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Letter from the President

Greetings from the Presidential iPad

March is just around the corner and if the last 2 months are any indication it will be windy. Since the last IDGA issue Ginna and I have found out we are going to become grandparents in June. So...we might have more to show off than goats at the Iowa State Fair. Our son and daughter in law are expecting and after never caring much about goats they have become quite interested and have been helping us at the fair the last couple of years.

Goats are on the rise!! I have had several calls about goats and IDGA and the other night we went over to help our neighbors who are new in goats disbud and band some kids. I am sure some of you are already spending some sleepless nights in the kidding barns. Our first 5 mature does all got bred within 3 days last year so we are going to attempt to synchronize them to kid on the same weekend.

Don't forget to check IDGA for activities to attend or participate in this spring. If you have a breeder's listing on the IDGA website, did you know you can update it with a photo and some info about your herd? Take advantage of this great new feature by sending your info to Guinevere at jasperfarm@live.com.

Do you know where the expression "don't get my goat" came from? Apparently goats were kept in racehorse stalls in the late 1800's. If someone snuck in the stall and stole the goat the horse would get upset and not run well. My goats usually have that calming effect on me until they get into the garden!



*John Walker
at the IDGA Spring Classic*

John

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE (or) Goat Keeper Heal Thyself



The Tack Pen Philosopher

As many of you know I semi-retired a year ago, and not only do I help an Amish committee with a biannual dairy goat production sale, but I have also been hired by a ruminant

consultant business to travel all of Iowa, Missouri, and southern Illinois visiting with over 100 commercial dairy goat herds. My company works with regional feed mills to produce top quality, efficient, and profitable solutions that coincide with the forages and grains that each individual farm may possess. 97% of these farms are Amish, 50% of all these farms are hand milkers with 45 to 90 head of milkers, and the remaining 50% are machine milking farms running 125 to 625 head.

If it has something to do with goats, milking, housing, feeding, sickness, and rations, I've probably seen it. I thought it would be interesting to share the most popular questions I get. Keep in mind many of these folks have very little connection to the outside world. The first main reaction I give most questions is "I'M NOT A VET" But I have found out from experience that when I'm asked a question, if I ask one back, they'll bring up another question, and many many times after a half dozen questions the answer usually slaps us right in the face. Perhaps you are much more capable than you believe you are of solving some of your own goat issues.

Let me share some of the most popular problems I see everywhere.

CLIENT: *My kids are 10 days old, they are scouring, or bloating, or coughing.*

ME: Are you on a CAE PREVENTION program?

CLIENT: YES.

ME: Who mixes your milk replacement ration?

CLIENT: *My kids.*

ME: Are you using measuring devices, are you using the correct temperature water, do you know the intake for each kid, and are your feedings very routine and regular?

(by now the clients balloon has collapsed and they realize it probably isn't the milk replacer)

CLIENT: *But they're coughing!*

ME: How big is your kid pen, how many kids are in that pen, how often are you keeping the bedding dry and fresh, can you get on your hands and knees and breathe the same air, AND have you vaccinated with a good CDT?

CLIENT: *Hmmmm...so it may not be the milk or starter?*

CLIENT: *My herd is doing ok, they're eating well, taking in good western hay, milking ok, but I just feel they're capable of doing better.*

ME: Well we did a hay test, and it matches up with your grain ration, so let's walk around your facility.

ME: Your loafing barn bedding is dry but it seems deep and spongy as we walk around, I don't notice a burning smell but, (I'm interrupted and told the manure spreader is scheduled soon) so we continue walking around, the hay is plentiful and fresh, there's free choice mineral, and the... wait...I look into a stainless steel water tank the size of a bathtub...it's had the same water in it as it had when this client was milking cows 6 months earlier. Without saying a word I grabbed the side and tipped it over. Out ran the water beetles, out ran the moss, and out ran the 4 inches of black decomposed rotting corn, poultry poop, and other debris. I took a handful of rough stemmy hay and scrubbed it quick, rinsed it, and started the filling process. As the client came over to assess my boldness, the goats were already gathering around and drinking heavily. He never spoke, as the water beetles were hopping around on the drying floor like popcorn, then he smiled and said, "I never would have thought of that." I reminded him that milk is almost entirely water. In my last 5 visits the tank is awesome.

CLIENT: *My yearlings are about 5 weeks fresh, now all of a sudden they go off feed, get the squirts, lose weight, and will probably die. What's up?*

ME: Have you done proper CDT shots, have you changed feed, are they in with bully older milkers, and are they consuming at least 3 lbs of grain a day?

CLIENT: *Why are those things important?*

ME: A CDT shot goes a long way in preventing an overdose of feed: it helps if you all the suddenly decide to go from a 15% local hay to a 22% western hay, or worse yet you're working through some balage and you get into some spoilage. At 5 weeks fresh those 1st fresheners are maxed out, they have freshened, learned the parlor, gotten used to full grain and hay, replenishing their bodies which are still growing, let alone if they are in with older does who will certainly beat on them. And are now going into their 1st peak.

CLIENT: *Hmmmm...so it may not be the feed?*

CLIENT: *I cut back last fall on my feed and just fed oats, mineral, and local hay. Now I've got a few does that are within 4 weeks of freshening and are down and can't get up, what's up?*

ME: What's your goal for 2017? Higher profits, less culling? More babies?

CLIENT: *Sure, what's your point?*

ME: Did your oats and local hay meet your does requirements, are they full of growing babies robbing their bones and blood, is

there any condition over their ribs so there's some reserve when they get to the parlor?

CLIENT: *But I just can't see spending money on a dry ration too, isn't the lactation ration enough expense?*

ME: As you've mentioned you have some does down, that's probably toxemia, that's probably vet bills, lost kids, lost milkers, lost production, and lost revenue, how expensive were those oats?

So my friends, ask yourselves lots of questions, the more you ask the clearer the answer becomes. There are hundreds of ways of doing things, some work better for some than others...but it's a safe bet that IT'S NEVER WRONG TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

See ya soon, Butch Sowers
Tack Pen Philosopher

In celebration of Dorothy Ann Sowers August 5, 1933 – January 27, 2017



Thanks to all my goat family who sent such loving thoughts.
Mom loved our goat bunch and helped when she could.

She made a goat quilt for us to raise funds back when we were rebuilding the great Iowa Dairy Goat Show.

She was a mom to us all.

Thanks, Butch Sowers

In celebration of Gloria Jones February 17, 1940 – March 5, 2017

By Linda Du Shane



My friendship with Gloria Jones began the day we met at the Iowa State Fair in 1988. I had recently moved home to Iowa to be closer to my aging parents. My love of Toggenburgs had begun several years earlier in Ohio, when I purchased and began showing some beautiful top-of-the-line toggs. This love of quality Toggenburgs was the foundation of mine and Gloria's friendship.

Gloria was a classy lady and a trend-setter who was known for her stellar animals. She invested 45 years developing her Toggenburg herd. She was one of the first to start CAE virus prevention 25 or 30 years ago. She kept meticulous records, had a closed herd, and line-bred exclusively. She appraised her goats every year and was on milk test. When she could no longer care for her remaining beloved does, she made a place for them to live out their lives as well-cared-for pets.

To give you a peek at the type of friend she was; I would come to visit and she would meet me at the door with a big smile and a cup of tea. We would talk goat (most of you will understand), then we would talk family. She was so proud and

loving, sharing pictures of her grandchildren and life events. We would talk of old times and beautiful goats. Then we would go out and wander through her beloved animals sharing her hopes and dreams for them. Sometimes she would still be milking when I came and I would sit in her parlor with her as she would milk. She would let them in one at a time; they came to their names and walked up the stanchion without being touched. She would record in a notebook, the order the milkers came onto the stanchion along with observations on health, structure, breeding strategy, etc. With her head resting on the side of the goats, we talked away. When we went to the house, Lilly, her yellow lab, would follow and lay at her feet. When Lilly died, she was devastated and never had another dog. She had a bird feeder just out a picture window and took great pleasure in watching the birds. She had a bird book and would look up ones she didn't know. A year or so ago, she had an albino sparrow that gave her so much joy. She was a true woman of the earth.

Her home always smelled so good. She made the best soap. She was a perfectionist and worked on the formulas for years. Her cheese was to die for. This is the kind, gentle lady I called a good friend. She will live on through her animals' genetics and the memories held by her friends.

We'd like to recognize events in our extended goat family here – please send info and pictures to Guinevere McIntyre at jasperfarm@live.com or call 641-236-5120.

2017 USDA Goat Report

Milk goat inventory in Iowa as of January 1, 2017 was 30,500 head, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Sheep and Goats* report. Iowa ranked third in total milk goats. The inventory was down 8 percent from January 2016. Total **meat and other** goat inventory was 32,000 head, an increase of 14 percent from the previous year.

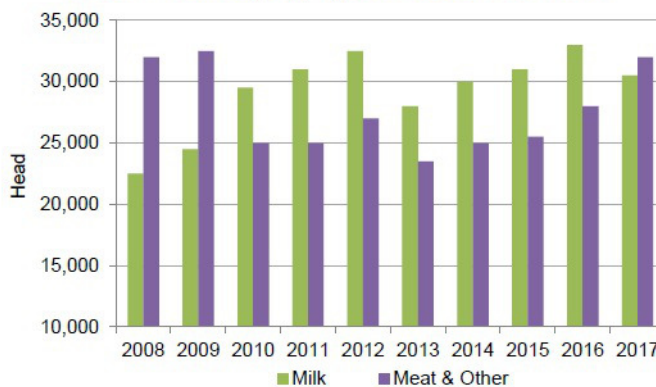
Goat Inventory – Selected States and United States: 2016 and 2017

	Milk Goats		Meat & Other Goats	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
California	39,000	41,000	90,000	87,000
Iowa	33,000	30,500	28,000	32,000
Minnesota	13,500	12,000	21,000	22,000
Tennessee	7,200	7,000	115,000	110,000
Texas	22,000	22,000	765,000	790,000
Wisconsin ¹	44,000	44,000	(NA)	(NA)
United States	373,000	373,000	2,097,000	2,115,000

(NA) Not Available

¹ Beginning in 2015, Meat and Other Goats for Wisconsin is no longer published individually. It is now included in the Unpublished States total.

Goat Inventory By Type - Iowa: 2008-2017



All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2017 totaled 2.64 million head, up 1 percent from 2016. **Breeding goat** inventory totaled 2.17 million head, up slightly from 2016. **Does one year old and older**, at 1.61 million head, were slightly above last year's number. **Market goats and kids** totaled 469 thousand head, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Kid crop for 2016 totaled 1.64 million head for all goats, up 1 percent from 2015.

Meat and all other goats totaled 2.12 million head on January 1, 2017, up 1 percent from 2016. **Milk goat** inventory was 373 thousand head, unchanged from January 1, 2016, while **Angora goats** were up 1 percent, totaling 152 thousand head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2016 was 800 thousand pounds. **Goats and kids clipped** totaled 141 thousand head. Average weight per clip was 5.7 pounds. Mohair price was \$4.56 per pound with a value of 3.65 million dollars.

More details available in full release: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/SheeGoat/SheeGoat-01-31-2017.pdf>



The latest fashion
Photo courtesy Mike Chris Karr

Kidding Corner



Cozy babies
Photo courtesy Judi Nayeri

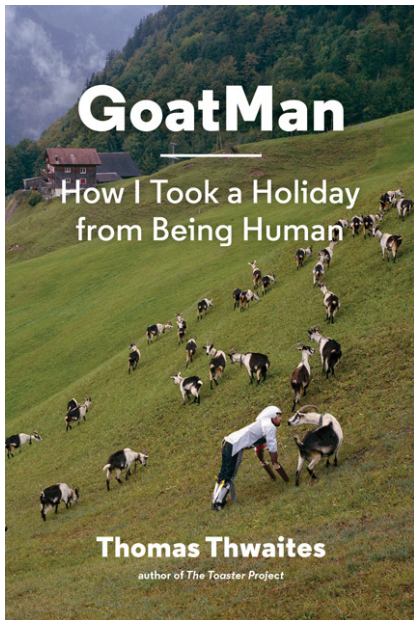


Milk bubble
Photo courtesy Don Hendrix and Deena Hendrix-Andresen

Goat Man: How I Took a Holiday from Being Human

By Thomas Thwaites (A Silly Read!)

Thomas Thwaites lives in Great Britain and is fed up with the worries, depressed with no job and down with the weight of all the world. This gives him much time to think. He is struggling with who he is and his place in the world. He ponders what life would be like with little to no human stress and determines that it would be preferable to be an animal. His first choice was to be



an elephant, for which he applied and received a financial grant.

The book is divided into sections: Spirit, Mind, Body, Guts and Goat Life. In the spirit section, he connects with a Shaman to try to get into the what the spirit of an elephant is. The Shaman discourages him from the whole elephant idea, insisting that his real spirit animal is a goat. She tells him the pastoral life is what he seeks, a life that will give him tranquility. He sees her wisdom and

agrees that living on a different continent in the wild would probably not be in his best interest. And the whole prosthetic trunk was difficult for him to envision. So begins Thwaites real journey into goathood.

To get his mind into a goaty focus, Thwaites contacts the director of a goat sanctuary for abused goats. Visiting the sanctuary, he is provided with in depth information on goat behavior and communication. He approaches goatness in a scientific manner throughout the book as he consults with experts in goat anatomy, digestion and pastoral life. In fact, he attends and participates in an autopsy of a deceased goat to learn even more.

Thwaites goes so far as to have prostheses made to make him into a quadroped. But, man is made to walk upright and he found the pressure on his hands to be unbearable. However, he is a determined man, and envisions himself trotting through the Alps with his goat friends.

Eating grass is also not something man is meant to do. The book includes a lengthy and scientific discussion, far above my head, on the entire ruminating process and why it works for goats but not humans. Ends up that Thwaites can bite off the grass and spit it into a bag, to be cooked later, making it digestible.



As far as Goat Life, Thwaites didn't last long being a goat, a few days at best. As he was living with horned goats, he wore a helmet which I thought was kind of cheating. The whole

experiment was pretty silly, in my opinion, and I believe Thwaites was just looking for his fifteen minutes of fame. Still, I did think his research was pretty awesome and the pictures were interesting.

"Wouldn't it be nice to live totally in the moment with no worries about what you've done, what you're doing or what you should do? Wouldn't it be nice to be an animal just for a bit?"
Thomas Thwaites

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ZOONOTIC DISEASES OF GOATS

By Judi Nayeri

Zoonotic diseases are contagious diseases spread between animals and humans. Approximately 75% of recently emerging infectious diseases of humans are of animal origin. There are several ways to transmit these diseases. One method is direct contact with the infectious agent or animal, another is consumption of contaminated food or water, also inhalation and arthropod vectors. I will address domestic diseases only. Most prevalent diseases are discussed.

ANTHRAX (*Bacillus anthracis*)

Transmission: It is rare to find this in the US. It requires direct contact, inhalation or consumption. It may be contracted from wool or hides from an endemic area.

Goat Symptoms: fever, inactive rumen, excitement giving way to depression, difficulty breathing, lack of coordination, convulsions, blood from the nose, mouth and/or rectum, edema in various parts of the body, sudden death, incomplete rigor after death

Human Symptoms: cutaneous form- painless sores with black centers; GI form-fever, nausea, bloody diarrhea, loss of appetite, stomach pain; Respiratory form-throat pain, coughing, fatigue, SOB

BRUCELLOSIS (*B. melitensis* or *B. abortus*)

Transmission: *B. melitensis* (more common in goats) is considered a foreign disease while *B. abortus* (more common in cattle) is considered a domestic disease. It is very rare. Direct contact is required with urine, semen, placenta, birth liquids, unpasteurized milk, dairy products from infected animals or inhalation of contaminated dust.

Goat symptoms: late-term abortions, retained placenta, mastitis, Orchitis, fever, depression, weight loss

Human symptoms: fever, chills, sweats, anorexia, insomnia, neurological signs, joint pain, headache, back pain

CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS (*Campylobacter* spp.)

Transmission: Infection occurs by drinking raw milk, contaminated food or water or by handling infected goats during kidding, aborted fetuses or afterbirth.

Goat symptoms: minimal, goats appear to be immune

Human symptoms: bloody/mucoid diarrhea, abdominal pain, vomiting, fever, headache, muscle and joint pain, arthritis, convulsions, meningitis

CASEOUS LYMPHADENITIS (*Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis*)

Transmission: This disease is contracted by the fecal-oral route or through direct skin contact with "pus" from the lesions.

Goat symptoms: abscesses of the regional lymph nodes including those behind the ears, under the jaw, neck, shoulder, ear, flank, between hind legs at the attachment of the

udder or scrotum, progressive weight loss due to abscesses on internal organs

Human symptoms: ulcers, lymphadenitis, tonsillitis, painful skin wounds with "pus" and dead tissue

CHLAMYDIOSIS (*Chlamydophila abortus*)

Transmission: This is a rare disease transmitted through direct contact with products of conception or abortion since there are high concentrations of this organism in the uterine discharge. Other means of transmission are through open wounds, oral-fecal route from unwashed hands and inhalation from contaminated dust.

Goat symptoms: extremely early or late term abortions, polyarthritis, conjunctivitis, respiratory disease

Human symptoms: no symptoms, abortion, flu-like symptoms, polyarthritis, conjunctivitis, respiratory disease, light sensitivity, systemic disease resulting in death

CONTAGIOUS ECTHYMA "ORF" (*Pox virus*)

Transmission: Orf is contracted through a bite or a break in the skin. Clothes, brushes or clippers may also be a source of infection. The virus remains viable on shed "scabs" for months. The infection conveys immunity to both goats and humans.

Goat symptoms: raised opular vesicular pustular crusty lesions on lips, mouth, nostrils, ears, teats, eyelids, ears

Human symptoms: painful vesicular pustules on hands, axillary lymphadenopathy, self-limiting lasting 2-4 weeks

CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS (*Cryptosporidium parvum*)

Transmission: This organism is common in the environment and most commonly acquired by fecal-oral ingestion.

Goat symptoms: asymptomatic

Human symptoms: stomach cramps, watery diarrhea, nausea, decreased appetite, vomiting, fevers, muscle aches, self-limiting

GIARDIASIS (*Giardia lamblia*)

Transmission: This organism is ingested in food and water or by the oral-fecal route.

Goat symptoms: asymptomatic

Human symptoms: asymptomatic, mild to severe diarrhea, stomach cramps, flatulence, fever, nausea, vomiting, headache

JOHNE'S DISEASE (*Mycobacterium avium paratuberculosis* MAP)

Transmission: Acquired by dinking raw milk or eating uncooked meat or unpasteurized dairy products. Also spread by the fecal-oral route.

Goat symptoms: progressive weight loss, deteriorating condition despite good appetite, bottle jaw, depression, disease may lie dormant with symptoms appearing years after infection

Human symptoms: diarrhea, weight loss, associated with or known as Crohn's disease in humans

LEPTOSPIROSIS (*Leptospira* spp.)

Transmission: This disease can be acquired by skin contact with aborted fetuses, placenta or fluids, urine, contaminated soil or water. Direct contact through breaks in the skin or mucous membranes can also lead to infection. This is a common organism during or after floods.

Goat symptoms: fever, anorexia, jaundice, hemoglobinuria, anemia, abortion

Human symptoms: asymptomatic, severe jaundice, fever, gastrointestinal signs, headache, conjunctivitis, hemorrhage, mental confusion, stiff neck, death can occur

LISTERIOSIS (*Listeria monocytogenes*)

Transmission: This is a rare disease. It can be contracted by exposure to feces or uterine discharge. There is a heavy concentration in the placenta. It can also be contracted from unpasteurized cheese or other dairy products. This organism can grow at cold temperatures.

Goat symptoms: abortion, anemia, mastitis
Human symptoms: skin infection, self-limiting gastrointestinal disease, abortion, premature or septic newborn, meningoencephalitis in elderly, immune-compromised or infants, fever, chills

Q FEVER (*Coxiella burnetti*)

Transmission: The concentration of the organism is the highest at the time of birth. Consequently, it can be contracted by exposure to placental membranes and fetuses, amniotic fluid, blood soiled bedding, urine and feces of infected goats. Inhalation of contaminated barnyard dust can also be a factor. This is an extremely contagious agent. There may be risk to the handler of goats up to 6 months of age.

Goat symptoms: asymptomatic until late-term abortion or stillbirth, depression, lack of appetite 1-2 days before abortion

Human symptoms: acute- fever 104-105,

mistaken for flu, general malaise, muscle aches and pains, non-productive cough, 50% chest x-ray positive for pneumonia, sore throat, chills, sweats, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, chest pain, self-limited (10days-2 weeks, 2 months in elderly) Chronic- less than 1%, Endocarditis with higher risk in congenital heart disease or immunocompromised

RABIES

Transmission: This is uncommon in the US. Goats are not a natural reservoir but can transmit it if infected. Transmission can also occur if cuts or breaks in the skin are exposed to saliva, or brain or spinal fluid. More commonly it is acquired through a bite from an infected animal. Post-exposure treatment is available, but once there are symptoms this disease is usually fatal.

Goat symptoms: Salivation, neurological symptoms, death

Human symptoms: early fever, headache, confusion, abnormal behavior, death

RINGWORM (*Microsporium spp* or *Trichophyton spp*)

Transmission: Contracted by direct contact with hair, skin or contaminated brushes or clippers. Spores can survive on inanimate objects for some time.

Goat symptoms: ring-shaped crusty patches on skin, hair loss

Human symptoms: head bald patch, trunk-red ring-shaped lesions, occasionally itchy, occasionally thickened skin, discolored fingernails or toenails

SALMONELLOSIS (*Salmonella sp*)

Transmission: Contracted by direct contact with infected feces or ingestion of unpasteurized milk or dairy products.

Goat symptoms: diarrhea

Human symptoms: diarrhea, fever, abdominal cramping

TETANUS (*Clostridium tetani*)

Transmission: This disease occurs when a wound is contaminated with feces or contaminated soil, ie: "dirty wound".

Goat symptoms: wound infection, neurological signs, rigid paralysis, death

Human symptoms: tonic spasms of jaw, neck, rigid abdominal muscles, retention of urine, constipation, death without treatment

TOXOPLASMOSIS (*Toxoplasma gondii*)

Transmission: Cats are part of the transmission of this disease. Fecal contamination of young cats not older cats are the issue. Ingestion of the contaminated hay or bedding confers the toxoplasmosis.

Goat symptoms: abortion

Human symptoms: flu-like symptoms, abortions, birth defects

VESICULAR STOMATITIS (*Rhabdovirus*)

Transmission: This disease involves an insect vector. It can also be spread by direct contact with saliva or the fluid from ruptured blisters.

Goat symptoms: fever, mammary, interdigital and oral vesicles

Human symptoms: flu-like symptoms, headache, fever, muscle aches, vesicles in mouth, hands and feet

*Information is general in nature and is provided without guarantee as to results.
The information is not intended to be and should not be construed as legal advice.*



Goat Book Mobile app – the stockman’s digital record-keeper

By Zack Songkham, Mobile App/Web Development, EDJE, www.edje.com

Instead of keeping records in a notebook on the seat or dash of your pickup truck, you can now store data on your mobile device! The "Goat Book" mobile app will allow you to input data

into your phone - even without an internet connection.

"Goat Book" is a web-based application with a mobile app for your iPhone or Android device. "Goat Book" allows producers a simple way to store birthing and breeding data on their flocks while in the field or office. The mobile app was developed for all skill levels and operation sizes, and allows for multiple users to login into one account. When an internet connection is available, the data from the mobile device will be uploaded and synced making current information available to anyone on the account. Birthing, maintenance and breeding data can also be accessed from your office computer by logging into your account at www.goatbook.net.

The mobile app also includes a report function that displays your birthing data by buck, sex and type. You can generate reports of breeding data on individual does or overall by buck.

A tracking function is available to track herd vaccinations,

medications and maintenance. The tracking reports will show animals that have or have not had health work administered.

Other functions on the "Goat Book" app include a simple semen tank function that allows producers to keep track of semen inventory, and canister location. A gestation calculator is also available and allows for both breeding and birthing projections.



"Goat Book" has a free, no-obligation, 30-day trial, allowing producers the opportunity to try it out before purchasing. The mobile app will allow you to create a Doe and Buck list, and the ability to upload a Doe or Buck list from an Excel spreadsheet. The trial period allows you the use of the mobile app for 30 days at no cost. If you choose to continue after the 30 day trial the annual subscription cost is \$15.00.

The Share-A-Kid Program

The Iowa Dairy Goat Association is always on the look-out for ways to help nurture a life-long appreciation of dairy goats and dairy goat products in youth throughout the state. The Share-A-Kid program provides an opportunity for youth in the state of Iowa, ages 10 to 17, to win a registered dairy goat of their own, by way of a competitive essay application process. Doelings are donated by IDGA members. More information about the Share-A-Kid program and applications for 2017 can be obtained by visiting www.iowadairygoat.org or contacting Guinevere McIntyre at jasperfarm@live.com or 641-236-5120.

This issue we hear from 2 of the 2016 winners. Gavin Johnson received a Nigerian Dwarf doeling from James & Jamie McDaniel of J&J Livestock, and Jenna Gronewold received a Nubian yearling from George Altheide of Acorn Acres.



My name is Gavin Johnson. I submitted an essay to IDGA for the Share-A-Kid program in 2016. I was selected to receive a doeling, donated by J&J Livestock. Since goats are herd animals and don't do well by themselves, I was able to purchase a wether for a companion.

I named the doeling Holly and the wether Skip. They are both Nigerian Dwarfs. This breed is becoming very popular. They stay small so they're easy to handle, very friendly and have a lot of energy! I built them a playground because they like to jump and play.

I didn't know a lot about goats before this experience. I have learned a lot from the donor James McDaniel as well as day to day interaction with my goats and from the judge when I showed them.

When I first got my goats, they weren't very old and I still had to bottle feed them. The last time I bottle fed an animal, I was really young. It brought back good memories. I think our bond is stronger because I bottle fed them.

I gradually increased their feed to get them ready to show. I also gave them minerals. I always look forward to spending time with my goats. Whenever they hear my voice, they come running. Holly will be able to breed this fall.



I showed both of my goats at the Appanoose County Fair in July 2016. I received a blue ribbon for each of them. It was a lot of hard work and a lot of fun. It was worth it.

I want to thank James and Jamie McDaniel and Guinevere McIntyre as well as the entire Iowa Dairy Goat Association for giving me this opportunity.

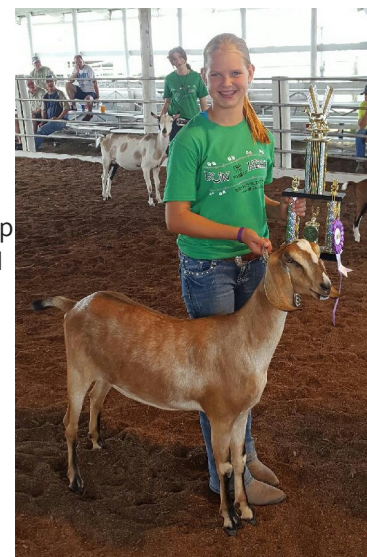


My name is Jenna Gronewold and I'm a 2016 Share-A-Kid program winner. I would like to thank George

Altheide of Acorn Acres for my Nubian doe, Lightning Bolt. During my experience with Lightning the most challenging thing I had to do was break her to lead. I showed Lightning at the 2016 Monroe County Fair in the yearling class. I received first in my class and Grand Champion of the dairy goat show.

In October, my family discussed where we were going to breed Lightning. Thankfully, Jasper Farm let us breed Lightning to their Nubian buck, Mitch. At the end of December we went back and brought her home. Now she is back with me and her goat friend Flops. I enjoy having Lightning around again and am looking forward to the time when she will kid.

In the future, I hope to expand my Nubian herd. With the milk I get, I would like to try to make goat milk soap and go from there. I will show Lightning at the county fair again and possibly the state fair. I am very happy with Lightning and I am glad that George gave her to me.



FINDING BALANCE IN LIFE

BY JAMY RANDOL, IDGA YOUTH AMBASSADOR

In order to live a happy and successful life you have to have balance. Finding that balance can be extremely difficult at times though. I am a person who likes to be extremely active. Not only do I have my herd of goats, I also referee and help coach soccer and basketball. On top of that, I am very busy in speech. Currently, I am competing in individual speech, in which I am one of two freshman that made it to state. Along with all that, I like to remain very active in FFA and 4H. I also have to stay on top of my schoolwork. Needless to say finding balance can be extremely difficult.

Sometimes, my life is so busy I have to give things up. The thing that I usually give up is sleep, which usually doesn't turn out well. So, throughout the years, I have learned to prioritize things that are important in my life. School and goats are always at the top of the pyramid, the most important. The rest of the activities just sort of have to fall into place. Once I get my routine down of going to school and then coming home to milking and working with the goats, I fill the empty spots with activities.

A person can only be busy so much, so sometimes you have to allow yourself a break from everything. If you become so busy you never get to sit back and enjoy life. All you have to do is blink, and years have gone passing by.

So the most important aspect of finding balance in life is to allow yourself rest. If you become so busy, life just slips away and you don't even realize it. You just have to sit back and realize what you have before it's all gone.



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Iowa Spring Classic Rules and Entry Form Jasper County Fairgrounds, Colfax, IA Saturday June 3 and Sunday June 4, 2017

JUDGES: Ring 1 Sam Whiteside, Ring 2 Paula Reisdorff DVM, Ring 3 Daniel Laney, Ring 4 Rusty Repp
On-line Entry will be available at www.iowadairygoat.org after April 15.

This is a ribbon only show. No premiums will be paid.

Show Co-Chairs : James McDaniel & Butch Sowers, Show Secretary: Deb Konen

The show will start Saturday morning at 8:00 am with senior does. Showmanship will follow the senior doe show and will be followed by the junior doe show. All four buck rings will follow the junior doe show. The Sunday morning show will start at 8am with senior does and will be followed by junior does.

Junior Doe Classes

1. Junior Kid (Born on or after 03/03/17)
 2. Intermediate Kid (Born 01/03/17 -03/02/17)
 3. Senior Kid (Born 06/03/16 – 01/02/17)
 4. Dry Yearling (Born 06/03/15 –06/02/16 NOT IN MILK)
- Junior Grand & Reserve Grand Champion
Best Junior Doe in Show

Junior Buck Show Classes

11. Junior Kid (born on or after 03/03/17)
 12. Intermediate Kid (Born 01/03/17 -03/02/17)
 13. Senior Kid (Born 06/03/16 – 01/02/17)
- Jr. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion

Senior Doe Classes

5. Under 2 years in Milk
 6. 2 and under 3 years
 7. 3 and under 4 years
 8. 4 and under 5 years
 9. 5 years and over
- Senior Grand & Reserve Grand Champion
10. Champion Challenge
Best of Breed
Best Senior Doe in Show

Senior Buck Show

14. 1 and under 2 years
 15. 2 and under 3 years
 16. 3 and under 4 years
 17. 4 and under 5 years
 18. 5 years and over
- Senior Grand & Reserve Grand Champion
19. Champion Challenge
Overall Grand & Reserve Grand Champion
Best Buck in Show

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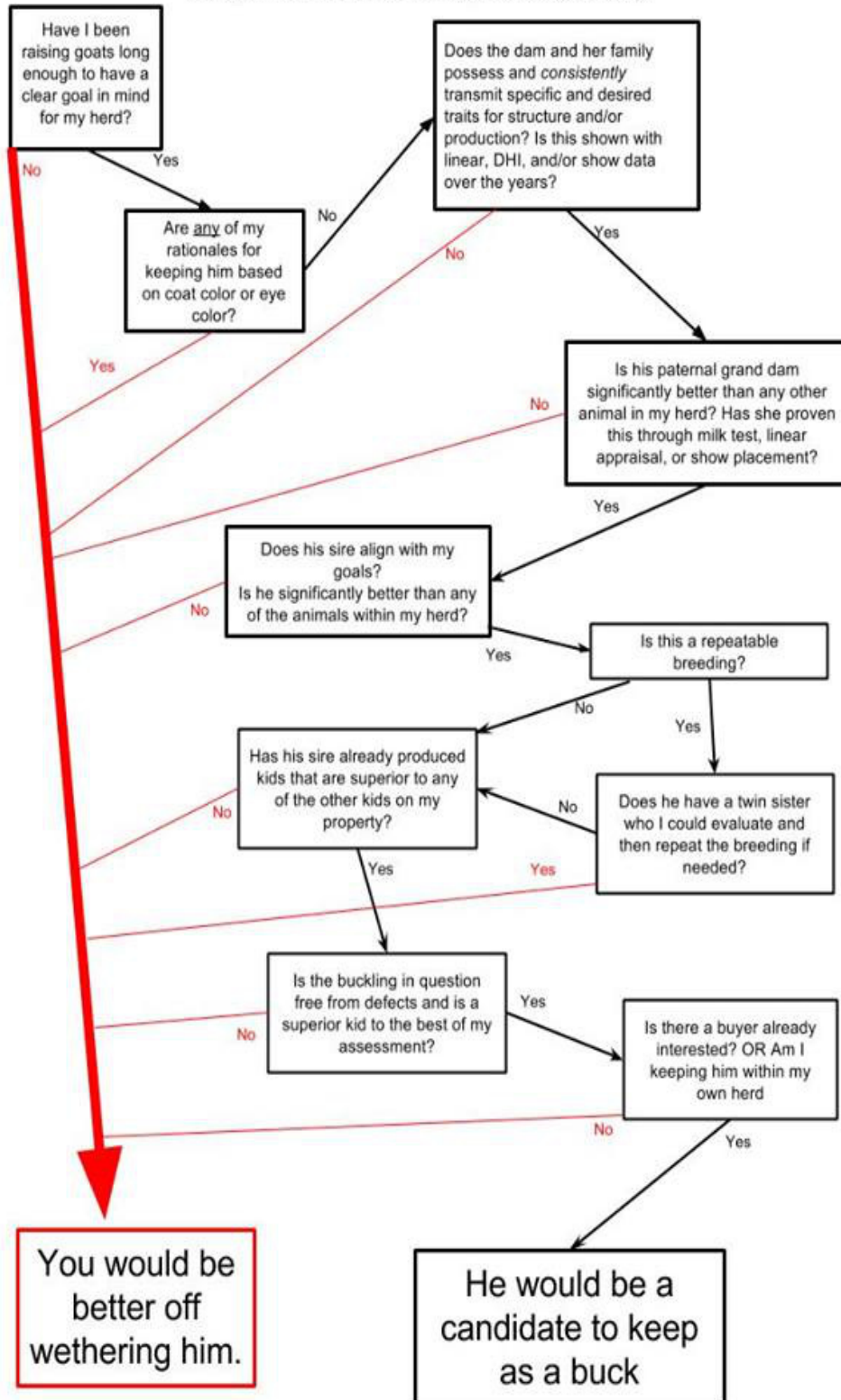
1. These shows are sanctioned by the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA), and its rules shall govern. Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats are dual sanctioned with ADGA and the American Goat Society (AGS).
2. There will be four (4) separately sanctioned shows each for Junior Does, Senior Does, and bucks. -The Senior Doe show is sanctioned for Saanen, Nigerian Dwarf, Recorded Grade, Nubian, Toggenburg, Alpine, LaMancha, and All Other Purebreds. -The Junior Doe Show is sanctioned for Saanen, Nigerian Dwarf, Recorded Grade, Nubian, All Other Purebred, Alpine, and LaMancha. -The Buck show is sanctioned for Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Alpine, and All Other Purebred.
3. The Junior and Senior Doe shows are separately sanctioned.
4. Saturday June 3: Two rings of show will be held simultaneously for each division beginning at 8:00am with Ring 1. Showing will begin in Ring 2 in the same breed order following the conclusion of the first breed in Ring 1 and continuing through breed order in both rings concluding with the last breed finishing in Ring 2. All 4 rings of the buck show will be shown simultaneously following the conclusion of the Junior Doe show. Each breed will stay in the ring location and the judges and secretaries will move from ring to ring.
5. Sunday June 4: The show will start at 8am with Senior Does followed by Junior Does.
6. Papers will be checked and the Official Show Report signed before the judge begins judging another breed.
7. All animals must be individually identified on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and originate from herds or areas not under quarantine. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for goats will require clinical inspection by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days prior to date of entry to exhibition grounds. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin Identification tag or by an official tattoo registered with the USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG), and the complete ear tag number or complete ear and/or tail web tattoo number must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. If you use tattoos instead of scrapie tags, complete numbers from both ears (complete tail or flank numbers) must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
8. A statement must be included on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection indicating that the herd participates in the scrapie program, and listing the official tattoo registered to the herd.
9. Any evidence of club lamb fungus, ringworm, draining abscesses, foot rot, sore mouth, or any other contagious disease will eliminate the animal from the show.
10. Goats originating from outside of the state exhibiting and/or transported along to be considered for sale at the exhibition must originate from a state-certified brucellosis free herd, or the animal(s) exhibited must have a negative brucellosis test performed within 90 days of the exhibition. In addition, they must originate from a herd having a whole-herd negative Tuberculosis test within the last twelve months, or the animal(s) exhibited and/or brought along must have a record of a negative Tuberculosis test performed within 90 days of exhibition. Brucellosis and Tuberculosis class "free" state status for bovines is not recognized for goats moving into Iowa. Goats originating from outside the state exhibiting and returning to the premises of origin are exempt from testing requirements, with the following statement written by the licensed accredited veterinarian on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection: "The goat(s) listed are for exhibition only and not for resale."
11. In the event of a question as to the health of an animal, a veterinarian will be called at the owner's expense.
12. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed, equipment (including milk stand) and bedding of wood chips. NO STRAW ALLOWED.
13. Exhibitors must clean out their pens before being released. Wheelbarrows and other cleaning equipment will be available and there will be a designated area to dump waste. Please have a member of the show committee check your pens before you leave. We will have youth available to clean pens at exhibitors' expense. Please notify Deb Konen by Saturday night if you would like your pens cleaned.
14. All registration papers will be checked upon arrival or at a time to be announced.
15. Each owner/exhibitor with an individual registering association ID number shall submit a separate entry form.
16. All animals exhibited must be tattooed and registered with a recognized Registering Association. Owners must provide the reader for microchips used as supplemental identification.
17. The original registration certificate is required for all animals 6 months of age or older. Animals under 6 months of age may show with a stamped duplicate Application for Registration. Signed transfers will not be accepted as proof of ownership.
18. Senior does will start at 8:00am Saturday June 3, 2017 followed by showmanship, then the Junior Does. The show order is not subject to change.
19. Early Bird Discount (postmarked by 5/26/17): \$6 pen fee, \$5 per head one ring, \$10 per head two rings, \$13 per head 3 rings, and \$15 per head four rings.
20. Regular Fees (after 5/26/17): \$8 pen fee, \$7 per head one ring, \$14 per head two rings, \$19 per head three rings, and \$23 per head four rings.
21. The pen fee is per pen; pens should hold 4 standard adults comfortably. Early bird pen fee is \$6 (postmarked by 5/26/17). 5/27/17 and later, pen fees are \$8.
22. Animals should arrive no earlier than 1:00 pm Friday June 2 and must be in place by 7:30am Saturday June 3.
23. There will not be a pre-show milk-out.
24. The base date for computing age will be June 3, 2017.
25. As a courtesy to others, permanent champions are asked to be shown in the Champion Challenge class only. There will be champion challenge in the buck shows.
26. Iowa Dairy Goat Association and Jasper County Fair Association will not be responsible for accidents, damages, or losses.
27. A food table will be available on site to purchase breakfast and lunch both days. Ruminant Consulting Services will provide a meal Friday night for all exhibitors. Saturday evening, IDGA will provide a meal for all exhibitors. If anyone wants to contribute, feel free to bring something that travels easily.

Questions?

Contact: James McDaniel (515) 249-7799 or Butch Sowers (515) 209-9265

Should I keep this buck intact??

A beginners chart to determining a buckling's destiny



**Created by Rebekah Clarke

Goat Cookies

Mix up a crunchy treat for your favorite goat.

Ingredients

- 1 cup uncooked oatmeal
- 2 cups raisin bran (crunched up works best)
- 1 cup raw wheat germ
- 4 large shredded carrots
- 1 cup molasses
- ½ cup applesauce

Preparation

Combine molasses and applesauce in a bowl. Combine all other dry ingredients in a separate bowl. Gradually add the molasses and applesauce mixture to the dry ingredients to obtain a thick dough. (If more dry ingredients are needed, add a little more raisin bran and/or wheat germ to the mixture.) Shape into desired-sized balls and place onto a greased baking sheet. Bake at 300 degrees until dried out and done (about 30 minutes). Can burn easily.

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