



New Zealand Shetland Pony Breeders Society (Inc)

28th ANNUAL SOUTH ISLAND SHETLAND PONY Breed and Performance Show Schedule of Classes SATURDAY 31st January 2026

Australian Judges

ELLESMORE A&P SHOWGROUNDS
Main Entrance, 1625 Leeston Road, Leeston
(Gates open from 7.00am)

**In-hand Sections will commence at 9.30am
Harness section & Performance classes will commence at 1.00pm**

No Dogs Allowed on the grounds

Entries Close on Friday 23rd January 2026

Entries Only Deemed Accepted On Payment into NZSPBS Bank Account
No Late Entries Will Be Accepted

Entries emailed or posted to
Show Secretary, Bernadette Woffenden
186 High Street, RD 3, Leeston 7683
Mobile: 0274 625323 email laelshetland@gmail.com

Best Presented Classes for all In Hand sections &
Champion Best Presented to be judged first

Members & Competitors Please Bring a Prize for the Raffle Table &
a Plate of food for a Shared Lunch

Photographer on the day: Arrows Flight Photography
<https://www.facebook.com/arrowsflightphotography>

SCREAMIN BEANS COFFEE Cart on site

www.shetlandpony.org.nz

ENTRY FEES

Entry Fees:	All Sections - Members	\$ 7.00 per class
	All Sections – Non-Members	\$12.00 per class
	Membership fee single adult for 12 months	\$45.00
Ground Levy:		Compulsory Fee) \$6.00 per pony
Administration:		(Compulsory Fee) \$10.00 per competitor
Printed Catalogue		\$6.00 optional
	Catalogue & Back Number list will be available on Face Book & our Website	
Yards/Boxes:	There are a limited number of boxes available to hire.	
	BOXES MUST BE PRE-ORDERED & PAID WITH ENTRIES.	
	Contact: Bernadette Woffenden	
	Mobile: 0274 625323 email laelshetland@gmail.com	

Conditions Of Box/Yard Hire & Fees

Stallion Box Day Hire: <i>(User is responsible for cleaning Box on departure)</i>	\$15.00 per Box
Yard Day Hire <i>(User is responsible for cleaning yard on departure)</i>	\$10.00 per yard

Camping On the Grounds

Competitors who wish to camp on the Ellesmere A&P Showgrounds must contact Bernadette Woffenden phone 0274 625323 OR email laelshetland@gmail.com

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RULES

1. Only Purebred Registered Shetland ponies are eligible for entry.
2. Ponies are eligible for only ONE In-Hand section.
3. Purebred Registered Shetland ponies are only eligible for Section Two if they meet the following height criteria:
 - a. Where the pony is mature, it must not exceed 8.2hh (34 inches) in height.
 - b. Where the pony is immature, it must be such a height that it will not be expected to exceed 8.2hh (34 inches) in height at maturity.
4. Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected as follows: first prize winners in all eligible classes to parade before the Judge. Immediately the Champion has been selected, the second prize pony from the same class as the pony awarded Champion will parade with the remaining ponies for selection of Reserve Champion.
5. In-hand Ponies must be shown in natural coat and full feather.
6. Breeding, registration number, date foaled, pony's height and name of breeder must be given on the entry form.
7. The Show Committee reserves the right to change, combine or delete any classes as it sees fit.
8. The Show Committee has the right to refuse entry to any competitor.
9. This Show is run under RAS Yellow Card system. See www.ras.org.nz for further details.
10. The decisions of the judges are final.
11. The Show Committee reserves the right to request the withdrawal of any pony it considers dangerous to the public or other exhibitors or ponies.
12. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to ensure that no pony is brought onto the grounds displaying symptoms of contagious or infectious diseases.

13. Stallions and Colts:

- a) Stallions and Colts must be exhibited by persons 16 years and over.
- b) All stallions and colts aged 2 years and over must be shown in a bit.
- c) A Ring Steward will order any stallion/colt considered out of control or to be causing undue disquiet to other horses from the ring without recourse from the stallion/colt's owner/exhibitor/competitor.
- d) It is compulsory for all Stallions and Colts, except foals, to wear two (2) official "S" identification badges, one attached to each side of their bridle, at all times. The handler/rider/driver must also wear two (2) RAS official armbands (one on each arm) when in the ring. "S" badges can be purchased from RAS Head Office or ESNZ; armbands from RAS Head Office.
- e) Handlers/Riders/Drivers of Stallions/Colts must wear an approved Hi Viz vest when outside the showing ring. Vests can be purchased from RAS Head Office.

14. Whips or show canes in In-hand section must not exceed 75cm in length.

15. Entry Refunds will be made on presentation of a Veterinarian or Doctor's Certificate of unfitness on the day of the show. Such certificate to be presented to the Show Secretary no later than one week after the date of the show, postage date or email date to reflect date posted. All refunds will be 70% of entry fee less the compulsory administration fee of \$6.00. Scratching prior to close of entries will receive a full refund.

16. The Annual Show will be held wet or fine.

17. In the event of any circumstance not being covered by the above, the Show Committee's decision shall prevail.

18. PRIVACY ACT: The Show Committee holds records of names, addresses and payment records of all exhibitors and will publish these (other than payment records) as necessary for media show reports, show results and other relevant publications unless otherwise advised.

19. **HEALTH & SAFETY:** The Show Committee will not be responsible for any accident, loss or damage that may be caused to or suffered by an exhibit/exhibitor, or which may be caused directly or indirectly by any other exhibit, notwithstanding any alleged negligence on the part of any officer or servant of the Show Committee, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the Show Committee indemnified against any claim in respect of any such accident, loss or damage caused by any exhibit of such exhibitors. By entering exhibitors accept the conditions of entry and indemnify the Show Committee under the provisions of the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 and subsequent amendments. Each exhibitor must supervise and control their animal(s) at all times and shall be liable for any hazards created or accidents, illness or damage caused by the action of themselves or their animal(s) at the Showgrounds. Exhibitors must comply with the appropriate current animal legislation within New Zealand, and this includes appropriate care of their animal(s). Any abuse of animal(s) will result in disqualification from the show. Exhibitors must also comply with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and subsequent amendments. The Show Committee reserves the right to order immediate removal from the Showgrounds, of any animal it considers unruly or unmanageable. It is the Show Committee's policy to see that all due care is taken to protect property and to protect and to keep in efficient order its own property, and to make provision for the protection of the property of others, but the Show Committee shall not be liable to any person in case of loss or damage by reason of any defect, accident, negligence, or neglect howsoever arising. Persons occupying grandstands, buildings, other structures or other seating accommodation on the Showground do so at their own risk, and no claim shall be made against the Show Committee in respect of any loss, or injury by reason of any defect or accident, or by reason of any act or omission whether negligent or otherwise, on the part of the Show Committee or of any employee/volunteer or agent of the Show Committee or on the part of any other person. Parking is entirely at the owners' own risk. Any vehicles parked will be on this condition and the Show Committee accepts no responsibility for any loss, theft, injury, or damage is attributed to any negligence on the part of the Show Committee, its volunteers or stewards.

20. Ponies must be at least four (4) years of age to compete in the Harness Section
21. Exhibitors compete at their own risk.
22. Payment of entry fees and competing in their section denotes acceptance of the "Rules".
23. Children under the age of 12 years are not permitted to exhibit in the Harness Section.
24. Exhibitors under 16 years of age must be accompanied in all Harness Section Classes by a competent groom aged 16 years of age or over and a signed parental/ guardian consent form must be submitted with the entry form.
25. Harness Drivers must wear an approved safety helmet that complies with the safety standards accepted by ESNZ (tagged).

26. Harness Drivers are responsible for carrying out a thorough safety check on their harness and carriage to ensure they are up to suitable safety standards.
27. Harness Drivers must remain in their vehicles at all times once the pony is put to the vehicle.
28. Harness ponies tied up while put to a vehicle must NOT be left unattended.
29. NOVICE: To be eligible for a Harness Novice class the pony must NOT have won more than 6 firsts in harness classes at an A&P show, Breed show or organized harness show.

Section One**Ring One****In-Hand Purebred Registered Shetland Ponies*******Not Over 42" 10.2hh*******Judging commences at 9.30am**

Class 1: Best Presented Pony & Handler – 4 Years & Over

Class 2: Best Presented Pony & Handler – 3 Years & Under.

Champion Best Presented Shetland Pony
(Judged In This Ring)**(1st place getters from classes 1, 2 (ring one), 17, 18 (ring two),
29, 30 (34" & under) to compete)**

Class 3: Best Paced – 4 Years & Over.

Class 4: Best Mannered – 4 Years & Over.

Class 5: Stallion Over 8.2hh (34") Not Exceeding 9.2hh (38"), - 4 Years & Over.

Class 6: Stallion Over 9.2hh (38") Not Exceeding 10.2hh (42"), - 4 Years & Over.

Champion & Reserve Champion Stallion**(1st place getters from class 5 & 6 to compete - 2nd place getters to standby)**

Class 7: Dry Mare Over 8.2hh (34") Not Exceeding 9.2hh (38"), - 4 Years & Over.

Class 8: Dry Mare Over 9.2hh (38") Not Exceeding 10.2hh (42"), - 4 Years & Over.

Class 9: Broodmare Over 8.2hh (34") Not Exceeding 10.2hh (42"), - 4 Years & Over

Champion & Reserve Champion Mare**(1st place getters from classes 7, 8 & 9 to compete – 2nd place getters to standby)**

Class 10: Best Paced Young Stock – 3 Years & Under.

Class 11: Best Mannered Young Stock – 3 Years & Under.

Class 12: Three-Year-Old Colt or Filly

Class 13: Two-Year-Old Colt or Filly.

Class 14: Yearling Colt or Filly.

Champion & Reserve Champion Young Stock**(1st placegetters from classes 12, 13 & 14 to compete - 2nd placegetters to standby)**

Class 15: Foal – Colt or Gelding (To Mature any Height)

Class 16: Foal – Filly – (To Mature any Height)

Champion & Reserve Champion Foal**(1st place getters from classes 15 & 16 to compete – 2nd place getters to standby)****Supreme Champion Pony in Section One****Winners of the Champion Stallion, Mare, Young Stock and Foal are eligible for judging****Winner to go forward for Judging of Supreme Shetland Pony in Show****Judged In Ring One at the Conclusion of Rings One & Two**

In Hand Purebred Registered Shetland Ponies*****Geldings*******Judging commences at 9.30am**

Class 17: Best Presented Pony & Handler – 4 Years & Over. (All Height Shetlands)

Class 18: Best Presented Pony & Handler – 3 Years & Under. (All Height Shetlands)

Winners from the above two classes go forward for judging in Ring One.**Champion Best Presented Purebred Shetland Pony****1st placegetters only from Classes 17 & 18 to compete**

Class 19: Best Paced Gelding – 4 Years & Over.

Class 20: Best Mannered Gelding – 4 Years & Over.

Class 21: Gelding 8.2hh (34") & Under – 4 Years & Over

Class 22: Gelding Over 8.2hh (34") Not Exceeding 9.2hh (38") – 4 Years & Over

Class 23: Gelding Over (9.2hh) (38") Not Exceeding 10.2hh (42") – 4 Years & Over

Judging of Champion & Reserve Adult Gelding**1st place getters from classes 21, 22 & 23 to compete – 2nd placegetters to stand by**

Class 24: Best Paced Young Stock – 3 Years & Under.

Class 25: Best Mannered Young Stock – 3 Years & Under.

Class 26: Three-Year-Old Gelding

Class 27: Two-Year-Old Gelding

Class 28: Yearling Gelding

Judging of Champion & Reserve Young Stock Gelding**1st place getters from classes 26, 27 & 28 to compete – 2nd place getters to stand by****Supreme Champion Pony In Section Two****Winners of the Champion Adult Gelding & Young Stock Gelding are eligible for Judging****Winner to go forward for Judging of Supreme Shetland Pony in Show****Judged In Ring One at the Conclusion of Rings One & Two**

Section Three**Ring Two****In-Hand Registered Shetland Ponies******* 8.2hh (34") And Under*******Judging commences at 9.30am**

Class 29: Best Presented Pony & Handler – 4 Years & Over.

Class 30: Best Presented Pony & Handler – 3 Years & Under.

Judging of Champion Best Presented Purebred Shetland Pony**(1st placegetters only from classes 1, 2, 17, 18, 29 & 30)****To be Judged in Ring One****Judging of Classes 31 to 40 commences at completion of
Section 2 In Hand Purebred Registered Shetland Geldings**

Class 31: Best Paced – 4 Years & Over.

Class 32: Best Mannered – 4 Years & Over.

Class 33: Stallion - 4 Years & Over

Judging of Champion & Reserve Champion Stallion 8.2hh (34") & Under**(1st and 2nd place getters from class 33 to compete)**

Class 34: Dry Mare – 4 Years & Over

Class 35: Broodmare 34" 8.2hh and Under – 4 Years & Over

Judging of Champion & Reserve Champion Mare 8.2hh (34") & Under**(1st place getters from classes 34 & 35 to compete - 2nd place getters to standby)**

Class 36: Best Paced 8.2hh (34") & Under – 3 Years & Under.

Class 37: Best Mannered 8.2hh (34") & Under – 3 Years & Under.

Class 38: Three-Year-Old Colt or Filly 8.2hh (34") & Under.

Class 39: Two-Year-Old Colt or Filly 8.2hh (34") & Under.

Class 40: Yearling Colt or Filly 34" & Under.

Judging of Champion & Reserve Champion Young Stock Shetland Pony 8.2hh (34") & Under**(1st place getters from classes 38, 39 & 40 to compete****2nd place getters to standby)****Supreme Champion Pony in Section Three****Winners of the Champion Stallion, Champion Mare & Champion Young Stock****are eligible for Judging****Winner to go forward for Judging of Supreme Shetland Pony in Show****Judged In Ring One at the Conclusion of Rings One & Two**

Judging of supreme champion
In-hand Shetland pony of the 26th NZSPBS Inc. 2025 show
Will be judged at the conclusion of sections 1, 2 & 3 in Ring One

Judging of the Supreme Champion in Show
Supreme winners of sections 1, 2 & 3 are eligible for judging.

Trophy Donated by the Late Mr G. & Late Mrs E. Robinson

Lunch Break

Section Four	Harness Ring
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***** Registered Shetland Pony *****
Harness Section

Commences after completion of Sections 1, 2 & 3 but not before 1pm

Class 51: Best Presented/Turnout.

Class 52: Best Paced Harness Pony.

Class 53: Best Mannered Harness Pony.

Class 54: Harness Pony Novice 0-6 Wins (See rules for eligibility)

Class 55: Open Harness Pony (Open to any Shetland Pony Harness Exhibitor).

Class 56: Best Walking.

Judging of Champion & Reserve Champion Harness Pony
(1st place getters from classes 52, 53, 54, 55 & 56 to compete- 2nd place getters to standby

Class 57: Best Whip

Class 58: Handy Pony

Judged on accuracy, consistency, manners, and correct completion of any compulsory stops.

Judges Choice Award
Will be awarded at the Judge's discretion
Not Open to Champion & Reserve Champion Harness Pony winners of this show.

Versatility Classes Main Oval

Commences after Lunch

Ring One:

Class 41: Child Handler 5 Years - 12 Years of Age. (As at date of show)

Class 42: Child Handler 13 Years – 17 Years of Age. (As at date of show)

Class 43: Child Handler Any Age Assisted by an Adult (Not Eligible for Classes 41 & 42)

Class 44: Lead Rein (Rider 4 to 8 years) (Age as at date of show)

Class 45: Best Lead Rein Pony (Rider 4 to 8 years) (Age as at date of show)

Class 46: Fancy Dress for Lead Rein competitors (As at date of show)

Ring Two:

To Commence after Child Handler Classes 41, 42 & 43

Class 47: Rider Class (Rider 5 to 7 years) (Age as at date of show)

Class 48: Rider Class (Rider 8 to 16 years) (Age as at date of show)

Class 49: Best Ridden Shetland (Rider 5 to 16 years) (As at date of show)

Class 50: Fancy Dress for Ridden Competitors (5 to 16 years) (As at date of show)

ENTRY FORM NZSPBS SOUTH ISLAND SHETLAND PONY BREED & HARNESS SHOW 2025

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION & DECLARATION:

By entering The Annual South Island Shetland Pony Breeders Show you accept that as a condition of entry you agree to abide by the NZSPBS Rules as set out in the Schedule of Classes. You acknowledge that you attend this show at your own risk and indemnify the NZSPBS & Show Committee under the provision of the Health & Safety at Work Act 2015 and its subsequent amendments. If you are under 16 years of age your parent/guardian accepts these conditions on your behalf.

Please fill out and sign if posting entry to the Show Secretary

NAME:	ADDRESS:
PHONE NO:	
EMAIL:	
Bank Deposit: New Zealand Shetland Pony Breeders Society Inc. 03 0826 0071307 00 <i>(your name as reference)</i>	SIGNATURE: