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Chairmans Chat

Dear Members

Just to say my piece below was written before the World wide Coronavirus pandemic. None of us have ever known anything like this in our lifetimes and I send ALL my very best wishes to members and their families. All your trustees thoughts are with those affected by this terrible event. Sad and trying times, stay safe everyone....

I hope this magazine finds you all in good health and that your kidding is going well. It is a wonderful time of year with new life appearing whether in the guise of new kids or the beautiful spring flowers that look like jewels on dull days.

I am sure our hearts go out to all those who have been affected by the terrible storms and floods that the country has been enduring.

As I am writing this it is a wonderful Spring day but we had snow at the beginning of the week!

There has been a lot of discussion and articles in the newspapers following recent sad events and the mantra is to 'Be Kind'. I would urge everyone to take this to heart although I know most of the membership do this already....

As from the 1st April 2020 please note that there are some Rule changes within the BBGS Rules which you will be able to find on the website. It is advisable that all Members make themselves aware of the Rules of their Society.

Many thanks to Cathy Whale, Marilyn Leggett and Nicola Knott for a super BBGS Magazine.

Best regards,

Jo Jenkins

Secretary Report

I hope this magazine finds you happy and healthy and that with copious amounts of hand washing we'll all stay clear of the horrible CoronaVirus. I can't believe I've been secretary for 18 months already, I know I always say this but seriously, where does the time go to?

Thank you to all members who have contributed to this magazine, we have a delicious recipe to try as well as more serious articles on goat health.

Keep the adverts coming please, I'm hoping we'll hit 20 plus for the website and the next magazine, due out August.

I'm interested in any articles you may have that could feature in our next magazine as well as pictures of this years' kidding and/or herd photos, to keep on file to feature in future magazines, please do send them in.

Any questions/queries please email me on bbgs.secretary@gmail.com

Best wishes,

Marilyn Leggett

Registrations/Membership Secretary Report

During January registrations were quite busy as members registered any remaining 2019 kids before they turned a year old and the fees doubled.

Spring is hopefully here by the time you read this, and with all the new kids coming along it is a good time for a tidy up on your Grassroots pages. It would be great if members could find a moment to log into Grassroots and review the list of goats in their ownership. If any have died or been sold for meat, please process a “Deaths” notification so that they are then cleared from your current list of live goats.

Registering bucks? – Just a reminder regarding BBGS rules and registrations – please be aware only purebred bucks are eligible for registration. To avoid disappointment, remember only buck kids from Grade 0 or Purebred dams can be registered. This has been the rule for some years now, but newer members may not be aware of it.

April 1st is when the new membership year begins, so your membership will be up for renewal. Enclosed is a renewal form. Other ways to renew your membership are on the website in the “Join Us” section, or on Grassroots there is an option to renew your membership. When making payments please reference them with your BBGS member number.

The latest herd book (Volume 30, for animals registered during 2019) has now been collated. If you would like a paper copy and haven't already requested one then either tick the appropriate box on the renewal form and send it to me, or drop me an email at registrations@britishboergoatsociety.co.uk. The cut-off date for herd book requests is the 31st May 2020. I hope to be able to have an electronic version of the herd book available on the website in due course.

Best wishes

Nicola

Meat Certificates

If members take a registered or birth notified goat to slaughter, they can request a meat certificate. These are free of charge and are emailed as a pdf document for the owner to print off. The meat certificate certifies that the goat carcase is from a Boer goat, which may be important for some meat customers. There are certificates for all grades of goat. A specimen for a 100% Boer goat is shown below. The information in bold is taken from the Grassroots database. If you need meat certificates please contact the registrations secretary at registrations@britishboergoatsociety.co.uk

PEDIGREE MEAT CERTIFICATE



This is to certify that this is pedigree goat meat from
British Boer Goat Society registered parent(s)

BBGS Number: **regno**

EAR Number: **eartag**

Sex: **sex**

DOB: **birth year**

Issue Date: **DATE**

Date of Slaughter	Date collected	Weight of carcass

PRODUCED BY

BBGS member number : **owner**

Name: **oname**

Address: **ofulladdr1**

Ofulladdr2

Promotional BBGS leaflet

In this edition of the magazine, members will see that on the inside of the back cover there is a copy of a promotional flyer which the society produce to promote the Boer goat,

For members use only. Members are encouraged to scan/copy this leaflet to help promote their animals and meat. It will help towards the reduction of the society carbon footprint and members can print off the amount they require and save any wastage.

In the next issue we will be publishing another flyer in a bid to help members promote their meat/animals.

Promotional Banners

Just to remind everyone and inform the newest members of the Society, the Society have a selection of promotional banners which the members can borrow for use at their promotional events. Advance booking is required for logistical purposes and ensure fair use by all members.

To borrow these banners please contact the General Secretary Mrs M. Leggett at bbgs.secretary@gmail.com for an application form



Religious Holiday Dates

(By Nicola Knott)

In the UK some of these holidays - particularly Ramadan and Eid will affect the demand for goat meat and therefore the price, especially of goats sold at market, or traded directly with abattoirs.

Holiday	2020	2021	2022
Epiphany	Monday Jan 6th	Wednesday Jan 6th	Thursday Jan 6th
Passover	Thursday April 9th	Sunday March 28th	Saturday April 16th
Western Roman Easter	Sunday April 12th	Sunday April 4th	Sunday April 17th
Eastern Orthodox Easter	Sunday April 19th	Sunday May 2nd	Sunday April 24th
Ramadan	Friday April 24th	Tuesday April 13th	Saturday April 2nd
Eid ul-Fitr	Sunday May 24th	Thursday May 13th	Monday May 2nd
Eid ul-Adha	Friday July 31st	Tuesday July 20th	Saturday July 9th
Muharram	Friday August 21st	Tuesday August 10th	Saturday July 30th
Rosh Hashanah	Friday Sept. 18th	Tuesday Sept. 7th	Sunday Sept. 25th
Navadurgara or Navatra Dashara or Dassai			
	Saturday Oct. 17th	Thursday Oct. 7th	Tuesday Oct. 4th
Diwali	Saturday Nov. 14th	Thursday Nov. 4th	Monday Oct. 24th
Mawlid al-Nabi	Thursday Oct. 29th	Monday Oct. 18th	Friday Oct. 7th
Hanukkah	Thursday Dec. 10th	Sunday Nov. 28th	Monday Dec. 19th
Christmas	Friday Dec. 25th	Saturday Dec. 25th	Sunday Dec. 25th

Christian Holidays – Epiphany, Easter and Christmas – Tend to prefer young milk fed kids. Mediterranean dwelling Christians often eat Goat for their Christmas meal.

Jewish Holidays - Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah – Animals must be slaughtered under Kosher law and standards.

Islamic Holidays – Ramadan – is a month of fasting. Muslims will fast from sunrise to sunset. Each day the fast is broken by a communal meal after sunset – goats required are ideally no older than 12 months and males, females or castrates are fine.

Eid ul-Fitr – is the breaking of the Ramadan fast, marks the end of Ramadan - requires goats as for Ramadan

Eid ul-Adha – known as the “Festival of Sacrifice” – Animals sacrificed for this celebration must be halal. Type of goat required must be blemish free meaning horns must be present and ideally it should not be castrated. During this holiday the meat is often shared with family and neighbours so generally a larger animal is preferred – e.g yearlings

Muharram and Mawlid al-Nabi - do not specify the type of goat required.

Hindu Holidays – Navadurgara or Navatra Dashara or Dassai – Curried goat is often served. Type of goat required is tender male goats. Females are not acceptable.

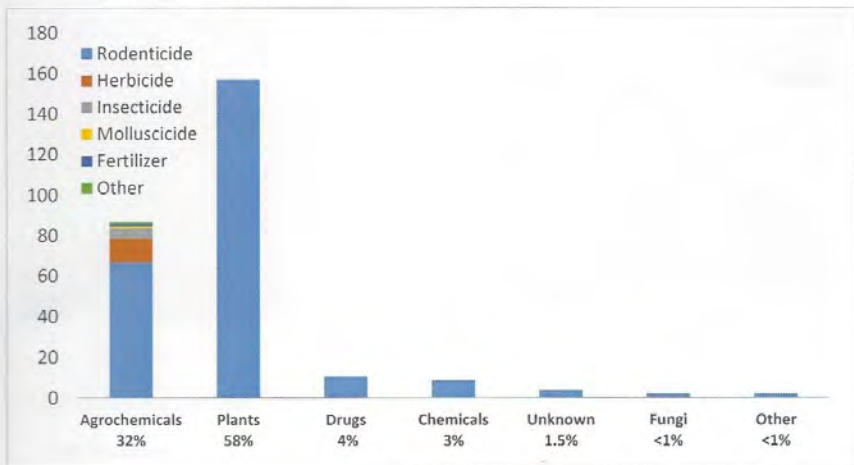
Diwali – the “Festival of Lights” – no specific type of goat required.

Poisoning in Goats

(By Nicola Knott)

Poisoning in goats can be caused by several different types of substance. Some of the commonest poisons to goats are plants and rodent bait. The Veterinary Poisons Information Service (VPIS) is a 24hr emergency service for veterinary professionals giving advice on the management of poisoning. From 1986 -2017 the VPIS recorded 272 incidents involving goats.

Figure 1. Types of substances involved in poisoning incidents in goats (272 incidents) reported to the VPIS.



As you can see from this chart Plant poisonings were the most common, followed by Agrochemicals.

Agrochemicals

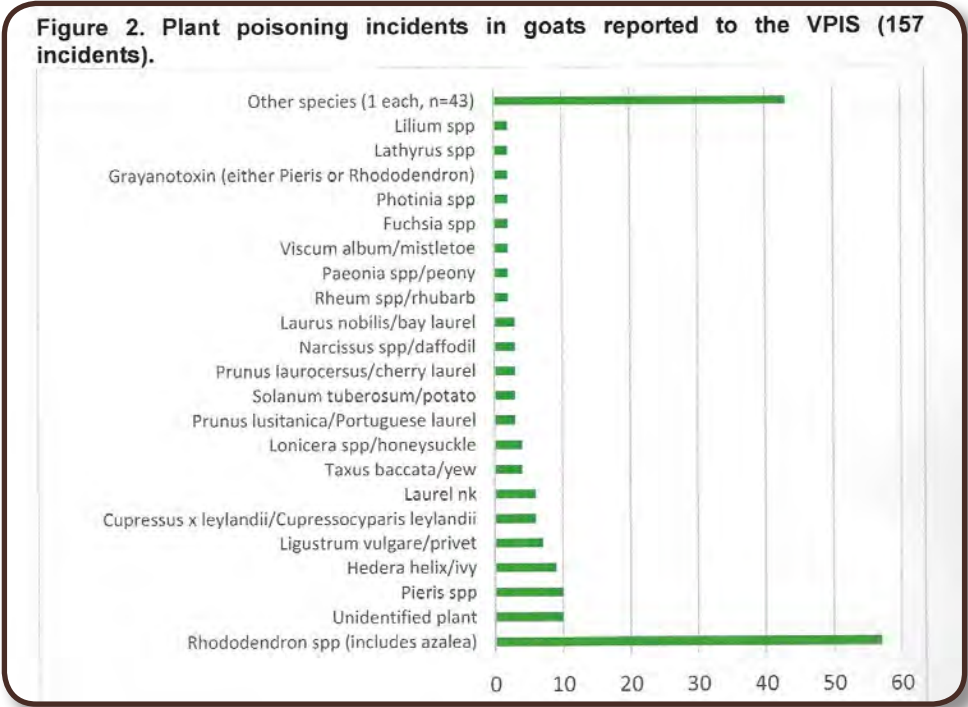
Under Agrochemicals Rodenticides were the major cause of poisoning. Hence the importance of keeping rat and mouse bait well out of the reach of goats. If goats eat anticoagulant rodenticide it will lead to bleeding which will give symptoms of pale mucous membranes and weakness. Vitamin K1 therapy can be used as treatment but is likely to be needed for days or weeks as anticoagulant compounds are long acting.

Poisoning due to herbicides occurs most commonly when goats eat sprayed vegetation. I have heard of goats being poisoned when eating weeds that a neighbour had sprayed off with Gramoxone (Paraquat) along a fence boundary. Fertiliser ingestion leads to nitrate poisoning. We have a policy here of only spreading fertiliser on paddocks in the evening when the goats are not on them. Overnight the fertiliser dissolves in the dew and is gone by the time the goats go back onto the paddocks the next day.

Plants

There are a tremendous range of plant that can poison goats. Much depends on the quantity of the toxic plants that is eaten. A small amount will be diluted in the rumen by all the other safe food present such as hay or grass. When given the choice grazing extensively goat will tend to avoid the poisonous plants. But when feed is limited or scarce, they may be forced to eat poisonous plants. Or if goats are restricted away from browse, they may be tempted to try eating anything in reach and end up poisoning themselves. Thus, plant poisonings are often the result of goats eating clippings and prunings.

Below is a table showing the plant species involved in poisoning incidents reported to VPIS.



By far the most common plant causing poisoning was Rhododendron. Laurel is also a common plant used for hedges and I have seen a neighbour's goat die from Laurel poisoning. The symptoms of these poisonings are that the goat will vomit and salivate with it dribbling from their mouths. "Vomiting in goats is almost always due to plant poisoning". They become depressed and very miserable. There may be abdominal discomfort. In more severe cases there can be respiratory distress, slowing of the heart rate, muscle weakness, coma and convulsions.

Unfortunately, Rhododendron and Pieris species are highly palatable to goats so they are readily eaten. In the VPIS reported incidents mortality was quite high – at 32%.

Another common plant that can cause poisoning is Fruit trees of the Prunus species. Leaves from for example, plum, cherry, peach or apricot trees are poisonous because they contain Cyanogenic glycosides. When fresh the leaves are harmless, but when dry or wilted the cyanogenic glycosides are broken down by an enzyme to produce hydrogen cyanide. Cyanide binds to iron in red blood cells making it impossible for them to carry oxygen. Symptoms may start 1-2 hours after ingestion. There may be sudden death, or other signs include frothing at the mouth, dilated pupils, hyperventilation, respiratory distress, bright red mucous membranes, weakness, convulsions, collapse.



***Prunus laurocerasus* (cherry laurel) and *Taxus baccata* (yew)**

Yew (*Taxus* species) is another poisonous plant. The toxins in Yew are absorbed in the gut and interfere with heart function. Onset of signs of poisoning are variable, but death can occur within 2-36 hours, but usually within 24 hours. Symptoms include ataxia, low heart rate, diarrhoea, trembling, weakness, collapse, respiratory distress, recumbency and sudden death.

Ragwort is a well known poisonous plant to livestock. Goats appear to be relatively tolerant to ragwort but are susceptible if enough is consumed over a long period – a total intake of over the total bodyweight of the animal may be needed before toxicity occurs. Ragwort causes gradual and irreversible liver damage, leading to jaundice, emaciation, depression and inappetence and death. Note, that dried ragwort in hay remains toxic, and is difficult to spot.

Oak leaves and acorns if fed excessively can lead to damage to the bone marrow and subsequent anaemia. Oak leaves fed in moderation are not a problem.

Oxalate poisoning can be caused by plants such as Rhubarb leaves and Sugar beet tops. The symptoms of Oxalate poisoning are hypocalcaemia (Milk Fever, or low blood calcium). Treatment with calcium borogluconate will reverse the condition.

Prevention better than Cure!

Prevention of poisoning:

- Keep containers securely closed
- Clean up spills promptly
- Ensure storage areas are secure
- Ensure rodenticides are located in areas inaccessible to goats
- Ensure animal pastures and enclosures are secure
- Education

Prevention of plant poisoning:

- Do not plant toxic plants in or around animal pastures or enclosures
- Fence off areas containing toxic plants
- Remove fallen leaves
- Dispose of plant clippings safely – do not discard into animal pastures
- Take care to check perimeter fences regularly for discarded trimmings where boundaries are shared with residential properties

References:

Goat Veterinary Society Journal, Vol.34, January 2018: Poisoning in Goats: The Experience of the Veterinary Poisons Information Service (VPIS) The Goat keepers Veterinary Book (2nd Edition)- Peter Dunn

Diseases of the Goat (2nd Edition)- John Matthews

Word Search

(By M Stenner)

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Plant poisoning is not straight forward. The effects differ according to:
Goats age, eating habit, amount consumed, time over which consumed, stage of plants growth, which part of the plant eaten...

Find the list of a selection or clinical signs or plant poisoning

Anaemia
Cardiotoxicity
Constipation
Diarrhoea
Discoloured Urine
Frothy Bloat
Goitre
Haemorrhage

Hepatotoxicity
Nephrotoxicity
Nervous Signs
Acute Respiratory Signs
Stomatitis
Sudden Death
Vomiting

DOSE RATES FOR GOATS OF COMMONLY USED ANTHELMINTICS:

(By Nicola Knott)

Goats generally need a higher dose of wormers than sheep due to their metabolism.

My vet kindly provided me with the information below which I thought might be useful for other goat keepers. Please note that the figures are for mg of active ingredient per Kg bodyweight. To calculate the actual number of ml to give a goat use the sheep dose multiplied by the relevant factor. E.g Fenbendazole (commonly sold as Panacur) use double the sheep dose.

Eprinomectin (Eprinex) was a cattle only product, but it is now also on the market as Eprinex Multi and is licenced for sheep and goats too.

Eprinex Multi will give you the dose rate and withdrawal times specifically for goats as well as for sheep and cattle.

One wormer not on the list is the new type – Monepantel (Zolvix) which is also recommended to be used at double the sheep dose.

ANTHELMINTIC	GOAT DOSE MG/KG	SHEEP DOSE MG/KG
FENBENDAZOLE	10	5
ALBENDAZOLE	20	5
IVERMECTIN	0.4	0.2
DORAMECTIN	0.4	0.3
EPRINOMECTIN	1.0	1.0
LEVAMISOLE	12	7.5
VECCOXAN	1.5	1
BAYCOX	20	20

Unlike sheep, goats do not develop age related resistance to parasites but they do show a rise in parasite numbers around birth.

Pour on products such as Eprinex are much better for skin parasites but not very effective for gut parasites. Eprinex should be used once weekly for 2-4 applications.

For bacterial skin infections the area should be cleaned with hibiscrub and then dried with a hairdryer!!

Information courtesy of Peter Mason MRCVS at Stowe veterinary Group.

MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Neil & Jillian McEwan
of Lunan Bay Farm
Prefix: TerraMcEwan / 00779
Region: Lunan Bay, Angus, Scotland



Health Status:

CAE Accredited since we started in 2017, our accreditation is currently suspended due to SAC changes to the import of genetics but will be reinstated following testing in the early part of 2020. Johnes Disease Negative.

Member Since: 2018

Size of Herd: +200

How were you introduced to Boer goats?
Through Geof and Celia Burnett-Smith.



Objectives of herd:

To develop a high welfare herd of goats, which are based on a foundation of full blood Boer genetics, imported from Australia, infused with Scottish Cashmere genetics to ultimately produce a premium, free range meat herd that thrives in our Scottish environment. Our focus is to continue to produce Scottish goat meat of the highest provenance for our restaurant customers, and further promote the ethical production of this sustainable meat. As an offshoot to our goat meat project, we are developing herds of Scottish Cashmere goats to produce genuine Scottish Cashmere fibre and to help secure the future of the breed.

Topics you would like knowledge sharing days to cover:

Classification of Goat Carcasses for Meat Production - Non-invasive,
Transcervical Artificial Insemination of Goats Demonstrations - High Welfare
Husbandry of Goats



Current Boer Goat 2020 Shows

Dates correct at time of printing

Royal Welsh Agricultural Society Smallholders Festival

16th & 17th May 2020
Closing date 15 April 2020
Judge – Mr G Liddle, Eire
Steward – Mr P Unwin

Royal Three Counties Show

12th, 13th & 14th June 2020
Closing date 15 April
Judge – Mr P Bouwer, Australia
Steward – Mr P Unwin

Staffordshire County Show

27th & 28th May 2020
Closing date 1 May 2020
Judge – Mr G Smith, Scotland
Steward – Mr N Parr

Hanbury Countryside Show

4th July 2020
Closing date 19 June
Judge – Ms M Barnes, Australia
Steward – Mr I Johnson



courtesy of Vicky Spicer
– Weild Boer Goats

THE ART OF RINGCRAFT

This article will hopefully give some advice on the importance of presenting your goats well to the Judge and how to play to your strengths in order to impress the Judges and be pulled in at the top of the line.

Showing should be viewed as a 'shop window' for the Boer breed, its attributes and individual herds. Meeting other exhibitors also assists with gaining additional knowledge and experience along the way. It should also be FUN!

Before you get to a show and get in the show ring, you will be repaid by some preparation months before putting your plans into place.

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 must 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 take to the show, 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 and 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.

If your goat is not lead trained it is a good idea to start lead training as early as possible prior to the show.

As the show draws closer start planning what you will need for the event.

Check your trailer is in good working order.

Consider where will you 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 suits their needs.

Write up at check list of things you will need. 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 clear directions to the event.

About 2 weeks before the show you should receive your entries, numbers and any passes you will require. Check the catalogue to make sure your entry information is correct. If you have any questions the show secretaries are only too happy to help. Give them a call or contact another exhibitor if you know one and ask their advice.

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.

The Art of Ringcraft and What the Judge is Looking For

Ringcraft is the art of presenting and showing off your goat in the ring to allow the best possible chance of impressing the Judge.

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 goats teeth and 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.



The steward will take control of the exhibitors and direct exhibits to face their animals to the left then the right at the judges' request.

Some show grounds may have a Loose Pen where animals are let loose individually so the animals' 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 goats' 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.

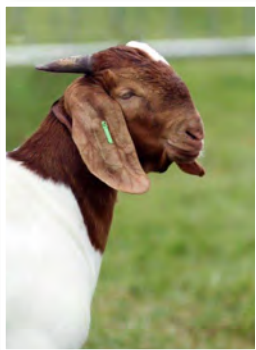
Once this first line up has been prepared the judge will go over the animals again briefly. There may be a reshuffle of goats.

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.

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 judges 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 animals' 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.

When you are in the ring make sure you concentrate on what you are doing and keep an eye on the Judge and steward at all times to know when they are looking. It is frowned upon to speak to other competitors whilst in the ring. The Judge may speak briefly to you, but it isn't normal ring etiquette to go into a full-on conversation. 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.

There is usually a short interlude until the next class commences.

What to keep in your show ring basket?

We would recommend your show ring basket should contain the following essential items: One body brush, a cloth to wipe away any dirt. Coat shine spray. Hoof gloss, oil to give the hooves and horns a tidy appearance.

But once again contact anyone you might know to ask then what they include, they will be happy to share.

BBGS TIES

Currently available in Green, Burgundy.

(Blue currently out of stock)

Cost per Tie £10 each plus £2.50 P&P = Total cost £12.50

Email orders confirming payment and colour, quantity, name and postal address to: bbgs.secretary@gmail.com

Payment using BACS

(sort code: 20-45-45, account: 43601897)

Using Reference: Membership number and TIE.

Please allow up to 21 days for delivery.



Braised Goat Kid Shanks

Serves 4



- 4 goat kid short shanks
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp goat lard for frying
- 300ml red wine
- Salt and pepper
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 sprig rosemary, leaves chopped finely
- 1 heaped tbsp. plain flour
- A handful fresh herbs, tied up with kitchen string
(I used whatever was growing in the garden)
- 2 strips orange zest
- 150ml goat stock

1. Put the shanks in a bowl with the oil, wine, 1 tsp salt and some freshly ground black pepper. Mix thoroughly then leave to marinade overnight. Turn occasionally.
2. When ready to cook, drain, reserving the marinade. Coat the meat with the flour.
3. Heat the goat lard in a casserole. Fry the onion until soft then add the garlic and rosemary. Fry until just turning golden.
4. Add the meat and any leftover flour, pour in the marinade, herbs, orange peel and stock. Stir well bring to the boil.
5. Put the lid on the casserole dish & put in the oven (150C/300F) for 3-3.5 hours. Taste the sauce & add more salt and pepper if necessary. The meat should be falling off the bone by this time.
6. Serve with mashed potato, green beans & ladle over the gravy.

Recipe in this edition supplied by Meg & Damo McNamara - Moat Goats - Pembrokeshire

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Artha Farm Boer Goats. (Monmouthshire)

Three yearling bucks for sale. 100% pure bred, BBGS registered and CAE accredited.

HERD NAME: NORTHLEW BOER GOATS

EMAIL: avrilw46@yahoo.co.uk

TEL:Avril 07768856522

FOR SALE

4 young bucklings and 1 proven young buck for sale.

Excellent genetics. Pure bred, registered with BBGS. SAC Accredited Health status, CAE, CLA, Johnes and Scrapie Monitored. These are available for export.

We will also have young females for sale around July, so email to get on our waiting list as all sold out last year.

All are vaccinated, wormed and lice control. All will be registered with the BBGS and reasonably priced.

Please feel free to contact for a visit. Facebook and website...Northlew Boer Goats

HERD NAME: COBBS CROSS FARM BOER GOATS

EMAIL: enquiries@secret-valley.co.uk

TEL: John Hardwick [07803280551]

Office number [01278 671945]

FOR SALE



Only selling as we are reducing our stocking density. Perfect for anyone looking to progress with their herd. Five of our best pedigree female goats producing v meaty kids and a good quality dominator and Primrose line, fullblood Boer. Has served our herd tremendously for the past 3 seasons producing great stock. 5 females and 1 male (plus a castrated male) 4 females were born in March 2016. 1 Female was born March 2015. The Male Boer was born in Jan 2016. Price: Up for Negotiation.

HERD NAME: LITTLEFIELD BOER GOATS

EMAIL: littlehazelfields@yahoo.co.uk

Messenger: Jan Harding-Mabbs

FOR SALE



Littlefield Boers have pedigree, registered 100 percent Red and Traditional Boer for sale at affordable prices: kids, doelings and bucks available from good bloodlines. We are in the High Weald of East Sussex.

HERD NAME: WIELD BOER GOATS

EMAIL: mythichorses@hotmail.com

TEL: 07871997262 or 01420 563289

FOR SALE



Wield Boer Goats, Hampshire will have pedigree stock for sale available from April ranging from weaned kids, in kid does & empty does. All kids by our wonderful buck, Morley Elvis who carries superb bloodlines and has already produced some outstanding kids. We have carefully selected bloodlines for our herd which include Terraparks Apollo, Davel UK Chiram, Micathel, Clearday park, Karbo, Terraweena Burger, Dalbury Ajax, Topknot, Beechay, Hornets, Morley & many more. Please feel free to contact me for more information or check out our facebook page Wield Boer Goats

HERD NAME: CARKFREE BOER GOATS

EMAIL: nicholsonjohn813@gmail.com

TEL: John +35385 876 7610

FOR SALE

Carkfree have for sale a selection of adult and juvenile goats. All animals clean and healthy pedigree stock that won't disappoint.

HERD NAME: CELTIC BOER GOATS

EMAIL: gilliddle@gmail.com

TEL: Ireland +353 851459028

FOR SALE

For Sale with full export status. Purebred and fully registered good quality Boer goats. The best of Australian and British lines of breeding which include Micathel, Bengara, Cedar Ridge, Dalbury, Karbo lines. Stud quality bucks individually or Unrelated Starter Herds put together for new starters.

All stock are in health schemes and as said fully exportable.

Tel Ireland +353 851459028 for more information

HERD NAME: CHURCH HILLBILLY BOER GOATS

EMAIL: info@churchhillbilly.com

TEL: Dave Church 07857 480029

FOR SALE



We have goats available. Please see pictures of some of the animals we have for sale and contact us for additional details. We are a commercial herd so not all goats will be registered with the British Boer Goat Society (although some are). We have a healthy closed herd. Thank you for being interested enough to get this far.

Happy goat hunting! www.churchhillbilly.com

HERD NAME: MAYBE BOER GOATS

EMAIL: balgrayhill@gmail.com

TEL: David Cornthwaite 07889 680997

FOR SALE

Twenty well grown, registered doelings for sale in South West Scotland.

High health.

Contact David on 07889 680997

HERD NAME: ROBINS FOLLY BOER GOATS

EMAIL: rfboergoats@gmail.com

TEL:

FOR SALE

We have a variety of fullblood and purebred stock for sale from top 2020 bloodlines in the UK.

Including - Top quality fullblood Boer bucks & does born Feb 2019 to imported Australian bloodlines.

2020 Fullblood Doe & Buck Kids for Sale. Father to all yearlings and kids are from Champion and Reserve Champion at R3C in 2017. Percentage & Purebred Does & Kids.



Please contact us with your requirements, we have a variety of different bloodline and we are able to cater from beginner goat breeders to experience breeders looking to improve their herd.

Please contact us at rfboergoats@gmail.com for more information

HERD NAME: ROMANY BOER GOATS

EMAIL:

TEL: Alan Hannaford - 07745857994

FOR SALE

2 x 2017 Pedigree pure-bred horned does in kid for 2nd - April-May £350 ea.

1 x 2018 Pedigree pure-bred dis-budded doe in kid for 1st - April-May £220

2 x April 2019 Pedigree disbudded female kids. £200 ea.

2 x June 2019 Pedigree horned female kids. £200 ea.

Alan Hannaford (NORTH Devon)



HERD NAME: BALMEDIE BOER GOATS

EMAIL: Malcolmandmaureen@live.co.uk

TEL: Malcolm or Maureen Ross

07971 920056 or 07813 401576

FOR SALE

Balmedie Boer goats have, for sale, a selection of doelings and, after weaning, male kids. All are by Topknot Tonic out of, home bred, Balmedie females. Herd is in the SAC high health scheme.

We live in Aberdeenshire.



HERD NAME: KEYTHORPE BOER GOATS

EMAIL: boer@keythorpe.co.uk

TEL: 01858 55 55 77

FOR SALE

KEYTHORPE HERD Leicestershire Breeding stock, bucks, does, starter herds, in kid does, doelings, BBGS registered, SAC Accredited Herd, CLA CAE Johnes clear.

www.keythorpe.co.uk - facebook.com/britishboergoats

Website Reminder

Any member wishing to submit a 'For Sale' advert for their goats and equipment via the electronic form on the Society Web Site are kindly reminded to observe the maximum size of the photos which they submit (no greater than 128MB, 450 x 602) also allow 24hrs for the advert to be processed and loaded.

Oversized photos cannot be posted.

Adverts welcome for forthcoming editions of the Magazine to
bbgs.secretary@gmail.com

Advertising

Standard advertisements of the type included to date are free of charge and include all those on the website. However, we also offer the option to buy full or half page advertisements, the prices are as follows:

- Half page with black and white photograph £10.00
- Half page with colour photograph £25.00
- Full page with colour photograph £45.00

Reminder to All

As Nicola has already said in her article, April 1st is when the new membership year begins, so if you haven't renewed yet, please use the form enclosed to do so. Other ways to renew your membership are on the website in the "Join Us" section, or on Grassroots where there is an option to renew your membership also.

BRITISH *Boer Goat* SOCIETY



“THE FINEST MEAT GOAT IN THE WORLD”

Boer Goats were first introduced into the United Kingdom in 1987. There have been several importations of new genetics since then, as live animals and through artificial insemination and embryo transplants.

Boer Goats are characterised by their brown head, often with white on their faces as a blaze. They have a roman nose and pendulous ears together with a white body. They are stockier, shorter-legged and have a superior carcass compared to the dairy goat.

The Boer Goat reaches slaughter weight in significantly faster time than other breeds and has a higher dressing out percentage. The Boer Goat has performed extremely well in trials and carcass competitions, proving it to be the superior meat goat breed. Meat from a Boer goat can be compared to the Aberdeen Angus of the beef world.

Boer Goat meat is a very lean red meat which is low in cholesterol, high in protein and iron, making it healthy meat. Goat meat is reputed to be the most consumed meat in the world.

The British Boer Goat Society sends out quarterly newsletters, registers Boer Goats in the UK and organises events for members.



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