



Dear ABGA Members,

The Board of Directors met over the past three days in San Angelo and after much thought and deliberation have decided, for the benefit of the majority of members, to institute the following three changes in regard to DNA testing:

Beginning September 1, 2021

1 – the DNA requirement to register goats with ABGA will become voluntary. However, non-DNA tested animal's registration certificates will clearly state "Not Verified" on the DNA line.

2 – All Exceptions will cease to exist– no Dead Buck/Doe or Victim rules will be allowed.

3 – All DNA testing must be submitted through the ABGA office. This allows the office to assist members and pools available data for research and study.

Out of an awareness and respect for the value DNA testing provides to the marketing and sale of goats, and the investment the membership has made into this program, the ABGA is pursuing opportunities for advancements in research to increase the available number of Caprine Markers to further enhance our DNA database allowing for Expected Progeny Differences (EPD) based genomic analysis.

If you have questions or concerns, the office staff is happy to take your calls and help guide you through this transition.

Sincerely,

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