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Black Animals

The following explanation of the formation of Speckle Park colour patterns is incomplete and simplistic and should be read in that context. The colour genes for Speckle Park are Black, Roan (this gives the spotted or leopard look), Red (wild), Dorsal (this gives the speckle stripe) and Colour Dilution (this gives the white and lighter spotted look). Black is dominant and will override other genes. Solid colour will override the Roan Gene. Red (wild) is recessive and the other genes will override it. Dorsal and Colour Dilution are semi-dominant and more difficult to predict.

Because Black is dominant and because part of the distinctive nature of the breed lies in its colour pattern, black animals have special regulations.

All black animals can be registered. To be registered, you must supply DNA/Parentage verification (see DNA Guidance). They will be identified with the descriptor [black] after their name. There are no other special conditions on black heifers.

Black bulls will also be identified with the descriptor [Not for purebred use] after the name.

Progeny by a solid black bull cannot be registered.