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The Office Goat.

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Firstly I would like to apologise for the later than anticipated arrival of the Herd Book. Adapting to our new Grassroots system and endeavouring to get it to produce the data as we would want it, together with the complexities of BGS Rules and Regulations have resulted in a series of delays. Work is frantically going on in an effort to have it published as soon as is possible.

I would like to inform members that a CD is now available which contains the data from every Herd Book from number 1. The CD is available to purchase for £25 from the BGS office. The Committee would like to record its thanks to Mr and Mrs Featherstone for the work they have tirelessly put in to this project.

I am pleased to note that there will be two Autumn Conferences this year. One hosted by the Derbyshire Goat Society and the other by the Gloucestershire Goat Society.

Mr Thornley's family have kindly donated two BGS bronze medals to auction in aid of the British Goat Society at the Derbyshire Conference.

They have also asked if we would auction a BGS "Theban Conchita" model and a Holmes Peglar bronze model on their behalf. Peter and Janet Cox have also donated a selection of BGS bronze medals to auction in aid of the British Goat Society. Two will be auctioned at the Gloucestershire Conference and the other three will be auctioned at the AGM. I would like to thank both Societies for offering to host these important events.

We would now like to hear from any Society who feels they would like to host the AGM next April.

I have now received confirmation that the property left to the British Goat Society in Somerset has been sold for the asking price. There is still quite a way to go before the Society receives the money. As I have said before, we need to think long and hard about how best to make use of this unexpected bequest.

I was also pleased to learn that the BGS is to receive the balance of the funds raised over the years by the Norfolk and Suffolk Goat Society. It is sad that the Society has now folded but I am very pleased that they had decided long ago that any funds would be donated to the BGS in the event of their closure.

It is very pleasing to see goats appearing on a variety of television programmes recently. In particular BBC's Countryfile has featured Golden Guernsey goats and visited the Dairy Goat Section at this year's Monmouthshire Show. The presenter, Claire Balding, made an attempt on camera to milk Oakvale Tulip. It was good to see several of our members, including John Powell, on the screen.

Richard Wood
Chairman

On page 196 you will find a photograph of a Theban Conchita model.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Miss Moore, Isle of Man;
Mr Ross Hounslow, Dorset;
Ms Lisa Barker, Yorkshire;
Mr B & Mrs T Proctor, Staffordshire
Ms E E Carlyon, Cornwall
Spitalfields City Farm, London;
Ms Kim Thorpe, East Sussex;

Mrs & Mr Davies, Ceredigion;
Mrs T A Lumley, Suffolk;
Mr C Williams, Norfolk;
Frau Bartold, Germany;
Mr & Mrs Barton, Wiltshire;
Miss Hirst, South Yorkshire;
Miss & Mr Kotretsos, Greece;

SECRETARY'S NOTES

The Office goat. The goat head that hung in the Devon office for many years, has recently been cleaned by a taxidermist and again hangs on the BGS office wall. His history is not known and hair samples sent for analysis cannot identify his origins! If you have any ideas or knowledge about the "Office Goat" please contact the BGS Office.

As you can see from the numbers of new members we have that there are new goat keepers purchasing all the time. It would be excellent for these new members if they always received a registration card and signed transfer form for each goat sold.

If you still have kids to register, do keep an eye on their date of birth. Registrations cost extra after six months of age. You can birth notify male kids on paper applications or through the online membership access to Grassroots. This gives you up to two years to register.

Members who know Emma Baldock (Emmadell) and were asking at the Breed shows in July, will be pleased to know that baby Ava arrived safely on 28th August weighing 7lbs 15ozs.

The notice regarding the renewal of Judges Licences should have noted that under the current BGS Rules, as Mrs J Martin & Mrs L Scobie live abroad their licence can only be renewed for one year, not three. Voting papers regarding the proposed Rule change are enclosed with your Journal.

Our stand in conjunction with Goat Genetics was visited by a good number of interested people at the Dairy Event. There were some very sound enquiries for membership, export and details regarding goat AI. We were situated in the main hall this year rather than the livestock hall. President Maureen Ross, Christine Ball, Fay Ogden and myself attended and it was good to see members there and thank you to all who helped organise and take time on the stand.

Best Wishes
Jane

Heather Brace

(20th April 1946 -7th August 2011)

On behalf of my wife and I, and our family, I would like to thank all of the people who enabled Heather to pass away peacefully in the comfort of her own home, after her long battle against ovarian cancer.

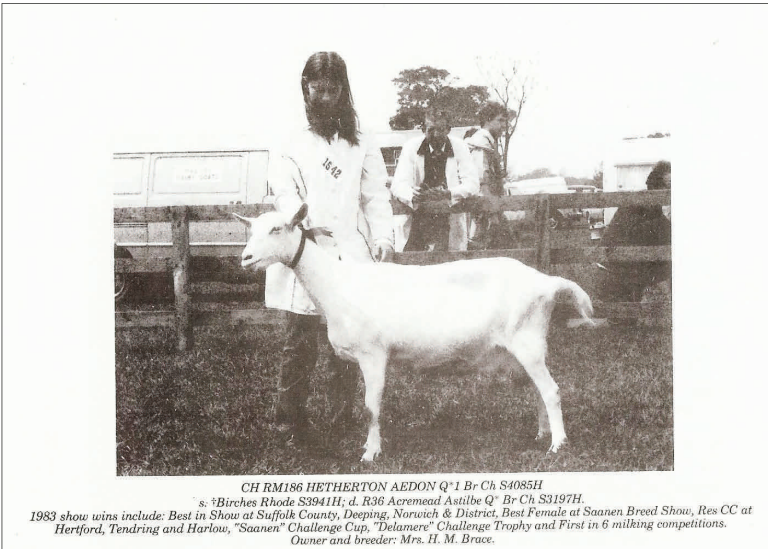
The last two and a half years have been very difficult for all of us, and we have been absolutely overwhelmed by the help and support given to us all during this time.

We are especially grateful to the staff of the Woodlands Centre at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital, the District Nurses, the continuing care staff, and all of our friends in Fentanton and the various Clubs and Societies to which we belong. You have all been wonderful and continue to be so.

During her illness Heather took part in the Race for Life, in support of Cancer Research UK, and also asked for donations at her funeral to be made to this charity.

We are all immensely proud that these actions raised over £2,500 for Cancer Research UK to continue its work to beat this terrible disease.

David Brace



From the 1984 Year Book: Heather Brace with CH RM186 Hetherton Aedon Q*1 BrCh S.003197D

BGS TROPHIES & CHALLENGE CUPS AWARDED SO FAR THIS SEASON

Show Name	Award	Goat Name	Owner
Anglo Nubian Breed Show	The "Macdonald" Challenge Bowl	Nitram Ayliesha	Mr M Cox
British Alpine Breed Show	The "Stanacre" Challenge Cup	Horsehay Jindiamond	Mr & Mrs B Rhodes
British Toggenburg Breed Show	The "Frankland" Challenge Trophy	Anjo Corensa, Anjo Chance & Anjo Chelsy	Mr J T Bingham
British Toggenburg Breed Show	The "Tamar" Challenge Cup	Willbeck Bridie	P & L Willis
Cheshire Dairy Goat Society	The "Standish Rosalind" Challenge Cup	Horsehay Jindiamond	Mr & Mrs B Rhodes
Devon County Show	The "Forman" Challenge Cup	Leatland Lotus	Calcraft & Day
Devon County Show	The "Holmes Peglar Jubilee" Challenge Trophy	Nightshaze Strumpet	Mrs S L Owen
Highland Goat Club Spring	The "Cleaver" Challenge Cup	Lovelsglen Comet	Mr & Mrs Campbell
Lincolnshire Show	The "Pease" Challenge Cup	Kilbarchan Moonmagic	Mrs H Moffatt
Malvern Dairy Goat Show	The "Slough" Challenge Trophy	Oakvale Aster	Mr J A Powell
NIGC Spring	Champion She Goat	Churchview Devnet	Mr G Ringland
Norwich & District Spring Dairy	The "Saanen" Challenge Cup	Gillfield Chanel	Ms G Duffield
Nottinghamshire Show	Best Male Goat over one year old	Aphrodite Andros	Mrs E Woodmass
Royal Bath & West	The Dewar Challenge Cup	Coppershel Moss & Coppershel Thistle	Mrs S Head
Royal Welsh Small-holders & Garden Festival	The "Abbey" Challenge Cup	Dalbury Amy	Mr I & Mrs E Churchill
Scottish Goatkeepers Federation Spring Show	"The Baroness Burdett-Coutts" Challenge Cup	Guilden Glory	Mr G Webster & Mr G Smith
Tregaron Goat Show	The "Mostyn Marigold" Challenge Cup	None forward	

British Saanen Breed Show

In the August show results supplement, for the BS Breed Show and Nottingham, Aphrodite Andros was listed under Mr I Johnson's name. Andros was owned and shown at these shows by his breeder Mrs E Woodmass.

He is now in the ownership of Mr I Johnson.

Diploma Show Awards

Malton 17th July

Hubbards Northwolds Snowdrop

Cardigan County Show 27th July

Davies' Klimova Anuska Q*9

Thorton -Le-Dale 3rd August

Hubbard's Northwolds Snowdrop

2012 YEAR BOOK

**THE EDITOR INVITES ADVERTISEMENTS, ARTICLES AND PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE
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OF THE BGS YEAR BOOK WHICH WILL AGAIN BE IN COLOUR
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OF THE BGS AND MANY OTHERS TOO.**

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with us.

Any Breeder of merit who sells stock and has males at stud should definitely advertise
with us.

All Breed Champion stock and good long lactation recorded herds should send top
quality photos for inclusion.

But even more importantly the Editor needs articles on subjects of interest
to the modern goat keeper.

Articles from new members would be as welcome as articles from
experienced goat keepers.

I hope the Breed Societies will also show their support.

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Michael Ackroyd

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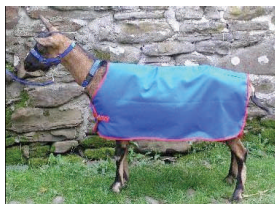
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This Herd Book disc makes the heritage of the British Goat Society available to a large percentage of our members. I have never seen the 'early' Herd Books and they really are a fantastic record, in fact, the first one is the Herd Book and Prize Record 1875 – 1885. We owe so much to these 'pioneers' – Mr H S Holmes Pegler and The Right Honourable Baroness Burdett-Coutts (to name but a few) and their quest to 'improve' the dairy goat.

Their objects being:

'(a) To circulate knowledge and general information upon Goats, their milk and flesh, with a view to counteract the prejudice and ignorance which still prevail in a great degree on these matters.

(b) To improve in all respects the various breeds, having regard to size, symmetry of form, especially to develop those qualities which are generally recognised and valued in superior milkers.

(c) To extend and encourage the keeping of Goats, particularly by cottagers, with a view to increase the supply and consumption of milk in rural districts.'

We can still relate to these objects and applaud the foresight of our forebears – what a legacy they have left us.

This will certainly be something to occupy anyone with a serious interest in the history of our Society and the evolution of our pedigree goats of today. Perhaps it's a good thing that the winter months will be with us soon as there will be many a goatkeeper glued to their computer screen.

Margaret Hardman

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BGS Autumn Conference
 hosted by the
Derbyshire Dairy Goat Club

Saturday 22 October 2011

at The Twin Oaks Hotel, Junction 29 of the M1
 near Chesterfield, Derbyshire

Agenda

10.00am	Arrive & coffee
10.30am	Chris Hagain & Grassroots
11.30am	BGS update & Questions
12.30pm	Lunch - see below
1.30pm	Auction sale of BGS models
1.45pm	Afternoon speaker - Andrew Morrey
3.00pm	Coffee & depart

Lunch

A 2 course lunch will be available for the cost of £14.00 - Steak & Ale Pie or Lasagne (vegetarian option also available), Apple Pie or Cheesecake. Please forward payment and your choices to Joanne Smith, 5 Parkhouse Road, Lower Pilsley, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S45 8DG Tel 01246 854898 by 19 October 2011

Cheques made payable to "Derbyshire Dairy Goat Club"

Tea & coffee will be included in the cost of lunch, if you are not having lunch, there will be a cost of £3.00 to cover drinks

Location

The Twin Oaks Hotel is situated on junction 29 of the M1, it is well signposted from all directions and is just to the left of the exit road if you are going southbound (signposted Palterton). For those travelling north bound exit at the slip road and then follow the roundabout round until you pass the southbound exit when you will see the signs to Palterton, the Hotel is just down the road on the left



BGS Autumn Conference
Hosted by Gloucestershire Goat Society
at The Officers Social Club
Leyhill, Gloucestershire GL12 8BT (5 minutes from junction 14, M5)

Programme

10:15 - Arrival Tea/Coffee

10:45 - Mr Goodwin-Jones on introduction into the necessity of trace elements

11:45 - Annie Batchelor goats homeopathy at wellie level

12:30 - BGS question time

13:00 - Lunch

14:00 - Mark Self Ascot Smallholders

14:15 - Mr. N Parr & Mr. M Ackroyd history of The Ashdene & Theban herds

15:30 - End of conference followed by tea/coffee and cake

Price £11 including tea/coffee and buffet lunch

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LATHERON SHOW

*Above: Guilden Bonbon morning yield of 3.25kg. Owned by Diane Meikle
Below: Balblair Gardenia—Best AN milker owned by Euan Fraser*



LATHERON SHOW

*Above: Best and Reserve Best goatling. An Balblair Gretal owned by Euan Fraser & BA Zaney Hazel owned by Mrs L Cole.
Below: Best Female kid BS Balblair Harvest owned by Euan Fraser.*



LATHERON SHOW

On 9th July 2011 I had the great pleasure of judging the dairy goats at Latheron Show in the far north of Scotland. Latheron is close to Wick and not too far from John O Groats and therefore it is the most northerly show recognised by the British Goat Society.

The visit entailed a 740 mile round trip which was very tiring but the warm welcome and hospitality shown to me made it all worth while.

The Chief Steward, Diane Meikle, together with her team of stewards which included Lynn and Kate Lewis-Saunders, made sure everything ran smoothly on the day. I was pleasantly surprised to see a larger entry of goats than I was expecting and particularly to find a selection of different breeds on show. There were even exhibitors from Orkney who had travelled over on the ferry.

The standard of goats present was pleasingly high and, although in the main milk yields were on the low side, I had no hesitation in awarding certificates.

The Champion male goat was an Anglo Nubian – Northcourt Moonrocket - and I feel sure he would have done well in competition anywhere throughout the United Kingdom.

I would thoroughly recommend this show both to potential exhibitors and to any BGS Judge who has the good fortune to be invited to officiate in 2012.

Richard Wood



Theban Conchita

Made by Harper Shebeg, Isle of Man

*Photograph of a model to be auctioned at the Derbyshire Autumn Conference.
Read details in Chairman's Notes page 185. Autumn Conference notices -page 192*

FORUM NOTES

Good publicity for goat meat but what a pity they had to use a picture of a goat with a ripped ear:-

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2023446/Goats-Britains-new-favourite-dish.html>

At a Dairy Event meeting earlier in the year I met the director of a company called "Healthy Hooves"

<http://www.healthyhooves.eu/>

They supply products to treat digital dermatitis. Mostly in cattle but he sent me more info recently to say they had been testing the "Ultimate Spot Treat System" on sheep & goats in USA/UK and it works. Suitable for treating individual animals.

The "Spot Treat" products include a liquid in a spray bottle, a paste applied with a brush or spatula and a "hoof slipper" to speed up healing.

Technical info on this page:-

http://www.healthyhooves.eu/index_files/Products.htm

Barry Clements (director) is available to speak at meetings. He is based in Coventry.

Maybe our vets could have a look at this info and see what they think?

From: davidharwood@btinternet.com

If I can make a couple of comments here:

This product (to my knowledge) has been developed to treat Digital Dermatitis in cattle (and quite distinct from "interdigital dermatitis" that has been referred to in this thread).

Digital Dermatitis is a disease affecting cattle (and not goats) - it is a severely painful condition affecting only the superficial skin area, usually at the back of the foot above the heels, although it can occasionally spread between the claws and be present on the front of the foot. It is SUPERFICIAL - yet extremely painful - and it is for this reason that topical preparations - i.e. Acting on the skin surface - are effective.

The only "superficial" condition affecting the skin of the foot of goats is "scald" - usually seen in goats (and more commonly sheep) grazing wet lush pasture - with lesions usually between the claws. This product may be useful in controlling such a condition.

My reason for commenting however - is that the majority of lameness problems in goats affecting the feet - tend to involve deeper structures (foot-rot, interdigital dermatitis [foul in the foot], foot abscess, white line disease, punctured sole, stone in the foot etc)- and this surface acting product is less likely to be effective.

I suppose my message really is that any lameness incident is potentially serious - any delay in recognising, examining the foot and acting according to the type of lesion present - may compromise the welfare of your goat, and could lead to a chronic long term problem. The use of an incorrect treatment for the condition you have could prolong it unnecessarily.

If in doubt - discuss lameness control with your own vet.

David Harwood

FORUM NOTES

Response from Barry Clements of Healthy Hooves:-

No I have not carried out any UK testing on Goats but I do understand site tests have been carried out with goats in the USA. Ref the product Healthy Hooves the product in itself is not a disinfectant / biocide to treat any conditions on the hooves of animals. Healthy Hooves simply allows active products such as zinc / copper sulphate to be used more effectively / efficiently in a preventative means when hoof infections are present that are caused I understand from bacteria - Mr Harwood will have to advise if zinc / copper sulphate is used in the prevention of bacterial infection in goat herds in the UK, if the answer is yes then Healthy Hooves can be used to deliver the copper / zinc he is quite correct in his comments. We do know that zinc sulphate is used extensively in Sheep farming along with copper. Therefore I would ask the question is zinc / copper in water used as a preventative method for a variety of conditions along with antibiotics for goats in which case Healthy Hooves may have a value to your members. We will be exhibiting at the Dairy Event. I will be present on the Tuesday only. Barry.

Hi, I have wormed my herd a few weeks ago with Panacur (1.8x sheep dose, weight estimated on basis of girth weight) on advice of my vet after the detection of tapeworm segments in the droppings of one of my milkers. All seemed fine, however today I have seen again segments in her droppings.... Which other wormer would deal with tapeworm? I know that Oramec (and I presume all the wormers in that group?) doesn't deal with it. I think there is resistance in my herd to Panacur, as it didn't clear up the worms post-kidding this spring, Oramec however did.. She is being milked and milk recorded, her yields or general health is not affected (and my dog does not have access to the goat field, but the local population of foxes and badgers are not that easily controlled) Is there any way re-infection can be prevented in future?

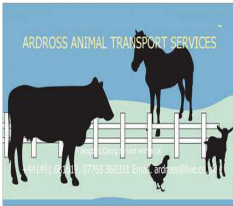
Many thanks, Anke

Hi!! I have discussed this with colleagues. There are now no specific tapeworm remedies for sheep or goats available in the UK. We think you may have under-dosed with Panacur as the recommendation is TWICE the sheep dose. There is a GVS statement on worming in preparation, but it has a few hurdles to be put over before we publish. There is conflicting advice about re dosage, and we hope we can get out a definitive statement, so please do not blame your vet for the recommendation of 1.8 times the sheep dose. It was a far better try than many I am aware of!!.

Panacur is EXTREMELY safe so you could happily increase the dose to 2.5 times the sheep dose. If at all possible WEIGH the goat, as they have a funny habit of being heavier than they look, especially for those used to assessing the weight of sheep!. If you cannot weigh the goat add about 15% to your assessment, and you will not go far wrong! As an alternative you could try 1.5 times the sheep dose for 3 consecutive days. Please remember that as no wormers have a Marketing Authority for use in the UK, when you use them, you must withdraw milk from any treated goat from sale for 7

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Proposed Change to Rule 17

The following amendment to the proposal to change Rule 17 has been received. The original proposal being published in the November 2010 Journal. This amendment appears on your enclosed voting paper.

The following amendment, proposed by Mrs Aitken, Stonehaven and seconded by Mr Hanna, Dromore, is intended to make the election process fairer than the one currently in place.

It is considered necessary to retain the geographical spread of members making up the Committee of the British Goat Society following the abolition of Area Representatives.

17. Ten Members shall be elected to the Committee triennially. The nomination of candidates can be made only from and by Members of the Society. To seek representation of goatkeeping across the UK and in the absence of Area Representatives to Committee, those ten elected Committee members will comprise of:

- (i) At least one who is resident in Wales
 - (ii) At least two who are either resident in Scotland or Northern Ireland
 - (iii) Five who are resident in England and
 - (iv) Two Committee Members elected irrespective of their UK geographical residence.
- 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 for 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 have signified their intention not to offer themselves for re-election previous to the abovementioned 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

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published in the Monthly Journal following the Annual General Meeting, when ten candidates according to their area of residence and votes cast shall be declared elected such that;

(i) The candidate resident in Wales polling the highest number of votes shall be elected, subject to receiving a vote from a minimum of 40% of the voting members

(ii) The two candidates resident in Scotland or Northern Ireland polling the highest number of votes shall be elected, subject to receiving a vote from a minimum of 40% of the voting members

(iii) The five candidates resident in England polling the highest number of votes shall be elected.

(iv) The next two candidates receiving the highest number of votes and irrespective of their UK geographical location shall be duly elected.

Should the requisite number of candidates not be forthcoming for any of the areas above, or the candidates from Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland not securing the relevant minimum number of votes, candidates will be duly elected according to the number of votes cast until the ten Committee Members are appointed to serve on the Committee.

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

Election of the Committee

17. *Ten Members shall be elected to the Committee triennially. The nomination of candidates can be made only from and by Members of the Society. To seek representation of goatkeeping across the UK and in the absence of Area Representatives to Committee, those ten elected Committee members will comprise of:*

(i) At least one who is resident in Wales.

(ii) At least two who are either resident in Scotland or Northern Ireland .

(iii) Five who are resident in England and

(iv) Two Committee Members elected irrespective of their UK geographical residence.

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 for 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 have signified their intention not to offer themselves for re-election previous to the abovementioned 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

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days. This is under the cascade system, which we as GVS are also producing a guide to as it seems to be needed. Under that system, the owner of animal treated has to accept that if there is any apparent adverse reaction following treatment as advised, then the owner of the animal concerned must take the consequences of the risk involved, whatever they may be. That means that you can have no legal comeback against any of, the manufacturer, your veterinary surgeon, the Goat veterinary Society, or in this case ME acting in an individual capacity. The GVS, in conjunction with the Medicines Group of the British Veterinary Association are working together to make this principle understood. That does NOT preclude your rights if anyone concerned had been demonstrably negligent. I apologise if this sounds over defensive, but in the event of any apparent problem, we would ALL like to know, and there is a set way of doing this. It helps us all. If that should happen, at present, please let me know. The VMD is trying hard to improve availability of goat medicines with an MA in the UK, but for that to work well there will need to be harmonisation of the classification of and distribution of veterinary medicines across the EU. It will not happen overnight! I hope this helps,
Nick Clayton

Nick Clayton has very clearly described some of the problems we have in giving Specific advice on wormer choice / dose rates etc - and I won't elaborate. I would like to make a couple of observations from a clinical / pathology Perspective however (which is my area of work). Tapeworms (essentially *Moniezia* species) look unpleasant in the faeces of your Goats - particularly as you can see them without using a hand lens or Microscope. I can re-assure you however that they cause very little (if any) Harm to your goats. They are well adapted parasites - living in the gut, Bathing in feed passing through, but do not damage the gut itself (as round Worms will). They are more difficult to kill than round worms - but their presence in faeces isn't an indication that the wormer has not worked - as it is the roundworms you Can't see that you are targeting. By repeat dosing to kill tapeworms - you do run the risk of increasing the Roundworm

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resistance on your farm as an indirect consequence. Only dose when you need to either if your goats have diarrhoea, or if faeces samples indicate a significant roundworm burden. Never worm them just because you see a few Tapeworm segments in an otherwise fit and healthy goat, or as a matter of Routine again in a fit and healthy goat - the traditional approach of worming every 3 - 4 weeks regardless was one of the reasons we have run into wormer resistance.

As ever discuss worming protocols with your own Vet - happy to expand on Anything I've raised? David Harwood

David, your information is great as ever! I know this is a very "dependent on the situation" question, but roughly how often do you recommend worming with something like Panacur? I was of the opinion that less is more, and we wormed just before kidding and then were holding off until we spotted some sort of a problem. Have just had input from a very experienced goat keeper who says they worm their goats EVERY SIX WEEKS! Where in the continuum do you weigh in? Thanks! Shann

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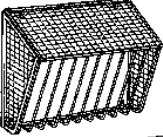
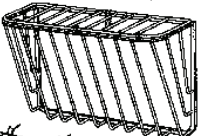
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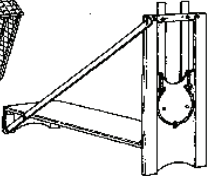
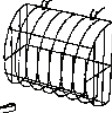
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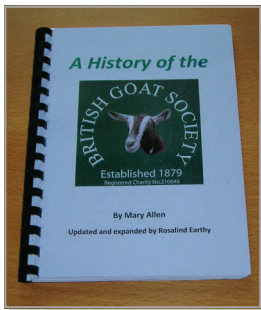
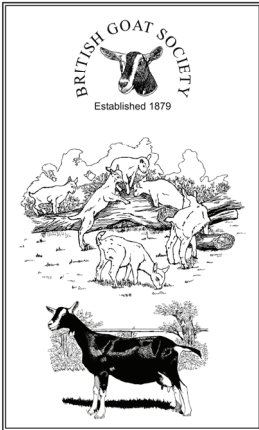


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