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*Boer Goat*  
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## Secretary's report

I've been Secretary for the society for nearly 5 months and whilst it's been an incredibly busy time, I'm happy to be part of the 'Team' who are all working hard to take the Society forward.

Please email me at [secretary@britishboergoatsociety.co.uk](mailto:secretary@britishboergoatsociety.co.uk) if you have anything you'd like to discuss or passed on to the committee.

I hope you all have a great kidding year 2019.

Best Wishes

*Marilyn Leggett*

[registrations@britishboergoatsociety.co.uk](mailto:registrations@britishboergoatsociety.co.uk)



## Chairman's Chat

Here in Buckinghamshire we have been blessed recently with the most amazing weather; we would have been grateful for this in May let alone February/March.

We are now virtually through our kidding and into lambing so plenty of sleepless nights left!

Hopefully all of you in the throes of kidding are getting on well and those who are yet to start get their desired outcomes.

The lambing course subsidised by the BBGS was well supported and resulted in some new members which is great news.

The Trustees have been working hard to build the new website which will be a valuable resource for all members and a definite step forward.

GDPR has taken a lot of the Trustees valuable time but following the committee attending GDPR training, the BBGS can proudly say that we are GDPR Compliant.

A big thank you must go to both Nicola Knott and Marilyn Leggett for their tremendous work for the Society and we are very lucky to have them in their roles.

Debbie Marshall is doing a sterling job as Editor of the magazines but she is very dependent on members submitting articles or news and also photographs, so please do send them in we would love to see and share them.

The new Trustees are proceeding with their aim to review the Rules and also the Constitution. As part of this we are making sure that rules are adhered to whether it is concerning the use of Social Media or the supplying of correct registration details.

Hanbury Show (6 July) in Worcestershire is a new and very welcome addition to the Show Season. The first schedule, for the RWAS Smallholders Festival (16-19 May), has arrived with classes on two days for the first time. Stafford County Show runs on 29-30 May and then Royal Three Counties Show 14-16 June. Plenty to look forward to!

If any members have any events they would like to share such as Farmers Markets or Sales or shows please do get in touch.

Best Regards

*Jo Jenkins*

*Photo courtesy Simone Dickens, Isle of Wight*

## Editor's Comments

Thank you to all those members who took the time and effort to write and send in articles. Without you there will be no magazine. If any member is attending an event, market, show or anything else of interest then please take some photos and send in a short article to keep other members informed and inspired.

Feel free to contact any of the Trustees if there is a topic of interest you would like us to include in the next edition.

Cut off for the next edition will be end of June.

## AGM 2019!

The date is set for this year's AGM - Saturday 19th October. The Trustees would like to thank Ian Graham of Oaklands Boer Goats, Somerset, for his very kind offer to host this year's event. Keep an eye on the website and next magazine for further details. We are working on the agenda so suggestions are welcome for topics of interest.

## HERDBOOK VOL 29

If you wish a hard copy and haven't ordered yet, time is running out. Email [purpledeb282@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:purpledeb282@yahoo.co.uk) for our copy now!

*Debbie*

## BBGS Members and GDPR

Dear members, the British Boer Goat Society (BBGS) is working hard to comply fully with the

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The BBGS collects members' names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and website addresses, flock numbers and herd prefixes, and in the case of Junior members their Date of Birth.

This information is entered onto the Grassroots database for the purpose of administering your membership and registering and transferring animals, and keeping a list of what animals are owned

by each member. When members stop subscribing to the BBGS their details remain on the database in case they wish to re-join in the future.

The BBGS uses member's information to contact them about their membership or animal registrations, to post members copies of the BBGS magazine, herdbook, and other correspondence associated with the running of the society. The BBGS does not forward members details to third parties.

For non-members who purchase goats we also store names and addresses on Grassroots and what animals they have purchased. We may send them an invitation to join the society.

## Renewal Time!

The BBSGS subscription year ends on 31st March, so it is now time for members to renew their membership. Enclosed is a Renewals Form.

*Please can EVERYONE return a Renewals form to the Grassroots officer either by post or email. Even members who have already paid their renewal or who have only just joined the society.*

Every member's Data Protection code will be set back to zero on April 1st and once the renewal form is received with the appropriate boxes ticked, the correct Data Protection Code will be assigned and if you have given permission for your contact details to go on the BBSGS website it will appear on the members list on the new website.

You can also request a copy of the latest Herd Book on the renewals form.

Please also note the extra £5 added to fees for members living in Ireland (not Northern Ireland) which is to help cover the extra cost of postage for mail going outside the UK.

If you are not going to renew your membership could you please let me know so I don't keep sending you reminders!

Drop me an email at [registrations@britishboergoatsociety.co.uk](mailto:registrations@britishboergoatsociety.co.uk)

REGISTRATION  
CERTIFICATE

0.6584.S  
This is to certify that a FEMALE goat named  
**Topknot Barbara**

Ear mark: UK228139-00085  
DOB: 14/01/2018 AI/NS: NS Horns: D Pure Bred

Sire: Topknot Donny BBGS: 0.4205.S  
Dam: Topknot Tilda BBGS: 0.2076.S  
Bred by: PG & N Knott UK228139-  
Hill House Farm, Top Road, Rattlesden, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk,  
IP30 0SJ

has been entered under the above number in the Society's herd book  
NO ALTERATION SHOULD BE MADE TO THIS CARD OTHER THAN BY THE SOCIETY  
Registration secretary: Date: 22/02/2019

**Pedigree**

ggs: Macgregors Newman (AUS) 0.4234.S  
gS: Topknot Oz Duke 0.2682.S  
ggd: Dadesman Park DPKFC 7076  
Sire: Topknot Donny 0.4205.S  
ggs: Clearday Park Dominator CDPFD 0804  
gd: Topknot Oz Dolly 0.2688.S  
ggd: Karbo Hana KREFF 2948  
ggs: Topknot Trooper 0.294.C  
gS: Topknot Prince 0.810.S  
ggd: Topknot Nicolette 0.299.S  
Dam: Topknot Tilda 0.2076.S  
ggs: Ram H Pablo 0.832.S  
gd: Topknot Tilly 0.1203.S  
ggd: Ram H Tatum 0.827.S

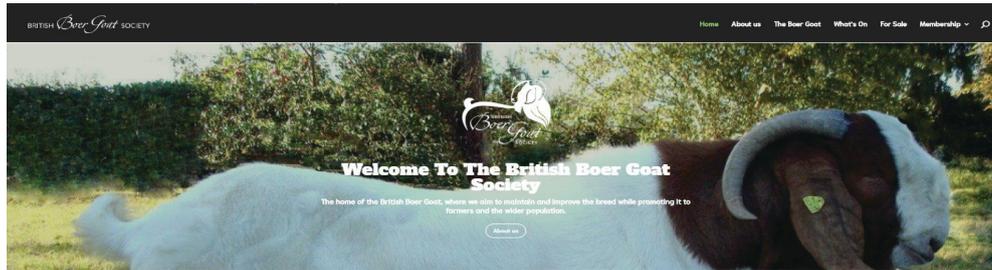
## New Style Registration Certificates

The BBSGS has changed to a new style of Registration Certificate. It is A4 size. The top half is as the old certificate was. The bottom half is the pedigree of the registered goat. We hope members will find this makes the certificates more informative, and be useful when making breeding decisions. Below is an example of how the new certificate looks. Transfers of Ownership will be on the reverse as before.

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## LAUNCH OF THE NEW BBGS WEBSITE



We are excited to announce the recent launch of our new website.

We hope members find this site easier to navigate and more informative. There is now a safe and secure area where members can find articles, updates, Grassroots and more. It also includes a Forum to allow members to ask questions and start topic discussions for advice and support.

We will offer plenty of support to our members through this change. Information will be available on how to Log In and how to navigate the new site for the first time.

## LOG IN AND DISCOVER YOUR MEMBERS AREA.



Profile picture

Region  
Wales

Contact E-mail  
Email visible on website directory

Type of breeder



Members Directory Map

First Name  
Region

Last Name  
Type of breeder  
(E) Exporter  
(H) Hobby  
(M) Meat breeder  
(P) Pedigree breeder

Liam  
Price

You have your own profile, in this you can add an email address and the type of breeder you are. This information will be on your card and available to anyone searching on the members directory map.

The type of breeder option can also be used as a filter option when someone is searching the members directory.

When you create your account you will need to pick a region for the map.



## Grassroots

### Online Goat Registration for The British Boer Goat Society.

To log in you will need to enter your full member number and your four letter password that you will have received in the post from the membership secretary.

For a click by click guide to registering your animals please visit the [Online Registration Instructions](#) page

Grassroots

Policy

[BBGS Privacy Policy](#)

[Download our Animal Registration Form](#)

[Download our Animal Transfer Form](#)

[Download our Service Certificate](#)

 Sell My Livestock

This is a members only area, here is everything you need. Grassroots access is also found here alongside your profile, articles and newsletters.

If you need forms, these can be found at the bottom of the website.

**What's on?**  
Upcoming events and shows for 2019

**Lamb and Carcase Weighing**  
2019 February  
10.00am - 5.00pm - Lamb  
and Carcase Weighing

Another free event run for  
Breeders from 10am. A  
great opportunity to  
relate this to any sale  
you may have in the  
future, always best to  
know if possible why you  
have lost an animal.  
Date...

**Young Female Weaning**  
2019 February  
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**Southholding and  
Countrywide Festivals**  
10th & 11th May 2019  
10am - 5pm - Southholding  
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COUNTIES SH**  
2019 March 2019  
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showground. Applications  
are not yet open, but keep  
an eye out for updates.

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SHOW 2019**  
2019 April 11-14  
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**Royal Highland Show**  
June 20th - 23rd 2019  
The Royal Highland Show  
celebrates their 175th show  
in 2019. You can't fail to  
join the waiting list for  
early notification, as  
they are not yet ready for  
entries.

**What's happened?**

**Practical Lambing  
Workshop**  
31 Jan, 2019  
Practical Lambing  
Workshop (Practical and  
theory skills and  
knowledge aimed at the  
2019 lambing season).  
Ideal for new sheepcarers,  
but also an excellent  
update for more  
experienced breeders.  
Breeders wanting to update  
their skills and learn more  
techniques. Wednesday  
29th.  
read more

**British Goat  
Registration Show**  
7 Jan, 2019  
See results here!  
read more

**Goat Show  
Registration 2019**  
16 Jan, 2019  
Goat Show  
Registration with the 2nd  
venue to hold the event.  
Classes for the week have  
been in 2019. 1800+  
members attended and  
showed their support for  
the event. John Hutchins  
welcomed the members to  
attend with their animals  
on hand again.

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What's On provides all the upcoming events for the year, once these dates pass they can be found further down under What's Happened. We will update the events with show results once they move to What's Happened.

If you know of any shows, events or classes that can be added please come forward with names so we can increase our reach even further this year.

Don't forget when you post an advert on the for sale page, your advert can now reach Sell My Livestock users. There is an easy form to complete on the site by clicking the + button to reveal it, you can add multiple pictures and label the advert to help with filtering search's.

**For Sale**

Although we do our best to ensure advertisers provide the best adverts they can, please keep in mind 'buyer beware' and do full research in to your potential new purchase to ensure complete happiness in your new purchase. We have provided some helpful information below.

Drinks Goat Great Breed Standard  
Bearing Goat Bucks



**In Kid Doe's Due From April**  
2019 April  
GLYNDERS HEAD OF BOSTON ROAD  
GLINDY ROAD - Leicestershire - delivery  
possible (bearing goat), black, blue  
other breeds (BRED) registered LAM  
BROUKE. Accredited F.I.C.A.S. breed  
under the name of number of in kid doe's  
due to kid from April - some BRED, and  
some  
read more

**Beer X Does For Sale**  
12 Nov, 2018  
Only heard of unregistered does, but  
able for sale due to no history, all  
covered in kid. Due from 20th, January  
£700 Fixed Contact: Peter Searson Phone:  
01702 700610 City:  
E-mail: goats@supper@btopenworld.co.uk  
read more

**Looking for anything  
in your search**  
17 Feb 2019  
[Button]

The Drinks Goat Goat Society accepts no responsibility for an advert posted and no payment does not infer any endorsement of the contents or subject matter of the advert shown.

The Trustees would like to remind members that when advertisements are placed on our website it is their sole responsibility not to misrepresent any goat for sale, under the Trustees' Advertisement Disclosure Order. Whilst every care is taken by the Drinks Goat Goat Society to ensure clarity of purpose, it is the responsibility of the advertiser not to infringe current regulations.

**Want to advertise a goat for sale?**

**Fill out the form below**

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Please include as much detail as possible when creating an advert.

Apply to advertise

**Get in touch**  
Web: Secretary  
Email: secretary@britishgoatsociety.com  
Phone: 01710 620 228  
If you fail to join Monday to Friday

**Type of advertisement \***

- Goats For Sale
- Goats Wanted
- Equipment For Sale
- Equipment Wanted
- Stud Services

Registration Form  
Disclosure Form  
Certificate



SellMyLivestock launched in 2014 to make farmers' lives easier. Specifically by reinventing farm trading. Our online marketplace has enabled trading of £59m worth of livestock, feed and bedding in the last 12 months alone, growing at a rate of 123% year-on-year. Over 44,000 UK farm businesses have now signed up (representing more than 25% of UK farms), and this is growing at over 1,000 new users every month.

One area that has been consistently asked for is to provide a section for goats, and we are very pleased to announce that this launched recently and has already seen multiple deals done. The system is very easy to use and quick to get set up. Attracting new buyers for your goats has never been so quick, easy or professional. We are even making a specific area for BBGS registered animals.

SellMyLivestock has established itself as the leading online trading platform for livestock in the UK.

### **So what is it that keeps our farmers coming back?**

**Convenient:** You can join the site, take pictures of your stock and have an advert up in less than half an hour, from the comfort of your sofa/tractor/kidding shed.

**Promotes high welfare:** Animals spend less time in transit and avoid the upheaval and stress of moving from place to place and mixing with unfamiliar animals.

**Improves biosecurity:** Animals move directly from farm to farm without meeting other stock, thus minimising the risk of disease transfer, this is of particular importance for High Health scheme animals.

**Free to create a listing:** SellMyLivestock is a marketing tool offering a free online trading platform for farmer to farmer trade.

**Security:** FarmPay is our dedicated payment service to guarantee that you will always be paid for all stock sold.

# UK's #1 online agricultural marketplace

Once you have registered your account it only takes a few minutes to get a listing up and running. As well as descriptions and general details, we also offer the ability to input all relevant information, including health status, vaccinations and breeding. It is encouraged for the seller to include pictures and videos to give the buyers all the information they require to make an informed decision on the listing.

Once your listing is live we will advertise it throughout the site to our 44,000+ members who will all be able to see it and contact you directly (but securely) to either arrange a viewing or ask more questions about the goats. As well as this, as a member of the BBGS you will also be able to list your goats for sale in the dedicated BBGS portal page on SML. We have recently launched a "Make An Offer" feature so that you can bid on the listing straight away.

Payment for the goats is also easier than ever before, using FarmPay. FarmPay is our brand new system for securely transferring money when you make purchases or sales on SellMyLivestock. It guarantees payment to the seller, and stock to the buyer. You can pay via Debit or Credit Card and BACS.

The screenshot shows a listing for "10 Pedigree Boer Breeding Does" in Worksop, South Yorkshire. The listing includes a main image of goats in a field, a smaller profile picture, and a price tag of £275,300.00 per head. The listing is marked as "LIVE" and "REGISTERED". The description states: "Boer 100% doelings for sale, 9 - 14 months old, good bloodlines". The listing has 130 views and 129 views. The interface includes a navigation menu on the left with options like OVERVIEW, ANIMALS, BREEDING, HEALTH, ASSURANCES, LOCATION, FILES, and NOTES. The main content area has tabs for "Details" and "Activity". The "Activity" tab shows a log of events: "Start" 14 days ago, "End" in 14 days, "Location" Worksop, South Yorkshire, and "Age" 9-14 Month(s). The "Details" tab shows the listing title, location, and price.

For Sale 10 Pedigree Boer Breeding Does  
Worksop, South Yorkshire

BACK CONTACT OWNER MAKE OFFER

Stats! 130 people have viewed this listing

Boer goats  
75  
Boer 100% doelings for sale, 9 - 14 months old, good bloodlines  
9-14 MONTHS REGISTERED  
VIEW MORE INFO  
VIEW PROFILE

LIVE £275,300.00 PER HEAD  
Available Feb 2019  
Haulage Ex-Farm  
Open to Offers No  
Willing to Split Yes  
CONTACT OWNER  
OR  
MAKE OFFER

PREV ZOOM NEXT

Details Activity

OVERVIEW  
ANIMALS  
BREEDING  
HEALTH  
ASSURANCES  
LOCATION  
FILES  
NOTES

Description Boer 100% doelings for sale, 9 - 14 months old, good bloodlines  
Start 14 days ago  
End in 14 days  
Location Worksop, South Yorkshire  
Age 9-14 Month(s)  
Views 129

## How to use FarmPay

Once the buyer and seller agree a price the seller can easily create an invoice online. Just press the “Create Invoice” button on your listing, then all you need to do is add the buyer’s email address. Next, you’ll need to fill in your bank account details (account number and sort code). This is the account that the money will be transferred into! If you are a buyer, you need to fill in your bank card details, so the payment can be made.



The buyer pays the full amount using a debit card, credit card, or a BACS transfer into a secure holding account. Once the seller has been notified by us that the money is in the holding account, they can confidently dispatch the goods, knowing the funds are cleared and on the way. Once the seller has notified us that the stock has been dispatched, as long as there are no disputes regarding the stock when it arrives with the buyer (the buyer has 48 hours to raise a dispute using our online resolution process), we will process the payment to them, from the holding account to the seller, less our 0.5% fee.

# UK's #1 online agricultural marketplace

10 Boer Bucks



Oxfordshire £100/head

25 Bales of Hay (Unwrapped)



Dorset £40/bale

3 Boer Does



North Yorkshire £120/head

1 Boer Buck



Dorset £150/head

45t of Grass Silage



Rhondda CT £30/bale

80 Bales of Hay (Unwrapped)



Essex £35/bale

10 Pedigree Boer Does



South Yorkshire £280/head

2 Boer Does



Sir Gaerfyrddin SOLD

2 Boer Breeding Bucks



London £150/head

10 Pedigree Boer Bucks



South Yorkshire £150/head

2 Pedigree Boer Bucks



Powys SOLD

1 Boer Doe with Kid at Foot



Powys £700/outfit

120 Bales of Grass Silage



Dorset £45/bale

1 Boer Breeding Buck



Derbyshire SOLD

150 Bales of Haylage



Lancashire £40/bale

See more goats for sale online at [www.sellmylivestock.co.uk/livestock/category/goats](http://www.sellmylivestock.co.uk/livestock/category/goats)

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## Kidding Course (Small Ruminant Obstetrics Course)

By Avril Wooster

On 25th January at North Park Vets in North Tawton, Devon a group of nine Boer goat breeders attended a kidding course especially run for us by our vets. Phil Wooster, one of the Trustees had been asked originally if he knew of one in Devon so he asked our vets who are experienced in goats. He arranged it with the other Trustees that a 50% discount would be paid by the BBS for any members that attended which was very welcome.

Many came quite a distance from as far afield as Herefordshire, Wiltshire Somerset, Wales, Devon and Cornwall.

The vets Elske Put and Clare Akers welcomed us and explained that the morning would be classroom based lunch, then hands on in the afternoon. We were given handouts and a power point presentation which was very easy to understand, luckily for me. One newbie Boer owner at one point asked if anyone wanted to buy his goats, lol!



### The morning consisted of:

Planning / Management Prior to Kidding / Reducing Length of Breeding Season  
Foetal Growth Rate / Nutrition / Coming up to Kidding / Kidding Box / Drugs Cupboard  
Pre Kidding Problems / Pre Kidding Signs / Stages of Labour / Birthing Process  
When to Examine Doe / What problems to expect and feel for / What to do if

not normal presentation and what to use / Newborn Care / Post Kidding checks, navels and colostrum, mother up Adoption / Deformities etc / Post Natal 0-4 weeks, diseases to watch for etc. / Neonatal Losses  
Questions. A lot were asked as we went along which was useful.



We had a huge Pasty lunch, then down to the basement for the hands on session. We were taught how to inject for Entropian which I had never done before, also how to inject glucose if a very weak kid and tube feeding. A lot of us were nervous at first but Elske and Clare were very good at explaining and helping to do the procedures.

While some were doing that others were on the kidding simulators learning how to get kids out when difficult positions were occurring. Not very nice this part, as dead lambs were used! Very useful to have someone talk you through the process which they had made complicated to test us. The vets were fantastic, sympathetic and very good at educating us all. Some of us had kidded for a few years but even so we still had questions to ask and learn hands on techniques we hadn't used before maybe.

I asked everyone what they thought of the course and they all said they enjoyed it and had learnt a lot. Me too, it was the second one I'd been on as did one prior to my first season kidding 7 years ago, but as I say, "never too old to learn".

I only hope I don't get some of the awkward ones shown and it all goes smoothly or it will be a call out for Elske or Clare if my handy lambing friend/expert isn't home, luckily only across the lane, but I feel even more confident now.

Thank you BBGS for the support and help towards costs, much appreciated.

## MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Vicky Spicer  
Prefix: Wield  
Region: Hampshire  
Health Status: Currently we run a closed herd but looking into accredited  
Member since: 2018  
Size of Herd: 24

### *How were you introduced to Boer goats:*

Through a friend who has a small herd and then fb pages & a host of coincidences.

### *Topics you would like knowledge sharing days to cover:*

Foot trimming (as I seem to spend so much time doing feet!) and foot balance etc reproduction (from conception to kidding), including scanning, any relevant vaccinations, feeding needs, things to watch out for; worming, management, fecs and wormer groups; feeding for breeding & meat production; meat production, the process from field to a product, and how to sell. And what makes a good Boer goat.

### *Objectives for Herd:*

Being a very new herd it's all a learning curve but we are looking to continue to improve quality & keeping to breed standard & looking to breed goats that have easy to handle temperaments (which is why we chose Boers as they just have such a great temperament) while still staying true to their meat producing heritage, as we will be looking to produce goats through to the plate as well as breeding goats.

### *Best moment of goat keeping:*

Seeing them out and about round the fields, having fun, they are just so funny to watch.

### *Best piece of advice:*

Goats are addictive, so true!

### *Other livestock:*

Just the goats at the moment. We do also have a bearded collie cross dog & a small stud of Spanish & Spanish crosses, which keep us busy!



## Ear Tagging Best Practice

- Ensure you have the knowledge and training to apply ear tags correctly. Read <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/ais35.pdf>
- Ensure the correct applicator is selected for the model of tag and that you have read and understood the specific tag applicator instructions
- Tag in cool weather (where possible) to minimise infections, ensuring the tags are applied under hygienic conditions. The operator's hands, the ear, the tag and applicator should be clean. Disinfect as necessary
- Restrain the animal's head to prevent jerking whilst applying
- Ensure the male and female parts of the tag are sitting correctly in the applicator and that they will lock together when correctly fitted
- In the case of two piece plastic tags, ensure that both parts of the tag have the same number

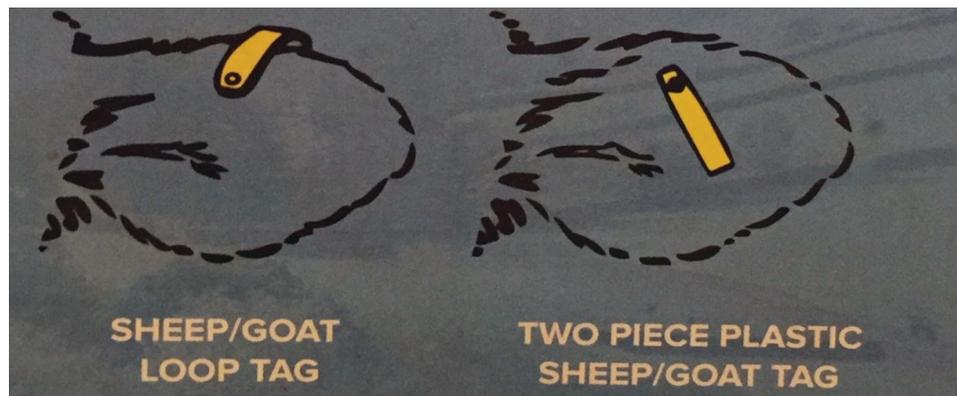
- The female part of the tag should always be applied on the inside of the ear; this will reduce the chance of the tag snagging or catching on obstructions. The male should always enter the back of the ear and be placed as centrally as possible between the veins of the ear
- If possible, allow the animal to settle before applying, and then squeeze handles together ensuring both parts lock together
- Check the ear 10 days after tagging for signs of damage or infection. Consult your veterinary surgeon as necessary.

- Store unused tags in a clean dry container away from extremes in temperature and humidity

### IMPORTANT

Please note: When tagging young livestock, allow room for ear growth. Hygiene is important to avoid infections. Keep tags as clean as possible and dip the jaws of the applicator, with the tag installed, into diluted disinfectant before application.

The illustration shows recommended location of tags in the ear. For better retention ALWAYS put female part of tag inside the ear.



## The Art of Ringcraft

by Cathy Whale (see website for full article)

Showing should be viewed as a 'shop window' for the Boer breed, its attributes and also individual herds. Meeting other exhibitors also assists with gaining additional knowledge and experience along the way. It should also be FUN! Before you actually get in the show ring, you will be repaid by some months before putting your plans into place. If your goat is not lead trained it is a good idea to start lead training as early as possible prior to the show.

Research which shows are available to you. Will you have cover for any remaining livestock at home whilst you are away? Are the shows within travelling distance? How many days is the show over and are you available to attend? Some shows are over 2 or 3 days and the goat show itself may just be on one day but it may well be a requirement of entry that you have to attend for the duration of the event. This allows the general public the whole duration of the show to view the animals. The upside of this is being able to network!

Once you have assessed the condition and suitability of the goats which you want to enter, you will need to check that they comply with the entry requirements. Are they ear tagged correctly, do they meet the health schemes if any are required by the show committee?

Goats which are in kid are not allowed to be shown. Neither are kids under 8 weeks of age.

Entry forms will need to be applied for, completed and returned before the closing date. Most shows have websites and schedules online and they will give the closing date there. Some shows have a strict policy on this, so be sure closing dates don't get overlooked.

As the show draws closer start planning what you will need for the event. Check your trailer is in good working order. Consider where you will be staying if it's an overnight(s) stay. Many exhibitors camp or stay in their trailers or a B&B. Everyone has their own arrangements to suit their needs. Write up a check list of things you will need for the goats - feed, hay, buckets, collars,

leads, first aid kit, fire extinguisher etc. Also, your own clothes, clean white coat, wet weather gear, comfortable clean boots etc.

Make sure you have the correct information for movement licences and also clear directions to the event.

A couple of days prior to the show it is usual to bath your goat, trim hooves and make them presentable for a show.

Any animal which may be showing signs of ill thrift, scours or other health issues should not be taken to the show as they may well be refused entry or asked to leave the show ground by the official Veterinarian.

Showing is about making an instant impact and creating the best picture possible. The Judge will have full knowledge of the breed standard and know what is required but it's always the aim to make a good first impression. This is the same within any breed which enters the show ring.

The outcome of the class depends entirely on the judge's opinion which is based on a sound knowledge of the requirements for each showing class and breed standard. Different judges place differing emphasis on criteria such as breed type, correctness of conformation and balance.

A goat with good, well-balanced conformation will not only please the eye but should also be able to perform well as a productive breeding animal, it should have well fleshed attributes and remain sound throughout its productive life. Quality, class and overall refinement are essentials in a good goat, whether a breeding animal or bred for meat purposes.

## In the Ring

It is crucial that you present your goat to its full potential. As you enter the ring, animals will enter in age order; at this point the goat's teeth, teats and scrotum will have been checked to make sure they comply. If there are faults found at this point you may be declined entry into the class. Once in the ring, try to concentrate and focus on

what you are doing don't be tempted to speak to spectators outside the ring.

As you enter the ring try and place yourself and your goat in a good position where the judge can get a clear view of your goat. If animals are all bunched up together this makes the judge's view of all the goats, and especially your own goat, difficult.

Always lead your goat to your right hand side and it is usual when entering the ring that exhibitors walk clockwise around the ring until advised by the Ring Steward to line up in numerical order.

Never stand between the goat and the judge. If you are stood in a line up, it is best to stand at the animal's head ensuring it is stood square and straight.

On some occasions it may be the case that the goats decide that they do not want to participate. They may stand still and refuse to move or even lie down. **DON'T PANIC!** This happens to everyone at some point. Let the animals relax, maybe a hand full of nuts from your pocket may tempt them to change their mind but don't start trying to drag them around the ring. This only goes to further upset the animal and is not good

animal husbandry.

Some show grounds may have a Loose Pen where animals are let loose individually so the animal's gait and balance can be assessed.

After the initial inspections the Judge will ask the Steward to put forward into the first line up, animals which he/she may put in place order. At this point the handler needs to be paying great attention to the goat's stance and overall appearance, with another eye on the Judge and steward. Don't miss a place in the line-up by not paying attention!

The Judge will be looking how to position everyone in this first line up, so don't get boxed in, make sure you are seen.

Once this first line up has been prepared the judge will go over the animals again briefly. There may be a reshuffle of goats.

So, as they say 'it's not over until it's over'. Keep trying to make your goat look its best, it may just catch the Judges eye if he/she missed something the first time around.

If the Judge asks you a question it is normal to address them as 'Sir' or 'Madam'. Even if you know the Judge it is NEVER correct to use first names.

Once the decision has been made and the judge is happy with the final line up the Judge assisted by the steward will hand out the rosettes starting with 1st prize down to 2nd, 3rd, 4th and so on. At this point whether top of the line or bottom, a smile and a thank you as you receive the hard earned rosette is appropriate!

Although it is not a requirement, some Judges will give an explanation to the viewing public and other exhibitors of why animals have been placed in the places they have. This is all about the learning experience and it has proven to be a very good educational tool for both exhibitors and spectators. Once the Judge has finished with the class it is usual that exhibits which have not been placed leave the ring first.

**What to keep in your show ring basket?**  
**To include: One body brush, a cloth to wipe away any dirt. Coat shine spray. Hoof gloss, oil to give the hooves and horns a really tidy appearance. Stain remover spray. Contact anyone you might know to ask then what they include, they will be happy to share.**



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