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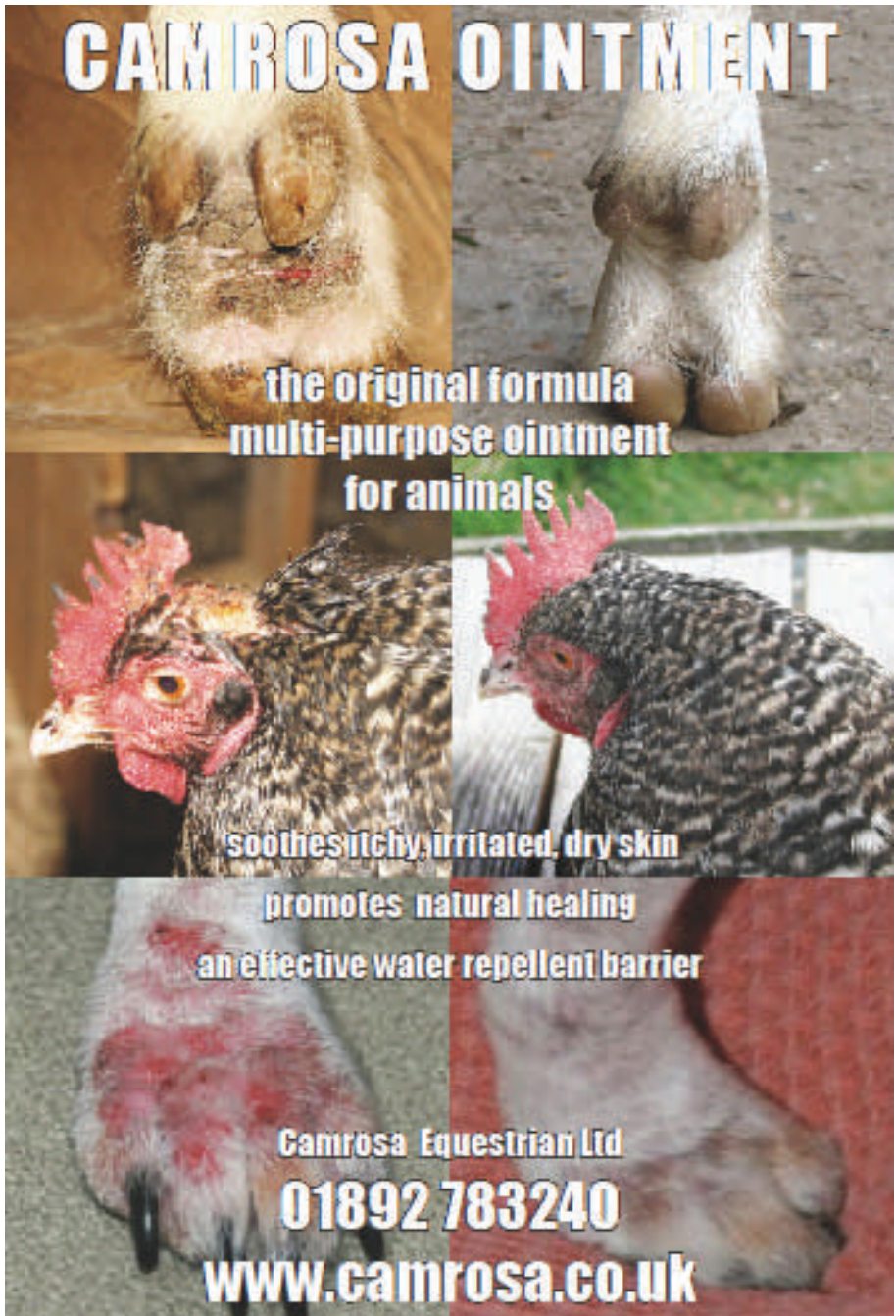


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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

These notes begin with the very sad news of the passing of two long serving members of the British Goat Society. Victor Thornley died on the 24th July and Heather Brace died after a long battle with cancer on 7th August. Both died peacefully at home.

There is a tribute to Mr Thornley in this edition of the Monthly Journal. He had served on the BGS Committee for many years and was elected President in 1990/1991. Mr Thornley was a BGS licensed judge for many years and, together with his late wife Elsie, they bred the wonderful Sundial Herd.

Heather Brace, together with husband David, owned the Hetherton Herd and enjoyed great success over many years. Ch Hetherton Aedon Br Ch, a pure Saanen, being one of their most famous goats. Heather served as BGS Show Secretary for many years and often accompanied David on his many judging appointments. She was a popular figure at many goat shows and will be sadly missed. An appreciation of Heathers life will appear in the Monthly Journal.

Times like these remind us of how precious friendships are and how they should be nurtured. I know that all members will wish to join me in sending sincere condolences to both families.

On a brighter note I am able to inform members that the bungalow left to the British Goat Society by Mr Geoffrey Hill has now been sold for £249,950. It could still be some time before the estate can be finally distributed to the Society. Very careful thought and planning will need to be put into how we make use of this unexpected windfall.

Richard Wood
Chairman

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new members who are:

Mr & Mrs Phillips, Bedfordshire;
Mrs Grainger, Somerset;
Mrs Ball, Lincolnshire;
Ms Whale & Mr Dawson, West Yorkshire;
Mrs Boulton & Mrs Hemsall, Lincs;
Mr & Mrs Thomas, Mid Glamorgan;
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Ms Hutchinson & Mr Scott, Shropshire;
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Mr & Mrs Wheatley, Warwickshire;
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th & 7th September Dairy Event & Livestock Show, NEC Birmingham
See enclosed leaflet for full details.

Autumn Conferences—Full details of these next month

October 22nd or 29th hosted by Derbyshire Goat society

November 12th hosted by Gloucestershire Goat Society

RENEWAL OF JUDGES LICENCES

The names of Members, who are willing to continue to serve as BGS Judges for a further three years, are listed below. The renewal of licences will be considered at the BGS Committee meeting in November

Any representation appertaining to the renewal of these licenses must be submitted to the BGS Office within 21 days of publication of this Journal. It was agreed at a committee meeting 2/12/2000 that copies of any letters will be sent to the judge. Committee members would receive full copies if they attend the Committee meeting, but these letters would then be collected after voting had taken place.

Copies of any such representations will be submitted to the Judge concerned within a further 14 days of receipt at the BGS Office.

The Judges have a right to reply in writing, which must be received at the BGS office by Friday 28th October or to attend the Committee in person.

These members are willing to serve for a further three years as BGS judges:
Mr M Ackroyd, Mr T Baker, Mr P Cox, Mrs M Edginton, Mr T Hanna, Mrs H Matthews, Mr C Nye, Ms D Oliver, Mr S R Parkin, Mr B Perry, Mr G Smith, Mrs S Prior, Mrs J Martin, Mrs L Scobie.

THOMAS VICTOR THORNLEY
24th March 1919 – 24th July 2011

On the 24th July 2011 Mr Victor Thornley died peacefully at home aged 92 years. His funeral was held at Town End Methodist Church, Chapel en le Frith on 10th August and was well attended by family, friends and goat keepers. I felt honoured to be invited to speak at the funeral on behalf of the British Goat Society Committee, Secretary and Members. I have known Mr and Mrs Thornley for almost forty years and during this time, like so many others, I developed a deep respect and affection for them both.

Goats became part of their lives in 1950 with Mrs Thornley joining the British Goat Society in 1952 and registering their prefix "Sundial" in 1953. Mr Thornley became a BGS member in his own right in 1964 and was very quickly granted a judge's licence in the same year. He was a popular choice as judge as everyone knew they would receive an honest and unbiased assessment of their stock. He continued to judge for almost forty years.

During this time the Sundial Herd emerged as a force to be reckoned with. British Alpines, British Saanens, the occasional pure Saanen and AOV's dominated shows throughout the United Kingdom. Mrs Thornley often travelled from show to show, in an era where legislation and regulations did not prevent this from happening, and only popping home periodically to collect feed for the show team. Mr Thornley would often follow on after work on a Friday eve-

ning. How many miles the trusty transit van and caravan covered during this time can only be imagined!

I remember Mr and Mrs Thornley for their kindness over the years and first experienced this during my first year of showing in 1974. I had entered the Great Yorkshire Show at Harrogate and, being new to it all, I did not possess all of the necessary equipment required to survive a week at the show. Mrs Thornley very quickly gave me a spare key to her caravan to enable me to make cups of coffee during the days of the show. I often wondered what her husband would have made of it if he had turned up! I was in a position to return this kindness several years later at the Royal Highland Show at Edinburgh. Mrs Thornley turned up at the show in the early hours having travelled straight on from Todmorden Show overnight. I was awaked by that familiar voice calling out, "Where's Richard? He won't mind helping me to unload." I returned to bed at 3am!

I remember well how Mrs Thornley spoke of her and Mr Thornley as being a team. Mr Thornley decided on the goats breeding and Mrs Thornley was in charge of the feeding, cheerfully adding that if either role was swopped it would result in disaster as Mr Thornley was always telling her she fed the goats too much! But teamwork worked for them and the long list of outstanding Champions and Breed Champions stands as testament - Sundial Sodap, Sundial Shelagh, Sundial Salome, Sundial Shena, Sundial

THOMAS VICTOR THORNLEY

Sarah, Sundial Syder, Sundial Songster, Sundial Shweppees and Sundial Skol to name but a few.

In 1977 I telephoned the Thornleys to ask if I could book a male kid from one of my favourite Sundial British Alpine Breed Champions – Sundial Shena Q*3 Br Ch. In due course one was born and Mrs Thornley telephoned to let me know that Sundial Shamrock had entered the World. Unfortunately I was out when she called and my Father took the message. My Father, unlike my Mother, never did understand the attractions of goat keeping and the message he relayed to me was as follows, “A Mrs Thornley has telephoned to say that her daughter, Shena, has had a little boy and that it is something to do with you.” To this day I cannot understand why he did not wish to question me about this! When I told Mr and Mrs Thornley about this they roared with laughter and would often ask me to repeat the story to them over subsequent years!

In 1969, in recognition of Mr Thornley’s organisational skills, he was elected to the British Goat Society Committee and by 1977 he had become Vice Chairman, touring the country to attend BGS gatherings. He was elected Chairman from 1981 to 1987.

During 1986 Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, bestowed an OBE on Miss Jean Mostyn Owen, owner of the world renowned “Mostyn” Herd. Miss Owen invited the Thornleys to accompany her to Buckingham Palace to receive the award. There is a lovely photograph of her, ac-

companied by Mr and Mrs Thornley in the 1986 BGS Year Book.

In 1990 and 1991, in recognition of Mr Thornley’s unstinting service to the British Goat Society, the membership elected him as their President. He continued as a Vice President until the day he died. Mr Thornley was also elected as a Custodian Trustee of the British Goat Society.

In addition to his work for the British Goat Society, Mr and Mrs Thornley were staunch supporters of local goat clubs such as Lancashire, Derbyshire and Cheshire. They were well known for the wonderful hospitality they offered club members at their home, The Ridge, in Chapel en le Frith. They always enjoyed the social side of goat keeping and celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in 2003 by having numerous parties at the various goat club meetings – always providing the cake and refreshments themselves. I understand Mr Thornley was particularly partial to sherry trifle (the more sherry the better!) and could always be relied upon to help eat it up.

Mr Thornley was a font of knowledge and experience for local goatkeepers and both were willing helpers and stewards at shows long after the Sundials had gone, Mr Thornley continuing to steward almost to the end.

Both Mr and Mrs Thornley were dependable and reliable – you just knew they would never let you down. If things went wrong and others would panic,

THOMAS VICTOR THORNLEY

Mr Thornley took it all in his stride, completely unflappable, and would sort it out. Just the type of person you need as a leader.

Funerals are inevitably sad occasions but Mr Thornley's was also a celebration of the life of a man who gave so much and made such a difference.

The British Goat Society would not be what it is today if it had not been for the likes of Victor Thornley.

He was a gentleman and will be much missed.

Richard Wood
Chairman



Mr & Mrs Thornley

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SHOWS



*Ramside Tamsin BCC BA
(Mr S Stanger handled by Mr C Newton)*



*Aphrodite Athena Best kid
(Mrs E Woodmass) Judge Mr R Wood*



*Kindur Gentle Res BIS at Cheshire County
BCC BS at Cheshire County &
Cheshire Dairy Goat Society shows*

THOMAS VICTOR THORNLEY

It was with sorrow that we learned of the death of Mr Victor Thornley on the 24th July, he was 92 years of age. He took over as President of the Cheshire Dairy Goat Society after Mrs. Thornley's death 5 years ago. Both he and Mrs. Thornley were members of our Society as well as Derbyshire and Lancashire. Both of them were very committed to the Goat Societies they were members of and they were always on hand to give advice if needed.

John and I attended his funeral on the 10th August at Town End Methodist Church, Chapel-en-le-Frith, along with other goatkeepers. Richard Wood gave a very nice tribute to Victor on behalf of the B.G.S and also as a friend. Of course, the Thornleys will always be remembered for their Sundial Herd and their breeding of the British Alpine, Saanen and British Saanen Breeds.

I understand that Richard's tribute, which covers Victor's life of goatkeeping and his role as Chairman and member of the B.G.S., will be printed in the Newsletter

On a personal note I would like to say that over the years John and I became very close to him and visited him on a regular basis as he lived just a few miles away. Mr. and Mrs. Thornley often used to call on us if they were passing by.

After the death of Mrs. Thornley we visited him more often and had many a pleasant afternoon with him, chatting about old times and putting the World to rights over a cup of coffee or two.

They used to have an odd pig now and again, one night he took his sow to the boar to be mated, on arrival home the trailer was empty, he had lost the pig somewhere on the journey home. So with a torch and an empty trailer he had to retrace his tracks, thankfully he found the pig. He reared his pigs on the milk from the goats and then sold the pigs to Walls for sausages. He collected the out of date pies and fed them back to the pigs! Winner from both ends.

He served in the Homeguard and I overheard him telling John a sad story about the time that he was sent on munitions training. The men were split into two teams, fortunately for him he was in the right team as the other team were dealing with a bomb or grenade which blew up causing horrific injuries. He and the others had the awful task of identifying them and taking the more fortunate to the hospital.

A true gentleman to the end, John and I saw him 3 days before he died and the smile he gave us said it all, the three of us knew that it would be the last time we would be together. Our goat knowledge is all the better for knowing him and it was an honour to have had him as a friend.

Our sympathies to his two daughters, Joan and Hazel.

John and Di Rudkin
Cheshire Dairy Goat Society.

BREED SHOWS

I have just returned from the long weekend of the Breed Shows and Nottingham Show (sometimes referred to as the "National") all held on Newark Showground. The Showground has good facilities, permanent buildings, mown level show rings, parking by the goats, showers, nearby are branches, pubs and restaurants in fact everything you could possibly need and it doesn't clash with other shows. Newark is less than 3 hours drive from Bristol, Durham, Guildford, Norwich and so on and thus really a very accessible site. For this reason it is one of my favourite shows because it is one of the very few shows where you are likely to get people showing from Wales, North Yorkshire, East Anglia and the South East; all at the same showground with their stock and with time to socialise and catch up on news and views. Many lively discussions are had, a glass of wine or a beer may be imbibed and in general the atmosphere is excellent.

It was a slightly unusual weekend for me as I had been asked to judge the Anglo Nubian Breed Show and thus made sure that I steered clear of their lines while helping to settle in, bath and feed my own team. I spent the night at a very nice bed and breakfast and had dinner with another judge (judging a section my stock would not be in, of course), watched some Wimbledon and had an excellent night's sleep!

The weather in the run up to the shows had been very changeable but the whole weekend was very nice, blue skies and

sunshine. The Anglo Nubians had not mustered their usual numbers (some exhibitors were absent due to poorly stock) but I had several very good goats to judge. The day passed in good humour (I hope) and I was finished in time for the very nice lunch served by Catherine Williamson. I have both seen and heard of nice ANs that did not either enter or make it to the Breed Show and this is the same for all the Breeds.

All the stewards are to be praised mightily for giving up their time to run these shows for us, Margaret Hardman was in evidence everywhere and I am sure others that I didn't see were busy too. In my judging section it was very nice to catch up with Mike and Mary Thomasson and Maureen Hyde. Andrew Morrey had not been able to make his judges appointment for the British Saanens and it was fortunate that Brian Perry was on hand to take over.

Taken individually none of the Breed Shows were as well supported as they could have been and certainly there were top animals in all breeds that weren't represented. At some of the larger shows it would be possible to find a breed class as big or bigger than the Breed Show adult entry. Nevertheless this is one of the very few shows where you can find such a regionally diverse entry and where you can compete with stock that you probably won't meet during the rest of the season. Added to this the little edge of excitement that the Pairs Trophy gives to the end of the day and you can see the weekend is becoming quite special, a little bit unique.

SHOWS



Above: Judge, Miss D Oliver with Great Yorkshire Show BIS Lyncol Betemba (AOV) and owner/breeder Mr Colin Newton.

*Below: Talana Crunchie, Best Sire & Progeny Highland Goat Club Show.
Best Toggenburg at Scottish Goatkeepers Federation Spring Show*



BREED SHOW



*Above: Best British Alpine pair Alailah Blackbird (Mrs S Gow) & Horsehay Jindiamond (Mr & Mrs B Rhodes)
Below: Best Anglo Nubian pair, Nitram Ayliesha (Mr M Cox) & Wayward Kris (Mrs M Edginton)*



BREED SHOW

Above: Best British Saanen pair, Aphrodite Andros (Mrs E Woodmass) & Ashdene Mischa (Mr N Parr)

Below: Best British Toggenburg pair, Anjo Chad (Mr J T Bingham) & Wrotham Takatie (Mr D Knowles)



Shows



Above Top: Nottinghamshire Show: Milkers Classes top 4 from each breed

Above: IP line up of judge Mr G Webster.

Below left: Churchview Avril BIS & BCC BS at Castlewellan, Northern Ireland with owner/breeder Mr G Ringland

Below Right Kindur Nicola Best Kid at Cheshire County Show & Cheshire Dairy Goat Society Show



BREED SHOWS CONT'D

Of course there are still the goats to tend to but now people begin to relax and one of the nice features of the weekend is the Saturday night get together. Far from being a drunken caprine rave the evening is very nice with lots of chat and laughter, some music, nibbles. It's very nice to see our Chief Steward Vikki Hardy have a chance to unwind. This year one or two brave people opted for fancy dress and surely Sue Mangles Johnny Depp Pirate took the prize! Pauline Kell's Charlie Chaplin was a pretty good runner up; the party was neither too noisy nor too late and was very enjoyable.

I was the first person up the next day (I was the only person kipping down with the goats is why!) and it looked set to be hot and sunny. The judge was Gordon Webster who was working with a fractured rib which must have left him in considerable pain. I noticed that several goats gave more on the 2nd morning than the first; mine were the same as near as makes no difference. The whites came up much the same as at the Breed Shows; I don't know how the Browns and Blacks did but I was very interested to see that all three of my AN female bests, milker, goatling and kid were the same.

It was also the first time I saw our secretary in the ring too with her Golden Guernsey male, well done Jane.

I have been the chief steward at many shows over many years and thus I feel relatively well qualified to say that Vikki Hardy deserves the highest possi-

ble praise for the outstandingly good work she does in preparing and running the whole weekend. Well done to Vikki and Robert and the stewards, and thank you.

In 2012 the show will be even more special and I am sure details will be available in due course. I hope to see you there.

Michael Ackroyd

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Nick Parr's letter in the June Journal was very interesting. I have always believed that the "Saanen" goats imported in 1922 were wrongly named.

I should, however, like to raise a related matter. Not being a Saanen breeder, I have no axe to grind on the subject of Dutch Whites being accepted into the Saanen section of the Herdbook. From what I gather, most of the Dutch goats are kept in commercial herds and are bred along commercial lines. They appear to be larger than the original importation, very similar to the true Saanen.

Rightly or wrongly, although the BGS recognises these imports as Saanens, we have a ridiculous situation where their descendants are being refused BCC's because they are too big! Perhaps someone would like to explain, especially as it is rare to see a BCC refused because the goat is too small!

Bob Vickery

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2012 YEAR BOOK

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I hope the Breed Societies will also show their support.

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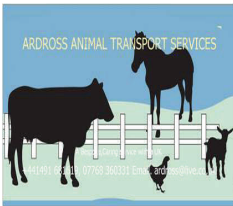
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PROPOSED CHANGE TO REGULATION 10

Proposed changes in “*italics*”. Proposed by Mrs M Hardman & Seconded by Mr N Parr. The proposal will be voted on at the November Committee meeting.

Names under which Goats may be Registered

10. (1) The name under which a goat may be registered shall consist of two words, one of which shall be the breeder's registered Prefix and the other a *name consisting of not more than a total of twelve characters (ie letters and numbers)*, unless the person making the application has not registered more than six goats in the Herd Book and/or Foundation Book, or is not the breeder of a goat to be entered in the Foundation Book under Regulation 4(2) or Identification Register, when the name may consist of one word of not more than twelve *characters (ie letters and numbers)*. No two goats may be registered with the same name. *The name must contain a minimum of two letters and, if numbers are used, a maximum of four numbers.*

(2) A Prefix consisting of one word of not more than twelve letters and approved by the Committee must be registered by every person registering a goat unless such person.

(a) is the registered owner of a prefix or (b) has not registered more than six goats in the Herd Book and/or Foundation Book. To register a Prefix a person must be a Member of the Society, or a member of an Affiliated Society respectively. The right to a Prefix is automatically cancelled if the registered owner ceases to be a Member of the Society or is not a member of an Affiliated Society, but such Prefix may be restored if the owner rejoins the Society or becomes a member of an Affiliated Society, at the discretion of the Committee. The transfer of a Prefix or the substitution of one for another may be approved by the Committee subject to payment of a further fee.

Current Regulation 10

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(Prior to 1st July 1941 Affixes were accepted for Registration and the reference to Affixes below relate to those still held).

10. The name under which a goat may be registered shall consist of two words, one of which shall be the breeder's registered Prefix and the other a word of not more than ten letters, unless the person making the application (a) has not registered more than six goats in the Herd Book and/or Foundation Book, or is not the breeder of a goat to be entered in the Foundation Book under Regulation 4(2) or Identification Register, when the name may consist of one word of not more than twelve letters, or (b) is the registered owner of an Affix when the name may consist of one word of not more than ten letters in addition to the registered Affix. No two goats may be registered with the same name and numerals or initials must not form any part of the name.

(1) A Prefix consisting of one word of not more than ten letters and approved by the Committee must be registered by every person registering a goat unless such person (a) is the registered owner of a Prefix or Affix or (b) has not registered more than six goats in the Herd Book and/or Foundation Book. To register a Prefix a person must be a Member of the Society, or a member of an Affiliated Society respectively. The right to a Prefix or Affix is automatically cancelled if the registered owner ceases to be a Member of the Society or is not a member of an Affiliated Society, but such Prefix may be restored if the owner rejoins the Society or becomes a member of an Affiliated Society, at the discretion of the Committee. The transfer of a Prefix or the substitution of one for another may be approved by the Committee subject to payment of a further fee.

BGS Forum Notes by Christine Ball

Cocci help required:-

Yet again this year, we are struggling with Coccidiosis. Earlier this month, we lost a female kid (always the best one) to coccidiosis. All the kids had Veccoxan at 3, 6, 9, 12 & 15 weeks. This has been confirmed by the VA centre at Thirsk. The VI centre has now recommended that we add a medication to the feed called Deccox. However we are having extreme difficulties obtaining this product. The only way to date is to register with the Veterinary Medicine Directorate at a fee of £150 per year, and then jump thru hoops. Does anyone know of a supply, or can help in any way.

Have you tried Pfizer Chris? Sounds very unusual to me. Did Thirsk confirm it was cocci?

http://www.noahcompendium.co.uk/Pfizer_Limited/Deccox_ACY-reg_ADs-6_ACU-Premix_for_Medicated_Feeding_Stuff_for_sheep_and_cattle-26810.html C.x

Hi Chris, You might find you can get hold of Lamb Creep Feed with Deccox in it already. I have reared many kids on lamb creep and it works well. May be a way round your problem. The other product I have used for treating coccidiosis is Bimamix. Its a calf scour drench, but is also effective against coccidiosis. Hope that helps. Richard.

If Thirsk did confirm coccidiosis then you could try discussing coccidiosis control with your private vet, there are a number of protocols that can be applied. If Veccoxan was used in the way you describe - and has been ineffective - then discuss this with your Vet - it should be

referred to the Veterinary Medicines Directorate as an adverse reaction (an adverse reaction includes lack of efficacy). Don't forget environmental management - i.e. ensuring young kids are not exposed to coccidial burdens from older kids / adults - 1 oocyst in = 1 million oocysts out - they have massive multiplication potential. Ideally - it can be controlled without having to resort to medication at all by controlling exposure rates in youngsters. David Harwood.

Hi, I have treated both lambs (last year) and this year kids with Intradine, an injectable medicine, and it has cleared it up in no time. I have however not had mine actually tested for cocci, but on discussing symptoms with my vet (recurrence every week, and older ones unaffected, kids being still indoors and not out on grass etc) we agreed that cocci was most likely. I was under the impression that it is quite difficult to test for cocci, as all goats will excrete the oocysts and disease does not necessarily occur for all animals. Your vet would have to order the Intradine in, as it is not specifically licensed for cocci as such anymore. Hope this helps. Regards, Anke.

Dear Chris, As David Harwood says this sounds remarkably like an adverse reaction to Vecoxan as the apparent lack of efficacy is surprising. One possible thought does come to mind however in that Vecoxan, unlike most medicines, should not be allowed to freeze, since if it does, the active principle is denatured and in effect rendered useless. It was rather a cold winter so I do just won-

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der....! Incidentally unless packaging has changed the danger is not stated on the outer to the extent that I would like to see, but that is a personal observation, though based on clients "Coming unstuck" before we realised what was going on. It might be worth a quiet think, and if it is the case I would be happy to see what I can do, if anything!! Nick Clayton.

Hi Nick. It is possible that the first two doses received by the kids could have been frozen, as its stored in my medicine cabinet in the garage over winter, but still in date. However the subsequent doses came from a different batch direct from the vets, and there is no chance that this batch were subject to frost whilst in my possession. The kids were also not allowed out to mix with the adults until they had three separate doses of Vecoxan, nor were they out in the paddock until this time. Chris.

What an interesting point Nick. It was cold enough to freeze diesel in vehicles so depending on where the Vecoxan was stored this could well be what happened. I have never heard of such a failure before. I first used Vecoxan shortly after it came onto the market and think it is a wonderful product. Far better to prevent cocci than to have to treat the symptoms. C.x

In post 806 -"Chris" suggests that he's keeping his kids away from adults and others whilst putting them through the anti-coccidial regime (unless I've misunderstood). This may be relevant - the protocol of giving a number of doses of

an anti-coccidial over an extended period of time, is to allow them to become infected between doses - thus stimulating their immune system - and then effectively removing the burden before it becomes established and the kid becomes sick. The aim therefore is to allow a trickle dose of coccidial oocysts between doses - with the objective of having a kid immune at the end of it. If they have been removed from any source of oocysts (older / adult goats) – and treated - by the end of this regime they will still be susceptible when re-mixed? A theory only..David Harwood.

Hi Chris. Many thanks. I think this should be reported as a suspected adverse reaction, and I am grateful to you for the opportunity to flag up the danger of the frozen Vecoxan. It has in the past caused me considerable professional embarrassment!

Kindest regards, Nick Clayton.

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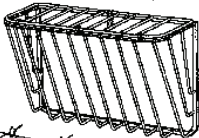
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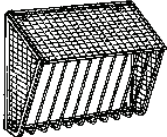
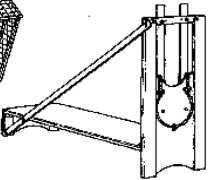








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Dear Editor

Having recently been a milk steward when the goats have been out in the early morning of the show, taking a random check on ear marks. It was impossible to check some numbers because the UK number, which is the herd number, was visible but not the individual number of the animal. Impossible to check when the animal was being milked.

I feel that if a goat enters a milking competition this should be visible, so when walking around one can check the ear number with the bucket number.

Someone could be milking any goat, especially if they have brought a number to a show.

I have a large number of sheep, when checking them I like to see the number of the animal, this is not so vital as a milking competition. I did think that as goats were now tagged it would be easier to check than a tattoo. Appears I am wrong

Yours sincerely

Pat Clee

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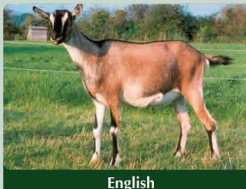
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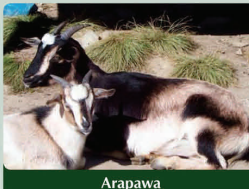
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