

**YES, I WANT TO JOIN THE AMERICAN DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION!**

Enclosed is my enrollment fee of \$35.00. Send a membership kit and add my name to your mailing list immediately. Membership expires at end of current year if dues postmarked January 1 to September 1 OR end of next year if postmarked September 2 to December 31.

Membership/Ownership Name (limit 48 spaces) \_\_\_\_\_  
A Life Membership is awarded to ADGA individual members or a joint membership made up of no more than two individuals who have held a membership in ADGA for 30 continuous years.  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

If Mailing Address is PO Box, a Physical Address is also required.  
Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Choices for Registered Tattoo: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
VISA/MasterCard/Discover \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

If a nonmember identification number has been assigned to you by ADGA, please list it here unless you prefer it not to be activated at this time. \_\_\_\_\_

I will view the ADGA News & Events online.  Do not send me a welcome packet. I will access all membership information online at [www.ADGA.org](http://www.ADGA.org).  
I verify that the information submitted is correct. I understand that misrepresentation will cause the forfeit of my membership.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**As a Member of ADGA**, you will be eligible to nominate and vote for Directors to represent your District. Membership allows you to register or record and transfer the ownership of animals at greatly reduced rates. Members may register a unique herd name by applying to the ADGA office. You may also want to volunteer for a position on one of the many ADGA committees. The day-to-day functions of the Association are conducted by a staff at the ADGA headquarters in Spindale, NC. Policy decisions are made by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, to which all members are invited. While at the convention, you may attend the Directors' meeting, participate in numerous workshops, discussion sessions and demonstrations or audit the judges' training conference. Of course, there is ample time for you to visit with others who share your interest in dairy goats.

**A Membership Kit** will be mailed to you after your enrollment which will include a copy of the Membership Directory, ADGA Guidebook, Own a Dairy Goat booklet, Goat Milk brochure, fact sheets, and more! You will also be placed on our mailing list for the **News & Events**, ADGA's quarterly newsletter.

**Official Shows** are held under ADGA sanction throughout the United States. Hosting organizations select a judge from a list of ADGA trained and licensed judges. Recognition of Champion is recorded and ADGA awards the permanent Champion or Grand Champion (CH and GCH) to animals that meet specified conditions of competition. Over 1200 shows are sanctioned each year. The highlight of the show season is the ADGA National Show which is held in a different part of the country each year. This may be in conjunction with a state fair or may be held independently, with more than 2000 animals being exhibited. Outstanding herds from many states can always be seen at this show.



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**Youth Programs** are important to the future of ADGA. A Youth Membership is available for those under 21 years of age which provides many of our regular services. Youth Member applicants must provide their date of birth. Several scholarships and awards are presented to ADGA members annually. There are showmanship, fitting, judging, and management contests at the National Show. Youth events at the Convention include a Quiz Bowl, Poster Contest, Skillathon, and Youth Representative Contest. Request an application or sign



**Over One Million Animals** have been registered or recorded since the Association was organized in 1904. Today ADGA maintains herd books for the Alpine (A) LaMancha (L), Nigerian Dwarf (D), Nubian (N), Oberhasli (B), Saanen (S), Sable (C) and Toggenburg (T) breeds and processes registrations for more than 40,000 dairy goats annually. However, realizing that certain other dairy goats, though not purebred, are worthy of merit, ADGA offers owners an opportunity to upgrade to "American" status the offspring of these animals by breeding to purebred or American bucks. A recordation program is also available for grade animals. ADGA now issues Certificates of Identification for any goat which the owner does not want or require a registration/recordation paper to track lineage.



**Non-Voting Memberships**, Affiliate (corporations, organizations, and associations) and Associate (individual) are available. Request an application or sign up online today.

**Linear Appraisal** is a method of evaluating individual type traits that affect structural and functional durability in order to take full advantage of the potential for genetic improvement through selection. ADGA's linear system:

- Evaluates each trait individually, rather than as part of a group of traits
- Evaluates each trait from one observed biological extreme to the other
- Includes traits that have economic importance and are at least moderately heritable
- Provides a system of evaluation that can be applied uniformly on a scale of 1 to 50 points

There are fourteen linear traits in our system. Most of the traits are measured by visual observation and several are actually measured. This program gives you a written record of the evaluation of your dairy goat by an objective and highly trained appraiser. You may use this information to learn more about your animals and look at them from a more realistic viewpoint. The information can be used to determine what you would like to change about the animal or in planning future matings to improve offspring. You may also advertise your scores as those of ADGA's officially recognized program. Your participation benefits all dairy goat breeders. The linear trait information and final score are used in the Sire Summaries. The more data entered, the more accurate and predictable the Sire Summaries will be.

**The Spotlight Sale** and Colorama Sale are ADGA sponsored auctions providing an opportunity to purchase animals which the consignors might ordinarily want to keep in their own herds. Colorama Sale does are selected from nominees entered in the National Show. The selection committee looks for your animals showing strong potential. Bucks and does in the Spotlight Sale are selected on the basis of the production and type of their ancestors.

The Spotlight Sale is one of the traditions of the Annual Convention.



**Production Testing** gives you a precise record of milk, butterfat and protein production, and is one measure you can use to improve your dairy herd. If you choose to participate in DHIR, information on your completed lactation records is used at ADGA where the \*M (Star Milker) designation is awarded to those does who meet the minimum production requirements. The \*B (Star Buck) designation is accorded to qualifying bucks on the basis of parent records. Bucks can also earn the +B designation based on the production records of offspring. Outstanding producers are recognized annually as Breed Leaders. If you are unable to join DHIR, you may enter your does in a One-Day Milking Competition to earn a \*M award. A One-Day test is frequently held in conjunction with an official show. However, one may also be held at an owner's farm. For more information about DHIR, ask for a copy of our Production Testing packet.

**DNA Testing Services** gives ADGA members an opportunity to identify specific genetic information about individual animals in a manner that can be permanently stored. This information can be used to solve parentage questions or to verify identity. Members can also opt for alpha s1-casein genotyping which may be important to commercial producers. Discounted rates are available to ADGA members for these services.

**Performance Reports**, among the best of their kind in the livestock industry, give you complete information regarding linear, production testing, genetic evaluations, show wins and National Show Champions. The Performance Inquiry includes genetic evaluation information on bucks as well as actual production and linear averages for their daughters. Planned Mating pedigrees to use in your sales list can be obtained for matings being done for the next kidding season. Progeny Performance inquiries include all registered and recorded offspring of an animal. The Show Wins report lists show date, sponsoring organization, judge, award won, number in breed and show, leg won (if any), and type of leg for all show wins since 1991. The Doe Family performance summary includes a four generation pedigree on the doe and all officially recorded production and type information on the doe, her dam, her maternal brothers and sisters, and her offspring. Single and Multi-Level Progeny Lists are also available. Performance reports can be ordered or generated on demand through the online subscription reports function.

**ADGA Plus Program** gives ADGA members the opportunity to combine all of the above services and Linear Appraisal into a single package that is discounted from individually purchasing the services.



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