



American Boer Goat Association

Code of Ethics

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The American Boer Goat Association (ABGA), Its Board of Directors, Members, Non-Members and/or Agents are committed to conducting ourselves in a professional manner that does not reflect negatively on themselves or the association. Members are to conduct ourselves in a manner that:

- Adheres to the professional standards of the American Boer Goat Association.
- Creates good corporate citizenship in all jurisdictions in which we operate.
- Ensures the welfare of the Boer Goat is of the greatest importance and that animals will be treated humanely at all times.
- Treats all members with respect, courtesy, consideration, and compassion. Avoids insults, name calling, or use offensive language that is likely to hurt, offend, or set a bad example for the American Boer Goat Association.
- To handle our communications, (including those through social media), operations or business transactions in a manner that promotes a positive image for the American Boer Goats Association.
- Provide accurate reporting of pedigree by members to the association.
- Refrain from any conflict of interest or the perception thereof.
- Maintain a high level of ethical behavior.
- Honor the core values of integrity, respect, and accountability, as this is at the heart of everything we do.
- Does not discriminate on the basis of; age, disability, economic status, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

By the authority given to the Board of Directors through Section 3.8 of the Bylaws of the ABGA, this Code of Ethics may be enforced by; a letter of written reprimand, which may or may not be made available to the general membership; a fine of up to \$10,000; freezing of accounts; ban from participating in ABGA functions; or a combination of any or all of the above, dependent upon the severity of the infraction which is approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors present that constitute a quorum.