

Step Right Up...

Taking Baby Steps toward Marketing Success!

Attention ABGA and JABGA Members! Pay your membership dues by February 29, 2008 and take advantage of the following special values included in the newly developed ABGA Membership Benefit Program:

- Waiving of the setup fee for a sale (production) catalog.
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- Waiving of the setup fee and the enrollment of five animals for a private treaty (sale at the farm) catalog.

The ABGA Board of Directors have embarked on creating a membership benefit program to not only elevate the interest and productivity of the catalog marketing area, but continue to provide unique opportunities for the members of ABGA. The ABGA website accumulates approximately **700,000** hits monthly. Ride the wave of interest in ABGA's site by creating a catalog! Take one more step toward marketing success by accepting this one time offer!

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New Kids On The Block...

Proper Kidding Management

Kidding season can be an anxious time for a producer. Proper kidding management begins with proper nutrition and care of the pregnant doe. Proper nutrition during pregnancy will increase the chances for birth of healthy kids with few problems. Kid mortality in the first 10 days is highest among kids born underweight either due to a premature parturition or poor doe nutrition. *(Reference of this study is credited to the E Kika de la Garza Institute for Goat Research at Langston University)*

To read more, please click on the link below.

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An Uplifting Update...

CL and Goats

On February 20, 2007 it was announced to the ABGA Membership that the board of directors had approved the effort to fund a research study conducted by Texas A&M University regarding Caseous Lymphadenitis (CL) and goats.

Recently, Kevin Washburn, DVM, DABVP, DACVIM, executed an update stating, "We need about 15 to 25 cases to get what we feel is

enough to create a publishable manuscript with the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association." "Ongoing research with alternative treatments for CL look promising and detailed information will follow as the project draws to a close and all the data is analyzed," Washburn added. Washburn also implied that the project is up for any owners that have a problem with this disease to either bring your animals to them for inclusion in the study, or contact your local veterinarian so they can enroll them from a distance. *Information About Enrolling Goats in the Study*~ If you live close enough to Texas A&M University to bring your animal or animals to us, that would be great and preferred. The only requirement for a goat to be enrolled in the study is for it to have a "mass" somewhere on the skin, preferably in the vicinity of a lymph node. You would only be responsible for one \$15.00 office visit, so if you bring more than one, it will be \$15.00 regardless. Your goat will not have to stay overnight, as we handle these on an outpatient basis. Just call 979-845-3541, and say you have a goat, or goats that you want to enroll in the study for Dr. Washburn. They'll set up an appointment. If you are far away from Texas A&M University, but have a local veterinarian you routinely work with, they can contact us at the same number above and we will be able to work with them. We will send them the protocol to follow and they can, in turn send us the samples to run here. We would be glad to set this up for you.

Don't Forget...

It is Renewal Time!

Yes, 2008 is already here! This is just a quick reminder for ABGA Members to renew your membership by January 31, 2008. After this date your account, if not renewed, will receive inactive membership pricing rates. Please click on the link below to renew your membership online!

[Renew Your Membership Here...](#)