



British Boer Goat Society

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April 2026.

Dear Members,

Hope you are all having a fabulous April and that your kidding season has been smooth and successful, producing healthy and thriving new additions to your herds.



The BBGS committee invites you to share photographs of your Boer goats.

Selected photos may be featured on our official website or social media platforms, displaying the beauty and success of our collective efforts in Boer Goat farming.

Send to- bbgs.secretary@gmail.com

BBGS New Membership Year 2026

Thank you to every member that has already renewed their BBGS membership,
we appreciate your support.



BBGS membership fees are due.

£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!

Thank You

Registrations secretary

Ian Johnson.

Just a quick reminder — it is that time of year when we are doing batch
registrations.

It can get a little confusing, so make sure you have got all your documents ready
before you start.

Grassroots constantly update their system — if anything is missing or wrong, it
will now flash red and bounce back to the Registration Secretary.

So please double-check everything (even give it a triple-check!) before you hit
submit.

Thank you.

2026 Show dates.



Staffordshire County Show

Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th May 2026

Judge – Mr Phillip Hall (UK)

Link: » [Staffordshire County Show](#)

ENTRIES NOW OPEN!!

Entries Close 1st May 2026



Royal Three Counties Show

Friday 12th June – Sunday 14th June 2026

International judge: Mr Johan Strauss SA

ENTRIES NOW CLOSED!!!!

We are excited to share that entries for the Royal Three Counties Show are at a record high this year, with new exhibitors joining us!

The tent and ring will be packed with beautiful Boer goats, judged by a fantastic International Judge, Mr Johan Strauss (SA).

Do not forget — our special members' offer is available for this show and others!

It is going to be an amazing weekend — we cannot wait to see you all there!



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!

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 (NL)

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



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.

PREPARING BOER GOATS FOR SHOWS

Many people think winning in the show ring comes down to having the best feed or the most experienced handler. If that were true, showing goats would be easy. Success requires planning, consistency, and attention to detail over time.

Know Your Show Dates and Select Your Show Team

Start by identifying the exact dates of the show(s) you plan to attend. This will guide your entire preparation timeline.

By this stage, your top animals should already be identified, Allocate them to the correct age categories. Choose animals that best combine balance, growth, and structure.

The conditioning period depends on each goat:

- Goats already used to feed programs may be ready within 1-2 months.
- Less conditioned goats may require up to 3 months.
- Bucks should be kept in small groups (5–7 animals) to reduce distractions and maintain growth.
- Keep Bucks separate from Does where possible, as breeding behaviour can cause weight loss.
- Does can be grouped more freely, ideally by age.

Hoof Care

Regular hoof trimming is essential for proper movement and posture.

- Trim every 3 weeks leading up to the show.
- Adjust frequency depending on: Ground conditions (wet vs dry), Terrain (hard ground reduces overgrowth naturally)

Grooming (2–3 Days Before the Show)

Proper grooming enhances the goat's overall appearance. Focus on:

- Trimming Excess hair on the head and forehead
- Thick mane hair along the neck
- Light trimming on legs and belly
- Tail trimming
- Brushing out loose undercoat hair for a clean finish

Horn Finishing

Well-presented horns improve overall impression:

- Smooth rough edges using a file or sandpaper.
- Oil and polish horns for a clean, glossy look.

Washing (1 Day Before the Show)

Clean goats stand out immediately in the ring:

- Wash thoroughly using mild soap to remove dirt and stains.
- Ensure coats are bright and fresh.
- Keep animals dry and comfortable after washing.

Arrival at the Show

It is normal to feel uncertain—every exhibitor does.

- Keep goats in the same groups as at home.
- Avoid overcrowding pens.
- Maintain the same feeding routine.
- Add a light oil to horns and skin areas for presentation.

In the Show Ring

Presentation matters as much as preparation:

- Enter goats in the correct classes.
- Dress appropriately
- Stand confidently and present your animal proudly.
- Handle goats calmly—never drag or force movement.
- Deep breath, smile and have fun.

At this point, your preparation is complete—trust your work.

After the Show

Every show is a learning opportunity.

Evaluate:

- Strengths and weaknesses in your animals
- Feedback from judges
- Areas for improvement in preparation

Remember:

Good feeding enhances a goat's potential—but **genetics and structure determine true quality.**

“Feeding supports the animal, but breeding defines it.”



Skipton Auction Mart

Skipton Auction Mart continues to build on the success of its well-established August goat sale, known for its strong focus on breeding stock and loyal following. In recent months, CCM Auctions has expanded its offering with the introduction of a monthly sale for breeding and store goats, which has already attracted a growing base of smallholders and goat keepers.

The inaugural April Show & Sale of Female Breeding Goats saw an entry of forty head, signalling encouraging demand within the sector. Looking ahead, monthly sales will run throughout the spring, summer, and autumn, with a particular emphasis on convenient Saturday fixtures to suit part-time and working keepers.

CCM is keen to further develop these sales by expanding its vendor base and is open to collaboration, including the potential for workshops or demonstrations alongside sale days.

If members have any questions or wish to discuss participation, please do not hesitate to contact.

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Best regards
Trustees of the British Boer Goat Society