



All members should use this guide when entering cattle into any official Society sale, ensuring that all the necessary steps are taken to maximise your opportunities in the sale rings.

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## Herd Health Declaration and Pen Cards

Members should complete a Herd Health Declaration Form and include this at the time of entry, or alternatively forward this directly to the Society. Herd Health Declaration Forms can be found at [www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk/resources/show-and-sales-resources](http://www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk/resources/show-and-sales-resources). All cattle entered for official Society sales must have a completed Health Declaration Pen Card displayed above the animal, copies of which are available from the CHECS Approved Health Scheme of which you are required to be a member.

## Minimum health requirements: BVD/Johnes

If your entries are from a BVD accredited herd they must be vaccinated with an approved vaccine no more than 12 months prior to the date of the sale. If your entries are from a herd which is not BVD accredited, then the individual animals which have entered must be tested free of BVD and vaccinated no more than three months prior to the date of the sale.

### Johnes risk levels 1-5

Level 1	This is directly equivalent to the previous CHECS Accredited status. Level 1 status is associated with the lowest risk when buying in stock. Health plan required.
Level 2	Level 2 status herds have had one or two clear consecutive herd tests. Health plan required.
Level 3	Level 3 status herds have reactors identified at the annual herd test, but these are no more than 3% of the animals tested. Health plan required.
Level 4	Herds with Level 4 status have reactors identified at the annual herd test, and these amount to more than 3% of the animals tested. Health plan required.
Level 5	Any herd that is not carrying out the required testing or does not have a suitable health plan in place automatically falls into this category. Level 5 status is considered to be the greatest risk with respect to Johnes when buying in stock. <i>Note: level 5 animals are not eligible for official sales.</i>

The Society encourage members to join all CHECS accreditation schemes to give buyers added confidence.

## DNA

All males and led females should be sire verified and myostatin tested in line with Society requirements. More information on these requirements can be found at: [www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk/sire-verified-aberdeen-angus](http://www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk/sire-verified-aberdeen-angus)

Breedplan EBVs are important to buyers so please ensure animals are scanned for the data to be displayed in the catalogue. Members should contact the Registrations department as early as possible with the tag numbers of animals being entered for sale. It is vital that we

arrange DNA/Myostatin testing in plenty of time. Occasionally we may require a repeat sample if the original tissue sample does not work, therefore it is vital that you give us ample time to ensure we have results back prior to the sale.

If your bull has not been sire verified or Myostatin status confirmed prior to the official catalogue going to print, the bull will be removed from the catalogue and not be passed for sale.

## Inspections

Following arrival at the sale premises all cattle are subject to an official veterinary inspection. To avoid disappointment of having cattle rejected please use the guide below before consigning cattle to the sale:

- Ensure the dentition is correct - teeth must make contact with the dental pad of the upper jaw. Animals found to have undershot or overshot jaws will be rejected.
- Testicles (size, shape, consistency) will be evaluated and measured and must attain the following minimum measurements of 30cm at 12 months, 32cm at 18 months and 34cm 24 months.
- Make sure all animals are free from scurs.
- No white markings in front of navel.

If the vet considers any animal to be carrying a heritable genetic or phenotypic condition which in their opinion is detrimental to the integrity of the breed then the animal will be debarred from the sale and no progeny registered.



### Contagious diseases

Check that all animals are free from Warts (particular attention should be paid to the sheath and scrotal area of bulls), Ringworm, Mange and Lice or other contagious diseases.

### Treatments

If your entries are showing signs of any of the above conditions and have been treated, then a signed veterinary certificate to that effect must accompany your entry.

### Performance recorded herds

For your entries to have their latest EBV information in the catalogue they will require to have a Birth Weight, a 200 Day Weight, a 400 Day Weight, a Check Weight and have had the animals scanned.

### Weight for age

We have a lot of data now on bull sales and the type of bull that meet buyers' expectations. With the usual caveats on locomotion, conformation and breed character, bulls really need the genetic capability to grow and flesh out well if they are to catch the buyer's eye. Data would indicate that bulls which fail to achieve a daily live weight gain (DLWG) of 1.4kg/day from birth to date of sale are historically more difficult to sell.

All animals **MUST** have their **LOT NUMBER LABEL** applied at the time of the inspection.

Failure to attend for inspection in the time slot identified by the auctioneers and Society will automatically debar an animal from the show and sale.

### Society Sale Auctioneers

**Aberdeen and Northern Marts**  
01467 623700

**Dungannon Farmers Mart**  
028 8772 2727

**Harrison and Hetherington**  
01228 406230

**McCartneys** 01905 769770

**CCM Skipton** 01756 792375

**United Auctions** 01786 473055

### Health Scheme Providers

**AFBI Cattle Health Scheme**  
[www.afbini.gov.uk/articles/afbi-cattle-health-scheme](http://www.afbini.gov.uk/articles/afbi-cattle-health-scheme)  
028 90 255689

**HiHealth Herdcare**  
[www.biobest.co.uk/hi-health-herdcare-cattle-health-scheme.html](http://www.biobest.co.uk/hi-health-herdcare-cattle-health-scheme.html)  
0131 440 2628

**SAC Premium Cattle Health Scheme**  
[www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120112/premium\\_cattle\\_health\\_scheme](http://www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120112/premium_cattle_health_scheme)  
01835 822456

For all sale dates: [www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk/events](http://www.aberdeen-angus.co.uk/events)

Please note: if for any reason you are unsure about anything please contact the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society, your Council representative or your vet.