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Package deal subscription scheme payable by Direct Debit.

The purpose of the package deals has always been to encourage more breeders to birth notify all their litters. In recent years as we have developed our Bloodline Survey we have been able to monitor how many sows have birth notified litters and how many do not. This is a key piece of information in conservation breeding. At present only about 50% of the sows in our Native Rare Breeds have a birth notified litter. This represents a big potential loss to the breed. The package schemes offer free birth notes for all your sows based on your subscription code so that there is no financial impediment to birth notifying all your litters.

The new packages also include a limited number of herdbook registrations so that you can maintain your herd. If you bring in a new gilt to replace an older sow who is too old to breed then you need to register the gilt. We estimate that our sows have an average working life of 4 years which means a replacement rate of 25% to 30%. Replacement rates in some large commercial herds in the USA are nearer 55%. This is a shocking figure as it means that their breeding sows live less than 2 years. The number of free herd book registrations that you receive is shown in the table below.

Subscription Code	No. of Sows	2011 subscription	Free Registrations
SP1	0 - 2	£60	1
SP2	3 - 5	£70	2
SP3	6 - 10	£90	3
SP4	11 - 20	£125	6
SP5	21 – 50	POA	

The package deals do not provide free registrations and transfers when you sell your pigs. You can birth notify all your pigs and sell them as weaners or pedigree pork and you can bring in herd replacements. If you have a business selling breeding stock, it is standard practice to charge for pedigree registration. When you sell breeding pigs you will need to pay for registrations and transfers and pass the charges on to your customers.

All communication regarding Direct Debit payments for the package scheme are by e-mail. A valid e-mail address is essential for this membership.

I have enclosed a short question and answer sheet. If you have any queries please e-mail bpa@britishpigs.org.

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Q. How does the system work.

A. At the beginning of each year you will be credited with an allowance of free birth notes and registrations on our accounting system. Each month we will count up the number of forms that you have allocated to your on-line account. We will send you a statement showing the number of forms allocated during the month. If you have already used up your allotment of free forms we will tell you how much we will be charging by Direct Debit and when the payment will be taken. You will have time to query any anomalies in your account before we collect the payment.

Q. Do I pay for forms when I allocate them to my account or when I use them.

A. When you allocate them. In the same way as if you had called the office and paid for them with a credit card. Once we issue the forms we have to treat them as a liability in our accounts and so that is the point at which we charge. Don't allocate yourself more forms than you are ready to use.

Q. Can I have a VAT invoice?

A. Yes but you need to register with our accounts dept. Please e-mail your VAT number with your name and HDL to accounts@britishpigs.org

Q. Why aren't there any free transfers included in the package.

A. The principle is that you only pay when you are selling and getting money in. When you transfer a registered pig you are selling it to someone else so you should include the cost of the transfer in the sale price.

Q. What if my replacement rate is more than 25%

A. We will keep this figure under review and if it proves necessary to adjust it we will but with the majority of our members keeping less than 5 sows any increase is unlikely to result in more than 1 free registration. If your replacement rate is 40% it might be worth talking to your vet.

Q. What if I want to expand my herd.

A. You will have to pay for extra registrations if you are expanding your herd. At the end of the year your subscription level will be reviewed and you may receive a larger allowance of free forms.

Q. What about my old sow which is not breeding any more

A. There is no point in "retired" sows appearing as Alive on the pedigree breeding database if they are not breeding. The best thing is to "kill" them off on our system. Of course you will still have to feed them!!!!

Q. Will I have to pay for registrations for my show pigs

A. Yes. If you register more pigs than you would need as herd replacements then you will be charged. Pigs competing in BPA shows have to be herdbook registered. We often talk about the show ring being our shop window and many show pigs will be sold. Any registration or transfer costs should be passed on to the buyer.

Q. Is this fair?

A. We think so. The package deals require all pedigree activity to be carried out on-line. The BPA charges more for paper forms to take account of the extra cost of processing paper. The package deals are not intended to provide an extra competitive advantage for those who can use the internet over those who can't when it comes to selling breeding stock or showing.

Q. What if I issue forms by mistake

A. Write or e-mail the BPA confirming that you want the forms removed from your account. We will take them off the website and credit your account so that you are not charged.

Q. What happens to my forms at the end of the year.

A. Forms are carried over at the end of the year but all forms are only valid for three years.