

AFFILIATED SOCIETY RESOLUTIONS 2020

The Essex & Suffolk Goat Society

The Essex and Suffolk Goat Society would like the British Goat Society (BGS) to continue to seek a workable and valid health scheme for pedigree goats in the UK, so that BGS members can gain recognition for the health status of their herds and for the national herd.

The Golden Guernsey Goat Society

"The health status of all goats is important, not just those that show. Therefore we consider the best way forward is to educate the wider audience, to encourage testing and to lessen movement of untested animals. This should be led by the BGS for all goats, not just those that are shown or registered. Currently the only vaccines mentioned on the BGS website are for clostridial diseases, and the only testing is for CAE.

Our resolution is for the BGS to expand the health section on its website to include:

- ***information on the high risk diseases,***
- ***the tests which can be undertaken to detect such diseases,***
- ***best practice before bringing new stock onto premises,***
- ***best management practices for disease control and limitation.***

This will heighten awareness of potential diseases, and will provide good protocols for herd health which all goat-keepers can adopt."

Norwich & District Goat Club

In light of the recent and increasingly more common positive CAE reactors, we would like to propose that it is looked at for the BGS CAE monitored herd status to be dropped in favor of only allowing whole herd annual testing being recognized by the BGS. It is felt that the current schemes are leaving stock potentially vulnerable as CAE is creeping back to the forefront of goat health.