

YEAR END REPORT

COMMITTEE: Artificial Insemination

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: Cathy S. Pindell

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Cari Brown Eshelman, Jamie Burks, Cynthia Eslava, Cam Faircloth, Lynn Fleming, Lisa Gardner Chen, Betsy Hultin, Carolyn Kirwan, Karen Lewis, John Miglio, Ralph Zimmerman DVM, and Nina Stender Schafer.

COMMITTEE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR:

This committee has continued work on items started by the previous committee chair. This committee has been contacted by individual ADGA members, committee members or the ADGA office about several important issues this committee needs to address. Our goal this year was to process all of these items and to come up with proposals on those that we can. Our objective is to bring to the Board of Directors proposals that have been carefully developed and approved by this committee.

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE THUS FAR:

AI Service Memo: There has been discussion of reformatting the AI service memo. There are items that this committee feels that may not be available to the inseminator and should not be on the memo, such as the date of birth of the AI sire. This information is not readily available. There were also request to allot more room for written information on this memo. The Committee has voted to reformat this Memo.

Buck Collection Forms: AI processors have a concern about the number of forms they must fill out for each stop and have asked this committee if it were possible to add more lines on this form to allow less forms to be used and a lower amount of paper to be mailed. The Committee has voted to reformat this form.

Processor Registration Form: There is currently no form on file with the ADGA office of who may be processing goat semen for use in ADGA registered animals. This committee has been asked by processors, ADGA members and committee members to consider this action. This committee will work on a plan and present our findings to the BOD when appropriate. The Committee has voted to design such form.

Master Collection Form: This committee felt that this form my help in future disputes where a single buck collection form was not on file. This would be a master list of all bucks collected in a season by each processor so that if needed we could cross reference to a single animal who may not have had a form on file. This would not have to be accessed unless a form was missing. The Committee has voted to design such form.

DNA For All AI Sires: This committee feels strongly about AI sires being DNA typed. This committee is looking at cost effective ways to do this. We will present our findings in the future.

The Committee has voted and recommends all sire collected for AI use be DNA typed.

Electronic Registrations: We have discussed this and there are concerns in this committee on how the AI memo's would be handled. We feel there still are issues of animals being registered by faxed copies and have great concerns how they would be registered via electronic registration. The chair of this committee has contacted the IM committee and at this time no answer has been given.

Straw Colors for New Breeds: With the two new breeds coming in to ADGA the committee felt we needed to address the issue of straw colors. We have taken into consideration of colors available and clear straws with color plugs. We will make our recommendation to the ADGA board at the 2003 National ADGA Convention.

FINANCIAL REPORT-COMMITTEE EXPENSE THUS FAR:

Since all of the committee members have E-mail ability, except for one we have been using this as a means of communication. There was an initial committee letter sent in hard copy, which will have a cost for printing and mailing.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED: . It has come to our attention that several buck forms have never been filed with the ADGA office. We have just recently been contacted from the ADGA office about more of these forms not on file. We will be asking for direction from the board as to policy in this instance. The AI committee voted and gave our recommendation to the ADGA board of directors to allow AI offspring from semen collected prior to Dec 2002 to be registered until which time this Committee could produce a policy accepted by the ADGA board of directors. This Committee has now been made aware of additional problems with straws of semen collected that may not have correct information or missing information. The Committee will present these individual issues to the ADGA board and will present tentative solutions, and ask for further direction.

PLANS FOR THE NEXT YEAR: This Committee has worked clear up to past the year end report dead line. We have completed several very important tasks this year, but feel we have just scratch the surface on getting the AI part of our registration program where it needs to be. The committee will work on the items presented to the ADGA board of directors at the 2003 National Convention and take the direction given by the board. The Committee will continue to help resolve issues surrounding collecting and processing semen and it's use. Some items may need further refinement and a further vote. Some items may be clearly approved and ready for implementation. We may also receive other questions or concerns to be addressed.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT RESPONDING TO CORRESPONDENCE:

All committee members have participated.

ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ADGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.

1. Reformat the AI memo.
2. Reformat the Sire collection form.
3. Design and put in to place a master sire form.
4. Straw Colors for new breeds. (ND lavender) (Sables gray)
5. Design and put in to place form for all semen processors.
6. Policies on straws that do not carry correct information.

These are the items that will be addressed in this Committees report to the ADGA board. Because this Committee is still working on final drafts we will be submitting that information separately.

CHAIRPERSONS SIGNATURE: Cathy S. Pindell