



British Boer Goat Society

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Dear Members,

As we approach the end of March, we hope you have all enjoyed the recent spell of lovely sunshine. It has been a welcome change for many, giving the opportunity to turn animals out and make the most of the improving conditions.

Please keep an eye out for the latest news and updates from BBGS in the coming weeks



Shows 2026

Staffordshire County Show, 27th & 28th May 2026

Judge – Mr Phillip Hall (UK)

Link: [» Staffordshire County Show](#)

ENTRIES NOW OPEN!!

Entries Close 1st May 2026

Royal Three Counties Show, 12th-14th June 2026

Judge – Mr Johan Strauss (SA)

Link: [Home- Royal Three Counties](#)

ENTRIES NOW OPEN!!

Entries close 13th April 2026

Royal Lancashire Agricultural Show, 3rd-5th July 2026

Judge – Mr Engel Kupers (NL)

Link: [Home- The Royal Lancashire Agricultural Show](#)



The BBGS Committee is pleased to advise members that two additional classes will be introduced to the Boer Goat classes at this year's shows.

- Buck, purebred, over 2 years on day of Show.
- Buckling, purebred, over 1 year, but less than 2 years on the day of Show.
- Buck Kid, purebred, under 1 year old on day of Show. Class may be split.
- Senior Doe, purebred, over 4 years on day of the Show with or without her progeny at foot.
- **Intermediate Doe, purebred, over 3 years, and less than 4 years on the day of Show with or without her progeny at foot.**
- Junior Doe, purebred, over 2 years, and less than 3 years on the day of Show with or without her progeny at foot.
- Doeling, purebred, over 1 year, but less than 2 years on day of Show.
- Doe Kid, purebred, under 1 year old on day of Show. Class may be split.

- **Male or Female, purebred, any age registered Red Boer goats or Red goats with higher percentage of white markings than specified in the British Boer Goat Society Breed Standard as the ideal.**

Plus, Male or Female, purebred, any age registered Traditional Boer goats displaying a higher percentage of red markings than specified in the British Boer Goat Society Breed Standard as the ideal.

No black, mottled, or dappled colouring permitted.

Examples for class



Easter Roast Leg of Goat with Garlic & Rosemary



Ingredients

- 1 leg of goat (bone-in)
- 4–6 cloves garlic, sliced
- 2 tbsp fresh rosemary (or 1 tbsp dried)
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme (optional)
- Zest of 1 lemon
- Juice of ½ lemon
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- Salt & black pepper
- 1 large onion, sliced.
- 1 glass white wine (optional)
- 200ml stock (chicken or veg)

Method

1 Prepare the meat.

- Pat the leg dry
- Make small slits all over with a sharp knife.
- Push slices of garlic into the slits.

2 Make the marinade.

Mix together:

- Olive oil
- Rosemary
- Thyme
- Lemon zest & juice
- Salt & pepper

Rub all over the leg of goat.

👉 Ideally leave **overnight**, but even **1–2 hours** help.

3 Prepare for roasting.

- Heat oven to **160°C fan / 180°C conventional**.
- Put sliced onion in the bottom of a roasting tray.
- Place goat on top.
- Pour in wine (if using) and stock.

4 Roast

Cook **slow and gentle**:

- About **2½–3 hours** depending on size.
- Baste occasionally.
- Cover loosely with foil if browning too fast.

5 Rest

- Remove from oven.
- Cover with foil.
- Rest **20 minutes** before carving

Weaning Kids – A Few Helpful Tips

By now most goats will have kidded, and many of you will be starting to think about weaning. A smooth transition at this stage helps maintain growth rates and reduces stress for both does and kids.

Where possible, gradually reduce concentrate feed for the does over 7–10 days, this can help reduce stress and lower the risk of mastitis in the doe. Before weaning, kids should be eating concentrates, picking at good quality hay, and drinking water independently. Ensuring they are confidently eating will help prevent any post-weaning checks in growth.

Fence-line weaning, where kids and does can still see each other but cannot suckle, can help reduce calling and minimise stress. Keeping groups stable and avoiding unnecessary mixing at this time is also beneficial, as weaning can be a higher-risk period for issues such as coccidiosis.

Good quality forage, access to fresh water, and concentrates should always be available. Keep a close eye on kids after weaning for any signs of scours, reduced appetite, or bullying within groups.

It is also important to remember the does. Reducing concentrates and hay/haylage after weaning and checking udders afterwards will help minimise the risk of mastitis.

A calm, gradual approach to weaning will help ensure kids continue to thrive and does transition comfortably back into the dry period.



Welcome New Members

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new BBGS members:

- Mr Jack Hallatt
- Miss Steph Watkins
- Mr Andrew Walker
 - Mr Ben Best
- Mr Alexander John Linton
 - Miss Fran Taylor
 - Mr Keith Blakey

We are delighted to have you join us and hope you enjoy being part of the Society. We look forward to meeting you at upcoming shows and events.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our long-standing members for their continued support, which is greatly valued and helps keep the Society active and thriving

If you need any help or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Secretary, who will be happy to assist- bbgs.secretary@gmail.com

DON'T FORGET

BBGS MEMBERS EXCLUSIVE OFFER!

Thinking about attending one of the **BBGS-supported shows**?
If you are a **BBGS member**, we have got something special just for you...

 **WE WILL REFUND YOUR TICKET PRICE!** 

Here is what you get:

- **Single Members:** Full refund of **1 Adult ticket**
- **Joint Members:** Refund of **1.5 Adult tickets**

That is right — come along, enjoy the **Boer Goat showing**, listen to the experts, mingle with Boer goat enthusiasts, soak in the atmosphere, and experience everything these fantastic shows have to offer... **on us!** This is a brilliant chance to support the breed, enjoy great events, and make the most of your BBGS membership.

Do not miss out!

BBGS New Membership Year 2026

It is that time of year again when BBGS membership fees are due.
Fees remain the same:

£25 for single membership
£35 for joint membership

BACS details:
British Boer Goat Society
Account Number: 43601897
Sort Code: 20-45-45

Please could you remember to put your membership number on all BACS and PayPal payments!

Updating Grassroots database is an ongoing chore so thank you to those members who have logged in and updated their records over winter and if you have not managed it yet, please do take the time to do yours.

Payments

Please 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.

Thank you.

Best regards
Trustees of the British Boer Goat Society