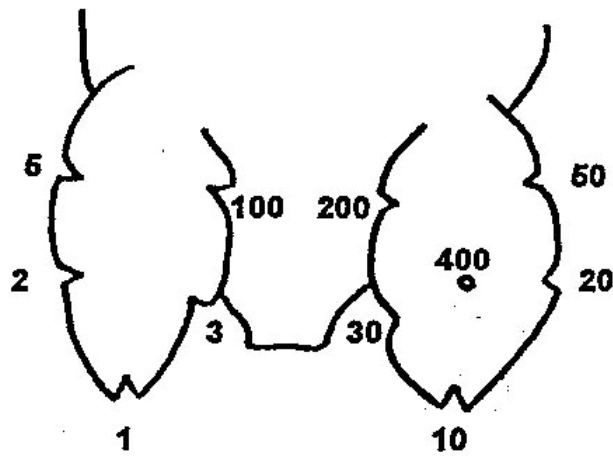
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Other identification equipment suppliers include

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## EXAMPLES OF EAR NOTCHING

### British Saddleback breed



This system provides a continuous series of numbers from 1 to 799. A punch hole (400) must not be inserted in the right ear.

A single notch is clipped at the positions required to build each number

eg notches at 1 and 3 = 4

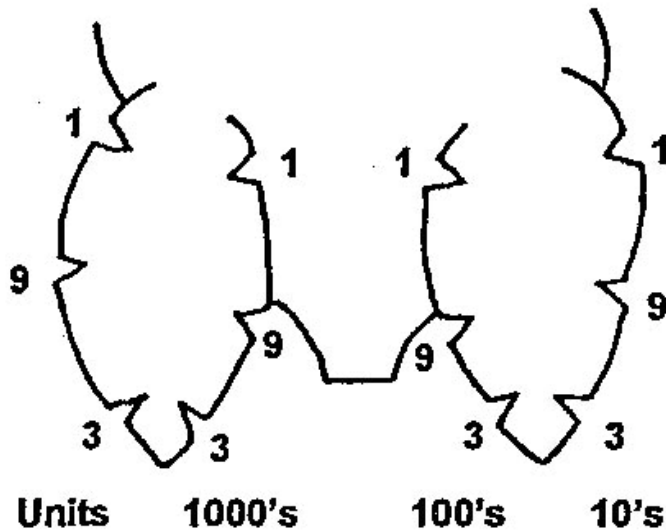
notches at 1,3, 5, 30 and 200 = 239

notches at 2, 5, 10, 200 and 400 = 617

(Note: notches at 1 and 2 do not = 3, use notch position 3

notches at 2 and 3 do not = 5, use notch position 5)

### Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire and Large Black breeds



In order that certain numbers can be allocated, it is necessary to place two notches adjacent to each other at the same position.

eg two notches at the 1 (units) location = 2

adding notch 3 (units) to these at the appropriate location = 5

25 would require a further two adjacent notches at the 1 (10s) location

625 needs two further adjacent notches at the 3 (100s) location and so on.

Special instruments for notching pigs are available from veterinary instrument suppliers. Notches should not be cut more than 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch deep.