Welcome to the November issue of Boer Goat Monthly!

Dear Mary Ellen,

Welcome to November! Winter is nearly upon us. Here is what you need to know for this month as an American Boer Goat Association™ member.

National FFA Convention
The 87th annual National FFA Convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky, Oct. 29-Nov. 1. JABGA was at the event as an exhibitor, and offered a membership deal for JABGA members who signed up through the convention.

Thank you to all of the junior members who stopped by our booth to pick up materials and say hi, and to the junior board members who stopped to help out.

Judges Information
The ABGA website now has a downloadable PDF file with information on judges including the number of shows they have judged, and the number of goats in each show for the past three years. Click here to view this information.

Voluntary DNA
There are only 2 months left of the voluntary DNA Testing program on sires of kids conceived after January 1, 2015 that you are registering. All other DNA testing through ABGA is on a voluntary basis, including parent verification.
If a show is in conjunction with a fair or livestock exposition, ribbons will not be provided but instead may qualify for funding. Please refer to show rule #1400 for more information.

The price for DNA testing increases on January 1, 2015. If you have requested a sample DNA Test Kit and not sent your sample to UC Davis, be sure to do that before the end of December.

To order you kit, click here.

Announcements

2015 National JABGA/ABGA Show
The 2015 JABGA/ABGA National Show will be held in Grand Island, Neb., June 7-12. A full schedule was approved at the last Face-to-Face meeting and is available at the end of the meeting minutes. Click here to go to the minutes.

Urgent contact information
If you need something urgently from ABGA, please give the office a call at (325) 486-2242. Questions submitted via Facebook are not always seen immediately.

Membership Renewal
Membership Renewal letters will be mailed out the middle of November. If you haven't received yours by the end of November, call the office and let them know. Please mark the county that you live in on the renewal form.

December Face-to-Face Board Meeting
The next ABGA Board of Directors Face-to-Face Meeting will be held December 5th and 6th in San Antonio, Texas.

The next meeting after that will be held March 20th and 21st in Oklahoma City, OK.

Website services
A survey about adding new services to the website and database will be distributed the first part of November via email. Please watch for it and send us your opinions so we have that information available as we move into phase II of the changes that are being made.

REMINDER
Members who are sponsoring shows and/or seminars are invited to send the information to Robyn Scherer for inclusion in the ABGA Events Calendars. Applications for show sanctions should be sent to the office.

Please look for this email at the beginning of each month to stay up-to-date on everything ABGA!

Sincerely,

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