**ABGA News**

There are new breed standards in effect for 2019 with additional changes to the teat structure planned for 2020. The breed standards are a guideline for breeders to refer to when selecting animals. While we understand there is no perfect Boer goat, it is our hope to assist breeders with determining the traits that are desirable to have in their herds. The breed standards are posted under Education on the ABGA website.

Are you interested in serving as an ABGA Board of Director? Regions 1, 2, 8 and 9 will be electing a director to represent the members. Visit the map at [http://abga.org/organization/officers-directors/](http://abga.org/organization/officers-directors/) for location of the regions and the application. Completed applications are due by March 1, 2019. Ballots will be distributed by May 1, 2019 and must be returned by May 20, 2019. Results will be announced by June 1, 2019.

**JABGA News**

JABGA exhibitors at the National Show will receive upgraded rosettes and banners this year. If you would like to sponsor an award for the JABGA Show, please contact Susan Burner at wvburners@comcast.net or Kathy Daves-Carr at dxdarlin1@yahoo.com.

JABGA members will be electing one director per area this year. The areas are different from the ABGA regions. Not sure which area you are in? Visit the Director page at [http://abga.org/jabga/jabga-board-of-directors/](http://abga.org/jabga/jabga-board-of-directors/) for a map of the areas and the application packet. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2019.

The ABGA Scholarship in the amount of $1000 is available to high school seniors or a college student that is a member of JABGA/ABGA. The application will be available soon and due by April 1, 2019. Please contact aaron@abga.org for more information.
ABGA/JABGA National Show - June 9-14, 2019
“Keeping the Drive Alive for 25”

Our 25th ABGA National Show is coming up quickly. Remember to mark the following dates on your calendar so you don’t miss out!

February 15 – All previous year ringside tables and end caps must be paid
March 1 – Email wvburners@comcast.net if you want to be in drawing for a table or end cap
March 4 – Drawing for available end caps and ringside tables 3 pm CST
May 10 – Early entry deadline (additional costs after this date)
May 31 – Host hotel block rate ends (Boarders Inn & Suites (308) 384-5150)
June 1 – Use this date for computing ages for National classes
June 8 – All JABGA animals must be on-site and checked in by 8 pm
June 10 – All ABGA animals must be on-site and checked in by noon.

T-shirt designs are being finalized. There will be a National Show T-shirt and a St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital charity t-shirt for sale on the website.

We are looking for vendors for the National Show. If interested, please contact Cindy Westfall at cindy_price_westfall@yahoo.com.

Our ABGA National Show Page on the website will have all information posted as it is approved. There will be updates posted on Facebook under our group – 25th ABGA and JABGA National Show.

ABGA / JABGA SANCTIONED SHOWS

February 2019
2/5 - San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo - San Angelo, TX
2/9 - Dixie National - Jackson, MS
2/13-14 - Florida State Fair - Tampa, FL
2/22 - March Maddness Show & Sale - Cookeville, TN
2/27 - Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo - Houston, TN

March 2019
3/1-2 - Peach State Classic - Terry, GA
3/9-10 - Platte Valley Boer-Nanza - Kearney, NE
3/9 - IMGP Spring Fling - Seneca, IL
3/21 - Rodeo Austin ABGA & JABGA - Austin, TX
3/30 - Spring Fling ABGA Show - Bainbridge, GA

UPCOMING SALES

2/23 - March Madness Boer Goat Sale (Cookeville, TN)
3/2 - Southern Blitz Boer Goat Sale (Perry, GA)
3/16 - Buckle and Banner Boer Goat Sale - Gibbs Farm (Stillwater, OK)
3/23 - The Other Sale (West Monroe, LA)
3/30 - Purple Ribbon Showcase Boer Goat Sale (Bloomington, IL)
3/30 - Maverick Show Goats - Montana Choice Market Goat Sale (Shepherd, MT)