



British Boer Goat Society

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Dear Members,

We hope you and your goats are enjoying the sunshine and making the most of these long days.

As always, we are here with all the latest BBGS news and updates.



Photo courtesy of Robins Folly Boer Goats

Last show of 2025

Burwarton Show, Thursday 7th August 2025, Judge: Mrs Ruth Keys

Burwarton Show is a wonderful day out for all the family offering the opportunity to experience the beautiful Shropshire countryside, get face to face with farm animals and agricultural life. The showground is packed with things to see and do for all ages. The Livestock area has a wide range of classes for cattle, sheep, goats and pigs and hosts the Shearing competition which is always popular with competitors and spectators.

Welcome to All Our New BBGS Members!

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to all the new members who have recently joined the **British Boer Goat Society**. It's great to have you with us!

As a member, you have access to a range of valuable resources and support:

◆ **Members-Only Facebook Group**

Join our private Facebook group to connect with other members, stay updated on Society news, and access helpful tips.

◆ **Members' Hub on the BBGS Website**

Don't forget to log in to the Members' Hub via our website, where you'll find a wealth of useful information, including documents, guidance, videos, and more to support you in your Boer goat journey.

We're delighted to have you as part of the Society and look forward to your involvement

Just a reminder of how one can access the Members Hub

- ⇒ Click on membership at top of home page on BBGS website
 - ⇒ Click join members hub
- ⇒ Enter membership number, first name, last name, and email address
- ⇒ Once joined, go back to membership tab, and you will see members hub, click.
 - ⇒ Click onto different categories and enjoy!



Hanbury Countryside Show Results

Judge Mr Brian Perry

Buck class

1st Topknot Pac Bruno- Leigh Cochrane
2nd Topknot Pac Rolo- Garry and Laura Richards

Buckling class

1st Hornets Landmark- Jo and Alan Jenkins
2nd Hillside Boer Gryffindor- Gary and Laura Richards
3rd Robins Folly Exhibit- Leigh Cochrane

Buck kid class

1st Hillside Boer Harry Potter- Gary and Laura Richards
2nd Robins Folly Fenix- Leigh Cochrane
3rd Hillside Boer Harold - Gary and Laura Richards
4th Hornets Maximus- Jo and Alan Jenkins
5th Robins folly Fletcher- Leigh Cochrane
6th Morriet Marlin - Heather Tabenor

Senior Doe

1st Hornets Helix- Jo and Alan Jenkins
2nd Robins Folly Honey- Leigh Cochrane
3rd Robins Folly Bloem- Leigh Cochrane

Junior Doe

1st Robins Folly Callie- Leigh Cochrane
2nd Hillside Boer Flora- Gary and Laura Richards
3rd Topknot Pac Wanda- Gary and Laura Richards

4th Robins Folly Cornelia- Leigh Cochrane

5th Hornets Killora- Jo and Alan Jenkins
6th Hornets Jaunty- Jo and Alan Jenkins
7th Top Pac Rita- Gary and Laura Richards

Doeling class

1st Hillside Boer Gwen- Gary and Laura Richards
2nd Hornets Lotus- Jo and Alan Jenkins
3rd Hornets Lovell- Jo and Alan Jenkins
4th Hillside Boer Gigi- Gary and Laura Richards
5th Robins Folly Eliza- Leigh Cochrane

Doe kid class

1st Hillside Boer Halo- Gary and Laura Richards
2nd Hillside Boer Henna- Gary and Laura Richards
3rd Hillside Hallie- Gary and Laura Richards
4th Hillside Heather- Gary and Laura Richards
5th Robins Folly flashy- Leigh Cochrane
6th Morriet Gemma- Heather Tabenor
7th Hornets May Blossom - Jo and Alan Jenkins
8th Morriet Gwen -Heather Tabenor
9th Robins Folly Flossy- Leigh Cochrane
10th Hornets May Queen- Jo and Alan Jenkins

Kid Championship

Champion Kid- Hillside Boer Halo- Gary and Laura
Reserve Champion Kid- Hillside Boer Harry Potter- Gary and Laura Richards

Doe Championship

Champion doe- Hornets Helix- Jo and Alan Jenkins
Reserve Champion doe- Robins Folly Callie- Leigh Cochrane

Buck Championship

Champion Buck- Topknot Pac Bruno- Leigh Cochrane
Reserve Champion Buck- Topknot Pac Rolo- Laura and Gary

Supreme Champion

Hornets Helix- Jo and Alan Jenkins

Reserve Supreme Champion

Topknot Pac Bruno- Leigh Cochrane



Showing- Why we do it?

Showing goats is more than just a competition—it is a celebration of the hard work and dedication you have put into improving your herd over the years. It is one thing to be proud of your animals at home, but quite another to see them side-by-side with others. Until you stand your goat next to someone else's, you do not truly get a sense of scale or quality.

Showing provides a valuable opportunity for comparison. It allows us to see how our stock stacks up, observe what other breeders are achieving, and get ideas about where we might improve—or even where to buy animals that could strengthen our own program.

Shows are also important venues for connecting with fellow Boer goat breeders. They are a chance to exchange knowledge about bloodlines, herd management, feeding programs, and even health issues. These conversations are often as valuable as the competition itself.

Most importantly, shows are a fantastic way to display your goats and get professional feedback from experienced judges. Their evaluations help us make smarter decisions in our herds—leading to better structure, productivity, and overall health. Every show is a chance to learn, grow, and refine your goals.

Whether your brand new to showing or a seasoned exhibitor, there is always something new to take away.

And just as important as the goats themselves—shows promote the breed. They give us the chance to speak with the public, hobby farmers, and smallholders who are curious about getting into something new. A good conversation at the pens or ringside could be the start of someone else's journey into Boer goats.

One of the best parts of showing is the community. You will meet people who share your passion and often leave with new friends, new ideas, and fresh inspiration for the next season.

And yes, we do it for the fun too. There is nothing quite like the thrill of stepping into the ring with a clean goat that you have worked hard to prepare—and hearing your name called in the placings. Whether it is a local show or a national championship, that moment makes it all worth it.

Royal Lancashire Show Results

Judge – Miss Marie Smith

Buck class

1st Topknot Pac Rolo- Garry and
Laura Richards

Buckling class

1st Hornets Landmark- Jo and Alan
Jenkins
2nd Robins Folly Exhibit- Leigh
Cochrane
3rd Hillside Boer Gryffindor- Gary
and Laura Richards

Buck kid class

1st Robins Folly Frank- Leigh
Cochrane
2nd Hillside Boer Hurricane- Gary
and Laura Richards
3rd Robins Folly Fenix- Leigh
Cochrane
4th Hillside Boer Harry Potter - Gary
and Laura Richards

Senior Doe

1st Hornets Indy- Jo and Alan
Jenkins
2nd Hornets Helix- Jo and Alan
Jenkins
3rd Hornets Imelda- Jo and Alan
Jenkins

Junior Doe

1st Hornets Killora- Jo and Alan
Jenkins

2nd Hornets Kaya- Jo and Alan
Jenkins

3rd Hornets Jaunty- Jo and Alan
Jenkins

Doeling class

1st Hornets Lotus- Jo and Alan
Jenkins
2nd Hornets Lark- Jo and Alan
Jenkins
3rd Hornets Lovell- Jo and Alan
Jenkins

Doe kid class

1st Hillside Boer Hazel- Gary and
Laura Richards
2nd Hillside Boer Halo- Gary and
Laura Richards
3rd Hillside Henna- Gary and Laura
Richards
4th Hillside Hannah- Gary and Laura
Richards
5th Robins Folly Flashy- Leigh
Cochrane
6th Robins Folly Fi Fi- Leigh
Cochrane
7th Robins Folly Flossy- Leigh
Cochrane

Kid Championship

Champion Kid- Hillside Boer Hazel- Gary and Laura Richards
Reserve Champion Kid- Robins Folly Frank – Leigh Cochrane



Doe Championship

Champion doe- Hornets Killora - Jo and Alan Jenkins
Reserve Champion doe- Hornets Lotus - Jo and Alan Jenkins



Buck Championship

Champion Buck- Hornets Landmark- Jo and Alan Jenkins
Reserve Champion Buck- Robins Folly Exhibit- Leigh Cochrane



Supreme Champion

Hornets Landmark- Jo and Alan Jenkins



Reserve Supreme Champion

Hillside Boer Hazel- Gary and Laura Richards



Lancashire Royal Show Reflections – July 2025

By Laura Richards, Hillside Stud.

Last weekend we packed up the truck, trailer, and caravan and headed off to the Lancashire Royal Show, but as always, the real preparation started well before the first rosette was handed out.

On Wednesday, we bathed and shampooed all ten goats we planned to take, a full day's work, but well worth it. Then on Thursday, we loaded everything up and hit the road, full of anticipation for a weekend of showing, connection, and celebration.

The weather had a mind of its own, humid when we arrived and rain on and off throughout the weekend, but it didn't dampen spirits. The goats were settled, the setting was stunning, and the atmosphere was warm from the moment we arrived.

A Beautiful Setting and a Thoughtful Layout

The showground was truly picturesque, a quiet river curved around the site, and the lush green grass (a rare sight at home lately! Due to lack of rain!) was a welcome backdrop. Our pitch by the river gave us a peaceful space to settle in for the three-night stay, a lovely spot to rest between classes and take it all in.

The Boer goat tent was excellent: spacious, clean, and thoughtfully equipped. The swinging door hurdles made life much easier when bringing goats in and out for classes. And, for once, we were based right near the other livestock, which brought an added sense of connection to the wider farming world, something we often miss at other shows.

Friday brought something a bit different and fun. Jo Jenkins (Hornets Herd) had brought her doelings, and since she was the only breeder entered with that age group, she let them run loose in the ring, giving us all a chance to play judge for the day.

Exhibitors, the steward, and regular visitors to the tent all took part, placing the doelings in the order we thought they should go, and later comparing our picks with those of judge Marie-Amber Smith. Our daughter Freya, Gary, and the steward all got the exact order right, Freya's reward was a delicious brownie, which she thoroughly enjoyed!

That evening, the show put on a big BBQ for all exhibitors, a warm, relaxed gathering and a great way to connect with others before the busy show days began.

Saturday was a wonderful day for us in the ring. Our doe kids really shone, taking 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the doe kid class, a real highlight for us. We are hugely grateful to Pacifica Boer Goats for the outstanding genetics that helped bring these girls into being.

The proudest moment came when Hillside Boer Hazel on her debut, not only won her class but was named Champion Kid, and then went on to receive Reserve Supreme Champion. (On Sunday). It was an incredible and unexpected honour, especially with such high-calibre animals in the ring.

Later that evening, the BBGS arranged a dinner out at the Ribchester Arms for all the Boer goat exhibitors, including the judge, her partner, and their daughter. It was a lovely evening with excellent food (plenty of gluten-free options, too) and good company. Meanwhile, back at the showground, other exhibitors enjoyed a hog roast and live music, which we heard was great fun and very entertaining.

Sunday brought more rosettes and proud moments. In particular, we were delighted to enter Topknot Pac Rolo in the Sire with Female Progeny class, alongside his daughter Hillside Boer Halo, a brilliant example of a sire clearly improving his progeny line.

Our children also took part in the Young Handlers classes and were thrilled to come away with prize money, which made it all the more exciting. Beyond the showing, the wider showground had a real buzz. The military area was packed with activities, from “hit the button” and target shooting to impressive demonstrations. A brass band lifted the atmosphere, and the sound of bagpipes drifting past gave everyone goosebumps. The funfair was a hit with the children, offering crafts, face painting, and all sorts of entertainment, and the animal displays and trade stalls kept the whole family happy.

In Summary

Despite the changing skies and unpredictable rain, the Lancashire Royal Show was full of light. We came home with muddy boots, happy children, tired goats, and a trailer full of rosettes, but more than that, we came home with gratitude. Gratitude for a community that supports each other, for animals that give us their best, and for moments that remind us why we do this.

A heartfelt thank you to the organisers, judge, stewards, and of course the British Boer Goat Society, we feel proud to be part of such a warm and welcoming group.

Until the next show...

Warmly,
Laura Richards
Hillside Boer Stud.

A Warm Thank You from Robins Folly Boer Goats

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Show such a memorable success for Robins Folly Boer Goats.

Held at the picturesque Salesbury Hall, Ribchester—right beside the River Ribble—the three-day event (July 18–20, 2025) included camping for our herd and exhibitors, with the main show day on Saturday drawing significant interest from farm-based organisations focused on meat production.

We were delighted with the superb facilities at the show marquee, and special thanks go to the steward Gemma, whose assistance ensured the show ran smoothly. Thanks also to the British Boer Goat Society (BBGS), stewards, and

our members, who helped us fill most classes and uphold a strong show schedule.

These shows serve a vital role in promoting Boer goats to the public. Beyond the judging, the sharing of information and expertise among members is invaluable for herd care and improving breed standards. We would love to see even more members attend and encourage everyone to make use of the free showground entry passes available on the day.

Most importantly, we would like to thank the real stars of the event—the goats. Their spirit and quality inspire breeders throughout the UK, driving anticipation for next year's kidding season and further enhancements to Boer goat standards nationwide.

With sincere thanks,

Robins Folly Boer Goats



Blue tongue

Latest update from the Gov.uk website – 23rd July 2025

The total number of BTV-3 cases in Great Britain for the 2025 to 2026 vector season is 4. All cases have been in England.

The risk of transmission via infected midges is now considered to be very high in England and most of Great Britain.

The location of all premises in Great Britain where one or more animals have tested positive by PCR to bluetongue serotype 3 or serotype 12 is available on the [bluetongue case map](#)

1 July 2025

The restricted zone for bluetongue has been extended to cover all of England. You can now move animals within England without a specific bluetongue licence or pre-movement testing.

You will need a specific licence to freeze germinal products (semen, ova, and embryo) anywhere in England and testing will be required. Keepers will be responsible for the cost of sampling, postage, and testing.

[Bluetongue: news, information, and guidance for livestock keepers- GOV.UK](#)

[Bluetongue virus latest news | AHDB](#)

[Bluetongue \(BTV\) – NFUonline](#)

HOW IMPORTANT IS RESISTANCE TO TREATMENTS IN GOATS.

Dr David Harwood BVetMed, FRCVS
(Senior Vice President Goat Vet Soc).

The two main concerns that the goat (and wider farming sector) have, involve antibiotics and wormers! Underpinning this is to develop a sound biosecurity programme with your own vet for your unit.

Antimicrobial resistance:

This involves primarily antibiotics and is a real global and one health threat – by one health we mean a problem that both the human and animal world face together. This resistance has arisen over a period of time and linked to:

- Misuse of the product by:
 - Underdosing.
 - Not completing course
- Wrong indication / product.
- Mass medication – i.e., dosing healthy animals that are in contact.
 - Poor infection control in hospitals (HUMAN).
 - Poor on-farm management – (Veterinary).
 - Global travel:
 - Resistant bacteria can rapidly spread around the globe.

Your vet will be aware of these problems and will prescribe any antibiotics with these problems in mind. Key to this however is to develop a sound management programme and a good on-farm environment and use vaccines if these are available. A good example is reducing the need to use antibiotics in neonatal kids with navel ill / joint ill or diarrhoea by ensuring they receive their colostrum and are born into a clean environment.

Anthelmintic / wormer resistance:

Another problem faced by livestock worldwide, with goats having the additional problem in that they do not develop the age dependent resistance to worms that cattle and sheep will.

A goat can still develop a serious clinical worm problem when it is 5 or 6 years of age, whereas adult sheep and cattle will tend to develop solid immunity from early exposure.

This is the main reason why the majority of our commercial dairy goat herds will be housed

24/7 to avoid the need to worm them on a regular basis when out in the fields, as any pasture will very quickly become contaminated and “worm sick.”

It is important for goat owners to know their wormer groups – some useful information is available at:

<https://www.scops.org.uk/about/scops-know-your-anthelmintics-guide/>

The importance of monitoring your goats for worms cannot be over-emphasised, faecal worm egg counts can be very useful – thus ensuring that you only worm when you need to.

It is also important to increase the dose rate / kg above that generally recommended for sheep as indicated in the table below:

Group 1		
BENZIMIDAZOLE	Sheep- 5 mg/Kg	Goats-10 mg/Kg
Group 2		
LEVAMISOLE	Sheep-7.5 mg/Kg	Goats- 12 mg/Kg
Group 3		
IVERMECTIN	Sheep- 0.2 mg/Kg	Goats- 0.3 – 0.4 mg/Kg
Group 3		
DORAMECTIN	Sheep- 0.2 mg/Kg	Goats-0.2 – 0.4 mg/Kg
Group 3		
MOXIDECTIN	Sheep- 0.2 mg/Kg	Goats-0.2 – 0.4 mg/Kg
Group 4		
MONEPANTEL	Sheep 2.5 mg/Kg	Goats- 3.75 mg/Kg

Biosecurity programme:

This important term is used to describe how you can keep your goats from catching any new infection. The biggest single risk to your goats is buying in another goat. If you are contemplating doing this then discuss the implications with your own vet but consider: A period of quarantine before joining your herd – ensuring that they are not kept alone – but in the sight and sound of others but at a safe distance. Ideally for at least 28 days, but 14 at a minimum.

Monitor them yourself for any signs of illness such as lameness, diarrhoea or lumps that may indicate CLA.

Consider blood tests for CAE, CLA and Johne's.

Consider asking your vet about pre and post movement TB testing – particularly if your goats come from a known TB area of the country.

Consider administering a quarantine dose of an effective wormer to rid them of potentially resistant worms. Information on the SCOPS website see earlier link.

If vaccine status unknown – ensure you start them on the clostridial vaccine programme outlined above.



Best regards
Trustees of the British Boer Goat Society