D & C Fawcett Ltd

Sheep Breeding Services

AI and ET Products & Services

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THERE IS LOADS MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.Sheepbreeding.co.uk

CHECK IT OUT!

We have a huge variety of semen and products/equipment for sale.

PRICE LIST **(All prices subject to VAT at 20%):**

Semen services:

Disease testing (MV/BDV)	£40 per ram
Collect semen & process	£15.00
Freezing Ram Semen (per dose)	£1.90 per dose for up to 100

50 doses from one tup would usually cost approximately £190+VAT to freeze not including storage.

NO CHARGE FOR SUBSISTENCE FOR ANIMALS ON CENTRE

Store semen (per 100 doses per year)	£20
Tank management (per month)	£35
(if you have your own tank)	

Ordering semen from catalogue

Semen Handling Charge (non D&C Fawcett clients*)	£12-18 per batch
Semen Transport Charge (non D&C Fawcett clients*)	£15 minimum

* These charges do not apply if we do the AI/ET

Artificial Insemination (Laparascopic)

(per ewe for 5)	£20
(per ewe for 5-10)	£15
(per ewe for 11-20)	£12
(per ewe for 20-50)	£10
(per ewe for 50-100)	£8
(100+ or <5)	quotes available

MINIMUM ON FARM CHARGE NOW £400

Embryo Transfer:

Flush ewe (embryos collected)	£190
Flush ewe (no embryos collected)	£85
Transfer embryo (single)	£45
Transfer embryo (twin)	£30
Freeze embryo/s (per straw or 1-4 embryos)	£15
Thaw embryos (per straw)	£15

Quantity discounts available (>5 flushes)

Visit Charges also apply £ 60 – 200 (depending on locality)

On Centre Charges:

If you would prefer us to do everything –	
Programme donor ewe for a flush on centre	£50

Miscellaneous Services:

Vasectomise Rams	£45 each
Cervical AI training (1st Thursday in July annually)	£200+vat for day course
(We also supply equipment -see website)	Please contact us for details.

Semen Sales

Top class semen available for sale – see on-line catalogue for details.

Regulin® Price on application

Gun

Postage costs apply

Sponges normally purchased through your local vet but in certain circumstances may be purchased from us (see page 6)

New clients please note our *terms and conditions of business* (page 10).

Cost of ET

Many people look at the price list and become confused, to make the pricing structure as fair as possible we try to charge according to success.
Here are a few examples of what ET can cost:

Firstly, an **average result** - 6 embryos

Prepare donor (if we programme sheep for you on centre)	50.00
Prepare recipients (say 5)	75.00
(please note that if flushed on farm there would be 2 visits to pay at £60 to £120)	
Flush Donor	190.00
6 embryos transferred into 3 recipients	180.00
TOTAL 1	**£495.00**

Secondly, a **good result** - 12 embryos

Optional programme on centre (as above)	95.00
Flush Donor	190.00
12 embryos transferred into 6 recipients	360.00
TOTAL 2	**£645.00**

Assuming a 50 % conception rate (often proves better than this);
The first example will yield 3 lambs at £165 (not including recipient and semen costs)
The second will yield 6 lambs at £107.50

On farm ET work is subject to visit costs. There must be a minimum of 4 donors for on farm ET work and it is subject to availability depending on time of year etc.
Freezing embryos - adds another £15 per pair of embryos, as does thawing.

The more lambs you have, the less each one will cost to produce.

Cost of Semen Freezing

Daily ram collection fee (not weekends) £15

Per dose semen freezing fee £1.90

Rams will be blood sampled for diseases such as MV and Border Disease. This costs £40 per ram. This is essential to prevent transfer of these diseases to other flocks.

EXAMPLE:

Ram in for 3 days, 50 doses of semen frozen:

£40 blood test	=	40	
3 x £15 day charges	=	45	(THIS CAN VARY DEPENDING ON TUP)
50 x £1.90 doses	=	95	
TOTAL	=	£190 + VAT =	£228

There are further discounts available for large quantities of semen frozen.

Tups coming into the centre

Tups coming into the centre must be free from any contagious disease conditions which will put other sheep in the centre at risk. For example active or recent "New Forest Eye" or conditions similar, acute pneumonia is also a significant risk. Confirmed Johne's disease is especially unwelcome. It may be possible to collect tups on farm in certain cases.

Tups must be free from lameness, especially back feet.

We do not charge for keep but a bale or two of hay would be appreciated depending how long they are with us. We do have coarse mix to give them. However if you have a special mix, feel free to bring some.

Please consider insuring your ram for the period he is at the shed. Every care is taken and the pens are designed specifically for rams but high value rams should be insured. **We do not insure the rams, they are admitted at the owner's risk.**

Please bring a license and sign the admittance sheet. If the ram is MV accredited please bring proof.

Many thanks for your co-operation Dan, Charlie & the team

SPONGES: Tackling The Issues

For a long time now the standard progesterone impregnated device used to synchronise your ewes has been the Chronogest® 20mg sponge. **In most cases these are fine and can be purchased along with the pmsg from your local vet**. For the last 2 seasons availability has been patchy and our advice is to order them early and in plenty of time.

For a few years now many clients of the larger breeds have been using 2 sponges at the same time. Whilst this can help, it can also lead to much confusion and increases the probability of retained or lost sponges. The easy answer is to use a single 30mg or 45mg sponge, these products also have a much superior string to the Chronogest. We import these at the beginning of the season. We now have a wholesale dealers license and can supply them to anyone with a special import certificate. Please cotact us if you want some.

You may not be aware that the standard sponge is not specifically licensed for shearlings/ewe lambs and over the years we have had to deal with many cases of sponge application damage/ infection/ retention. The better alternative is to use the plastic cidr which we also obtain on a special treatment license. We have these too.

Contact the office on 01768 890935 to discuss your requirements or
email us at enquiries@sheepbreeding.co.uk
Or visit our website sheepbreeding.co.uk

Getting the best out of AI and ET

Consider using regulin and high progesterone sponges, especially in larger breeds or when going early season.
Consider using smaller progesterone devices in shearlings as standard sponges not licensed in shearlings (see across page).

Maximising your success with AI:

1. Use a teaser ram, especially on your shearlings, introduce him 2-3 weeks prior to commencing the programme, remove him when you put the sponges in and re-introduce him when you pull your sponges.
2. Use frozen semen only on ewes that have been marked with a teaser. This is especially useful when using AI on shearlings (Fresh semen can be used on those not marked with a teaser).
3. Avoid programming ewes that have not held to AI in the past.
4. Starve your ewes 24 hours immediately prior to AI as per the programme and avoid getting them over fat.
5. Scan early (35-40 days) and any that have not cycled and are empty, give Estrumate® or equivalent to get them cycling again.
6. Run a teaser ram with your ewe lambs in their first winter to get them cycling. This makes it easier the following year when you want them to get in lamb.
7. Start thinking about preparation of ewes and rams at least 8 weeks before a programme to get them fit and ready. Clipping, worming & fluke treatment *, foot-trimming, dipping and mineral supplementation should all be part of a comprehensive programme to get your sheep ready for the most important part of their year. I have even seen farmers in New Zealand chase rams round the field on a bike twice a day to get them fit !

   * consider faecal egg counts before and after to ensure efficacy, growing problem with resistance to flukicides and wormers. Look at Fluke forecasts to see when best time to treat. Maintain non-resistant population by not treating ewes, tups, teasers etc. except when necessary. Check out our website for more veterinary advice: www.sheepbreeding.co.uk

Maximising your success with ET:

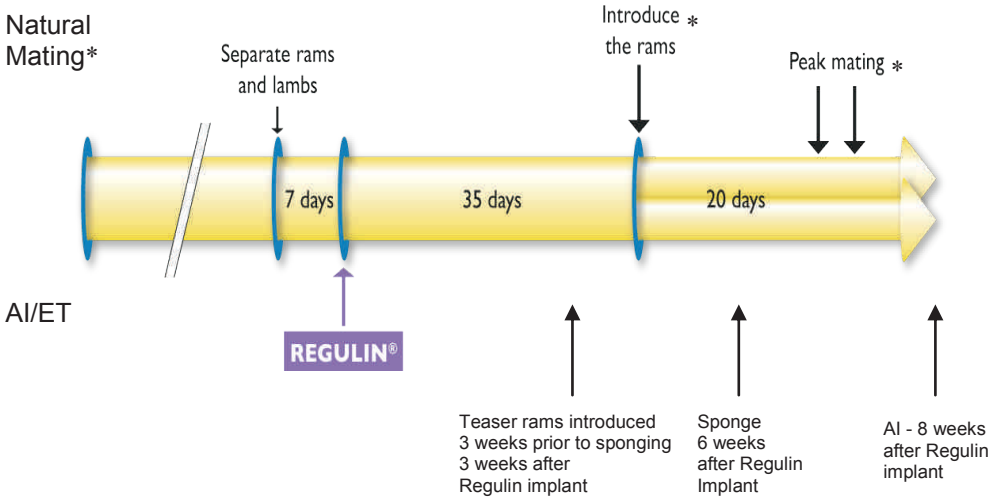
1. Avoid flushing show sheep unless feeding regime is sensible and showing stress is moderate (i.e.fewer, local shows).
2. Choose the best candidate as a donor, i.e. older ewe that has consistently bred well. Also select ewes that have yielded twins or triplets naturally. These sheep are likely to superovulate well.
3. Use recipients from your own flock or ones that have had several months to ‘acclimatise’ to the farm.
4. Start preparations early as with AI.
5. After procedure ewe will be given prostaglandin to bring her into season. This can be repeated at weekly intervals until she does come tupping.

(Please remember to keep the donors inside for 10 days after ET, so the tup will have to come to the ewe.)

USE OF REGULIN IN AI & ET PROGRAMMES

Important Facts:
Regulin will only bring sheep forward by 2 months from their normal breeding time.
Sheep have to have enjoyed some long days (summer) before they respond to long nights.
Certain rams are lazy out of season and benefit from implanting with 2 Regulin implants a week before the ewes
Teasers can be used 10-14 days at day 42 before rams go in at day 52-56.
The earlier you bring sheep forward the greater delay to peak tupping.
The 35 day gap between implanting ewes and introducing rams can be lengthened or shortened several days (for natural mating).
GO TO WEBSITE for PICTURES OF HOW TO PLACE REGULIN IMPLANTS

EXAMPLES OF THE USE OF REGULIN:



Please note that the times stated above can be manipulated to a degree. Generally, a minimum of 4 weeks Regulin is required before sponging. Therefore a minimum of 6 weeks from implanting to AI. The 7 day separation shown above helps "ram effect" but is also optional.

Testimonial from David Inman, Lindum Suffolks

"Regulin implants used … ewes were implanted **60 days before AI day** - this was done on the hope that ewes would cycle once before sponging and that ewes would be at peak sexual activity on AI day. The additional cost of approximately £3 per ewe does not seem excessive if the non pregnant ewes actually repeat rather than go anoestrus as occasionally happens"
2011 scan results: 90% ewes held to AI (50% frozen, 50% fresh semen)
195% Lambs scanned
70% of repeats held to return service

We can supply Regulin® at very competitive prices. Please contact us for a quote.

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Regulin®

To control reproduction is to control the future

- Improved fertility
- Improved fecundity
- Improved prolificacy
- Normal return to season

REGULIN® is an implant containing 18mg melatonin POM-VPS

Speak to the vet undertaking the AI about this product.
Use medicines responsibly (www.noah.co.uk/responsible)

Further information is available from:

Ceva Animal Health Ltd Unit 3, Anglo Office Park, White Lion Road, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 9FB
Tel: 01494 781510 Fax: 01494 781519
www.ceva.co.uk

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Terms and Conditions

for supply of Goods and Services by D & C Fawcett Ltd. Sheep Breeding Services:

1. **Semen is stored at the owner's risk** and **insurance is the owner's responsibility** unless D&C Fawcett Ltd., or a member of staff, can be proved to have acted in a negligent manner. Every effort is taken to ensure that the semen is stored safely. Long term storage will be in flasks which are checked at least once weekly. These flasks are kept in a secure environment.
2. **Failure to pay semen storage charges** may result in the destruction of the semen. Where the semen has a reasonable market value it may be sold to recover storage costs.
3. Although every effort is made using current techniques and standard practices, the subsequent **conception rates** of any semen that is frozen either by D&C Fawcett Ltd. or any other party **cannot be guaranteed**.
4. Any **animals brought into the centre are there at the owners' risk**. Trained support staff and veterinarians will care for the animals at all times during their stay.
5. D&C Fawcett Ltd. cannot accept responsibility for damage or loss of semen or embryos in transit.
6. D&C Fawcett Ltd. cannot accept responsibility for the failure of semen or embryos to arrive from a third party in time for a specific AI/ET date, neither can it accept responsibility for the effectiveness of this semen and embryos.
7. Semen supplied by D&C Fawcett Ltd. but not used for whatever reason cannot be returned. It will be stored under the purchaser's name at their expense until its use, movement to another place of storage or destruction.
8. As soon as a purchase is agreed the risk of storage/transport etc. will be passed on to the new owner of the semen, as does the responsibility for handling and storage charges. A purchase will be agreed as soon as the purchaser has submitted a signed semen order form and a release note has been signed by the vendor.
9. D&C Fawcett Ltd. may pass on transport charges/ handling charges incurred from other AI companies. Clients of other AI companies will be charged a semen handling fee and the AI company will be charged for transportation.

Artificial Insemination / Embryo Transfer

1. Although every care is taken and procedures are only ever carried out by suitably trained operators, the **procedures are not without risk**. Owners may be required to sign a consent form prior to carrying out these procedures. D&C Fawcett Ltd. cannot accept responsibility for the injury or loss of an animal unless an operator can be proven to have acted in a negligent manner. **Owners are strongly advised to insure particularly valuable animals prior to any procedure where there is risk**. This is especially important if use of an anaesthetic is required.
2. **Conception rates cannot be guaranteed under any circumstances**. Every effort will be made to maximise the chances of achieving the best possible conception. Owners must understand the inherent variability present in procedures such as these.
3. D&C Fawcett Ltd. accepts no responsibility for personal injury occurring whilst using the equipment such as cradles, clippers etc. No person will be required to use any of the equipment before being shown the correct and safe operation by a member of staff.

General

1. Cost of services will be detailed on a current price list, or will be outlined in a letter prior to being carried out.
2. Invoices will be payable within 28 days unless agreed otherwise. Invoices will be raised immediately following completion of the agreed work.
3. VAT at a standard rate will be charged on all goods and services.
4. These conditions are subject to the laws of England and do not affect an individuals statutory right.
5. A standard complaints procedure as set out by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons is in place for any individual wishing to do so in respect of any of the veterinary procedures carried out by D&C Fawcett Ltd.. Complaints will only be considered if this standard procedure is followed.
6. Any confidential information generated in the course of the performance of a contract will be treated as such.

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Semen order form

Ram Name / Number	Number of Doses	Owner	Stored at (company)

If the semen you require is not in this catalogue and not stored with us then you must send the order to the company with which it is stored.

This is an official purchase order for the above semen. I will negotiate a price for the semen and pay the vendor directly.

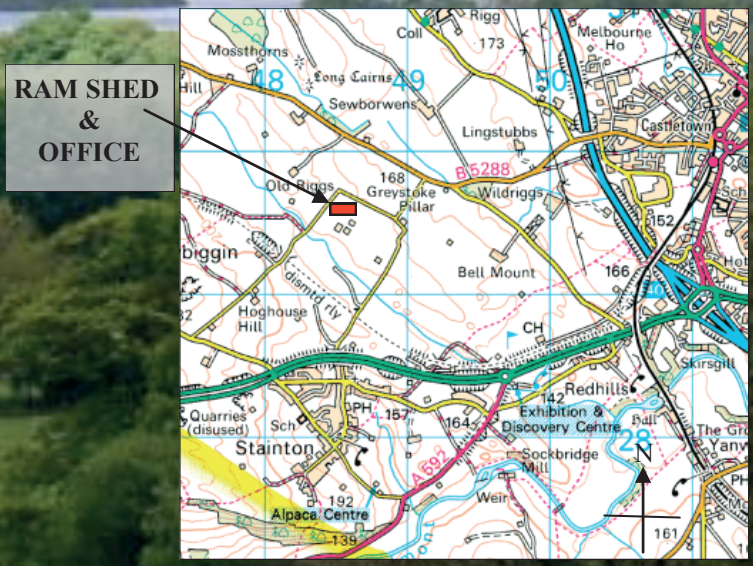
Name	**:**	
Address (Block capitals)	**:**	
Signature	**:**	
Date	**:**	
AI date and AI company	**:**	
FAX TO	**:**	**01768 254015**
Scan and email to	**:**	**enquiries@sheepbreeding.co.uk**

Please note email orders / semen releases must be scanned from original document. If you do not have a scanner then use email to communicate that an order is on its way. A signature and date is required to verify the document.

PLEASE NOTE OUR COURIERS DO NOT ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR SEMEN OR EMBRYO'S IN TRANSIT. INSURANCE FOR SEMEN OR EMBRYO'S IN TRANSIT IS THEREFORE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY. OUR SHIPPERS ARE ALWAYS CHECKED PRIOR TO DISPATCH.

How To Find Us & Office/ Shed Working Hours

The sheep shed is located very close to Junction 40 of the M6. This is where the A66 crosses the M6 just outside Penrith. The map below shows junction 40 and the M6 marked in blue.
Address is The Sheep Centre, Drumlie House, Newbiggin, Penrith CA11 0GN



Please direct any correspondence to :
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Please fax orders to office unless instructed otherwise
RAM SHED PHONE: 01768 840901

Alternatively Email us via the website www.sheepbreeding.co.uk
or at enquiries@sheepbreeding.co.uk (email scanned orders - with signature)

Ram shed open from Mon. July 3rd until Thurs. December 21st
Then Monday 8th Jan - Wednesday 31st Jan
Ram shed hours 0830 - 1200 and 1300 -1600
Please note during off season we will be closed during school holidays

For more information on anything we do, check out our website:
www.sheepbreeding.co.uk