

# VALAIS BLACKNOSE BREED SOCIETY

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## VALAIS BLACKNOSE BREED STANDARDS

**Breed Standards** (taken from Valais Blacknose Sheep Society Uk and re-translated from the Swiss standards)

### **Origin and History**

The black-nosed sheep is a frugal landrace that is very well adapted to the harsh mountain conditions. This unique breed originates from the Upper Valais, the German speaking part of the canton of Valais. There are indications that this breed has existed since the 15th century.

### **Breed Characteristics**

The name of the Blacknose sheep is derived from its black nose. The black nose extends to the middle of the face and continues without interruption to the eyes. The ears are black as well. Furthermore, there are black spots on the hocks and on the front knees. In addition, the legs are short black booted. The females have a tail spot. Typical for the Blacknose sheep are the helical or spiral-shaped horns. The whole body, including the head and the legs, should be evenly woolly.

### **Overall Appearance**

The Valais Blacknose is a mountain breed of sheep with an even fleece all over the body. The horns and colour characteristics shape the unique appearance of Valais Blacknose. The Valais Blacknose has a well balanced, robust, large, solid frame.

### **Type (format)**

#### **Colors Features**

- black from nose to the centre of the face
- black eye rims, both sides connected via the black nose
- black ears
- black, horizontal ankle colouring
- even, black spots on the hocks and on the front knees
- In females a tail spot is desirable but it must not be too large and must be interrupted

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In males no tail spot is tolerated  
Females get a point deduction when a feature is missing, depending on type and format

### **Head and Neck**

Short head  
wide mouth, broad forehead and Roman nose  
ears medium length  
distinctive head shape in males  
short, strong neck

### **Horns**

spiral shape, in the horizontal direction well away of the jaws  
occasional black streaks are tolerated

### **Chest, Shoulders, Withers**

Wide and deep chest  
Shoulder close fitting  
Withers broad and closed  
Good spring of ribs

### **Back, Loin**

Long, straight and broad back  
Wide loin

### **Pelvis, belly, hind legs**

Belly medium-sized with small paralumbar fossa  
Wide and medium-long pelvis  
Hind legs, well muscled

### **Withers (from two years)**

Female: 72 - 78 cm  
Male 75 - 83 cm

### **Weight (from two years)**

Female 70 - 90 kg  
Male 80 - 125 kg

### **Foundation**

#### **Limbs**

Strong and well placed  
not cow-hocked and not bowlegged  
wide-legged position of the front legs ( not knock-kneed)

#### **Foundation**

Medium hock regulation  
Short strong ankles  
solid bone structure

### **Gait**

Roomy, sure-footed and wide legged  
Not swaying

### **Wool**

Fineness 5-4 (36-40 microns) Staple length more than 10cm (5-6 months growth -

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sheep should be shorn twice yearly)  
Even natural all over the body, including the head and legs  
Uniformly white, some scattered black hairs are tolerated on the neck (for males  
up to 18 months, this is a reason for exclusion)  
Even fleece

Docked tails must be in line with the top of the black markings on hocks.

### Reasons for exclusion

#### Anatomy

Jaws - condensed mandible or jaw unequal length  
Teeth - if teeth are not up to the gummy plate of fitting (up to 18 months, for  
both male and female)  
Worn through ankles/hooves  
Dwarfism  
Single testicle  
Testicular sac rupture

#### Colours Features

In males body spots within the fleece area (above the belly line), tail spots and  
the absence of a colour feature

#### Wool

Short hairs or like twine  
An excessive number of guard hairs  
Mixed-coloured wool up to the age of 18 months in the males.

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