

AMERICAN DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION

ADGA MIDYEAR REPORT

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March 26, 2016

COMMITTEE: GENETIC ADVANCEMENT

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Elizabeth Henning

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Mark Baden, Lynn Benedict, Holly Buroker, Rebekah Clarke, Linda Colquitt, Lynn Fleming, Dan Greene, Anne Jones, Jeff Klein, Marshall Losey, Annita Puterbaugh, Ericka Ryan, Cara Sammons, Lisa Shepard (advisor,) Teresa Wade, Kathy Winters

1. COMMITTEE GOALS & OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR:

- a. Continue to submit articles for publication that promote ADGA's genetic programs and genetic advancement.
- b. Continue to discuss and pursue additional means of increasing the DNA database and the use of ADGA's genetic programs. Consider ways to expand the ADGA Plus program by offering additional benefits to participants.
- c. Explore additional ways to generate funds to support genetic research.
- d. Work on preparation of a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) document specific to committee mission and actions, including interaction with ADGA staff and other committees where objectives overlap.
- e. Continue to encourage completion of the breed identification project
- f. Continue work on the development of both a general statement and one concerning identified genetic defects for submission to the board.

2. SUMMARY OF WORK DONE THUS FAR

- a. Committee discussion regarding the development of statements regarding genetic defects has been active. The general statement developed last year that was not passed by the board is in the revision process. When the committee has approved a general policy for board approval, policies concerning identified defects will be addressed.
- b. Articles educating the dairy goat community about ADGA's genetic programs have been prepared for publication in both the Dairy Goat Journal and United Caprine News. Additional articles will be submitted throughout the year.
- c. Suggestions for additional bundling of ADGA's genetic services are being discussed.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT: COMMITTEE EXPENSES THUS FAR

None

4. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

None

5. PLANS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR:

- a. Continue to prepare genetic defects policies, and, if approved in committee, submit to the BOD for approval.
- b. Continue to submit articles for publication that promote ADGA's genetic programs and genetic advancement.
- c. Continue to discuss and pursue additional means of increasing the DNA database and the use of ADGA's genetic programs.

Elizabeth R Henning, Chair