

Shetland Sheep Birth Coats Compared to Adult Coats

Source: Powdermill Herdwicks and Shetlands



Gimli had a very fine ginger birth coat. He stayed a nice grey throughout after his first shearing along with his brilliant fibre test results.



Galadriel had a heavy birth coat but was still very dark grey. She cleared the ginger hue and has a lovely steel grey adult colour.

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Genevieve always had very distinct eye flashes and the beginnings of side dusting, after shearing she was paler all over.



A wispy half ginger birth coat on Geraldine soon vanished and she has kept a lovely depth of colour after shearing.

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Gerbera had a heavy birth coat and now has a lovely soft crimped fleece as an adult.



Gigi otherwise known as Miss Attitude had some wisps of ginger birth coat which didn't last long. She didn't stay as dark as expected when shorn and just has the darker neck and shoulder cape rather than even grey throughout.

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Giselle had a massive birth coat and carried a large fleece all the way through to her first shearing. We were disappointed she lost the grey tone and is now white/cream on her body fleece.



Gwen was another ginger coat that started from her shoulders back. She is a lovely even smokey grey through her body as an adult but also has the tan markings in her katmoget particularly on her face.

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Granite was always going to go grey as he had sugar lips, but we weren't sure how light he would go. We are pleased he has stayed darker grey as previously our burrits had ended up cream on their body. His tan burrit belly, markings on legs and under his tail were more obvious as a lamb.



Gio demonstrating that a nice head as a lamb normally carries through to adult.

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Gladys was very dark as a lamb and looked black although we knew she couldn't be being from two brown based parents. Her adult colour is very rich.



Helga when born looked to be black gulmoget. Six months on and she is most definitely grey!
Her fleece is huge.

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Harmonia couldn't have had a longer ginger birth coat when she was born if she tried! All clear to normal grey kat now though.



Hagrid has a heavy wave to his birth coat, he looked like it was waxed and styled. A nice fleece with good length on him now though.

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Hestia looked like she had a black and gold birth coat, it was very odd. All black cleared to moorit now though with just a little side dusting.



Sometimes they just don't change much!

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Hyacinth had a wispy birth coat and patchy markings. She has always had a fabulous fleece and it is looking like it will stay a darker shade.



Harold is still similar in his markings, just paled in his fleece as it has grown which was expected.

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Hosta has always been a pale grey katmoget but looked even lighter with her long wispy almost silver birth coat.



Hermione lost all that ginger fuzz and her white face markings have merged into the rest of her face so much less distinct now.

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Henrietta has not changed that much apart from growing herself and her fleece and also developing the 'stitching' between the black and white on her face markings as she has grown.



Our odd boy, fully polled, tiny little spots just make him look dirty all the time. I'm sure he will be at his prettiest when freshly shorn.

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Handsome never really changed much, retaining his smokey colour, losing the little ginger fuzz that he had.



Our first light badger face, he was odd when first born with almost sooty looking markings especially the face. He has cleared into crisp markings now.

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Hera doesn't show the few body spots she has now her fleece has grown so it is just her face to give away the fact she is katmoget.



Hecate had such a glossy long birth coat it is what really made her look like a pony. She now looks like a sheep with her crimp coming in!

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Hattie had a long wispy birth coat and very distinct face markings. The face markings have faded and merged and her side dusting has taken over so much it is like a cape over her back.



Another example of how face markings can reduce especially if there are some coloured spots showing through when born that can end up growing and merging.

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Hilda had such a very hairy head as a lamb, not as white on the face now, the hair is now ringlets. She is also showing how pigment can fill in on those pale noses.



Another long glossy straight birth coat which has changed to a crimped fleece.