

British Boer Goat Society



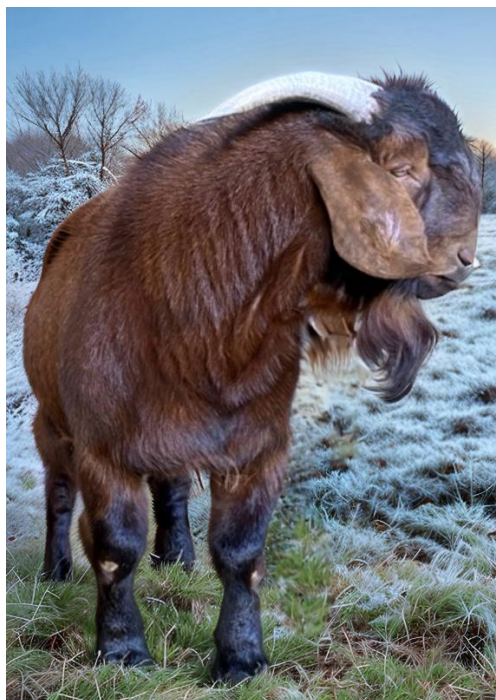
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Dear Members

As November ends, the colder season has arrived, marked by crisp mornings and short days. The early signs of the Christmas have appeared—shop displays are illuminated with Christmas lights, and familiar carols are playing in the background.

We will be here to keep you updated with all the latest news from the BBGS.



Payments

A gentle reminder when making a payment to BBGS by either BACS or PayPal could you please add your membership number and a reference to your payment i.e. Transfer, Membership or Reg.

Until payments are received transactions cannot be undertaken.

Many thanks.

Show dates 2026.

Staffordshire County Show

27th & 28th May 2026

Judge- Mr Philip Hall

Mr Philip Hall, from Badminton Gloucestershire, has been one of the most influential Boer Goat breeders in the UK and has had training in South Africa.

His Beaufort Boer Goat Stud produced both champion winning Boer Goats and goats that were robust and meaty. He has also travelled extensively internationally in relation to the Boer Goat.

Philip has previously judged on behalf of the BBGS, and his knowledge and good humour has been very well received by all exhibitors.



Royal Three Counties Show

12th-14th June 2026

The BBGS are extremely honoured to announce our judge for the Royal Three Counties Show 2026 — Mr Johan Strauss.

Johan qualified as a Boer goat judge in 2005. Since then, he has judged six World Boer Goat Championships in South Africa, each featuring over 1,000 goats, along with numerous regional shows. His international judging experience includes the Sydney Royal Show (2008 and 2015), the New South Wales State Show (2013), the New Zealand National Championship in Christchurch, the Three Counties Show (2016), the Botswana Ghanzi National Show, and three Namibian National Championships.

Johan's family farm is located near Philippolis in the Free State, South Africa. Their semi-arid Karoo farmland provides excellent natural grazing for Stud Merino sheep—an ideal dual-purpose breed known for its fine wool and highly sought-after Karoo mutton. Situated alongside the Orange River, the largest river in South Africa, the farm also produces irrigated crops, forming the second major component of their enterprise. Commercial beef cattle and a small band of Thoroughbred racehorse broodmares complete their diverse farming operation.

With Johan's extensive experience and depth of knowledge, the 2026 Royal Three Counties Show promises to be an event not to be missed.



Royal Lancashire Agricultural Show

3rd- 5th July 2026

Judge- Mr Engel Kupers

The BBGS are delighted to announce that it will be welcoming Mr Engel Kupers, the renowned Dutch breeder of champion Boer and Dairy Goats, to judge at the Royal Lancashire Show 2026.

Mr Kupers is highly respected throughout Europe for his depth of knowledge. Over the course of his career, he has judged extensively across Europe and is a familiar figure within the British Boer Goat community.

He has been a valued friend of the British Boer Goat Society for many years and judged at both the Royal Three Counties Show and the RWAS Spring Festival on previous occasions. His experience, professionalism, and enthusiasm have always been warmly received by exhibitors and spectators alike.

In addition to his judging credentials, Mr. Kupers has delivered breeder workshops in numerous countries, sharing his expertise with newcomers and seasoned breeders alike. We greatly look forward to hosting him once again and are confident that his presence will be a highlight for all those attending.



BBGS MEMBERS OFFER!!

Any BBGS member that would like to attend any of the BBGS supported shows.

The BBGS will refund your ticket price!!

Single members- 1 Adult ticket price refunded.

Joint members- 1 1/2 Adult ticket price refunded.

You will be able to enjoy the Boer Goat showing and the rest of the fantastic shows. Truly a wonderful opportunity!

Show Preparation

Tracey Wood recently delivered a fantastic presentation to breeders in Australia.

With her extensive experience and deep knowledge of Boer goats, she has kindly agreed to share it with the BBGS and its members.

Discover her expert preparation tips in a full Show Preparation Guide, written by Tracey Wood of Pacifica Boer Goat Stud



Kidding Equipment Checklist for Boer Goats

Preparation is key for a smooth kidding season. Essential items include:

- Clean, dry bedding – straw or wood shavings
- Kidding pens or pens dividers – to provide a quiet, safe space
 - Towels or clean cloths – for drying newborn kids.
 - Iodine or navel disinfectant – to treat umbilical cords.
 - Gloves – for hygiene when assisting.
 - Scissors or umbilical clamps – if needed for cord care
 - Lubricant- to assist with difficult deliveries.
- Lambing ropes – to assist in difficult deliveries (use with care)
 - Heat lamp or warming area – for weak or cold kids.
- Colostrum supplements – in case the doe cannot provide enough.
 - Buckets and feeding bottles – for hand-rearing if required.
 - Weighing equipment- to weigh birth weights
- Record-keeping materials – to track births, weights, and any interventions.
- Emergency veterinary supplies – such as oxytocin, antiseptics, or oral electrolytes, if authorized for use

Tip: Having all items organized and within reach can save valuable time and reduce stress during kidding.



Best regards
Trustees of the British Boer Goat Society

