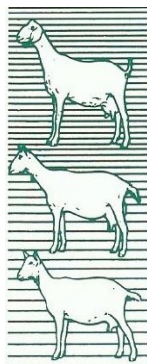


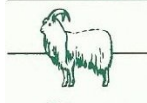
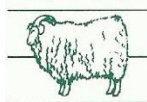
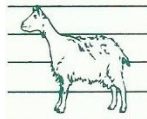
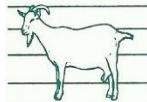
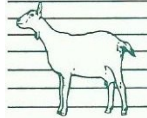
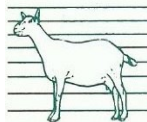
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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

I will take this opportunity of using my notes to remind members about several items which were the subject of discussion at our recent committee meeting:

- If anyone is planning to import live goats or semen, before arrangements are completed, please notify the office of your intentions - you will be required to submit all import documentation to the BGS office for committee inspection.
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- Care needs to be taken by members when completing application forms for kid registrations - most common issues are missing ear tag numbers and dates of birth. Registrations will not be progressed until all the required information is supplied - please check forms are completed correctly before posting. Also if forms are submitted without payment, they will not be processed until payment is received and, in the case of cheques, cleared at the bank.

Although the committee election may seem some way off at the moment (the present committee's three year term ends in April 2013), perhaps it is time for people to start thinking about whether they would like to "do their bit" for the BGS by standing as a candidate for election to the committee. Nomination forms, signed by two members of the BGS as proposer and seconder, and the candidate, must be received at the office on or before 31st January 2013. Our Rules stipulate that if no nominations are received within the specified time, the current Committee will be re-elected for the ensuing three years.

A huge thank you is extended to Roger Wilson, Jane's husband, who in Jane's absence on Olympic Games duty, undertook the task of posting out the Year Book.

Agnes Aitken

Olympics

Above: Rehearsal for the opening ceremony.

Below: The Greenwich Park Venue Management & Safety team.



NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr & Mrs Collier, Powys; Mr Bolderston, Norfolk; Mrs Francis, Cambridgeshire;
Mr Gilmore, Ballymoney; Ms Judge & Mr Mitchell, Devon;

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Dear Members,

I am pretty sure a large majority of you watched at least some of the Olympics during its two weeks. It was an amazing time for me and a great opportunity to be part of such a tremendous time for our Country and for Team GB although Gamesmakers are impartial of course!

If you have held onto registrations and transfers, thank you. Your second 2012 show supplement is enclosed with this edition of the Journal.

Autumn conferences will be coming along shortly and notification of these will appear next month.

Best wishes
Jane

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Sharon and I live in a bungalow on the Edge of Bodmin Moor, not far from the Jamaica Inn. We have a large flower garden with the goathouse and yard at one end, home to the Nightshaze BTs and BSs and my Treleth Toggs. At present we have a BS milker, a BT milker and 3 Togg. milkers, 2 BT goatlings, a Togg. goatling, 2 BT, 3 Togg. female kids and a Togg. male kid. The male pen is empty, awaiting a new resident.

We have 2 Parson Jack Russell, bitches and a Golden Retriever bitch plus a few assorted poultry. I work in the meat trade and Sharon is a milk recorder for NMR. We have a 2.5 acre field a short distance away with access via an old track. One acre is divided into 10 plots on which we grow goat crops. One plot is ploughed each autumn and sown to winter oats followed each year by kale, fodder beet, spring oats and winter oats, maize, kale and in the 5th. year, spring oats under-sown with a 5 year grass ley.

Every evening I cut either grass or oats (their favourite) with a modern version of an Allen Scythe and this is fed in a rack in the goat yard during the day, any surplus is made into silage. In one corner of the field is a small orchard where we keep bees. One side is fenced off as a vegetable and fruit garden with a large polytunnel and the remainder is permanent pasture for the goats to let off steam evenings and weekends, weather permitting. We lead busy lives but teamwork is the key!

1st June: My last day of annual leave before I retire at the beginning of next

month. Sharon took the goats to the Bath & West Show yesterday and, as usual, had a wander around the showground with Liz Connor before we swap over in the evening and she comes home, after we have a meal in the restaurant. Because she gets home late, I can have a lie-in, feed the kids and milk the two milkers left at home at 11 am. I stock up with fresh greens and get a phone call to say that they only want silage so; I load up a bag of that as well. Travelling to Shepton Mallet on a Friday afternoon is never easy but, as it's the Jubilee weekend, the traffic is horrendous. There was so much heavy traffic pouring into Cornwall, that it must have sunk six feet and John O' Groats risen six! It's also the annual "Run to the Sun" held in Newquay so there are VW caravannes chugging up the hills and, very often, one parked in a lay-by with a pair of legs sticking out underneath!

2nd June: At last a fine day and I had a successful day with Treleth Donau ending up as reserve to Marypoppns (that'll do me). The yields were pleasing; Donau giving 6.20kg and our yearling BT, Nightshaze Liana, gave 4.75kg. We have noticed that the goats milk better, the longer the journey to the show. A pleasant show was slightly spoilt when we left to come home. We queued for about an hour, trying to get off the showground and I had to point out, in no uncertain terms, to several traffic marshals that livestock takes priority when leaving a show. We got out eventually and apart from driving through a torrential rainstorm, I arrived home, tired and

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hungry at 10 pm.

3rd June: Tried to have a wind-down day after the show, unloading the show stuff and a trip to the Tescos, deep joy!

4th June: The weather was dry enough to go dung spreading where, one day, it might be dry enough to sow the maize!

5th June: The wettest drought on record continues so I spend the afternoon compiling the catalogue for the Devon and Somerset Male & Youngstock Show.

Milk recording day and we always stick to the correct timing for this. Most days, the goats get milked at strange times, depending on work commitments, as long as we don't exceed 14 hours.

6th June: Back to work after the long weekend. Milk recording yields are down on Bath & West yields. Our's always seem to milk better at shows than at home. I suppose, at shows, they lie in their pens and get waited on hand and foot instead of scrapping at home. Sharon went off to the Royal Cornwall Show with 3 milkers and 2 goatlings. We prefer not to show kids, unless the whole herd has to go. They always seem to pick up various ailments, especially when very young. I work on a stand at the show during the days and come home in the evenings to see to the dogs and stock left at home. I find that, these days, I much prefer to sleep in my own bed, rather than a draughty trailer!

7th June. Up early to do the animals and off to the Show in a howling gale. Our stand was still intact but a cattle breed

stand opposite was demolished. At least, this year, we had a clear view of the cattle rings. Mobile phones sometimes have their uses and during the morning I had a call to get down to the goat ring for the I.P. A quick change into a white coat, grabbed a groomed Donau and into the ring. Well worth the effort, as she was awarded B.I.S. During the afternoon, I paid a visit to the huge sheep marquee. It was like entering the inside of a barrage balloon with the walls and roof blowing out and exhibitors trying to wedge the central poles into the ground as they were lifting up. For safety reasons, the tent was evacuated, just as the Duchess of Cornwall was driven past in a golf buggy. There were chaotic scenes as farmers tried to go back inside to rescue their sheep. Eventually, it was decided to send all the sheep home. I had an eventful trip home with debris all over the roads. The Bath & West milking results had arrived so I printed them off to take to the show the next day. I was disappointed with our fats; Donau had just missed out on her Q* by 0.02% in the morning at Devon County where it was freezing cold but struggled in the mid 3's at a mild, sunny Bath & West.

8th June: A calmer day and Donau went B.I.S. again at the Kernow Show. Perhaps these back-to-back shows are a good idea after all! The Grand Parade was strange without any sheep; their marquee was ripped to shreds overnight but, thankfully, the goat tent survived.

9th June: Usually I have to man our stand on the Saturday of the Show but not this

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year, so I spent the day as a visitor. We looked around the Show and bought some furniture that we'd seen at a previous show. As usual, a group of goat people ended up in the flower marquee at 5pm, to collect armfuls of plants and carry them back to the cars. Most of the goats had already gone so we loaded easily. Due to the lack of sheep trailers, we were soon on the road and, as usual, in a convoy with Liz Connor.

10th June: After a much needed lie-in, time to check on the storm damage. The property got off quite lightly although one of the polytunnel doors had blown in and there were leaves and branches everywhere. Sharon and a friend, Pat, were due to attend a big plant sale the following weekend and had been raising cuttings etc. to sell. These had been put outside to harden off and were ruined. Pat's greenhouse roof had been blown off so, between them, they didn't have enough plants to stock their stall and had to cancel their trip. Hoof trimming day today, not my favourite job. I usually do it on the first Sunday of every month but, because last Sunday fell between two major shows, I put it back a week. This time it was first trim for the kids, not good for my back!

11th June: At last a dry evening so we took the opportunity to look at the bees. Last summer, they suffered from an attack of Sac Brood, which affects the larvae, and with the help of the County Bee Officer, we managed to save part of the colony as a nucleus and burnt the infected comb. They were starting to re-

cover when the wasps struck. We set up traps but we seemed to have a plague of them. The colony was too small to defend itself, got robbed out and weren't strong enough to survive the winter. A friend arrived with a captured swarm, about three weeks ago. We put them in a clean hive with new foundation, fed them and left them to settle in. Today they seemed to be thriving so we fed them again and closed the hive. Up until now, the kids had been on four bottles a day; always difficult to fit into a working day so we have put them down to three: hooray!

14th June: I'm fed up with the weather and how time is marching on. I'd already sprayed a plot of oat stubble with glyphosate so I broadcast a mix of maize and fertilizer, hitched up the rotavator and rotavated it in; can't wait any longer! We should have had our milking results back by now; I've got two CCs and two IPs at stake!

16th June: Yet another foul day with torrential rain and strong winds so we decided to visit a Nursery to collect a "Toffee Apple Tree" ordered as an early birthday present. I also bought a shrub, recommended on Gardener's World, that I was looking for. Sharon proof read the Devon & Somerset Male & Youngstock catalogue while I spent the evening dicing beef shin to stock up the freezer surrounded by a semi-circle of interested dogs. I was listening to the Poland versus the Czech Republic match, which Poland lost. There's going to be a lot of miserable Poles with hangovers in work

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*Above left: Donau in her usual position, looking in through the kitchen window.
Above right: The current generation practising.*



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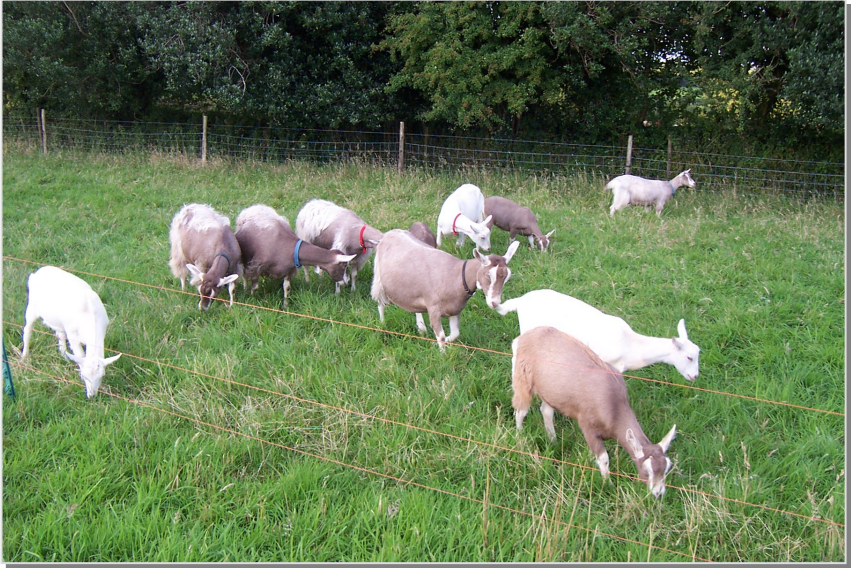
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Treleth & Nightshaze herd grazing

on Monday!

17th June: At last the rain has stopped and the wind eased so I was hoping that the goats could go out to graze as everyone needs cleaning out and it's easier with an empty yard. Things didn't go according to plan as the heavens opened but at least the goats stayed under cover and I could get drenched in peace. I must get a cab for the tractor! At last we managed to tag the kids ready for their first show next weekend. There seems to be much wailing and gnashing of teeth amongst some goat keepers over this simple procedure. As I've been tagging cattle sheep and pigs for 50 years, I don't have a problem with it. I was told to soak the tags in a weak solution of Dettol before application. For the last few years we have also

been squeezing dry cow tubes into the holes as well and this seems to help prevent any infection.

18th June: Dosed the kids with Vecoxan in their bottles. Most years we have trouble with scouring kids and we can usually nip it in the bud with a timely dose. This year however, we couldn't dry them up. The first two dung samples showed nothing at all and we tried all manner of potions to no avail. We got really fed up with our vets and eventually they decided to send a sample to the regional V.I. Lab. They discovered coccidiosis and prescribed two doses three weeks apart. Today was their second dose and we are delighted with the difference in them after a month of trying not to look at the state of them. Sharon

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Eating greens in the yard rack.

thinks she underestimated the weight of them at the time of their original dose and so under-dosed them. The bill for all this is enough to frighten anybody, keeping goats is a very expensive hobby these days! At least we have had something for free for a change! A local feed merchant was talked into offering free worm counts and we had the results today. All had very low egg counts with no need to treat; good old Ivomec!

19th June. Now I am angry; we discover that the milk samples from the two Cornish shows have gone missing!

20th June. A late start today as I have to give an evening talk and demonstration on cattle and sheep selection for slaughter to a group of Exmoor Hill farmers.

I'd cut a patch of grass the previous evening, as we'd had a rare, dry day. We make as much silage as we can; the goats love it and it helps the winter yields and proteins. Thousands of dairy farmers can't be wrong! We wilt it for a day and pack it into 230 litre, screw top juice barrels. My twenty stones and a stepladder come in useful for packing it tightly. We made four barrels before the rain came. Because the grass has been too wet to cut for feeding green, we've already been feeding this year's first cut. My evening in Porlock was due to start at 6 pm. As I hadn't been up that way for about 45 years, I Googled a route map. It said the journey would take 1 hour and 48 minutes – it took 3 hours but I allowed myself plenty of time and arrived ½ hour early. I just finished my outside cattle

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demonstration as the rain started and we moved into a barn for the sheep section and various talks. Afterwards, a lady from Duchy College, who was dealing with the funding, suggested that I follow her as far as Torrington, as she knew a short cut over the top of Exmoor. She took off up Porlock Hill like a “bat out of hell” with my poor old pickup in 2nd. gear screaming after her. I couldn’t explain where we went, it was as black as pitch, the rain was coming sideways and the wind was blowing me all over the road, which was mostly flooded. All I can remember was following her tail lights and hoping she didn’t lose me because I didn’t have a clue where I was! I eventually saw a sign for North Molton and knew where I was; back in civilisation. I arrived home at midnight. I shall miss all this when I retire!

22nd June: Up at 4am today as I had a cattle demonstration at an abattoir in Somerset. I took Sharon a cup of tea in bed when I left at 5am as she had to be in Barnstaple by 10 am for the funeral of David Kemp, Chairman of the Devon Goat Society. R.I.P. David, we’ll miss you.

24th June: Devon and Somerset MYS Show. A good turnout, considering the bad weather overnight. Fortunately the rain held off. We were both pleased with the way our kids have improved over the last month and this was rewarded with 2 Togg. kids getting Best and Reserve Best Female Kids. The B.T. was Reserve Best Goatling and then we had Best Male Kid with the Togg. Although

he is sold, I wanted to give him some practice before I take him to our Breed Show in Bristol and then he can go to his new home “up north”. A good day was marred by confirmation that the missing milk samples (4 boxes) had been thrown away!!!!

30th June: The month has ended, as it began, with high winds and heavy rain. We lit the fire on several evenings, because of the cold. It certainly has been “Flaming June”, but not for the usual meaning, roll on July! We haven’t had 2 consecutive dry days. The kale seed is still in the packet but, things will be better next year!

Bob Vickery.

PERSISTENT FOOTROT

Can anyone suggest how I can eradicate footrot? When I got the two does in December one of them developed foot problems shortly afterwards and I have treated her ever since. The other doe has just had hooves trimmed and has never had any lameness. However following the wet weather in April all three kids have become lame. It is definitely footrot. In the case of the doe and the oldest kid I have trimmed and cleaned up the hooves and sprayed with battles footrot spray and also given antibiotic injections. With the 2 younger kids I have cleaned the feet in warm salt solution prior to spraying. However the problem is not clearing up. I muck out weekly, change bedding etc. It is pitiful to see the kids hobbling about. Can anyone advise, please? Pretty sure they are not getting it from the sheep because although I had problems with lame lambs

due to the wet weather they responded to a change of pasture and spraying, and this was just soreness and not footrot.

We struggle with footrot as the ground is quite wet with us. We use a formalin footbath, mixed very strong, with warm water. We stand the goat in it for about 3 minutes (a two-person job, as they don't like it when their feet are already sore!) Afterwards turn the goat onto dry, clean ground or bedding. Usually the goat will be worse 24 hours later but completely clear by 48 hours. If not, we give another application. We've had 100% success with this. Downside - it hardens the hooves, which can make it difficult to trim!

I'd agree with Shann's treatment except for one thing. We use Golden Hoof (zinc sulphate), not formalin. It is much easier to work with and not so damaging to the tissues. It also smells better. We've used this for the past 20-odd years and rarely have trouble with footrot.

Hi, I have found that Hydrogen Peroxide works on hooves with this problem. I always used it for my horses and it also works for the goats as it fizzes and get out any hidden dirt and germs and then also dries up the wound in one go. You can get it from any chemist although they may have to order it in. I use the 9% ratio.

I used Golden Hoof Plus as a footbath and that helped but I also got some Engemycin spray from the vet and there was an almost instant improvement. I repeated the spray over a couple of days

Notice

Window Harrison Challenge Cup

At the 2012 AGM it was announced (and recorded in the Minutes relative to the AGM) that Mr Will's goat Timyon Jemini was the recipient of the Window Harrison Challenge Cup. This was incorrect. The rightful recipient was Mrs Beaney's goat Moonlin Willora and confirmation of this is published in HB137

The Committee wishes to apologise to Mr Will for the mistake and congratulate Mrs Beaney on her goat's performance.

and then with one of the kids I had to repeat the treatment. The results were very quick. I will use the Golden Hoof in future as a preventative at the recommended intervals. Must say it is very goat friendly - after the usual protests the kids enjoyed having their feet bathed so it must have been soothing.

LIVER FLUKE

Looks like we have liver fluke. Ho hum. I've been to the vets today and he was struggling to find medication that I can Use in milkers to get rid of it. I know that we're unlikely to find anything licenced for goats, but I'd like to use something that works in goats and is ok to use in milkers. Does anybody have any experience with any? Positive or negative? At the moment I'm looking for something that kills the adult liver fluke, but come autumn time I'll be needing stuff for the immature flukes too. We used to use Trodax, but I don't think it's licensed for goats and I can't recall what the withdrawal period was as we used to tend yo use it in the winter when they were dry.

This is the second time today I have had a query on liver fluke in goats land in my email in-tray. The other was via a GVS source! I am currently looking into things from the point of view of a milking herd. The problem is that as goats are browsers rather than grazers, their manage mental opportunity to graze flukey pastures is virtually nil, though as always, there will be those exceptions to prove they rule. Unfortunately, as Margaret is now finding, they are suffi-

ciently few to make seeking a marketing authorisation for flukicides in goats a viable commercial proposition even on an EU wide basis.

However there are a couple of avenues I can usefully follow up. Are your goats being milked for human consumption. I infer yes. Do you then sell the milk to others? Margaret has raised a problem which while it is NOT common, is serious if you happen to be a goat, or even the owner of a goat, and as things stand, while it is NOT a problem to treat the affected goats, treating them and selling milk on to third parties is less easy. The veterinary medicines directorate have published a list of medicines with a marketing Authorisation for goats elsewhere in several EU Countries. That includes many wormers and flukicides, with a quite remarkable variation in the case of those products as to what the milk leave out periods should be from country to country. The problem there is that we cannot know whether we are comparing like with like as formulations vary. Could you leave this with me.

Nick Clayton

I do have fluke on my land and as you know my goats are out all the time and I have to treat for Fluke regularly, sometimes it will show up out of season if we get a very wet spell, I used Combinex to begin with, but because of the smell found it hard to get it into the goats, I then went on to use Fascinex, but now use Fascimec duo. I don't sell to the public apart for animal use but we do drink our own milk. I use a withdrawal period

of at least 7 days and have never had any problems health wise with this. Other wormers I use are Noromectin and Panacur. Young kids are wormed more frequently as are goatlings but the adults are usually wormed immediately after kidding and then only if they scour or show signs of worms. I also have to treat for coccidiosis as I know I have that on my land. Looking at my records I see that on the whole the adult males and milkers only get wormed for fluke and after kidding and always look well.

We use Albenil here on sheep, it does worms too, including tape (which we also get!) What about Flukiver, got that one too, to ring the changes!

Just a word of warning here - the safety margin for flukicides is not as wide as that for wormers - so I would urge caution when suggesting increased dose rates above that used for sheep. I've come across cases of flukicide toxicity. I believe Nick is checking with some manufacturers - so I won't get involved in choice of flukicide to use - but I would re-iterate the importance of getting an accurate diagnosis of fluke before you start using any product unnecessarily.

David Harwood

Might be a silly question but does anyone in the UK keep sheep for milking and cheese production for human consumption, as they do on the continent? If so they must face the same problem and maybe there is a flukicide licensed for use under those circumstances?

You are correct in that there are now no

flukicides as such available in the UK that can be used in lactating animals. Albenidazole (Several preparations including Valbazen) was originally marketed as a combined fluke and worm product, but is only active against adult fluke, and even then is not in the same league as say Fasinex. However it does have an MA for use in goats in several countries, with milk withhold recommendations varying from 60 Hours to 14 days. Thus it could be used under the cascade system with a minimum milk withhold of 7 days, and longer may be sensible. You would need to use double the sheep dose. Fasinex and other products can be used when the goat is dry. I am afraid that treating fluke in milking goats is therefore not straightforward, and as any treatment is under the cascade system the keeper of the goats has to accept responsibility for any possible reaction.

Nick Clayton.

There are about 8000 sheep being milked in the UK. There may be flukicides with an MA for sheep in other countries, but I do not have access to that information. It is however I suspect significant that Fasinex is not to be used in cows during lactation, and it is therefore likely that the same would apply to sheep in any country.

Nick Clayton.

TICK CONTROL

Hope to finish clipping the sheep this week, weather permitting, and will treat them with Crovect as usual against fly strike and

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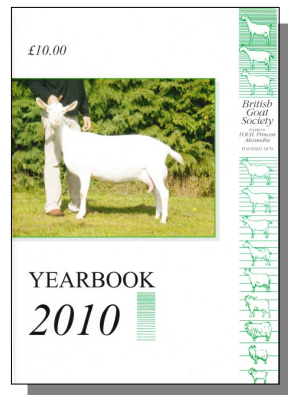
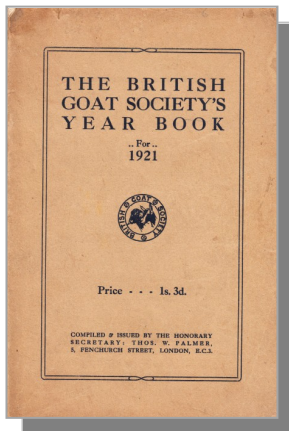
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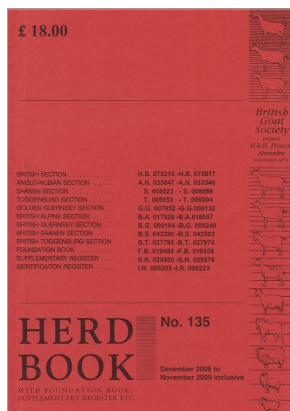
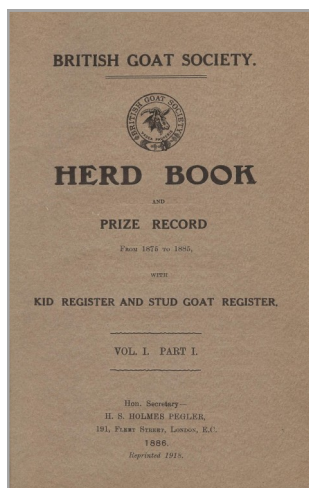
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BGS FORUM


Cont'd from page 186 ticks. I wondered if I should treat the goats as well, specifically against ticks as this seems to be a bad year for ticks here and we have had to remove several from young lambs and the goats will be just as susceptible. Any thoughts?

Years ago we lost a lamb with tick pyaemia and our vet recommended Spot On to get rid of the ticks in the rest of the flock. We had nearly a bottle-full left so I tried it on a meat kid to see if it would turn green or turn up it toes. All was well, so we applied it to the rest of our herd (we had a louse problem in them at the time). I can honestly say we have never had another goat with lice. So if this stuff is still available, treat all your sheep and goats with it.

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I treat my goats in autumn (and the long coated ones often several times during the winter too) for lice using Spot-on. It should be active against ticks too. I normally then have a few days of humans not drinking the milk, as it has no licence for milk producing sheep (and goats presumably). I have never had any problems with ticks in goats, had them in sheep (on rented land) and treated them with Crovect.


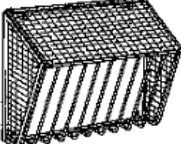

Thanks for the advice. I will try Spot-on for the goats as I have had one incidence of lice and it should prevent ticks as well. I will stick to Crovect for the sheep though, because I've always found it works well and has a shorter withdrawal period than Clik. Also I have already bought the Crovect!







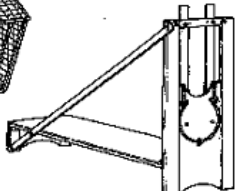



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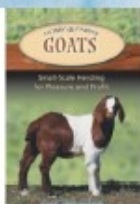
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