

AMERICAN DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2003

Year End Report

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1. Statement of goals and objectives for the Year. Our goal this year was to process in a timely fashion the many questions and topics referred to us. Our objective is to bring to the Board of Directors proposals that have been carefully developed and approved by this committee.

2. Summary of committee work and activities for the year.

SABLES: Assignments were made to various committee members to contact other species registry associations for information on how they handled subgroups of colored varieties. We received good information from a number of sources, which was helpful to the committee. We also received the requested survey results from the Saanen club in a prompt fashion. It was clear from the results that keeping the Sables as a subgroup within the Saanen breed were not a popular option. After considerable discussion among committee members, it was decided to propose separate herd books for the Sables. We also decided that we would present the option requested by the Sable breeders, which would allow direct migration from the Saanen herd books to the Sable herd books.

NIGERIAN DWARVES: Our work on the Nigerian Dwarves included further refinement of the rules of registry, a description for the Guidebook of Purebred Nigerians, and a proposal on the wording to be used on the certificates for re-registration from AGS and CGS.

BREED DESIGNATIONS WITHIN THE EXPERIMENTAL REGISTRY: We continue to look at ways to improve the Experimental program. We are proposing that a breed designation be used on the certificate of recordation when the individuals meet breed type. This will make it easier to track the number of generations meeting breed type for future acceptance into the American books. Committee member Tom Rucker wrote this proposal.

MICROCHIPPING: After considerable discussion and gathering of information, the committee decided to present a proposal to allow Micro chipping as an alternative form of identification for Dairy Goats. The chairman wrote the rules for the guidebook so that the BOD would have something concrete to look at and vote on. The committee approved these.

As luck would have it, a presentation on Microchips is scheduled for the annual meeting and this lady will be available to give us information.

REGISTRATION OF ANIMALS WITH BREED SPECIFIC DISQUALIFICATIONS: Our Rules of Registration have not precluded the registration of animals with breed specific disqualifications. We have known about this quandary for years but this is our first attempt to remedy the situation. Committee member Alice Orzechowsky wrote the particular changes that were approved by the committee.

REREGISTRATION OF ANIMALS THAT DEVELOP A BREED SPECIFIC DISQUALIFICATION: The chairman added several proposals that would deal with the offspring of animals that develop breed specific disqualifications as they age.

CLONEING: The committee in discussing possible applications to the association to register cloned animals felt that more information was needed. It was felt, however, until that was completed, we needed to make a clear statement about current policy.

ELECTRONIC REGISTRATIONS: After receiving information from the IM Chair Bill Marshall and from Linda Campbell about electronic registration and the safeguards that will be in place, we voted to present this option as a proposal.

LA MANCHAS: Pat Hendrickson contacted us regarding clarifying information in the guidebook about the Purebred La Mancha herd book.

3. Financial statement –committee expenses:

Very little expense was incurred this year because of the availability of all committee members having access to the Internet.

4. Problems encountered: No problems were encountered.

5. Decisions requiring Board Action:

Sables: Proposal 1. We propose that Sable herd books be established separate from the Saanen breed. This would include Purebred, American, Grade and Experimental Herd books. Committee vote 14 yes, 1 no, no abstentions.

Proposal 2. We propose adding wording to the Guidebook, under Procedures for Breeds Requesting ADGA Recognition, J-1-e, following “ at least four (4) generations of ancestry conforming to breed standards from a verifiable registry for animals eligible for registry” add “or, a sub group of an existing breed with heritable traits that distinguish it from the parent breed, such as color, meeting all other rules of this section “a” through “f”. Committee vote 14 yes, 1 no, no abstentions.

Micro-chipping: Proposal 3. We propose that ADGA allow the use of micro chipping as an alternative form of permanent identification for Dairy Goats registered or recorded with ADGA. Committee vote 11 yes, 4 no, no abstentions.

The following three proposals need only be considered if the BOD passes Proposal 3.

Proposal 4. In the section on tattooing, on page 111 of the 2003 Guidebook, add the following statement to paragraph one: “In 2003, the Board of Directors passed a ruling that allows micro-chipping as an alternative to tattooing as a permanent means of identification of dairy goats. Committee vote 12 yes, 1 no, no abstentions.

Proposal 5. Add a section titled “Micro-chipping” following the section on “Tattooing”, the wording to read: “The use of a unique microchip may be used as an alternative to tattooing as a permanent means of identification of dairy goats. If a Dairy goat is identified with a microchip, the owner or agent must provide a microchip reader for the use of the person or persons required to verify the identification of that animal. The microchip number and its location must appear on the ADGA registration or recordation certificate.” Committee vote 13 yes, 0 no, no abstentions.

I will present the following as one proposal as I think we need to do it all or none to be consistent.

Page 25 of the 2003 Guidebook has a section titled VII Tattoo Policy. Our proposal is that we add the phrase “or micro-chipped” or “and micro-chipped” to each place where it is appropriate in this policy. The title would then read “Tattoo and Microchip Policy”.

Proposal 6. Change the title of VIII to Tattoo and Microchip Policy.

Change Rule 1. To “it is required that all goats presented for registry or recordation be tattooed or micro-chipped before application is made.”

Leave rule 2 as it is.

Change Rule 3 to “the tattoo or microchip will be the permanent identification and will apply to all ADGA programs requiring identification of animals by their tattoo or microchip, including but not limited to registration, linear appraisal, production testing and show.”

Leave rule 4 as it is.

Add new Rule 5. To read, “If an animal is micro chipped, the number of the microchip implanted in the animal must match the microchip number on the papers.

Add new Rule 6. To read “If an animal is both tattooed and micro chipped, both the tattoo and microchip number must appear on the papers and must meet both rule 4 and rule 5 above.

Committee vote: 13 yes, 1 no, no abstentions.

Cloning: Proposal 7. The Registration Committee recommends to the ADGA Board of Directors that they appoint this or some other committee or a task force established specifically for the purpose of addressing the subject of cloning to investigate and make recommendations to the BOD”. Committee vote: 14 yes, 0 no, no abstentions.

Proposal 8. Add to the Guidebook, Rules for Registration and Recordation, VIII, A, 12. “The American Dairy Goat Association does not accept animals for registry or recordation, at this time, that are a result of cloning.” Committee vote: 13 yes, 1 no, no abstentions.

La Manchas. This proposal is a simple addition to the Guidebook, suggested by Pat Hendrickson, for clarification.

Proposal 9. Add to the Rules for Registration of Purebreds VIII, A, 1. “See rule 10 in this section” (Page 26 in the 2003 Guidebook). Rule 1 would then read “ The sire and dam of all animals must be registered purebreds of the same breed, with the exception of Purebred La Manchas. See Rule 10 in this section. Committee vote: 14 yes, 0 no, no abstentions.

Nigerians. We have three proposals this year relating to the Nigerian herd books.

Proposal 10. Re-registration: We propose that all animals being reregistered with ADGA from the American Goat Society or the Canadian Goat Society will have the prefix AGS or CGS added to their name for purposes of ADGA registration. Committee vote: 14 yes, 1 no, no abstentions.

Registration Rule VIII, D, 5. Currently reads: “ The recordation/experimental programs are intended for dairy goat breeds recognized by the American Dairy Goat Association.

Recordation applications indicating goat parentage from a breed not recognized by the American Dairy Goat Association will be rejected.”

Proposal 11. Amend Rule VIII, D, 5. To read “The recordation/experimental programs are intended for the standard sized dairy goat breeds recognized by the American Dairy Goat Association. Recordation applications indicating parentage of a breed(s) other than of the standard size breeds recognized by the American Dairy Goat Association will be rejected. Committee vote: 13 yes, 1 no, no abstentions.

Proposal 12. Add to Rules of Registration VIII, Section A, Rules for Registration of Purebred Dairy Goats, (new) number 11. “Acceptance into the ADGA Nigerian Dwarf herd books will be based on the Bylaws already in place, specifically, the re-registration of American Goat Society and Canadian Goat Society registered animals (section VIII, 1) Any AGS or CGS registered purebred Nigerian Dwarf is eligible for registration into the ADGA Purebred Nigerian Dwarf herd book. The only other animals that will be eligible are those that are the offspring of ADGA, AGS, and/or CGS registered purebred Nigerian Dwarf parents.” Committee vote: 14 Yes, 0 no, no abstentions.

Breed Designations within the Experimental and Grade Experimental herd book. This would allow automatic tracking of the number of generations that meet breed standards.

Proposal 13. We propose to add a breed designation to the Registration or Recordation papers of animals in the experimental herd books when the animal meets breed standards for a specific breed. Committee vote: 14 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

Proposal 14. Electronic Registrations: We propose that Electronic Registrations be approved for use by ADGA members in Registering and Recording Dairy Goats. Committee vote: 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

Proposal 15. Several changes are needed to preclude the registration of animals with breed specific disqualifications. We propose the following change to the Rules for Registration and Recordation, A-9 from “The breed of each animal shall be clearly marked on the application for registry and the animal must be true to breed type as shown below ”

To:

The breed of each animal shall be clearly marked on the application for registry and the animal must be true to breed type as shown below and must not have a breed specific disqualification as listed in Section XVII. Evaluation of Defects-Disqualifications-Breed Specific. Committee vote: 14 yes, 1 no, 0 abstention.

Proposal 16. Add new paragraph to Section VII, A, 11 “All animals with a breed specific disqualification as listed in Guidebook Section XVII. Evaluation of Defects, Disqualifications-Breed Specific, will be entered into the Experimental Herd book. Committee vote: 14 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions

Proposal 17. Change VIII, D, 4 from “Rules 2 through 10 of the Purebred register shall apply in all cases to the American Breed register”

To:

“Rules 2 through 11 of the Purebred register shall apply in all cases of the American Breed register.” Committee vote: 14 yes, 1 no, 0 abstention.

Proposal 18. Change VIII, D, 5, from “Rules 2 through 10 of the Purebred register shall apply in all cases of the grade record except where rule 2 or 4 cannot apply in all cases of the unknown parent.”

To:

“Rules 2 through 11 of the Purebred register shall apply in all cases of the grade register except where rule 2 or 4 cannot apply in all cases of the unknown parent.”

Committee vote: 14 yes, 1 no, 0 abstention.

Proposal 19. Add to Rules of Registration Section VIII, A, 11. “Animals who develop a breed specific disqualification as they mature should have their Registration or Recordation papers submitted to the office to be moved to the correct herd book.

Committee vote. 12 yes, 3 no, 0 abstentions.

Proposal 20. Add to rules of Registration Section VIII, A, 11. “Offspring of the individual animal that are already registered will remain where they are. Application for registration or recordation of subsequent offspring will be in the individuals new herd book. Committee vote: 10 yes, 5 no, 0 abstention.

6. Work to be completed by next years committee:

Work on cloning needs to continue with the gathering of more scientific data.

- 7. Long-range goals (5 years) for committee:** This committee will need to continue to refine the rules of registration and recordation in response to changes within the livestock industry. With the progress in cloning, need for identification of animals for tracking, and other scientific advances not dreamed of yet, we will remain busy just responding to progress.

Chairperson’s signature: Lelia Berry