

# AMERICAN DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION

## POSTAL BALLOT 2122-5

*COMMENT & VOTING PERIOD March 25-April 8*

PLEASE RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

**Voting Deadline is April 8, 2022**

### **Approval of Concurrent Breed Display & Minimum Registration Requirement for the Guernsey Breed to the meet the Guidelines for Inclusion of Additional Breeds at the ADGA National Show.**

**Sponsors:** Yvonne Blosser, Tom Cox, Ellen Dorsey, Kris Ellis, Lynn Fleming, Bruce Foster, Don George, Richard Grossman, Ed Jodlowski, Caroline Lawson, Marshall Losey, Don Marston, Christine Owen, Karen Smith, Pete Snyder, Lorene Toth, Laura Warren-Hughes

**Proposal:** To allow guidelines c. and d. (highlighted below) of the **Guidelines for Inclusion of Additional Breeds at the National Show** to run concurrently for the Guernsey breed, beginning with the 2022 ADGA National Show. All other listed guidelines remain the same. Should the Guernsey breeders fail to register 500 goats for 2 consecutive years, (c.) or they fail to display the required number animals outlined in (d.), the rules for inclusion will start over.

#### **ADGA 2021 Guidebook, pages 37 and 38**

#### **Guidelines for Inclusion of Additional Breeds at the National Show:**

Any ADGA recognized new dairy goat breed wishing to establish themselves as a part of the ADGA National Show must meet the following qualifications:

- a. The recognized Breed Association for said breed must submit a request for inclusion in the National Show to the Chairperson of the National Show Committee or the ADGA office. This request must include the names of the Officers of that Association, their mailing addresses and the mailing address for said Association.
- b. Upon receipt of the request, the new breed will be allowed for display purposes only. Display animals will be penned in a prominent location and must meet the same health requirements as all other animals. Only pen fees will be charged.
- c. The breed must register a minimum of 500 animals in each of the preceding two years.
- d. If a breed has a minimum of 35 animals, 20 in milk from at least 5 exhibitors, from at least 5 separate herds (animals maintained at the same location are considered to be one herd, regardless of ownership) on display for two consecutive years, they will be added to the show the following year.
- e. A minimum of 100 animals entered and 80 animals shown, 40 in milk, are required to establish a dairy breed as a competitive breed. Any new breed not meeting this requirement must start the process from the beginning and resubmit a request for inclusion in the National Show.
- f. Any established dairy goat breed failing to meet the above requirement for two consecutive years will be removed from the show.

**Rationale:** The Guernsey Breed was granted breed recognition and accepted into ADGA in 2015. Due to the unforeseen difficulties ADGA has experienced with the conversion from ROSS to NG, ADGA has been unable to offer registration services to the Guernsey breed.

**Pro:** This will be seen as a gesture of goodwill for the Guernsey breeders and who have been patiently waiting for many years for registration and access to all ADGA programs.

**Con:** The request for pens for animals exhibiting at the 2022 ADGA National Show may exceed the number of pens available. Should that be the case, the National Show Committee will need to make accommodations for the Guernsey breed display. (The Guernsey breeders have offered to bring their own pens if needed.)

Email your vote [approve or disapprove] for to President Robin Saum no later than April 8,  
2022. Thank you.  
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