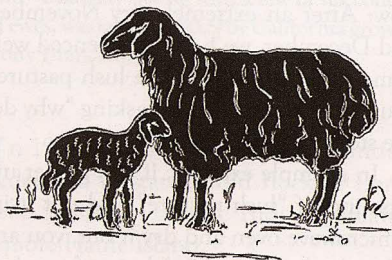


New Karakul Shepherds Alliance: Looking For Karakul Breeders

“After 15 years with closed books, isolated, unregistered flocks will be a source of unique and valuable genetics for the American Karakul,” said Julia DeVlieg, Founder of the new registry.

The mission of the Karakul Shepherds Alliance is to collect and disseminate information about Karakul Sheep for the benefit of current and future breeders, while acknowledging and honoring past pioneers and leaders of the breed.

The establishment of the Karakul Shepherds Alliance is to provide a tool for shepherds to communicate and locate lost or isolated Karakul sheep breeders and their purebred flocks. The Alliance will include a roster of flocks and a registry service.



Karakul is a fat-tail breed from central Asia that has been in the U.S. for more than 100 years. It was imported as a unique “fur sheep” that is quite hardy and has tasty meat.

The original American Karakul Sheep Registry was established in 1985 by Julia DeVlieg as an open registry for this ancient breed. In 2001 the registry was sold and the books prematurely closed to unregistered individuals. With the advent of this Alliance, books will be open to unregistered flocks.

If you know of any Karakul breeders please help spread the word and tell them about the Karakul Shepherds Alliance.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact me.

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