

The Boer Goat Monthly December 2021 Newsletter



**It's beginning to look a
lot like Christmas!**

Thanks to ABGA member Sarah Rehmeier for sending us this photo!

Boer Goat 101:

Understanding the Herd Prefix

We want to start the new year with new ways to communicate about ABGA. One way is better educating our new members. We asked our Accounts Receivable Manager Sonia Cervantez to write about the herd prefix.

When new members join, they don't always understand what they are signing up for besides a goat membership.

Because the herd prefix should be better explained at the time of joining and not after the fact, we want to fully explain it right now in hopes of preventing them from creating a problem later. The herd prefix is what will be tattooed in the goat's right ear if it is born at your farm.

It needs to be at least 3 characters and no more than 5 characters. It can be letters, numbers or a combination. They need to keep them, simple, short and not duplicate characters. They also cannot be one letter followed by a series of numbers, such as A1234.

When new members join, it gives the option to provide 3 choices on the form. But it really doesn't explain this until you go to read the Rules or Register a Goat. That's when members realize they messed up, and there is no changing it because of the Rules & Regulations.

If a family would like to share the same herd prefix, they have the option. Otherwise, no 2 members can have the same herd prefix.

If you are the breeder of a goat and you would like it registered through ABGA, then a herd prefix is required. Both ears need to be tattooed unless you microchip (stay tuned - next month we'll explain the left tattoo). This even applies to non-members. If you are a non-member, the herd prefix is a one-time \$10 filing fee.

Apply to be an ABGA National Show Superintendent!

Being an ABGA National Show Superintendent is an honor. With that comes lots of hard work and long hours.

To apply, you must be an ABGA member in good standing. Having respect for all exhibitors, volunteers, vendors, office staff, superintendents and guests is the #1 priority! If you are selected to be ABGA National Show Superintendent, you

cannot put your name in to judge any of the ABGA or JABGA National Shows.

Please go to <https://bit.ly/ABGAsurveymonkey> to apply. The deadline to apply is Friday, Dec. 10.

Member Moment: Father Daughter Showing Duo

"Showing is definitely a family affair for us," said Becca Pollock. "Each kidding season, Brandon and Ashley will pick out their goats and will compete against each other. A lot of times they are in the same class and in division drives together. They have so much fun arguing and bickering with each other while pushing each other to do their best. It's really comical on my end taking pictures and capturing the moments."

And these moments run deep. "It's constant between them," Becca explained. "It goes back and forth between them at every show. Every judge is different. These two does consistently place top 5 and switch back and forth in placing."

What started as a hobby with 4H in 2015 has turned into a business for Becca and Brandon and a future for Ashley, who is sophomore in high school. They transitioned their herd to registered Boer goats in 2018 and have been breeding, showing and selling registered stock ever since. Located in Flovilla, Ga, they own Bent Wheel Boer Goats.



"We have learned so much from this organization and have made so many friends because of it," Becca added. "Ashley wants to be a livestock vet, and the connections we have made and lessons we have learned have been beyond helpful for her future goals. She is very active with everything with the goats. She knows the showing part is the benefit from the hard work that goes into raising them. We are truly blessed seeing how she has grown over the past several years."

Changes

COMING TO OUR WEBSITE!



You will start seeing major changes on our website.

For the time being, all forms have been removed. Please email the office at mail@abga.org for the updated forms you need.



It's time to apply to be a National Show Judge!



2022 ABGA/JABGA National Show Judge Application Information

The 2022 ABGA/JABGA National Show will be held on June 11-18 in Grand Island, Neb. We would like to determine who has an interest in judging one of the following:

- ABGA National Show
- JABGA National Show
- JABGA National Bred and Owned Show and the JABGA National Breeding Showmanship
- JABGA National Market and Commercial Doe Show and JABGA Market and Commercial Showmanship.

If you are interested in judging any of the shows and meet the below criteria, please reply by 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 3 by:

- faxing 325-486-2637
- emailing nationalshow@abga.org
- mailing to 4258 S. Jackson St., San Angelo, TX 76903.

If you miss this deadline, you will not be a candidate for the 2022 ABGA/JABGA National Shows.

Criteria:

- Judges are required to be a 2022 member in good standing with the ABGA and dues paid by Jan. 1, 2022.
- To qualify as an ABGA/JABGA National Show candidate, interested judges must be an approved Level I ABGA Judge by Jan. 2, 2022.
- Judges of the 2021 ABGA National Show are not eligible to judge the 2022 National Show.
- Judges for the ABGA National Show must select TWO other ABGA active approved judges to form a team of three. All team members must originate from different ABGA Regions. Each judge can only be listed on one team for the ABGA National Show. Each member of your team must sign and submit their judges' replies for your team to be eligible.
- Judges of any of the three 2021 JABGA National Shows are not eligible to judge the 2022 Junior National Shows.
- Judges for the JABGA National Show must select ONE other active approved judge to form a team of two. The team members must originate from different ABGA Regions. Each judge can only be listed on a maximum of two teams for the JABGA National Show. Each member of your team must sign and submit their judges' replies for your team to be eligible.
- Judges will be required to talk reasons through at least 10th place in all classes.
- Judges will be required to use a placing method set forth and approved by the ABGA Board of Directors.

If you are an ABGA judge, we sent you a
Survey Monkey with the Judge Application.

Boer Goat 101: Kidding Kit



If you don't know how to set up your kidding kit or just need a reminder, we walk you through the steps. You'll also find out what supplies are needed.

You can watch the video on ABGA's YouTube channel at https://bit.ly/ABGA_KiddingKit.

Cozy up with your family this holiday season with this Baked Goat Lasagna recipe!

Baked Goat Lasagna

ingredients

1 package lasagna noodles, cooked as per package directions

SAUCE:

½ C onion, chopped

½ tsp. garlic powder

2 6-ounce cans tomato paste

2 ½ C water

1 ½ tsp. salt

½ tsp. black pepper

1 lb. ricotta cheese

About ¾ C grated Parmesan cheese

1 tsp. oregano

1 lb. ground goat meat

directions

Put 2 tablespoons of olive oil in deep pan and cook onion until tender. Add ground goat until done. Add spices, tomato paste and water. Simmer about 25 minutes, stirring so it doesn't stick. Spread several spoonfuls of sauce into large, shallow well-greased pan. Then alternate layers of lasagna, sauce and cheese, ending with the cheese. Bake about 20 to 30 minutes in 350-degree oven. Cut into squares to serve.

Calendar of Events

We have a holly jolly calendar in December as well as the start of 2022! You can go to [Events Page](#) on the ABGA website to see it. Please email shows@abga.org if you think we are missing something or there is something incorrect.



THE UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER SWEATER CONTEST!

It's time to dust off those ugly Christmas sweaters! But this time, put them on your Boer goat, take a picture and post them on our Facebook page during our Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest: www.facebook.com/AmericanBoerGoatAssociation or email them to editor@abga.org.

The contest will run through Saturday, Dec. 25. Our office staff will select 5 photos, and our social media followers will vote on the winners Monday, Dec. 27-Thursday, Dec. 30. We will announce the Top 3 Winners on Monday, Jan. 3. Winners will receive prizes and will be featured in the upcoming magazine. Good luck!



Watch the Annual Member meeting on Facebook!

The Annual Member meeting at 1 p.m. Eastern Time on Saturday, Dec. 11 in Tampa, Fla. will be on Facebook Live. Please email questions to katie@abga.org during the Facebook Live. You will be able to watch [here](#)!

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FACE TO FACE

American Boer Goat Association

December 10-11 | 2021 | *Tampa, FL*

Board members

Maddie Fenton, R 1 | Ken Baty, R 2 | Lois Walker, R 3 | Kevin Richmond, R 4 | Kenny Elwood, R 5 | David Carwell, R 6 | Linda West, R 7 | John Blackstock, R 7 | Deric Wetherell, R 8 | Kim Morgan, R 9 | Troy Veal, R 10 | Julie Morrow, R 11 | Susan Burner, R12 | Kathy Daves-Carr, R 13 | Lane Reigle, R 14

Friday	Item	Facilitator
9:00	Welcome -Hernando Rm, Four Points Sheraton	Carruth
	Approval of Prior Minutes & Agenda	Morgan
9:20	Old Business	
	a. Cloning	
9:35	Budget & Finance	Veal & McCary
11:15	Am. Boer Goat Foundation	Baty
11:30	IT Committee	Wetherell
11:45	Youth Committee	Morrow
12:30	Lunch Break	Place of Choice
1:30	Carcass Class	Carwell
	a. Goat Tasting	
	b. Funding for Premiums	
2:00	National Show	West
3:30	Break	
3:40	Bylaws, Rules & Regulations	Burner
	a. Minutes Review Results	
	b. Travel Policy	
	c. Major Show Funding	
	d. Committee Recommendation Protocols	

ADJOURNMENT

Saturday	Item	Facilitator
8:00 a.m.	Roll Call, Hernando Room	Morgan
8:15 a.m.	Judges Committee Updates a. Show Ring Protocol for Judges b. Judges Progressive Disciplinary Policy c. Breed Standards	Carr & Veal
9:50 a.m.	10 Minute Break	
10:00 a.m.	Regional Show Committee Updates	Richmond
10:15 a.m.	Sanctioned Show Updates	Walker
10:45 a.m.	DNA/Market/Promotion Committee Updates	Elwood
11:00 a.m.	PR/Magazine Committee Updates	Reigle
11:15 a.m.	Member Education Updates	Blackstock
11:30 a.m.	Affiliate Program	Fenton
11:45 a.m.	Approval of 2022 Budget	Veal
Noon	Lunch Break	Place of choice
1:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting	Facebook Live
	Other Business a. Carwell b. Fenton	
	Office Updates a. Online Deletions -Dusek b. DNA Exclusions -Dusek c. Incomplete Applications -Cervantes	Carruth
	ADJOURNMENT	

Don't Forget!

HAVE YOUR
MEMBER ID HANDY
WHEN YOU CALL &
PLEASE TAKE
NOTE OF WHICH
TEAM MEMBER
YOU SPOKE WITH

A BUSINESS DAY
FOR UC DAVIS IS
8 A.M. TO 5 P.M.
MONDAY
THROUGH FRIDAY,
EXCLUDING
HOLIDAYS.

YOUR MEMBER
ID IS ALSO YOUR
ACCOUNT
NUMBER.

QUIT USING
INFO@ABGA.ORG.
USE
MAIL@ABGA.ORG
INSTEAD.

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LIFE'S A BOER PODCAST

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ABGA Founders Talk Shop!

Those who laid the foundation for ABGA talk about the beginning, the rise & the future for this breed that didn't exist in the U.S. 50 years ago.

Click [HERE](#) to listen!

JABGA Contest Winners

Region 2 Show in Stillwater, Okla.

Skillathon Contest – Junior Division: Braxton Scholl
Skillathon Contest – Intermediate Division: Faithlynn Scholl
Skillathon Contest – Senior Division: Natalye Scholl
Public Speaking Contest – Junior Division: Braxton Scholl
Public Speaking Contest – Intermediate Division: Laykin Walker
Public Speaking Contest – Senior Division: Kasen Humble
Sales Talk Contest – Junior Division: Braxton Scholl
Sales Talk Contest – Intermediate Division: Colton Schaefer
Sales Talk Contest – Senior Division: Clay Orman
Judging – Junior Division: Jax Henderson
Judging – Intermediate Division: Abby Thomas
Judging – Senior Division: Eli Merrill
Fitting Contest Champion – Junior Division: Tassi Jo Fadely & Kade Sanders
Fitting Contest Reserve – Junior Division: Colton Schaefer & Luke Walker
Fitting Contest Champion – Senior Division: Kate Schaefer & Kasen Humble
Fitting Contest Reserve – Senior Division: Piper Fisher & Carson Moon
High Point Overall – Junior Division: Braxton Scholl
High Point Overall – Intermediate Division: Tassi Jo Fadely
High Point Overall – Senior Division: Beth McClain
High Point Overall: Tassi Jo Fadely

Region 5 Show in Abilene, Texas

Skillathon Contest – Junior Division: Baylee Lamb
Skillathon Contest – Intermediate Division: Abe McClain
Skillathon Contest – Senior Division: Beth McClain
Public Speaking Contest – Junior Division: Baylee Lamb
Public Speaking Contest – Intermediate Division: Reece Kidd
Public Speaking Contest – Senior Division: Makenzie Rodriguez
Sales Talk Contest – Junior Division: Baylee Lamb
Sales Talk Contest – Intermediate Division: Colton Schaefer
Sales Talk Contest – Senior Division: Wyatt Stevens
Judging – Junior Division: Baylee Lamb
Judging – Intermediate Division: Abe McClain
Judging – Senior Division: Beth McClain
Fitting Contest Champion – Junior Division: Abe McClain & Colton Schaefer
Fitting Contest Reserve – Junior Division: Briley Ernst & Kacelyn Ernst
Fitting Contest Champion – Senior Division: Kate Schaefer & Eli Merrill
Fitting Contest Reserve – Senior Division: Beth McClain & Kelcey Pinkerton
High Point Overall – Junior Division: Baylee Lamb
High Point Overall – Intermediate Division: Reece Kidd
High Point Overall – Senior Division: Beth McClain
High Point Overall: Beth McClain



Regional Show Facebook Photo Albums

We posted photos from both shows on our Facebook page. You can see them at <https://bit.ly/Area5JABGAShow> and <https://bit.ly/Area2JABGAShow>.

Reminders From The Office

Look for Membership Renewals

Membership renewals were mailed 2 weeks ago. Please return to: 4258 S Jackson St., San Angelo, TX 76903 or mail@abga.org. Let us know if you didn't receive yours.

Annual Meeting

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Transfer Change

ABGA members are no longer able to create non-member accounts online when transferring. The feature has been disabled because too many accounts were created for one person.

UC Davis Behind Schedule

UC Davis is attempting to put more staff in place, but they are running a minimum of 20-25 BUSINESS days behind, according to Dr. Rebecca Bellone, Ph.D.

Updated Judges List

The approved sanctioned show judges list has been approved. Reach out to shows@abga.org if you need a judge.

Registration

If you start a registration online, you ***must*** finish it. If you encounter problems or technical difficulties, contact us.

Open/incomplete online registrations will cause delays in processing all other registrations. When doing a transfer on Online Live, the seller is responsible for transfer to new owner.

When Calling The Office

Your call will be much easier & faster if you have your Member ID (it's also known as your account number) handy. If you don't know your ID, please e-mail mail@abga.org.

Looking for Partners

Contact Katie Carruth at katie@abga.org if you know of companies you would like to see partnered with ABGA.

Animal Naming

The ABGA is a family-oriented, youth-gearred organization. Please don't register animals with a name that can be considered rude, a racial slur, inappropriate or curse word in any language.



Upcoming UC Davis Holiday Closures

The lab will be closed on the following University holidays:

Dec. 23, 2001 - Jan. 2, 2022

Please plan time-sensitive shipments accordingly.



We hope you have a wonderful Christmas making merry memories with your family and best wishes for a happy & healthy New Year!

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