Welcome to the February issue of Boer Goat Monthly!

Dear Mary Ellen,

Welcome to February! I hope that for those of you who are kidding, that it's going well! Here is what you need to know for this month as an American Boer Goat Association™ member.

Renew your ABGA membership!
If you have not turned in your renewal, please do so as soon as possible. Renewals can be mailed or done online. Please mark the county that you live in on the renewal form.

National Show Ring Stewards

The ABGA is looking to add new ring stewards for the National Show. ABGA has revised the ring stewardship program for the National Show to allow for broader participation by interested and qualified members.

Ring Stewards will be selected for a three year term. Show expenses and a stipend are paid for each ring steward. Application will be due postmarked by or completed online by February 20, 2015.

For more information on the rotation and duties, please click here.

ABGA National Show Ring Steward Application
Please fill out the questions on a separate piece of paper and mail them to the ABGA office: 1207 S. Bryant Blvd, Suite C, San Angelo, Tex, 76903.

The application is also available online by clicking here.
Name:
Address:
Telephone:
Email:
1. Why do you want to be an ABGA National Show Ring Steward?
2. Please detail your previous experience as a ring steward.
3. Why do you think you should be selected as an ABGA National Show Ring Steward?
4. Can you commit to attending the next three ABGA National Shows, no matter the location? (Yes/No)

This information is also available in the November/December issue of The Boer Goat.

March Face-to-Face Board Meeting

The next Face-to-Face Board Meeting will be held on March 27-28 in New Orleans, LA. The agenda will be posted 10 days prior to the meeting. The minutes from the December Face-to-Face Board Meeting are on the website.

DNA Update

The DNA Testing program is now mandatory. Kids that are conceived after January 1, 2015 will not be able to be registered until the buck has DNA on file. All other DNA testing through ABGA is on a voluntary basis, including parent verification.

The price for DNA testing has increased from $28 to $33 for members. If you received your Sample Test Kit and have not sent your sample to UC Davis VGL Lab for testing, please do so as soon as possible. If you have sent your sample to the VGL Lab and not received the results from ABGA, please call the office.

To order you kit, click here.

JABGA Fundraisers

The JABGA is selling calendars. Calendars are $12.50, and that includes shipping. Please contact Cindy Dusek, Youth Coordinator, for more information. cindy@abga.org

The JABGA is also still looking for recipes for their cookbook. They really want to put an emphasis on goat recipes, and they encourage people to send in recipes. Not only goat recipes are needed though. They are accepting recipes of all sorts, and they need as many as they can get. This is not directed to just ABGA or JABGA members, but everyone!

Please send recipes to Cindy Dusek, or any other junior board member. cindy@abga.org

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 September Face-to-Face meeting and is available at the end of the meeting minutes. Click here to go to the minutes.
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,

Robyn Scherer, M.Agr.
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