



RC/AG(RBSTS&S)

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Dear Mrs Beveridge

RBST NATIONAL SHOW & SALE

The Trust's annual National Show and Sale ran for 26 years until FMD forced its abandonment in 2001.

During the past year we have been investigating the feasibility of re-launching it as a major event in the Trust's calendar, hopefully in 2008. Our research leads us to conclude that the most appropriate time and location for the event remain as they were when it last took place, i.e. the late summer/early autumn at a central England venue.

We have received many expressions of interest and encouragement, both from breed societies and individuals, for the return of the show and sale as an RBST event incorporating official society sales. We would like to discuss the options with you and will be calling a meeting of all breed societies on 14th March 2007. I hope this will give you sufficient opportunity to canvass the views of your members.

The meeting also will provide an opportunity to discuss various other issues such as the launch of Defra's National Action Plan and breed structure analyses.

Yours sincerely

Richard Clarke
Chief Executive