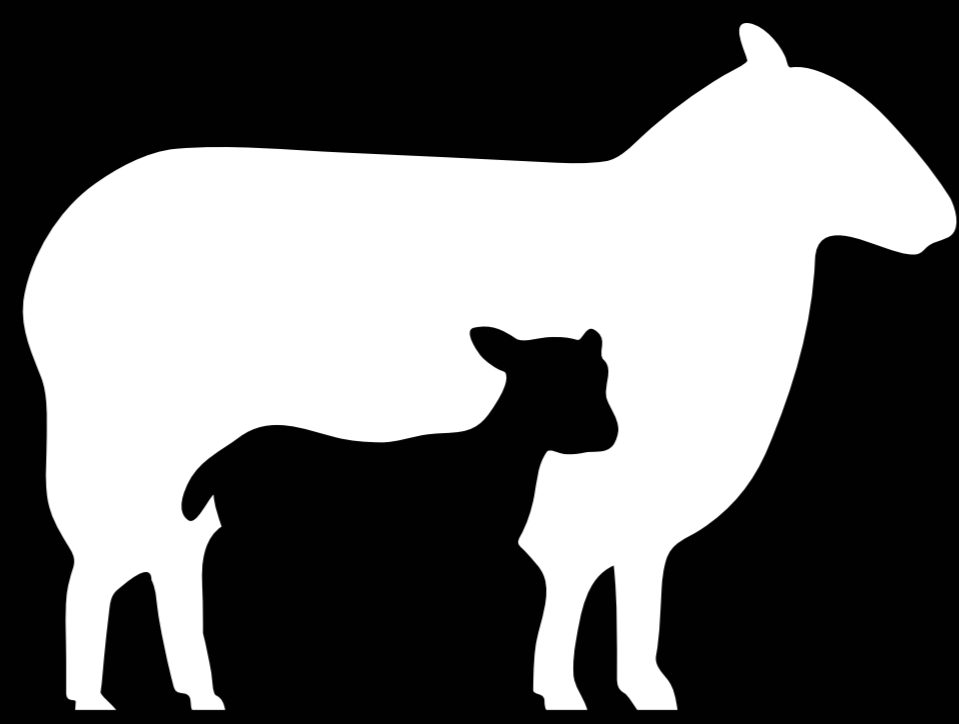


**DOLLY**  
**THE SHEEP**



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# Dolly Memories

"There was quite a lot of people at the actual birth. We phoned the vet and it was a vet from the [Dick Vet] practice who delivered, and I remember people saying what sex was it? Because if it was male, obviously they'd got it wrong."

- Dougie McGavin



"I think the naming was a big help to us. There's a tale that Dolly Parton's agent said that there no such thing as 'baaad' publicity. And no I haven't met her."

- Prof Sir Ian Wilmut



Photo by Murdoch Macleod

"What the media wanted was good pictures, and the best way to do it was to use food as a bribe. She just got to the point where she was getting a normal feed, but whenever there was visitors they were using food to get her to come here or whatever - and that's how she got fat."

- John Bracken

"On the morning Dolly was announced, I was standing in the Vet School hospital reception at 10am waiting for a client to turn up. The receptionist, with her hand over the mouth piece of her phone, told me she had someone asking "could we clone her cat?"... They were phoning from, of course, California where it was 2am. They must have been watching CNN as I remember there was no internet then - imagine how hard it was for them to even find our phone number!"

- Prof Brendan Corcoran

"As soon as the [Dolly] publication came out it was an absolute uproar in the scientific world and also it was a media frenzy you could say. We had lots of people who were excited, lots of people who were critical, and lots of people who also said 'what have they done, now what will be the next step?'"

- Prof Angelika Schnieke

"20 years ago I was struggling. I was having a hard time. I had just finished my postdoc training, I had just come back from the United States back to Japan. I did not know what to do as a new independent scientist. I was actually almost depressed. But one day 20 years ago, I was astonished, I was so excited by a paper in Nature. Dolly.

I was so inspired, and 20 years ago I was much younger. I had more hair, and I was much more brave, and by being inspired by Dolly I decided to start a new project which 10 years later resulted in a new cell type, iPSC cells (induced pluripotent stem cells)."

- Prof Shinya Yamanaka

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at The Roslin Institute in July 1996

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"I had a phone call at home one morning from a journalist in Moscow who worked for the New York Times, and he said he would like to come himself. Four journalists from the New York Times came and spent the better part of a week living with us as it were. It was just huge, huge, and it went on.

If you wanted that sort of publicity for your work, you could hardly do better. You could hardly do better than Dolly."

- Prof Sir Ian Wilmut

"She was a really pretty sheep, she was so pretty. The first time I went to see her, that's when it dawned on me, because she was in amongst all the other sheep and then you realised how photogenic she really is.

She was also a character, she had so much attention when she was a baby lamb then obviously when they announced it she had so much press. The first thing she'd do is walk up to the side of the pen and push everybody out the way, because she knew that they were coming to see her. She really played to the attention, she'd stand up on the fence, and put her two feet up, expecting a titbit. She was a pet without a doubt."

- Lesley Paterson



"As my dad was part of the 'Dolly team', I had the pleasure of visiting Dolly most weekends as part of my regular trips down to the farm. I remember Dolly as being the most gentle sheep, absolutely adoring all the attention that she received and always a fan of the camera. Many happy memories and [I] will always be proud of my dad as part of the team."

- Kirstie McGavin



"We have more than 500 people in [Center for iPSC Cell Research and Application] Kyoto. We all have the same vision, we really want to help patients by advancing iPSC cell technology. It is all started from Dolly, so I am very, very grateful to her."

- Prof Shinya Yamanaka

"I travel a fair amount and I am continuously amazed at how the name Dolly is familiar to so many people. There are many legacies of Dolly... perhaps the awareness that science has amazing things to offer."

- Prof Bruce Whitelaw

"I seem to remember when Ikea was going to open at Straiton, they wanted to borrow Dolly and paint or drape her in the blue and yellow colours of the Swedish flag. Needless to say Dolly was not allowed to go!"

- Ailsa Carlisle



"This couple turned up at Dryden farm, and they'd just got married. He was in a white suit, she wasn't in a wedding dress or anything, but they wanted a photograph with Dolly. So they actually went into the pen and had a photograph taken. It wasn't the cleanest of places."

- John Bracken



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