



The Goat Source

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Here is your March issue of The Goat Source Newsletter. Kidding is just around the corner for me (my neighbor is all done!!) My girls look like kegs on legs. I can hardly wait for spring and new babies!!

Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to your friends.

What's New This Month?

- What is Ennoblement?
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What is Ennoblement?

Ennoblement is a title awarded to a full blood or purebred Boer Goat, meeting or exceeding the following criteria. These points may be earned through the show ring or through performance tests. The animal must also be inspected by an official inspector from the ABGA and meet these criteria.

Show ring points are awarded on a sliding scale depending on how many animals are in the class.

- The more animals in the class, the more points awarded. The higher the placing in the class, the more points available.
- Grand and Res. Grand Champions are awarded extra points, according to the number of animals competing.

ABGA registered animals may acquire points in an Approved Performance Gain Test.

- Points are awarded according to a formula determined by rate of gain and how the animals in the test rate compared to the other animals in the test.

Visual inspection is required in order to become “Ennobled”. An animal must pass visual inspection before points earned in the show ring or performance test are official.

- A Boer goat must pass visual inspection and earn a total of eighty (80) points
 - No less than thirty (30) of these total points having been earned by combining points from at least three (3) of his/her progeny (sons/daughters) and the progeny must passed visual inspection.
- Non-inspected Boer goats can achieve Ennobled status through their progeny
 - At least three (3) of their progeny must have earned a combined total of one hundred (100) points and have passed visual inspection as certified by the ABGA Secretary.

There are two different types of ennoblement – Traditional and Non-traditional. This has to do with the type of animal presented (i.e. Do the animals meet breed standards for color and markings?). Upon visual inspection, the animal will be assigned to either traditional or non-traditional class. For a more detailed explanation of this program, visit the official page of the American Boer Goat Assoc. dealing with the rules and regulations in this program.

<http://www.abga.org/ennobled/ennobledgoats.htm>

Goat Cheese Recipe

Making hard cheeses

All you have to do is put 1 gallon of goat milk in a pot and heat the milk up to 185° F. Stir in 1/2 cup of lemon juice and after 15 minutes the curds will form. After they have formed, drain the curds and pour the milk/curds in a mold (a mold can be made from a freezer container with small holes in it)

Let curds drain for 2 hours and you will have 1 1/2 pounds of cheese which is very good for soups or pasta and a slice or two on a sandwich is all so very good!

(Contributed by Alex Cripps – Thanks!)

This Month's Quiz

What is ketosis? (Kidding season is coming up – you should know this!)

Classified Ads...

Join Mom's Cooking and get free recipes.

www.momscooking.goatsource.com

Just a note:

My veterinarian's daughter is a member of the Relay for Life Cancer Fund Raiser. I have donated in memory of my Mom, Mary Applegate who died of cancer in 1992. If any of you have lost a family member or friend to cancer, I urge you to support this fund raiser. Helena's page is located at:

Relay for Life/Helena Bowen

<https://www.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?ievent=141985&lis=1&kntae141985=342A675F9DDD49F880D2C4EF4FCCDC74&supId=115664362>

Answer to the March Quiz:

Ketosis is defined as an accumulation of excessive amounts of ketone bodies in body tissues and fluids. 'Ketone bodies' are the metabolic substances known as acetoacetic acid and beta-hydroxybutyric acid. Acetone, which puts off the peculiar odor associated with Ketosis, comes from acetoacetic acid. These substances are all normal metabolic products of 'lipid' within the liver. When they become severely imbalanced as the result of ketosis, the liver will fail. For a more complete explanation of the cause of ketosis, and symptoms visit:

<http://www.saanendoah.com/ketosis.html>

Helpful hints:

When you vaccinate your animals, have a tray to put all of your needles, syringes and vaccine in. A small cold pack will keep the vaccine cold while you work.

Keep a box of latex or nitril disposable gloves on hand for those messy jobs. Great when you are tattooing - no green hands!

Keep a few double ended lead ropes on hand. They can double as a quick collar, or tie up an animal short. Use two to crosstie an animal when you need them to stand still. They are available at the supply houses, or make your own.

That's all for this time...

See you next month!!

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