

AMERICAN DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION

POSTAL BALLOT 2122-8

Voting Deadline is June 16, 2022

Allow the use of signed transfers on Original Certificates of Registration as proof of ownership at the 2022 National Show being held in Harrisburg, PA.

Sponsors: Yvonne Blosser, Tom Cox, Dan Greene, Richard Grossman, Ed Jodlowski, Karen Smith, Lorene Toth, , Laura Warren-Hughes

Proposal: To allow members to enter/exhibit goats in the name/membership of the owner to be transferred to for the 2022 ADGA National show.

All transfers must be signed in ink. A copy of each of the signed transfers presented shall be photocopied at the time of check-in, and by October 1 the office will notify all owners with outstanding transfers to submit their papers within 30 days of notification. Failure to submit transfers will forfeit all National Show placings and/or awards.

Rationale: Problems arising from "bugs/glitches" with the computer system referred to as NG, have resulted in multiple transfers being randomly "stuck in submission." Also, given that there are over six thousand help tickets and new registrations have not been processed recently with the lack of staff working in the office has created difficulty for our membership. This has in turn, resulted in members refraining from sending transfers in to be processed for fear of lost paperwork. This situation was compounded by the delayed release of National Show rules and online entry.

Pro: This will allow our members the ability to exhibit animals at the 2022 National Show that they own, but have been hesitant to send in the Original Certificate of Registration to transfer. This could result in increased entries in age classes as well as group classes. This action will be viewed by our members as an effort to ameliorate issues regarding participation at ADGA's premier event showcasing dairy goats. This could also reduce the demand on our Office Staff to process "rush" transfers in the days leading up to the show.

Con: Special attention will be required at check-in and when reporting placings to insure the correct "owner" is notated. This will prevent individuals from signing an animal over just to be shown at the show and not following through with the transfer.

Please email your vote to President Robin Saum on, or before, June 16, 2022.

Thank you.