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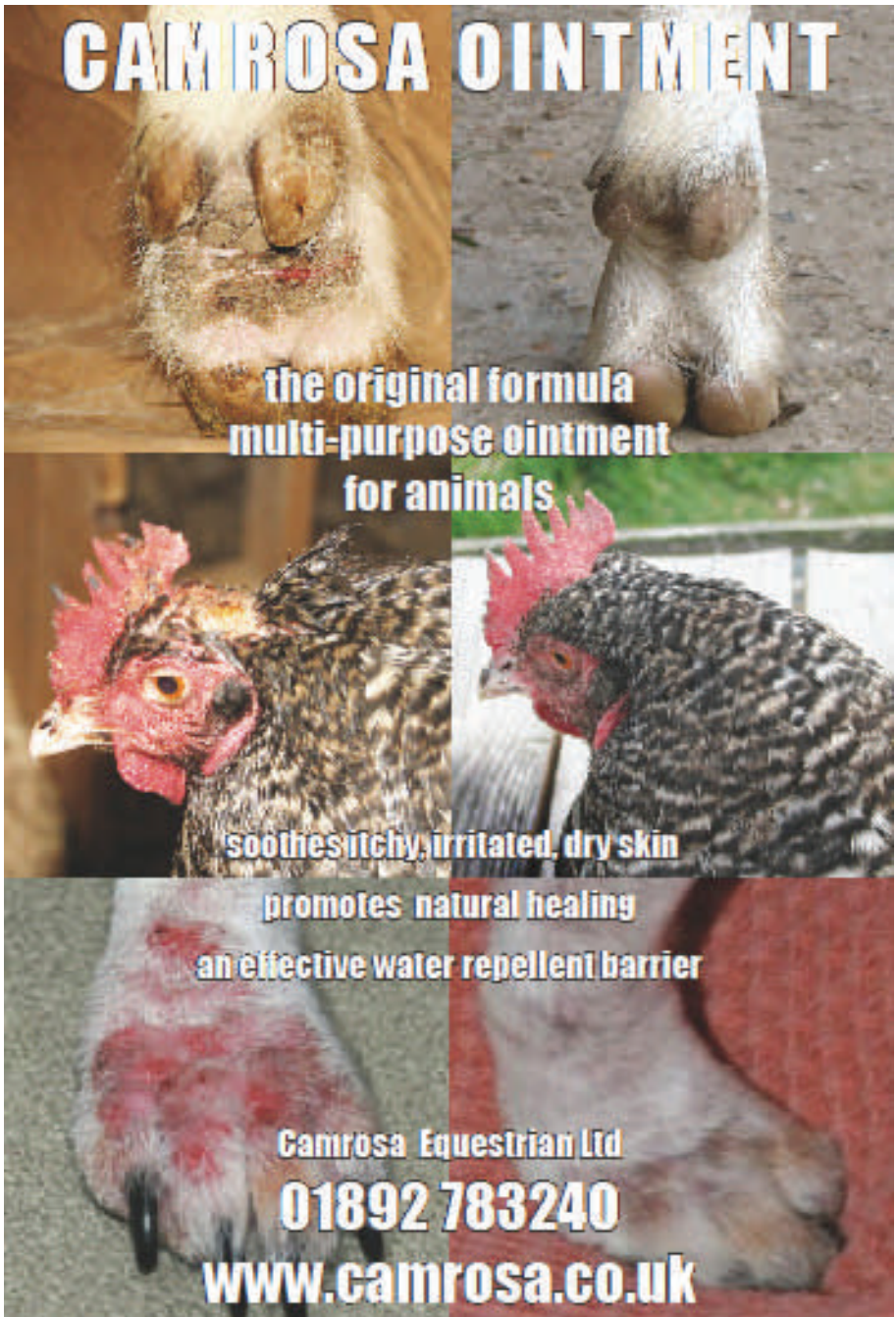


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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

First of all I would like to both apologise for the delay in the publication of the Herd Book and to reassure members that its publication is close.

The delay is all down to the complexities of the British Goat Society's awards system and the difficulties in adapting programmes within the Grassroots system to be able to automatically work out awards won by each individual goat.

In the past Champions, Breed Champions, Sires of Merit, Dams of Excellence, section mark males, double section mark males, daggers, stars and Q stars have all been worked out and allocated manually. The Grassroots system will be able to allocate these awards automatically just as soon as the many teething problems have been resolved. The Committee and our Secretary are committed to producing the Herd Book as quickly as possible but are also determined to try to ensure the data is completely correct. Once the system is producing the data in its correct format it will reduce the amount of work that the Secretary is currently having to do and will make life much easier and more efficient.

So once again I apologise for the delay and would ask for your patience for just a little while longer. I am sure you would agree that to wait to make sure everything is working as we would want it to do is the best policy.

The show season is now in full swing and the first of the early show reports are included with this Monthly Journal.

There is encouraging news from the Solicitor dealing with the legacy which I spoke about in last month's Journal. The property was put on the open market and an offer has now been accepted. There is still a long way to go before the British Goat Society receives the bequest. However, it is extremely reassuring to know that the Society will be the beneficiary of such a large sum of money and that it will ensure stability for many years to come.

Richard Wood
Chairman

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dear Members,

I am receiving a good number of registrations in the office at the moment. If you have shows coming up or are selling kids, do let me know. There are several things that it is important to check before sending in your paperwork and cause the biggest delays in returning your registration documents. Please make sure that the date of birth has been detailed, the ear tag number on your kid is correct; the ear tag number has not been used in previous years, you have detailed your UK number and the individual number and the correct money has been enclosed. Please remember that the cost per female kid under six months is now £8 not £7.50.

Male goats can be birth notified on paper as well as online. Please indicate on the registration document when registering the female siblings. Birth notified kids are given a BN number with the breed section indicated at the end e.g: BN000001AN, indicating Anglo Nubian. Birth notified goats appear within the herd owners herd when using the online Grassroots system. Registration can take place up to two years of age.

Details of proposed changes to rules 17 & 18 can be found on pages 147 and 148. If you wish to propose amendments to the already mentioned changes, the procedure can be found on page 148. Voting papers will be sent out in September.

Best Wishes

Jane

NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr & Mrs Hodgkinson, Lancs;

Mrs C Edwards, Shropshire;

Miss G Hall, London;

Dr Gal, Caephilly;

Mrs & Mr Gardner, Lancashire;

Mr & Mrs Francis, Suffolk;

Mr A Baisden, Falkirk;

Ms Mandy Blake, Portishead;

Mrs & Mr Stannard-Hares, Somerset;

Mr & A Roswald, North Yorkshire.

Monmouthshire Show

Thursday August 25th 2011

Goat Judge Mr N Parr

Entries close July 28th. Schedules - Secretary - 01291 691 160

LETTERS

Dear Editor

Please may I reply to Mrs J Riddell writing "Out of the Ordinary" in the May Journal. She lays a charge on some breeders of damaging the Saanen breed in this country by importing what she suggests are crossbred goats from Holland. So far as I know in the past 90 odd years David Will and I are the only breeders to have imported dairy goats from Holland, so I must by implication be one of those that she charges.

It is difficult to know the exact origins and make up of our various breeds; none of us were around at the end of the 19th and early 20th centuries when the dairy breeds were established. So we can only go on what was written by those involved at the time and other commentators, as well as our own Herd Books.

We do know that 13 goats were imported from Europe in 1904, and it was said that these included 5 Saanens; 2 males and 3 females. However there is no official record of these goats, and they did not establish the Saanen breed here. The next importation came in 1922, when 2 officials of the BGS, Mr T W Palmer and Mr H H Hughes, imported 29 Dutch Saanens from Holland and 17 Swiss Toggenburgs from Switzerland. It was from this importation that the Saanen breed was established here.

I believe that Mr Palmer and Mr Hughes purchased the Saanen goats in Holland because they thought that the pedigree

status of the Dutch Saanens was better than the Swiss. There were insufficient Toggenburgs for them to purchase in Holland at that time, so they had intended to buy the Toggenburgs in Germany. Finding none available there, they travelled on to Switzerland to buy the 17 Toggenburgs.

So, the widely held belief that our Saanens came from Switzerland is a myth. We can go further back to ask where the Dutch Saanens came from. Originally the Dutch did import Saanens from Switzerland, but it was found that these did not thrive under the harsh conditions of Holland. So the Dutch imported Saanens from Germany which thrived in Holland. It is probably these that our Saanens descend from. Who can say if they were mixed with native Dutch goats; they might have been, we can now only speculate.

Funnily enough, after the 1922 importation there was controversy mentioned in our Year Books and Monthly Journals as to whether the imported goats really were "Saanens". However the breeders at the time, and the BGS, were working hard to improve the production and quality of dairy goats in this country. They noted that the goats were breeding true to type, and were showing the docility and high production that the Saanen breed was known for. One such breeder who expressed this opinion was Miss C Booth, breeder of the famous Springfield herd. This herd played a crucial role in developing and improving the

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Saanen breed here. I expect that every single Saanen and British Saanen goat in this and several other countries owes much of its lineage to Springfield breeding.

In the subsequent years the breed was developed here to become one of the most useful dairy breeds, as well as being so effective in developing the British Saanen breed which remains as one of the best milk producing breeds in the world.

The "Pure" Saanen breed with its closed herd book developed from a small number of the 1922 imports. In the ensuing years concern was expressed at the limited number of bloodlines and the need for fresh blood. Eventually in 1965 Mrs N Winterton with the support and interest of her daughter, our very own Mary Allen, imported 3 Saanen males and 2 Saanen females from Switzerland, together with 4 Toggenburgs.

When these Swiss Saanens developed and started to breed it became apparent that they were of a different type to the Saanens that had been here the previous 43 years. They were much bigger, rangier and longer on the leg. This new type was not popular with the Saanen breeders of the day, and Saanens bred exclusively from the 1965 imports have, so far as I know, disappeared. I can remember seeing Swiss bred Saanen goats at the Hampshire shows in the 1970s. Some of them were enormous, and apart from their colour and propensity to milk they

bore little physical resemblance to what many British breeders and judges would describe as ideal Saanen type.

This opportunity to bring in fresh blood was not entirely wasted. In 1974 Miss Mostyn Owen bought S.M. Ch. Hayling Miki from the Wintertons as a kid. Miki was a big and good looking male. His pedigree was a mix of imported Swiss blood and the older Dutch blood descended from the 1922 imports, blended together within the Hayling herd. His progeny in the Mostyn and other herds scored many successes. 2 or 3 generations down in the Mostyn Saanen herd came the lovely and highly acclaimed Mostyn Minimagic and her daughter Mostyn Minival. The latter is said by some to be the best Pure Saanen ever seen. I certainly get pleasure from seeing Minival's blood flowing through some of my British Saanens.

The only other Saanen imports have been semen brought in from Switzerland in the 1990s by Miss V Crane, carefully selected and with good results, and then the Dutch goats now under discussion. So, I regret to advise Mrs Riddell that the white goats that she fondly remembers are unlikely to have had much Swiss blood in them. More likely that they originated from the Dutch goats that she now complains of.

It is hard to breed a really good goat, and harder still to breed another. It is even more difficult to buy something good, especially when one is buying

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from overseas. So there is a lot of trouble and expense and risk involved in importing goats. My own objective was to bring in fresh blood and to improve the milk components in our British Saanens.

We were very lucky in buying a proven male of the best Dutch breeding. We did offer him at stud, only 1 Pure Saanen female came to visit him. From this mating came a high yielding Saanen Breed Champion. When this goat won a Best in Show award, the judge – a well known Saanen breeder as it happens – described her as of good Saanen type.

There is no question of these goats being forced on anyone. Breeders are free to choose or avoid what blood they like, but if we are to remain a progressive Breed Society we must provide the opportunity for breeders to try out new and different blood.

What is of more concern than the niceties of whether our Saanens originate from Holland or Switzerland, is the fact that in Herd Book 135 there were only 63 Saanens registered and in Herd Book 134 45 registered, as against 180 and 216 Golden Guernsey, which breed is officially said to be a rare breed.

Of course in this changing world we have to be aware that the term Saanen has become somewhat generic. There are Saanen goats all over the world, but I don't think many of them are pure 100% Swiss breeding. We were holidaying in

Sri Lanka a few years ago, and made enquiries of any goat herds we could visit. Much to our surprise we were told about a herd of over 100 Saanens kept at a very high altitude in the middle of the country. We went to visit these goats, and there they were, white goats, some horned and some hornless, and showing all the attributes of the Saanen breed. They were doing a wonderful job, providing congenial employment to a number of people in a very poor part of the world, and their milk was bottled and sold to provide a nourishing food. The herd manager proudly showed us the pedigrees of the foundation bucks; a Kolding British Saanen and 2 Dutch whites. Perhaps Mrs Riddell would have informed the Sri Lankans that these goats were not Saanens at all. I thought the title fitted them perfectly.

A Mrs J Riddell of Oxon has registered a number of Saanens, the last Shenfue Sally S007383D in 1997. Assuming that this Mrs Riddell is one and the same as your correspondent, I would also assume that, given Mrs Riddell's study of pedigrees, she will be aware that this goat traces back in the direct female line to Frida S.10, imported from Holland in 1922.

Nick Parr

SHOWS

Show Name	Class'n	Date	Judge 2011	Entries	Secretary Name	Phone
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Thornton Le Dale	Dipl	3rd Aug		16th July	Mr A Bowes	01751 477783
Sedgefield	AW (4)	13th Aug	Mr Dale	29th July	Mrs L Maughan	01388 488 150
Chertsey Show Dairy "A"	A	13th Aug	Mrs H Franklin	14th July	Mr M Ackroyd	01483 825 836
Chertsey "B"	A	14th Aug	Mr R Wiffen	14th July	Mr M Ackroyd	01483825836
Cornwall Male & YgStk	2 & Dip	21st Aug	Mr D Will		Mrs S Furneaux	01736 710232
Monmouth	AW (22)	25th Aug	Mr N Parr	22nd July	Ms A Williams	01291 691 160

JUDGES UPDATE

Ayr , Mr G Dale; **Emley**, Mr G Dale; **Sedgefield**, Mr G Dale; **Airedale** Mr Peter Cox
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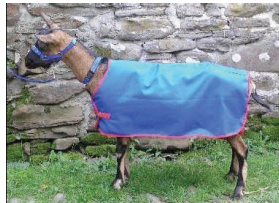
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To all Anglo Nubian Breed Society Members.

I felt it my duty as an ANBS committed member to inform all members of the Rule 11(e) published in the ANBS winter journal 2010. Rule 11(e) should have read, "No member shall be entitled to act as a proposer or seconder for more than one candidate in each election" not the words "they shall not be of the same address". These last 8 words were deleted by a majority committee vote. The resulting vote was 6 to delete, 3 against 1 absent member. Every member is entitled to the same privileges as any other member as long as they are fully paid up members. These 8 words have Never been in the rules, so why now? I will fight tooth & nail to make sure every members rights are not violated, after all it is the members that make this ANBS successful. WHY?, should any member be PENALIZED because two or more members live at the same address. STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS, you are ENTITLED to them.

Every member also has the RIGHT to put GOATS or GOAT related goods for sale in the ANBS journal. NOT everyone has a computer. The journal is also for MEMBERS use, so feel free to use this service.

Yours Most Sincerely.

Pauline Kell (Kaprikel herd).

A fair & dedicated members of the ANBS

BREED SHOWS FUN NIGHT

To all goat exhibitors attending the Breed Shows on Saturday July 2nd.

We are having a Fun Night on the Saturday night and everyone is welcome, BUT, to join in , you must dress up. Women to dress up as a Man and Men to dress up as a Woman. There will be a penalty of £1 for anyone not dressing up. That money will go to the Best Man as a Woman and Best Woman as a Man, plus £10 prize money each for BEST donated by me. SO !!!, come on all you Fun Lovers join in and let's have a party night to remember.

I would be grateful if everyone brought a few Nibbles along to put on the Nibble table for all to share throughout the evening, BUT most of all, don't forget your DUTCH COURAGE (the booze).

SO come on folks, let's show them how it's done

Looking Forward To Seeing You All.

Pauline Kell (Kaprikel Herd of AN's).

STUMPHOLLO'S GUERNSEYS BY JF PIRRO

BRINGING BACK A RARE BREED.

First oriented in the USA. Reprinted here with permission.

Joan Stump, the president of the Guernsey Goat Breeders of America, walks Zenith, her first fully-upgraded Guernsey dairy goat, and Zinnia, a herd mate, into the milking shed of her barn in Telford, Pa (Pennsylvania, USA). The two willingly step up onto their platforms and into their respective stanchions under a sign Stump's sister had made for her that reads "Guernsey Lane." Both yearlings' heads are in their grain buckets.

Stump sprays Zenith's coat with a hair de-frizzing product, then combs through any knots in her long golden coat so none of the bedding or debris taints her milk. Zenith's coat is so long, Stump uses two hair clips to pin the excess behind the goat's back legs. The clips also keep Stump from pulling on any of that gorgeous long hair while milking. "They don't like that," she says.

The day's morning milk, as always, made its way into the house for personal use. This evening's milk is either used to feed the herd's kids or taken to a nearby farm to help finish hogs for market. "Their milk is so sweet, you'd swear someone put honey in it," Stump says.

A new and rare breed of dairy goat, the Golden Guernsey (in its purebred form in England, but Guernsey otherwise) was developed on the Isle of Guernsey, in the English Channel. Golden Guernsey is a registered name with the British Goat Society (BGS). Here, they can only be called Guernseys.

"Those in England are giving us this opportunity, so we don't want to cut our own throat," Stump says. "They're providing us with the genetics."

Golden Guernseys, which have lustrous golden short or long coats that range widely in hue from pale cream to honey blonde to deep russet, have low-set upright ears that turn slightly upwards at the tips and are often polled. The face is straight or dished. Females are 26 to 27 inches tall at the withers; males are often 30 inches and weigh 190 to 200 pounds.

The American Guernsey is hardy and does well on a simple diet. It doesn't require high-maintenance forages and supplements. The goat's compact size and easy maintenance makes the breed ideal for the average small holder. Stump's farm is just 1 acre, so without pasture, they successfully drylot their goats. However, when compared with other dairy goats, the breed is fantastic for cheese-making.

Stump, one of just 15 BGS-registered U.S. Guernsey breeders under the prefix of Stumphollo, always weighs each milking goat's milk. She charts the results in a logbook, along with a description of the temperature and the date. "By studying this, you can often tell if something is going wrong with one of them," she says.

Her herd milked poorly this past summer due to the hot spells in the Northeast; production suffered. Stump was getting half the weight she normally would.

The average for Golden Guernseys on test in the United Kingdom is about 3.5

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quarts daily with good butterfat (3.72 percent) and protein (2.81 percent) levels. Top-producing bloodlines, however, produce up to 3,000 pounds in a 365-day lactation.

Two summers ago, Stump travelled with her husband Harold to England to visit Chelmsford's Dr. John Matthews, a vet and author of "Diseases of the Goat," and "Golden Guernsey" herds. "I'll tell you, this one [her own] could step right in, and you wouldn't be able to pick it out," Stump says. "No one could tell the difference. We want the same style American goats. We want to keep the breed as close to the original as possible."

Rare, the Golden Guernsey goat is classified as a rare breed by the Rare Breeds Conservatory where they are listed as "vulnerable." There are maybe 2,000 purebreds left. "It's never been a numerous breed," she says. "Over there, there's only been serious breeding since just after World War II. Now, breeders there are as old as me. The young don't want to get involved. They see how much money it takes, and time."

She worked all this past summer to finalize a breed standard proposal for the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) committee. Next October, the proposal will be up for board approval. "We're just tickled that we were able to get it settled," Stump says of the committee work. "I'm a patient person."

Patience pays! Stump would have to be patient. She waited five years for her first Golden Guernsey semen. That was after

she first heard of Golden Guernsey goats while working for the Dairy Goat Journal in the late 1980s and early '90s. A 1997 e-mail from Linda Campbell, who was working to import Golden Guernsey semen from the United Kingdom, caught her attention. "Oh, wow! Put me on the list," Stump recalls saying.

She joined the USDA Voluntary Scrapie Eradication Program, and selected a marvelous American Alpine chamoisee doe, GCH Little Orchard X Vicki Lynn, that she felt would be an excellent foundation doe. The semen eventually reached the United States and was dispersed amongst several West Coast breeders, though Campbell and Stump didn't get any until 2002; it was held up five years in a divorce proceeding.

Since breeders here cannot import live animals, developing the American Guernsey must be done by grading up, with the use of both imported and domestic purebred semen and purebred sires. Through the auspices of the BGS, breeders here are able to register and keep continuous pedigrees on each successive generation, as they progress from one level to another, until animals here earn acceptance into the British Guernsey Herd Book. The process requires four successive generations with the fifth generation becoming an accepted British Guernsey.

"Over there, they're tickled that we're doing this," Stump says. "This is as close as we can get."

A real goat go-getter! Stump, and her

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husband Harold, bought their first goat in 1981. For the longest time, they were always the black and white Alpines he preferred. Joan took over the breeding program in 1986 when Harold decided he wanted to show, and as Joan explains, "We needed better animals."

That happened under the herd name of Stump Hollow. They had does in The Spotlight Sale in October 1995 at the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) national convention in Syracuse, N.Y., and twice at The Colorama Sale at the ADGA national show in July 1993 and 1997 in Harrisburg, Pa. "I was doing really, really well," she says. "We had sales all over the country."

Then, the Guernseys lured her! The breed probably evolved through the natural blending of goats of Syrian, Maltese and French ancestry, brought to the Isle of Guernsey on early sailing ships. Their first written reference is in an 1826 guidebook to the Channel Islands. Their modern recorded history begins with Miriam Milbourne. During World War II, the breed was threatened, as the occupying Germans slaughtered all the livestock they could find for food, but Milbourne hid her Golden Guernseys. After the war, she increased her herd.

In 1965, a Golden Guernsey register opened. In the late '60s, some Golden Guernseys were imported to England and a club formed there. Then, in 1971, the BGS opened a Golden Guernsey Herd Book. The breed initially grew in popularity in England and surrounding countries, but now Stump says its numbers are

declining. About 300 are registered each year.

In the United States, more and more breeders are becoming interested in the Guernseys. Most are experienced in breeding rare animals, but there's even a couple of dog-breeder converts. "It all helps propagate the breed," Stump says. "We don't want to see it die out, and that's what I fear will happen in England."

There's only one purebred herd in North America, at South Wind Farm in New York, which prefers its privacy. Stump made a four-hour drive to breed there with mixed results, and eventually ordered a buck kid, Swind Panzer. Her current buck is Swind Pendragon. His penmate is Rex, a wether. Stump's new junior herdsire is Swind Paladin.

Gradually, she sold off her Alpines, the last of them three or four years ago. "They were to the point where they were supporting themselves," she says. "These guys will, too, one day. It's like any business. You're going to be in the red for a while."

Back in the milking shed ! "Up, up," Stump says, and Yetagin, the only one of triplets to survive the birth, and Xandu, who virtually needs a hairdresser's appointment first, respond. "They know what stand they are supposed to be on," she says.

Xandu is the mother of Zenith, and you can tell by her coat. Her hair is the longest of the herd, which numbers 22. Yetagin and Xandu are maternal half-

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sisters. There were 13 kids born this past season, five males and eight females.

There are just the four milkers, and Stump breeds in their first year: "They have to prove that they're worth keeping," she says.

If not, a neutered male kid brings \$100 as a pet. A breeding buck sells for \$400-plus. Stumphollo's first breeding female was heading to Georgia. Normally commanding a price of \$500 and up, Stump was donating her.

Two buck kids were also sold: Apollo was heading to Florida, and Adonis to Georgia. Both were born in May, then separated from the birth herd at five or six weeks. "These little guys are precocious," Stump says.

If the milkers—Zenith, Zinnia, Yetagin and Xandu—are good they get a cookie, Stump says.

They are, and the does get their treat.

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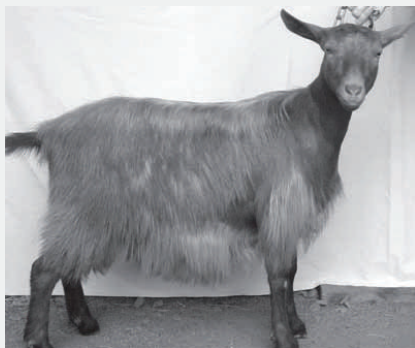
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Swind Pendragon, the senior herdsire.
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The does, lounging in the shade of the goathouse



Zenith is Xanadu's daughter and the first fully graded up British Guernsey.

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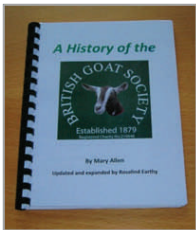
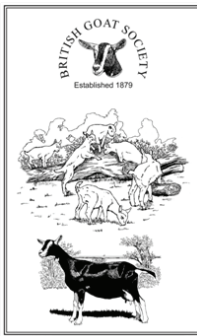
It is just brilliant to see how totally involved in all aspects of goat keeping our Secretary really is. Not just an office worker (well we knew that) but a regular visitor and exhibitor at many shows and here is the proof.

Caught on camera with her Golden Guernsey buckling Lisean Cider who not only won his class at the Northumberland Male and Young Stock Show this month but also went on to be Best Buckling at the show.

Well done Jane for all you are doing to promote every aspect of the BGS in our "Big Society"!

Brian Perry

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

Hosted by the Worcestershire Goat Society

Village Hall, Rowington Green, Rowington, Warwick, CV35 7DB

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked the Worcestershire Goat Society for hosting the day.

Attending:

Fay Ogden, Amanda Davies, Christine Ball, Loraine Whitehouse, John Riddell, David Riddell, Elizabeth Abbott, Sharon Owen, Bob Vickery, Maggie Franklin, Margaret Edginton, Jackie George, Gordon George, Jade Beard, Nathan Holdbrook, Tanith Holdbrook, Diane Rudkin, John Rudkin, Helen Alderson, Mel Holdbrook, Elizabeth Conner, Margaret Gregory, Christina Darbey, Jean Brown MBE, Maurice Brown, Ann Rhodes, Brian Rhodes, Mike Thomasson, Pauline Kell, Tony Smith, Lecky Thyne, Colin Newton, Beryl Bull, Margaret Johnson, Martin Cox, Christine Woodward, Joanne Smith, Richard Pemble, Sue Head, Sue Gow, Ruth Candy, Gordon Webster, Shane Jones, Graham Godfrey, Rus Franswick, Margaret Shackles, Ruth Loeb, Mary Allen, Peter Cox, Roger Wilson, Laura Ketley, Maureen Ross, Richard Wood, Agnes Aitken, Nick Parr, Ros Earthy, Jane Wilson.

1) Apologies for absence:

Mrs S Wilman, J & H Matthews, Miss R Goodwin, Mr B Perry, Mrs W Webster, Mr R Webb, Mr & Mrs Radford, Mrs V Hardy, Mrs J Stevens, Mrs & Miss R Norman, Mrs S Mangles, Mr P Mounter, Miss B Lawton & Mr S Bennett, Mrs R Earl.

2) To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 10th April 2010

There being no amendments, the minutes were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman.

3) To receive the Report of the Committee for the year ending 8th April 2011

The Chairman thanked the Committee for their work and support through the past year. Mrs Earthy for her work on the book "History of the British Goat Society" from work previously written by Mrs M Allen. Mr M Ackroyd for his work on the 2011 Year Book and thanked Mr & Mrs Featherstone for checking the Golden Guernsey section of the Herd Book. An update was given by the Chairman on the Trustees report that had already been circulated to members. The Chairman recorded the deaths of several long standing members of the British Goat Society including Mrs Pat Flint, Mrs Pam Carter, Mrs Dorothy Wright, Mr Mervyn Clark, Miss Goldsmith, Miss Weldon and Mrs S Stevenson. The Chairman thanked our new Secretary, Jane Wilson for all of her hard work and also recorded thanks to Jane's husband, Roger, for all of his assistance and support. A great deal had happened within the British Goat Society during the year including the relocation of the BGS office to Northumberland and the purchase of the Grassroots System. Monthly Journals were now produced with colour photographs and the content provided something of interest for

AGM minutes cont'd

everyone.

4) To receive the Statement of Accounts for the twelve month period ending 31st October 2010

Income had been boosted by the Grassroots Appeal. Expenditure had been influenced by employing two secretaries for a short time, the office relocation and increased postal and printing costs. The Stock Market had increased the investment value with the result that a small surplus had been made. There were no questions. Mr P Cox proposed and Mr R Pemble seconded that the Trustees report be accepted. All in favour.

5) To elect the Vice Presidents. The Chairman read out the current vice presidents. Mr Vickery proposed and Mr Cox seconded that these be elected on bloc. Miss J Macleod was proposed by Mrs M Franklin and seconded by Mr Vickery. Mrs W Webster was proposed by Mr B Rhodes & seconded by Mr R Pemble. All in favour.

6) To elect the External Examiners (Previously the Auditors)

Mr G George proposed and Mrs M Allen seconded that Wortham Jaques be elected as the Society's External Examiners for the coming year. All in favour.

7) To present the Window Harrison Trophy: Awarded to RM289 Ardross Ursula BS041304D Q*2

8) To present the Ashdene Metaphor Award: Awarded to Ch Kattern Georgie Q* BrCh BS041437D with a yield of 2468kg. Owned and bred by Mr I & Mrs M Grant.

9) To present the Montieth Challenge Cup: Awarded to Barruths Campari BT026924D Q*8 with a yield of 9.65kg at Surrey County Show. Owned and bred by Mrs B Ruth.

10) To present the Wright Challenge Bowl: Awarded to CH § 183/160 Guilden Blue BrCh BT027249D Owned and bred by Mr G Webster & Mr G Smith

11) To present Breeders Challenge Cup: Awarded to Mr C Newton's Lyncol herd with a total of 94 points

12) To present the Stud Goat Challenge Cup: Awarded to CH § 183/160 Guilden Blue BrCh BT027249D owned and bred by Mr G Webster & Mr G Smith

The Meeting closed at 12.20pm.

MINUTES OF THE AFFILIATED SOCIETIES CONFERENCE

Rowington Village Hall, Rowington Green, Rowington, Warwick, CV35 7DB
The Chairman, Richard Wood, welcomed everyone to the Affiliated Conference and introduced Mr N Clayton, BGS Health & Welfare Officer and Secretary to the Goat Veterinary Society.

Mr Clayton spoke with reference to resolutions put forward regarding Scrapie Monitoring Scheme, CAE, TB in goats and experiments due to take place using microchips.

Proposal from the Cleveland Dairy Goat Society "The Cleveland Dairy Goat Society proposes that, with the permission of Mary Allen, that the serialised "History of The British Goat Society" as researched and written by her and as featured in the Journals of the Society during its 125th Year celebration be formatted as a booklet to be sold by the Society. As part of this project the content matter may be further enhanced by the inclusion of photographs which may be found in the archives of the Society and as are deemed relevant to the script".

Regarding the above resolution, the book has already been published.

The following resolutions were passed for further consideration by the BGS Committee.

The Mid Essex Goat Club proposes that " the British Goat Society explore the provision of a group insurance scheme for Affiliated Societies similar to that of other organisations such as the Royal Horticultural Society" On a show of hands the resolution was agreed.

Proposal from the Devon Goat Society "The Devon Goat Society proposes that Affiliated Society Registration Secretaries should have access code to the Grassroots System, to enable them to register kids for Affiliated Society Members". On a show of hands this was agreed.

Taken together from the Golden Guernsey Goat Society and the Bath & District Milk Recording Club.

Proposal from the Golden Guernsey Goat Society

Resolution: "The BGS to investigate the cost of enhancing the Grassroots system so that it can allow members to look at pedigrees of trial matings, and the cost of providing the facility to calculate "inbreeding coefficients" for both registered goats and trial matings, and to implement if the costs are reasonable"

Proposal from the Bath & District Milk Recording Club

"To enhance the Grassroots system so that it can provide the facility to calculate "inbreeding coefficients" for both registered goats and trial matings. We understand Grassroots has the facility to do this but it is not "switched on" in the BGS version. It would be useful for many breeds who are low in numbers, the GG's, Toggs and the BA's. It would also be very interesting to see how inbred or not the most successful

goats are". (In support of the Golden Guernsey Goat Club's Resolution).
On a show of hands the two resolutions above were agreed.

Proposal from the Northumbrian Dairy Goat Society

"The Northumbrian Dairy Goat Society would like to propose that the British Goat Society widens its brief to include all aspects of goat keeping in addition to the main emphasis on dairy breeds. Greater cooperation between the BGS and other non dairy Breed Societies should be encouraged with a view of providing registration services, etc now that the Grassroots System has been acquired." On a show of hands the resolution was agreed.

Proposal from The Scottish Goatkeepers' Federation

The Scottish Goatkeepers' Federation proposes that "As the BGS has no means to verify the validity of CAE status for monitored herds, i.e. there are no official checks carried out for visiting animals, the SGF asks that everyone be permitted to test every two years in line with the monitored herd scheme". On a show of hands this proposal was agreed.

The following resolutions were not carried:

Taken together the

A) Proposal from the Worcestershire Goat Society: "Members of the Worcestershire Goat Society who are not individual members of the British Goat Society, would like to be able to access the Grassroots system and feel that as each Affiliated Society has a membership number, this should be possible to have a nominated password for each affiliated Society, which can be given only to fully paid up members of each Society".

B) Proposal from the Toggenburg Breeders Society: "Members of the Toggenburg Breeders Society feel that as they have contributed to the Grassroots Appeal, they should be able to access the Grassroots system, even if they are not individual members of the British Goat Society. The Affiliated Societies are an important part of the BGS and as such should be able to use the system"

There was some discussion on how access could be regulated and maintenance costs. On a vote 10 were in favour, the majority against.

The Kent Goat Club: The BGS should facilitate and require the correct and proper registration of mismarked pedigree kids with details of both parents being required. The Grassroots system should be developed so that mismarked animals are clearly shown on the system and on registration cards. It is important when selecting a breeding male that users of the system know what progeny of a certain male may be mismarked. Under the current procedure all progeny must be registered at the same time. It is therefore obvious that there are a number of breeders who are giving false information in order to conceal mismarked kids. The Supplementary Register exists for the grading up of unregistered animals and should not be abused for other reasons. It should be possible to

MINUTES OF THE AFFILIATED SOCIETIES CONFERENCE CONT'D

show mismarked animals, as currently happens in an Any Other Variety class" On a show of hands the proposal was not agreed.

The Anglo Nubian Breed Society request that the British Goat Society investigate the Scrapie Monitored Scheme as it is now, with a view to taking males out of the Scheme and taking over management of the Scheme itself in the very near future.

The Chairman asked Mr Clayton to speak on this matter. It was noted that two major herds have cases of Scrapie. On a show of hands the proposal was not agreed.

The Gloucestershire Goat Society: "The Gloucestershire Goat Society would like to know how many cases of CAE have been reported in the past five years. Also, the number of goats found to have Scrapie now testing is random and we have to pay for all dead animals to be collected". There was some discussion regarding contact between animals at shows and how long the prion remained active. Mr Clayton stated that the Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) in 2007 confirmed 5 in 1,000 goats had CAE. On a show of hands the proposal was not agreed.

The Sussex County Goat Club: "In these difficult times for goat breeders and with there apparently never having

been an incident of Scrapie being recorded in a male of any breed, the Sussex County Goat Club proposes the following, the allowing of semen from non-scrapie male goats to be used for insemination in female goats currently on the Scrapie Monitoring Register, that the British Goat Society urgently makes representation to DEFRA to allow Non-Scrapie male goats to be used for mating on female goats owner by breeders in the Scrapie Monitoring Scheme"

Mr Clayton said that representation had been made to DEFRA but that this was an EU regulation. On a show of hands the resolution was not approved.

THE DAIRY GOAT DVD

"The Dairy Goat" DVD. Made from an original film by David & Patsy Sawyer

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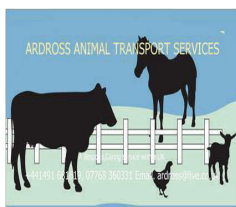
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Extraordinary General Meeting

The EGM took place prior to the AGM on Saturday 9th April at Rowington Village Hall, Rowington Green, Rowington, Warwick, CV35 7DB hosted by the Worcestershire Goat Society.

Mr. R Wood welcomed everyone to the meeting and was elected Chairman for the EGM. Mr Wood then outlined the process for amendments and voting.

Proposal 1

Mr R Wood read the first proposals which had been published in the November 2010 Monthly Journal.

Richard Pemble proposed the change and Mrs C Ball seconded. Mr G Webster (Scotland), disagreed with the proposal saying that the devolved areas of the UK required good representation and that the rules and regulations for the agricultural equivalent of DEFRA were different. Mr S Jones said that members in these devolved areas were at a disadvantage because their numbers were small so that their voice was also less well heard.

Mr I Johnson said that the BGS needed to look at the business aspects and drive those forward.

Proposal 2

Mr. R Wood read the second proposal as published in the November 2010 Monthly Journal.

Mr R Pemble proposed that judges did not need to be a UK resident to have their license renewed for three years. Mrs C Ball seconded. Mrs Kell said that the UK is in the EU and therefore persons previously resident in the UK cannot be excluded. Mrs Woodward stated that judges are becoming older and existing ones should not be excluded.

Meeting closed at 11.30am.

Proposal A to change to Rule 17

Delete the current text in its entirety and re-place with: "Ten Members shall be elected to the Committee triennially. The nomination of candidates can be made only from and by Members of the Society. The nomination of candidates shall be made in writing, and be forwarded to the Secretary on or before 31st January prior to the election. The nomination form must be signed by two Members of the Society acting as proposer and seconder and be countersigned by the candidate. No Member shall be entitled to act as proposer or seconder for more than one candidate in each election. Any person who is receiving remuneration from the Society by virtue of office or any person who is a member and/or associated with a Society, Club, Association or body dealing with goats whose aims or objects are not compatible with those of this Society shall not be eligible for nomination as a candidate for election to the Committee or to serve thereon. A list of such nominations, together with the names of the existing Committee, except any that

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING CONT'D

have signified their intention not to offer themselves for re-election previous to the above mentioned date, shall be prepared in the form of a Voting Paper and a copy sent to each Member, together with a statement showing the number of attendances during the period (three years), at least fourteen days previous to the Annual General Meeting. Each candidate may submit to the Secretary by the 31st January prior to the Election, an Election address of not more than one hundred and fifty words. A copy of each such address shall be sent to Members with the Voting Papers. All other forms of canvassing for election to the Committee by a candidate, or by any Affiliated Club on behalf of a candidate, is forbidden, and any instance of this practice which is brought to the notice of the Committee, and after due investigation proved, shall disqualify the candidate. The Voting Papers shall be examined by scrutineers to be appointed by the Committee, and such scrutineers shall make a report in writing of the results of their scrutiny to be read out at the General Meeting. The names of the candidates and number of votes cast shall be published in the Monthly Journal following the Annual General Meeting, when the ten candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

In the event of no nominations having been received within the specified time the Committee shall be re-elected for the ensuing three years”.

Proposed: Richard Pemble

Seconded: Christine Ball.

Proposal B to change to Rule 18(2)

After the sentence “The Secretary shall ascertain, in writing, by not later than 1st June prior to the date that the Judge’s Licence is due for renewal that the Member is willing to continue to serve as a judge for a further period of three years.”

Insert “The Member need not be resident in the UK or Eire for a license to be renewed.”

The remainder of the rule should remain the same.

Proposed: Richard Pemble

Seconded: Christine Ball

It was agreed that a notice would appear in the June Monthly Journal inviting amendments to the proposed rule changes and that a postal ballot will be held in September 2011

Following the EGM, those members wishing to propose amendments to Proposals A & B above, must do so in writing. The amendment must be signed by a proposer and seconder and sent to the BGS office, Gibshiel, Tarsset, Hexham, Northumberland NE48 1RR by Friday 12th August. This will allow time for the preparation of voting papers.

BGS FORUM REPORT NO. 2 BY CHRISTINE BALL

GG's on Countryfile. 7pm Sunday April 10th. On Tuesday they filmed in Guernsey at Peter & Mandy Girard's herd (Peter & Mandy organised the AI Course that Brian Perry & I ran on Guernsey in 2009). Adam then walked across L'Ancrese Common (in Miss Miriam Milbourne's footsteps) with GG breeder Carolyn Drewitt who knew Miriam. Yesterday they filmed at Tim & Marion Collis's "Cykewell" herd in Suffolk. Adam Henson (brother of Libby who does the Grassroots programme) took two GG females home in his pickup to add fresh blood to the "Bemborough" herd of GG's at the Cotswold Farm Park. Adam's father Joe (founder of the RBST) started this herd many years ago and most are BGS registered. Two more GG's will join Adam's herd after kidding. Tim & Marion will transport them so they may also appear in a later programme. It was glorious weather for both days filming so should be good footage

<http://www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk/>


Clostridial problems

Mary Tyrell wrote: Having just lost a 6 week old kid to what looks like enterotoxaemia can anyone tell me when I should have started lambivac? Mother was vaccinated before kidding. Mary Tyrell.


David Harwood replied:


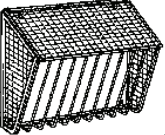
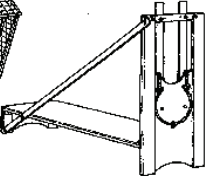
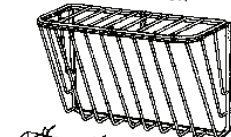
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rely on extrapolating from sheep figures, or using anecdotal evidence on its use in goats. I would always advise that goats over 3 weeks old and never vaccinated previously have an initial priming dose followed by a second dose 4 - 6 weeks later. From there on, they should be boosted at a MINIMUM of every 6 months. If there is a known problem on a goat unit, this can be reduced to every 4 months. It is important where possible, that such a booster dose is given 3 - 4 weeks before anticipated risk factors that involve a diet change (turn out, housing, new dietary constituent etc) or stress factor such as transport etc. Equally important is the need to ensure that such a booster dose is given 4 - 6 weeks pre-kidding to ensure that colostral antibody to clostridial disease is maximised. Do not forget that to be effective - this colostrum must be given to the kid within 6 hours of birth for the kid to receive maximum protection, any delay over 6 hours will reduce the kids ability to absorb these antibodies. The kid will then be protected up to around 6 weeks of age - this is a bit of a "stab" at giving advice, with no evidence base behind it. We do know however that the immune system of the goat does appear to be less well developed than sheep. So I would suggest a booster at 6 weeks, then move to 6 monthly boosters. As an aside - 6 weeks old is quite young for Clostridial enterotoxaemia death - there are other causes to consider, and I would recommend a post mortem if losses continue. Hope this helps.




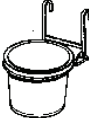



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BGS Forum

New member writes

Dear anyone interested! I've just joined the forum, and wanted to post a couple of points, in case they are of interest to anyone. First: we have had 7 out of 40 disbudded kids die this year from meningoencephalitis. The disbudding was carried out by our vet practice (who are otherwise excellent). They have held their hands up, and have been very good about the issue. That said, it's a sad/time consuming occurrence. I understand this is a significant issue around the country, hence my post, in case it helps contribute to a discussion. I am currently of the view that I must use a vet, because it's law, and also because I want the kid anaesthetised. However, I accept that many disbud themselves, and that this has its merits. If the current law is to operate in the way it is intended, then should there be some form of training and certification for vets who disbud goats, given the delicate nature of the operation? Second: we make cheese from our milk. We have had several days of 'blown curds' - i.e. Curd that doesn't form properly. This is almost certainly due to high urea content in the milk. We have been advised that this is because the goats do not have enough energy post kidding to convert the protein they are getting from their diet into 'good' protein - and so the default is production of urea. This seems to have coincided with the herd going out onto the spring pasture - perhaps increasing the protein in their diet, perhaps reducing the appetite for concentrate and therefore the means to put on condition. I have therefore kept them off the pasture

as of yesterday, and am feeding sugar beet to try and increase condition - including a lunchtime feed. I do still have a problem getting them to eat all their concentrate though (this is not a problem for our non-milking goatlings, so can't be the taste of the particular feed) - I am trying to get about 1.75kg into them, some eat it all, other pick and prefer hay/grass. Sorry for long entry, but it seems a bit of a fiddly one, and it seems hard to find specialist expertise on goat nutrition in larger herds (we have 100). Many thanks in advance for any thoughts!

Christine Ball

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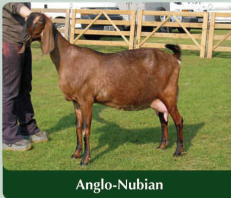
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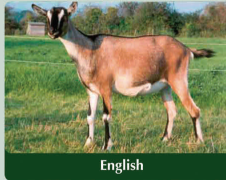
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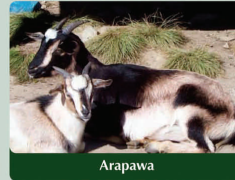
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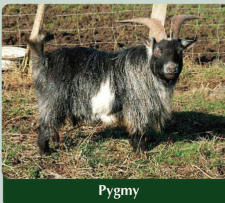
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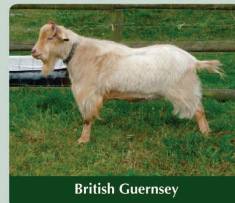
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