



## **NSA Next GENE-eration 2023**

### **with Kaiapoi Romneys and the Dutch Spotted Sheep Society**

Following a successful first running of the NSA Next GENE-eration programme in 2021 the initiative is excited to return, and this time two breeds are joining the programme to support young sheep farmers.

Having teamed up with sheep farmers Rob and Jo Hodgkins of Kaiapoi Romneys for the second time, and now also the Dutch Spotted Sheep Society, NSA is inviting applications from enthusiastic young sheep farmers in the UK who would like to be considered as a recipient of a Kaiapoi Romney ram or a ram voucher redeemable at a Dutch Spotted Sheep Society 2023 sale.

The two breeds will offer sheep farmers from contrasting systems the opportunity to benefit from top class genetics that will help young sheep farmers progress their systems.

To apply to be considered as a recipient of the giveaway applicants are required to submit a short video clip (No more than three minutes) explaining the reasons for the application and an overview of why they believe they should be considered as a chosen recipient.

Applications are invited from UK based young sheep farmers aged 16 to 35.

#### **Further guidance on the giveaway – Kaiapoi Romneys**

- Applications are sought from sheep farmers looking to use the ram(s) in an outdoor lambing system (or as part of a move to an outdoor system).
- The rams, each with an individual value of approximately £2000 will fit well into low-input outdoor breeding systems.

#### **Further guidance on the giveaway – Dutch Spotted Sheep Society**

- Ram vouchers will be redeemable from the following sales:
  - 18th August – Swatragh, Northern Ireland
  - 25th & 26th August - Carlisle
  - 30 August - Welshpool
  - 14 September - Lanark
  - 16 September - J36, Cumbria

Applications open today (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May) and will remain open until Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

All applicants will be notified of whether they have made it to the next stage of the application process. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an online selection interview during the week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 via Zoom or Microsoft Teams, and the successful applicants

informed within 48 hours. The selected recipients will be expected to collect the ram(s) safely and legally at their own expense following an independent vet check of the rams during the first week of September.

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