Welcome to the March issue of Boer Goat Monthly!

Dear Mary Ellen,

Welcome to March! Here is what you need to know for this month as an American Boer Goat Association™ member.

2015 Judge Certification Program
Date: April 30-May 2, 2015
Location: Oklahoma State University
Stillwater, OK
Application fee: $300 nonrefundable

40-45 applicants will be selected for this program. Click here for a link to the application. Applicants must be an ABGA member in good standing, and payment must accompany the application.

Applications and payment are due RECEIVED in the office by March 25, 2015.

ABGA/JABGA Board of Director Elections
New directors will be elected in regions 3, 5, 6, 7, 12 and 15. Please note the regions have changed, effective Feb. 1, 2015. Click here for a link to the new regions. Please refer to 3.2.c in the Bylaws.

All candidates will have a bio in the March/April issue of The Boer Goats, and ballots will be issued for each region.

March Face-to-Face Board Meeting
The next Face-to-Face Board Meeting will be held on March 27-28 in
Expositions
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 Boer Goat March/April Edition
The next issue of The Boer Goat will be mailed to arrive at the end of the month. Don't miss this issue - all of the National Show info will be in it.

The Boer Goat May/June Edition
The May/June issue will feature bucks! If you are interested in advertising, please contact Robyn Scherer, robyn@abga.org. Ads must be booked by May 1, and this issue will be on display at The National Show.

Important Links
ABGA Board of Directors
ABGA Approved Judges
ABGA Region Map
ABGA Affiliates
The Boer Goat Magazine
Show Results
Breed Standards
Register Goats
Fee Schedule
Forms
Disciplinary Action
Rules & Regulations

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JABGA Scholarship
Are you interested in applying for a JABGA scholarship? To benefit young people with big dreams and create a positive influence on their future, the American Boer Goat Association offers scholarship opportunities to members that are high school seniors or a college student in the fall of the year in which the application is made.

Click here for a link to the scholarship application.

Application material must be Postmarked by May 1, 2015 and sent to the ABGA office.

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 your 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. The National Show Packet will be available in the March/April issue of The Boer Goat.

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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