

**CONDITIONS/ GUIDELINES FOR SALES OF REGISTERED SHETLAND PONIES  
AT READING AUCTION CENTRE**

1. Ponies must not be removed from pens without the owner or his/ her representative being present.
2. If the owner is not present in person, a representative must be nominated in advance who will be responsible for the ponies, and this information given to the Auctioneer.
3. All stock must be registered with the Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society at least 4 weeks BEFORE the closing date of the sale.
4. The minimum age of foals to be sold is eighteen weeks on the day of the Sale even if being sold at foot. The foal's exact date of birth must be stated on the entry form.
5. It must be emphasised that foals, unless being sold at foot, must be weaned. This means they must be able to drink water and eat hard feed independently.
6. No ponies will be accepted for sale if they have undergone any form of surgical procedure e.g. castration, within 4 weeks of the sale date.
7. Owners who have had ponies suffering from an infectious disease within one month of the Sale must not present any ponies for sale. Any ponies showing symptoms of an infectious disease such as coughing, swollen glands, high temperature or a muco-purulent nasal discharge (snotty nose) will be excluded from the Sale.
8. Any ponies over the age of 18 years must have a Vet's certificate, dated the day before the Sale, stating that the pony is fit to travel. The pony must only be vetted the day immediately prior to the Sale. If no such certificate is received by the Auctioneer, the pony must not be permitted to go forward for sale. No ponies over 20 years of age will be accepted for sale.
9. If a mare is in foal, it is assumed it is to a stallion/entire male registered with SPS-BS. If in foal to an unregistered stallion/entire male, the progeny will not be eligible for registration with the Society. The covering stallion/entire male's name and registration number and date(s) of covering must be clearly stated on the form.
10. In the interests of welfare, it is recommended that lactating mares are not entered unless sold with foal at foot, nor should mares due to foal within eight weeks or less of the date of the Sale be entered.
11. Full details of the following must be given on the entry form and printed in the catalogue:  
Sire's name and Stud-Book number                      Dam's name and Stud-Book number  
Exact date of birth of pony  
Name and registration number of covering stallion / entire male, if applicable. Dates of covering must be included.  
If mares have not been covered in the current season, this must be stated
12. In the interests of welfare, working ponies of four years old or over only may be clipped.
13. TRANSFER FEES – Please note that it is the responsibility of NEW OWNERS to pay the transfer fees for ponies they have purchased to the Shetland Pony Stud-Book Society.
14. All ponies must have a passport. No pony will be allowed to be presented for sale unless the passport has been received by the Auctioneer's Office prior to the Sale. The passport must then be passed to the new owner for the onward journey. **Vendors to provide a signed transfer slip with each passport.**