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Physical Soundness Certification

Owner:	Wallace Binnie
Address:	50 Cameron Lane Bungeet, VIC 3726
Home Phone:	
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Patient Name:	Rams Binnie
Breed:	Poll Dorset
Sex:	Unknown Sex
Age or Date of Birth:	1 year
Microchip:	
Other Identifying marks:	

Report on Pink-eye Outbreak

On 21/09/21 I was invited to examine a mob of 130 sale rams following an outbreak of eye soreness. Approximately 20% of the rams were showing epiphora, conjunctivitis, mild peripheral cloudiness of the cornea, photophobia, itchiness of the eyes and local swelling. A close examination revealed the rams to have normal internal eye structures and no sign of uveitis. Based on the clinical examination a provisional diagnosis of pinkeye was made. Pinkeye in sheep is usually caused by *Mycoplasma conjunctivae*. The organism has spread among the rams as a consequence of their having been congregated together for feeding prior to sale.

All rams have now been treated with long-acting oxytetracycline and anti-inflammatory medication. No further treatment will be required by any of the rams. It is expected the infection will run its course over the next 7 to 10 days. The treatment administered is expected to eliminate the infection from affected rams.

Sale and Quarantine Recommendations

This draft of rams is being presented for sale on 23/09/21. The infection has now been treated and this should eliminate the infectious organism within 48 hours. Even if left untreated, the majority of animals will self-cure in approximately 2 weeks.

It is good biosecurity practice to quarantine any animals introduced onto your farm from all other stock for at least 7 days. I would recommend that any purchaser of a ram from this sale should isolate and quarantine their purchase from other sheep on their property for 7 to 10 days. This will eliminate the possibility of the ram transmitting the *Mycoplasma* infection to other stock.

For those purchasers who buy a ram who may have been clinically affected by the pinkeye infection, the vendor has offered to house the ram for 2 to 3 weeks while the infection settles and then deliver the ram/s. Affected rams have now all been appropriately treated and will recover rapidly. The infection will have no effect on their fertility. I am confident that the buyer of any of these rams will receive an animal fully capable of performing reproductively who, if appropriate biosecurity guidelines are followed, will not infect animals in the home flock.

Peter Bartram

Veterinarian Signature:

Date: 22-09-2021

Veterinarian: Dr. Peter Bartram

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