



# British Pig Association

## Breed Standard and Standards of Excellence

### HAMPSHIRE



Section A - To be eligible for Herd Book entry a pig must (except in exceptional circumstances) be:

- bred in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland
- have at least 12 sound teats
- ear-marked and birth recorded with the BPA in accordance with current regulations
- the offspring of parents already registered either in the Herd Book of the same breed (or in a supplementary register of the Herd Book maintained at BPA's discretion)
- Free from congenital defects (e.g. Umbilical and Scrotal Hernias , Atresia Ani (blind anus), cryptorchid boars, extra cleys, twisted, overshot or undershot jaw and rose on the back)
- conform to any other such regulations as are made by the BPA Council from time to time

In exceptional circumstances a pig which does not fulfil all the criteria above may be accepted for herdbook registration following an inspection.

#### Breed Specific Requirements for Herdbook Registration

Ears Erect or slightly inclined forward.

Colour Predominantly black, but must have a saddle of white skin and have white front legs.

#### Breed Specific Disqualifications which make the pig ineligible for Herdbook Registration

Ginger coat or skin

Section B – Standard of Excellence – These are recommendations only - breeders should try to achieve these standards in their breeding programmes. Pigs will be judged against these standards of excellence at BPA shows.

#### GENERAL

The Hampshire breeding animal should give the overall impression of scope, and breeders should be looking for large, strong-boned animals as the prime purpose of the Hampshire in the United Kingdom and elsewhere is to produce boars to act as terminal sires.

Head Medium size head, wide between the eyes and ears. Boars to show masculine characteristics. Sows to show feminine characteristics.

Jowl Clean as possible.

Chest Wide between front legs giving plenty of heart room.

Shoulders Strong and clean avoiding apex top.

Back & Loin Well sprung ribs. Smooth long muscle

Flank Trim but well let down.

Sides Deep particularly through heart. Avoid excessive length.

#### Quarters

Ham & Rump Wide, long front to rear. Deep from top to bottom. Smooth muscle. Tail set high.

Feet & Legs Strong, flat bone, medium length. Straight, set well apart and on all four corners. Strong feet with short cleys of equal length. Avoid short legs. Pasterns short and springy.

Underline Straight; at least twelve sound evenly spaced, well placed teats and starting well forward.

Movement Should be loose in every way and no signs of tightness.

Breed Specific Objections – Breeders should try to avoid these in their breeding programmes

Ears Avoid too small ears.

Pigs must comply with Section A. Breeders should aspire to breed pigs which meet the Standards of Excellence in Section B. More information is available in the BPA leaflet – Pedigree Breeding the Next Steps.

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