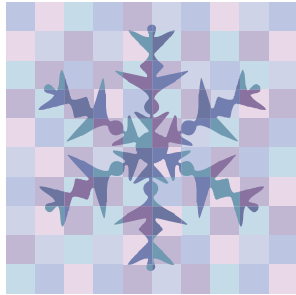


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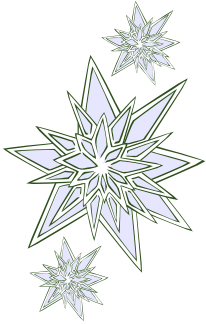
ALASKA MINI GOAT CACHE NEWS

A CACHE OF NEWS FOR ALASKA'S MINIATURE GOAT ENTHUSIASTS
DECEMBER 2010



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As the year draws to a close, we are reminded that this is a time of new beginnings. Along with recruiting new members and renewing our memberships, many of us are planning new breedings and even attending mid-winter kiddings.

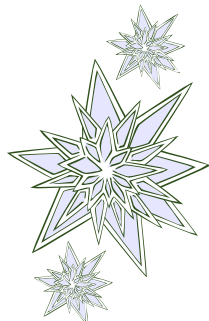
The new year is an opportunity to plan for 2011 with the club's annual election at our meeting on January 8. We've also submitted names of suggested judges for the Alaska State Fair in Palmer. Additionally, ADGA Linear Appraisal is in the works with planned sessions in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley sometime around the week of July 4.

For more information on these events, browse the pages of this newsletter, watch the club's online venues, and plan to come to our meetings and join a committee. It's a big reward for a little effort and we welcome your participation!

Heather Fair, Newsletter Editor

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**It's a terrific time to join
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in the Alaska Mini Goat Cache!**

An individual membership is just \$20/yr (one vote) and a family membership is just \$25/yr (two votes). Members get free online classified ads, a subscription to the newsletter, and an opportunity to network with like-minded, caring people that know how to have fun with their goats!

You can now join or renew in one of three ways:

1) **Fill out the form** on the facing page (printable form also available on our website at:

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and mail it in with a check;

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3) **Bring the form to one of our events** & pay in person.

Our meetings are open to the public, but only members may vote and review the minutes. Please renew your memberships and encourage a friend to join. We'd love to see you there!



It's time to elect 2011 officers! Your candidates are:

President: Rayna Fritcher

Vice President: Heather Coleman or Clyde Lee

Treasurer: Heather Fair

Secretary: Becky Oviatt or Vickie Young

**Please bring your official ballot
or mail it so that it is RECEIVED by January 5, 2011.**

**Can you lend a hand
(or a hat, a scarf, or even some yarn)?**

Tisa Witham's daughter, Mckenzie Willett, has been making scarves and hats for the homeless this winter. She came up with this on her own out of a love for people less fortunate, who deserve something both warm and nice to wear. Her goal is to give something to every person in need and any assistance is welcome. So far, new members from the Von Bergen family have chipped in!

Mckenzie is asking for any unwanted or excess yarn to help offset costs in her quest to provide to those in need. How about some fiber you spun yourself from your goats? **Do you knit or crochet?**

Mckenzie is also encouraging us to contribute clean hats and scarves we make or purchase.

Mckenzie plans to take all the items she collects to the mission in Anchorage on December 4th! If you can help in anyway, or if you would like more

information, please call the Witham's at home at 907-357-1737 or email tisa@edgefieldalaska.com. Thank you!



Mckenzie with Chelada (top) & Romp (bottom). Chelada is a doeling residing at Edgefield & Romp is a wether now residing in Soldotna.



Send your hot news to: news@alaskaminigoatcache.com

Local Miniature Goat Websites of Interest:

(**as with all internet links, parental supervision is advised**)

Alaska Mini Goat Cache

Club website: <http://www.alaskaminigoatcache.com>

On Facebook: <http://facebook.com/akmgc>

On Twitter: <http://twitter.com/akmgc>

On Yahoo Discussion Groups:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alaskamgc>

(must be a member to join discussion list)



Alaska Dairy Goat Association

On Yahoo Discussion Groups:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/akdga>

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Other Local Sites of Interest

Alaska Livestock Sales: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alaskalivestocksales>

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Craig's List Fairbanks Farm & Garden: <http://fairbanks.craigslist.org/grd>

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Alaska's List Farm & Garden: http://alaskaslist.com/1/posts/14_Farm_Garden/0

National Miniature Goat Organizations of Interest

American Goat Society: <http://www.americangoatsociety.com>

American Dairy Goat Assoc.: <http://www.adga.org>

Nigerian Dwarf Goat Assoc.: <http://www.ndga.org>

Kinder Goat Breeders Assoc.: <http://kindergoatbreeders.com>

Miniature Dairy Goat Assoc.: <http://www.miniaturedairygoats.com>

National Miniature Goat Assoc.: <http://www.nmga.net>

The Miniature Goat Registry: <http://www.tmgronline.org>

Miniature Silky Fainting Goat Assoc.: <http://www.msfgaregistry.com>

National Pygmy Goat Assoc.: <http://www.npga-pygmy.com>

Pygora Breeders Assoc.: <http://www.pygoragoats.org>

PCA Goat Registry: <http://www.pcagoats.org>

FAQ: Don't Buy Dam-raised Kids to Bottle Feed!

By Maxine Kinne (continued)

from <http://kinne.net/unweaned.htm>

Always give coccidia medication orally so you are sure the dose has been given. Dosage size is dependent on how much the kid weighs. Albon comes in both a suspension and a liquid.

It would be a good idea to go ahead with a coccidia treatment before she develops diarrhea. Albon is a good drug to use for coccidia. Why don't you get some Albon suspension from your vet? You need to double the first day's dose, then continue to give it for another four days. The amount to give would be based on your kid's body weight [sic], and your vet can help you figure out the dosage - it's the same as the dog and cat dosage on the label.

I have never dewormed a kid before 3 or 4 months of age. Again, I'm highly suspect of the management practices of the place you got your kid from, so deworming now certainly wouldn't hurt.

Sincerely,

Maxine Kinne

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Kinne's Mini's Pygmy Goats



*Special thanks to Ellen Kane at Pioneer Ridge B&B,
who graciously provided discounted lodging
for our 2009&2010 Alaska State Fair judges.*

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their milk twice a day for one week and then once a week until weaned to prevent coccidiosis. Is this something I should do?

I am not surprised that you found coccidia treatment directions in a catalog, but most of the information was faulty. Albon is a good drug for treating coccidiosis, but I seriously disagree with the dosage and length of treatment you read about. This drug is always given in a double dose on the first treatment (given all at once), and the treatment is continued for four additional days. Do not split the daily dosage in two or the effectiveness will be reduced.

Your kid isn't taking a bottle, so you can't guarantee that she would get a worthwhile dose of any medication in a bottle.

[Editor's note regarding treatment of coccidiosis in goats: Coccidiosis should be confirmed with a fecal analysis before attempting treatment & after treatment is complete to gauge effectiveness. New research has shown to successfully treat coccidiosis on the first attempt, the necessary dosage is 3-5 times the label treatment dose (depending on the drug of choice) with no drop on the second day. Some drugs have been found to be ineffective as resistance has built in some areas (largely due to underdosing, incomplete treatment, and general misuse). Treatments should always be administered directly to the stricken goat and never added to drinking water where dosage would be uncertain. Adding drugs to drinking water may also cause weakened goats to refuse water altogether and become dangerously dehydrated. It is strongly recommended that you consult with your veterinarian and independently verify dosages before treating your animals.]

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<http://www.ltgov.state.ak.us/elections/distcom.php>

To contact Dr. Gerlach, VMD at ADEC:

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See also: <http://realmilk.com> and <http://facebook.com/Alaska.ARM>

HEY!

IN
THE
NEXT
ISSUE,



Fair Skies XK Yantarni, shown by Chandra Fugate at the AKMGC's ADGA Show at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer, Alaska, August 26, 2010.

Yantarni is a purebred Nigerian Dwarf dairy goat residing at Fair Skies in Wasilla.

Photo submitted by Katrina Hammond.

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**BoSe (Selenium/tocopherol):
How/why it works
to stimulate the immune system
(including research by Dwight Cochran, DVM)**

By Sue Reith

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from <http://s11.invisionfree.com/GoatChat/ar/t305.htm>

The means by which BoSe works is essentially that the presence of that 1 mg of Selenium with the 50 mg of Vitamin E in each ml of BoSe makes the Vitamin E work 6 times more efficiently, while the presence of



Coys Bridge Farm PocketCash enjoying a recreational climb on the wood pile at her home in Chickaloon. Pocket is a 1st-generation mini-Toggenburg. Photo submitted by former member Judy Ehrlich.

of the Vitamin E makes that 1 mg of Selenium in the product non-toxic. You might want to present this to a vet you have a working relationship with, and tell him it is important to you to keep your goats' internal defenses strong. It would be helpful if vets would realize that the owner has a right to maintain a strong immune system in his/her animals as a management tool.

Vets should not be afraid of BoSe, which I believe is what we are dealing with here, and further I suspect it is simply because of their own lack of un-

derstanding regarding the subject. They hear that Selenium is toxic, and by itself in large amounts it certainly would be, and as a consequence they fear that by providing a client with BoSe they might be decreeing the death of the client's animal, which is not good for business. But in fact the issue has

**Photos from AKMGC's ADGA & AGS Shows
at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer
August 26-27, 2010**



Above: Xtreme Grace, a purebred Nigerian Dwarf sr. doe residing at All I Saw Farm. Photo submitted by Katrina Hammond.



Above: Piddlin Acres Blue Moonshadow, a purebred Nigerian Dwarf sr. doe. Photo submitted by Katrina Hammond.



Above: TX TwinCreeks SEM Kissmesweet, a purebred Nigerian Dwarf jr. doe. Photo submitted by Katrina Hammond.



Left: Fair Skies CC You'reGonnaLuvMe, a purebred Nigerian Dwarf sr. doe residing at All I Saw Farm. Photo submitted by Katrina Hammond.

BoSe (Selenium/tocopherol):

**How/why it works to stimulate the immune system
(including research by Dwight Cochran, DVM)**

By Sue Reith

idly. I preferred not to put my old dog thru that stressful process and opted instead to begin the BoSe regimen I spelled out above. I had hoped that the stimulation of his immune system in this manner would keep the tumor from enlarging more and/or spreading. Instead, a month later the tumor had actually shrunk! It was all but imperceptible when palpating the leg! About 6 months later I tried to skip the monthly BoSe injection, and after 2 months went by I found it had started to grow again, so I immediately went back to the month injections, which reduced the tumor once again and kept it under control in an all-but-non-existent state for the remainder of my dog's life. He passed away at just short of 14 years old, of an unrelated cause.

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nothing to do with whether or [not] the area in which they live is sufficient/deficient in selenium, but rather it is the presence of that 1mg of selenium in combination with the 50mg of Vitamin E in the injection that is so critical to the strengthening of the animal's immune system.

The vet meds reference book, called the VPB (Veterinary Pharmaceuticals and Biologicals) does not address the detrimental effect on livestock of too much available environmental selenium that worries vets so when they are considering the potential use of BoSe, as it isn't really a relevant issue in discussion of the BoSe product. However, they do discuss the synergistic effect of selenium in combination with Vitamin E. This synergistic effect may be a basic concept simply understood and taken for granted by chemists and pharmacologists today, although it appears, from the reticence of Vets to prescribe BoSe, that may be an unproductive approach... I really don't know why you can't pick up your average livestock management book and read about it... I guess it is one of those things you soak up with research and experience along the way... Who knows?

But what I do know is that a well-known and highly respected Caprine Vet by the name of Dwight Cochran, a teaching Prof at Purdue University School of Vet Medicine, gave a talk back in 1979 (and probably at other times as well, but I only have a copy of this one) overviewing the research done by the AASGP

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FAQ: Don't Buy Dam-raised Kids to Bottle Feed!

By Maxine Kinne

from <http://kinne.net/unweaned.htm>

This FAQ chronicles a 2-week correspondence with someone who asked my advice and didn't take it. It demonstrates a new owner's great panic and frustration when an unscrupulous seller takes a young kid directly away from its mother for a new owner to bottle feed. In my opinion, these sellers are irresponsible and do not care for the long-term well-being of their kids. They won't be there to help when you run into problems, which will be very soon. In my opinion, there is no lower form of life.

Q. I want to buy a 2-week-old kid and bottle raise it so it will be friendly. The seller does not have time to handle her kids, so they end up wild. She says that most kids will take a bottle when they are taken away from the mother but that the mother will not take her back if the bottle doesn't work out. What are the chances that I can get this kid on a bottle?

It is extremely difficult and frustrating to get a nursing kid on a bottle. These frightened, starving kids are under a great deal of stress and can practically starve themselves to death. They don't realize that taking a bottle means getting a full tummy. Wild kids can be tamed over time, but it is a time-consuming challenge to build their trust in people.

The seller is obviously aware that dam-raised kids can fail to make the transition to a bottle. In my opinion, if this person cared about her goats' welfare and/or about the sanity of her buyers, she would not engage in this sleazy business practice. If she wanted you to have a tame, healthy kid, she would find

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Our Other Current Members (as of December 2010)

Remember to renew your membership for 2011 - and bring a friend!

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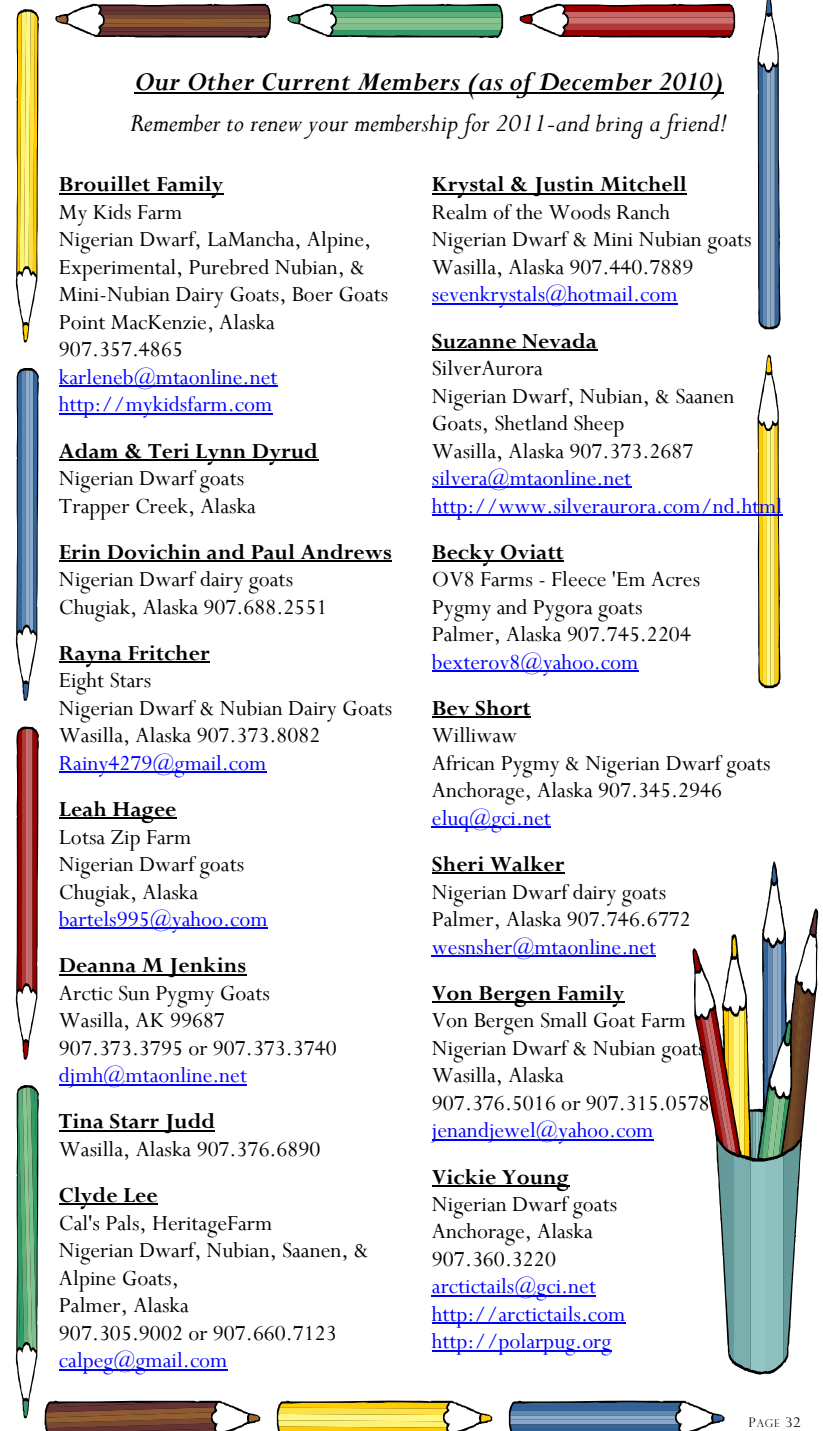
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The next meeting is the annual election meeting:

January 8, 2011, 1PM, @ Red Robin in Wasilla

**PLEASE RSVP TO:
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Your 2011 candidates are:

President: Rayna Fritcher

Vice President: Heather Coleman or Clyde Lee

Treasurer: Heather Fair

Secretary: Becky Oviatt or Vickie Young

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Virtues of the miniature goat

What makes a miniature goat so special?

Just about everyone who's ever met one has an opinion of these creatures and probably the most common question we, as owners of miniature goats, face is, "What good are small goats?" Here are some of the benefits of keeping miniatures.



*Jessica Hendrickson
with Memphis.
Photo submitted by
Julie Hendrickson.*

- Good things come in small packages—minis can be easier to house, transport, and handle than a large goat, which makes them particularly good companions for children.
- More bang for your buck (or doe)—goats are herd animals and they need other goats as companions to thrive. Keeping 2 small goats is less expensive than keeping 2 large goats.
- Pitter patter of little feet (all year 'round)—many minis can cycle and settle year 'round so you can stagger kiddings throughout the calendar.
- Don't put all your milk in one pail—the Nigerian Dwarf dairy breed can produce 1/3 to 1/2 as much milk as a standard goat and they cost proportionately less to feed and maintain. By having several small goats for your milk supply, you run less risk of being out of milk due to illness or dry-off periods between freshenings.
- High intelligence—miniature goats are well known for their very inquisitive (& sometimes mischievous) minds.

Can you think of more reasons you enjoy your miniature goats?

Submit a quick tip to share!

Submit your tips for the next newsletter to
news@alaskaminigoatcache.com.



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By Maxine Kinne (continued)

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the time to handle her kids from birth to make sure they are socialized with people.

Q. I also plan to get a buck from her out of a doe that is due soon. Should I get him when he is born?

Snatch him as he is born. Milk 3 ounces of his mother's colostrum into a baby bottle and head for home! If you do not know whether this herd is free of Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis Virus (CAEV) and Johne's Disease, you would be much better off buying from a herd that tests negative for these incurable diseases. While colostrum from CAEV-positive does can be heat-treated to kill the virus, heat-treating will not kill the bacteria that cause Johne's Disease.



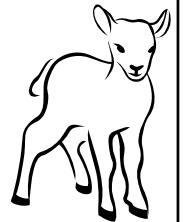
Cameron Hendrickson with a Nigerian Dwarf goat.

Photo submitted by Julie Hendrickson.

Q. I wrote a week ago about the 3-week-old doe kid someone wanted to sell me as a bottle baby. I told her my fears about the difficulty of the kid making the transition from the mother to a bottle. The seller said someone else wanted the kid and pressured me to take her. I took the kid 24 hours ago, and

The objectives of the AKMGC shall be:

1. To function as an official club, with coordinated & organized efforts to provide reliable information on goats; to promote miniature goat breeds & goat products; & to educate the general public about the breeds, **& their value beyond being novel pets.**
2. To advertise the breeds more efficiently than is possible to do individually, **& to publicly provide for & service the goat industry.**
3. **To support well-equipped & -managed miniature goat farms** as one of the best means of introducing the goat & related products.
4. **To promote good will & understanding among its members & to discourage destructive thoughts & acts. To these ends we pledge our greatest efforts.**
5. **To assist its members & others, whether show or pet breeders, in producing the best goats of their chosen breeds, & to breed for healthy, productive goats.**
6. **To study & encourage balanced rationing** & the cooperative buying of suitable feeds at a reasonable cost.
7. **To encourage all available assistance** from City, County, & State, **& to protest undesirable laws that would injure the industry.**
8. To assist the "herdsperson" (politically correct) & breeders in dispersing of their products at a price that will tend to build up the industry **through truthful advertising, & further, to reject & call attention to advertising found to be misleading or otherwise less than truthful.**
9. To provide a means for a group of people who share a common interest in goats **to come together in spite of geographic location**, in order **to learn more about the breeds, exchange ideas & knowledge about raising, maintaining, breeding, improving, & promoting goats & goat products.**
10. Through the strength of a club **to foster & support the development of miniature goats** in 4-H, & State fairs, as a means of **helping the youth of our communities.**
11. Through the membership of a club, & fundraisers, **to sponsor annual shows**, where individuals will have a means of **gauging progress in their own breeding program & thereby contributing to the continued overall improvement of goats as a whole.**
12. And through the memberships of the club functions, **to offer everyone ways to enjoy their animals.**



Find our club By Laws online at:
<http://alaskaminigoatcache.com/bylaws.pdf>

Remember when...

The first meeting of the Alaska Mini Goat Cache was called to order on November 18, 2003 at 1:05 PM at the home of Robyn McBride in Wasilla, Alaska, with the idea of creating a safe haven for all miniature goats.

Since then, we have continued to provide entertainment with our goats for public petting zoos at church events, Family Night with the military, and promotions at local businesses. We also hold shows at the Alaska State Fair annually and we have been involved in State parades. Occasionally, we sponsor health and testing clinics and strive to provide educational resources to our community.

The Alaska Mini Goat Cache is open to anyone interested in miniature goat breeds. Breeders of registered and unregistered goats, show enthusiasts, and single pet owners alike, regardless of age, race, or creed, are all welcome.



Founding Member, Robyn McBride with Apache.



Our thoughts go out to...

Many of us have said goodbye to some wonderful friends. This space is reserved for remembering those that hold a special place in our hearts and memories. If you would like to pay tribute to any of those you've lost, please submit their names to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion here. We will withhold your name unless you specifically ask that we mention you. If you'd like to write a longer story, please contact us for guidelines.

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she will not drink from the bottle. I have tried several different kinds of milk and several different types of nipples on the bottles. Does it take more than 24 hours for the kid to learn to nurse from a bottle? Will she ever learn? How long can she go without eating? I am so afraid I will lose her!

Sigh... It should be obvious by now that the seller really doesn't care what happens to her goats, or she wouldn't have done this.

Kids can have a very hard time learning to nurse from a bottle. They aren't fussy about taste. Diarrhea can easily develop from being so abruptly switched to different types of milk.

Whatever nipple you can get her used to will be fine.

There is no magic time frame - maybe she will learn to nurse from a bottle, but maybe she won't. All you can do is keep

trying. It might help to get a plastic baby bottle (I use Even-Flo) so that you can squeeze a little milk into her mouth. It also helps to use a cross-cut nipple so the milk comes out a easier than from one tiny hole. Milk temperature is very important. Use a thermometer to make sure the milk is right at 102°F. Hold the bottle to approximate the position of the

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- * Registering Miniature Dairy Goats
- * Shows, including online Virtual Show
- * Milk testing, One-Day & 305-Day Test

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Normal Values By Maxine Kinne

(from <http://kinne.net/f-values.htm/> reprinted with permission)

Q. What is the goat's normal temperature? Should I know any other medical numbers?

As you have probably noticed, there are many variables where goats are concerned. Normal values and variations are given in the table below. Temperature, pulse, respiration, and rumen motility may all vary outside the normal when a goat is ill, but these values are also different for kids than they are for adults. Temperatures can be elevated after exercise and during hot weather. It is often a good idea to evaluate normal values in more than one animal of the same approximate age to get a good reading on a questionable animal.

Temperature, respiration, and rumen motility are the three most important criteria to use to determine whether or not a goat is ill. Learn how to measure these on healthy animals to avoid stressing yourself out when you think you have a sick one. Buy a rectal thermometer.

Although many different authors say that 104° F is within a normal range, I have always found that a goat with that high a temperature is ill. At that temperature, a sick goat will usually go off feed and become lethargic.

The key to recognizing illness is watching behavior. When you are an observant herd manager, any odd behavior is worth investigating.

Value	Normal Range
Temperature - 1°F lower in the morning. Take at the same time every day.	101.5°F - 104.0°F
Respiration	12 - 15 per minute
Rumen Motility	1 - 4 per minute
Rumen pH	5.5 - 7.0
Pulse	70 - 80 per minute
Estrus Length Estrus Interval	12 - 48 hours 16-24 days
Gestation Length	144 - 155 days
Blood pH	7.35 ± 0.30
Urine pH	7.2 - 8.0
Salivary pH	8.2 - 8.6

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Former Member, Judy Ehrlich's Banjo, a first generation Mini-Toggenburg buck.



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FAQ: Don't Buy Dam-raised Kids to Bottle Feed!

By Maxine Kinne (continued)

from <http://kinne.net/unweaned.htm>

Good management includes giving pregnant does some prenatal shots to benefit the kids through the colostrum (first milk). Passive immunity from the colostrum lasts several weeks, then kids are usually started on their own vaccine injections at about a month old. You may as well start on those now. There is a vaccination chart in the article, [Starting Normal Newborns Right: Birth to Weaning](#) [re-printed with permission in AKMGC's November 2010 newsletter available online at: <http://AlaskaMiniGoatCache.com/news.htm>].

Q. I read in a mail-order catalog that 3-week-old kids should be treated with 1/2cc of Albon orally in

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*Duke, a Nigerian Dwarf buck.
Photo submitted by Julie Hendrickson.*

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mother's teat.

If you have other goats, there is a trick that worked for me when I was left with 2-week-old orphans whose mother died in an accident. The goat you use as a "surrogate mother" for this will not like what you are going to do one bit, but hopefully this trick will work the first time.

- 1) Warm the bottle & take the bottle & the kid to the barn.
- 2) Clip a doe's collar to the fence so she can't move her head.
- 3) Have someone else hold her hind legs so she can't stomp the kid.
- 4) Put the baby by the doe's udder, and she should be eager to nurse something she recognizes.
- 5) Let the kid nurse very briefly
- 6) Hold the doe's teat back and put the bottle in its place, with the bottle nipple where the teat should be. This should fool the kid, and she will probably nurse the bottle. Once they get the feel of the bottle, they usually start taking the bottle.

Q. Trying to fool the baby to drink from the bottle did not work. My doe went crazy and nearly stepped on the kid. Yesterday she took a few sucks from the bottle but has refused it ever since. I put some milk in a bowl and she drank a little, but she does not seem to want to do it again. Have you ever heard of kids that starve themselves to death? I will never forgive myself!

At this point, it's all a matter of keep trying, keep trying, keep trying. As I told you to start with, this is can be one of the VERY HARDEST things to do.

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BoSe (Selenium/tocopherol):

**How/why it works to stimulate the immune system
(including research by Dwight Cochran, DVM)**

By Sue Reith

(American Ass'n of Sheep and Goat Practitioners) (currently renamed AASRP, after they included Llamas among their interests) on this subject in which he stated (and I am only giving you a pertinent paragraph here, as the speech was very long):

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To wit:

FUNCTIONS AND INTERRELATIONSHIPS OF SELENIUM-TOCOPHEROL

By Dwight E Cochran DVM

Selenium functions as an essential component of glutathione peroxidase, the enzyme that breaks down peroxides, while tocopherol appears to function as a secondary line of defense against peroxide damage. In the absence of an adequate intake of selenium, tocopherol will act to protect the cell membrane. Tocopherol, however, cannot replace the need for selenium. This mechanism is the basis for describing tocopherol as an antioxidant for Vitamin A and necessary polyunsaturated fatty acids. Selenium compounds also function in the transport of tocopherol within the body. Further biochemical interrelationships are beyond the scope of this discussion, but it should be noted that various researchers have shown that there is a close relationship in the biomedical activities of selenium and tocopherol and that there is a definite synergistic effect when the two are used together. Tocopherol reduces the toxicity of selenium drastically and selenium potentiates the effects of tocopherol as much as six times.

end of paragraph

FAQ: Don't Buy Dam-raised Kids to Bottle Feed!

By Maxine Kinne (continued)

from <http://kinne.net/unweaned.htm>

You can offer her grain now, but very little. Start with less than a teaspoonful. Grain is hard to digest, and she's got a tender little tummy. ;-)

And you thought that I warned you against taking this kid just for fun? ;-) It's one of the stickiest situations in goatkeeping, but you just don't realize it until you do it. If a kid starts on mama, leave it on mama!

I'm glad your little doe kid seems to be doing so much better.



Jessica Hendrickson with a Nigerian Dwarf kid.

Photo submitted by Julie Hendrickson.

Q. Thanks so much for your help, It looks like my little girl is gonna make it. She is 3 1/2 weeks old. When should she have vaccinations, coccidia treatment and worming?

I'm not sure how much you know or can find out about the care the mother received before the kid was born. I doubt it was ideal, just because of the circumstances of how you got the kid.

FAQ: Don't Buy Dam-raised Kids to Bottle Feed!

By Maxine Kinne (continued)

from <http://kinne.net/unweaned.htm>

Q. I have good news. Although she will not take a bottle she is now drinking her milk from a bowl and she is eating some hay. Should I continue to give Pro-bios? Can she have alfalfa? Should she get some grain?

I can tell you one thing - I have learned a lesson from this. I will NEVER buy a 3 week old baby to bottle feed and will never consider it when I get babies to sell. Thanks so much for your help.

The Probios can only help her. Give her a dab out of the tube twice a day for several more days. It will put good bacteria into her rumen and help her digest roughage. She will eat more hay and utilize it better.

Either grass hay or alfalfa are fine. She really needs the plant roughage to grow a big, healthy rumen.



2nd-generation mini-Toggenburg bucklings, Ripp & Rhett.

BoSe (Selenium/tocopherol):

How/ why it works to stimulate the immune system (including research by Dwight Cochran, DVM)

By Sue Reith

-----Addendum [to Sue Reith's commentary]-----

My own approach, developed over the past few years through observation of the results with and without the use of BoSe as adjunct therapy, along with whatever else is being used to restore the animal to good health, is that using BoSe to stimulate the immune system so that the body of the debilitated animal can help itself while I treat it therapeutically speeds up the repair time markedly.

My routine approach these days when treating a sick animal is the following:

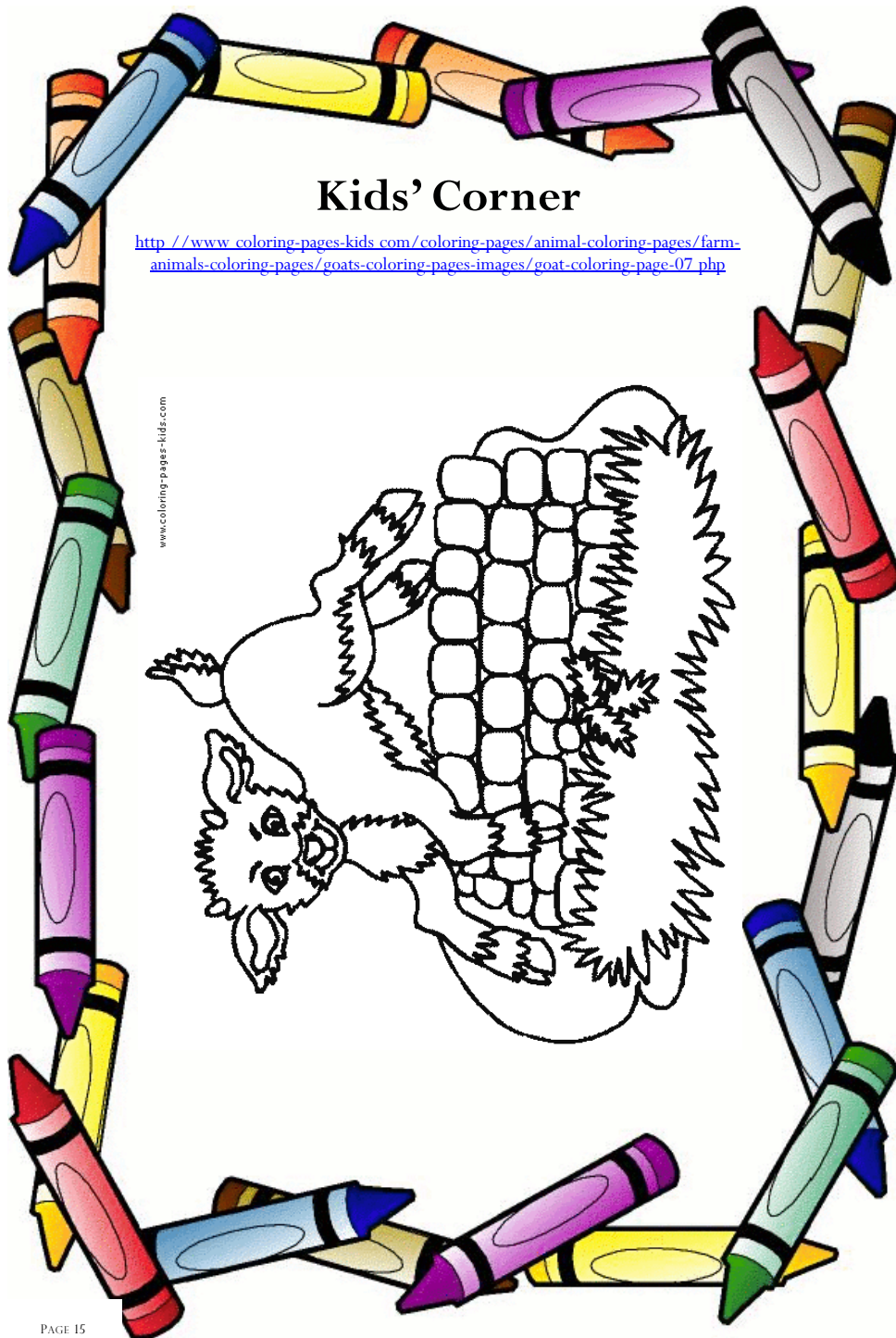
BoSe inj (at the rate of 1cc/40 lbs SQ) is given once daily for 3 days...

Then it is given once every 2nd day for 3 doses... Then once a week for a month...

However, in an animal that is older, so that his/her own immune system functions less efficiently than it did in earlier years, and in particular when there is some disease involved for which, in this older animal, there is no known cure, I have found, much to my astonishment, that continuing BoSe monthly on a permanent basis after having introduced the initial regimen outlined above results in markedly increased health and greater expectation of longevity in that animal.

To illustrate by drawing from my own experience:

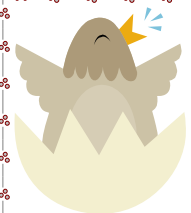
A couple of years ago I discovered a large tumor about the size of a goose egg on the front leg of my 12 year old male Australian Shepherd. Biopsy revealed that it was a spindle-cell-sarcoma. The veterinarian immediately suggested surgery to remove it, but I declined, having learned from experience that
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Kids' Corner

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Plans for 2011 ADGA Linear Appraisal

Our fellow goat enthusiasts with the Alaska Dairy Goat Association (AKDGA is not affiliated with ADGA) are working to arrange another session of ADGA Linear Appraisal in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley. According to Carol Hepler, AKDGA Secretary, ADGA plans to send an appraiser to our area July 4 to judge a show, with appraisal sessions the following few days. To participate, fill out ADGA's application (see <http://adga.org>) and contact Kathy Bryant ASAP at kbryant@gci.net ASAP.

DEC released new milk & cheese regulations

The adopted Amendments to 18 AAC 32, Milk, Milk Products, & Reindeer Slaughtering and Processing (commercial cheese regulations) are now posted on the DEC web site at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/regulations/pdfs/Cheese%20Amendments%20Effective%20December%203,%202010.pdf>The DEC Response to Public Comments are available at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/ch/docs/vet/DEC%20Comment%20Response.pdf>.

Herd shares for liquid milk remain legal, but no processing is permitted outside these regulations.



It's that time again!

It's time to renew your club and registry memberships and also your Dairy Herd Improvement programs. Many associations offer a discount for early renewals. The Alaska Mini Goat Cache allows you to join during the last quarter of the year without collecting a second payment after the new year.

Kids' Corner

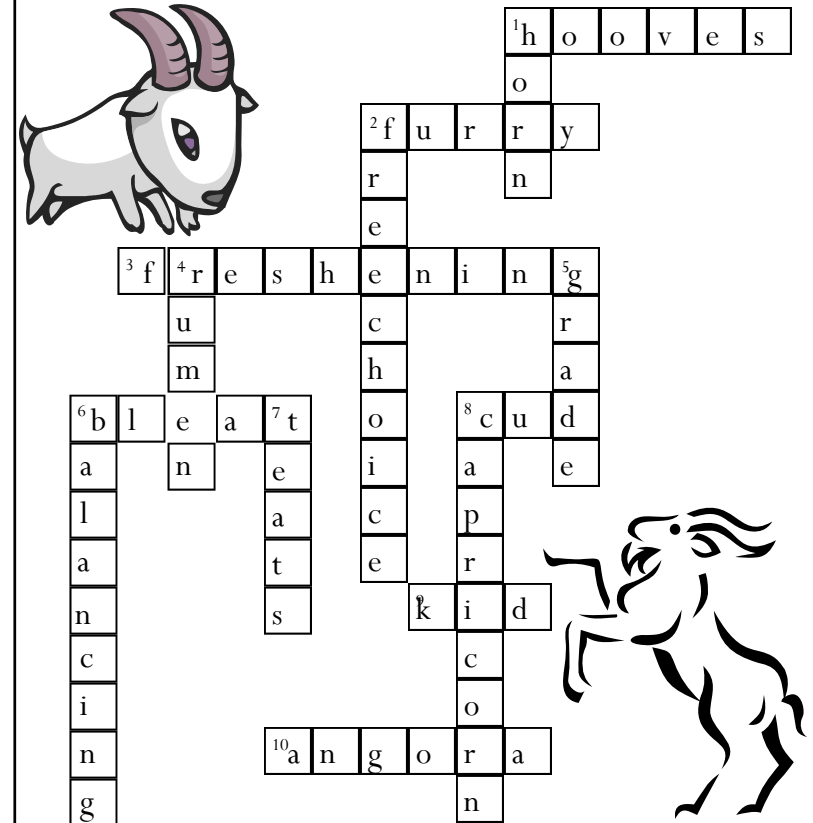
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Help the goat find some hay to eat. Draw the path through the maze starting at 3 and counting by 3s up to 300.

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Crossword!

Here are the answers from last issue's puzzle!



Down

- 1 Not an antler, but a _ _ _ _
- 2 Offered all the time
- 4 Tummy
- 5 Unregistered
- 6 One of a goat's best skills
- 7 Milk "faucets"
- 8 In the night sky

Across

- 1 Feet
- 2 The winter look
- 3 Kidding
- 6 Goat-speak
- 8 Not gum, but _ _ _
- 10 Baby caprine
- 10 Fiber breed

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By Maxine Kinne (continued)

from <http://kinne.net/unweaned.htm>

If you haven't already, offer her the best hay you can get. Get some Probios (rumen inoculant) from the feed store and give her some. Probios comes in a tube, and you squeeze some into the mouth. That will help activate her rumen so she will begin to eat and digest hay. Also offer a bowl of water so she can drink as she feels the need.

[Editor's note regarding the use of probiotics in goats: Research has shown probiotics may benefit single-stomached animals, such as kid goats under the age of 4 weeks. Unfortunately the bacteria found in a healthy four-compartment stomachs of ruminants over the age of 4 weeks are extremely difficult to culture and keep alive outside the rumen. As such, probiotics commercially available in the United States do not have the proper bacteria needed for proper digestion and they do not really offer any aid to the adult animal.]

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Nigerian Dwarf kids, Chinook & Chickaloon.
Photo submitted by Katrina Hammond.



Calling all Pygmy fanciers!

You may have seen this in previous issues, but it's so important, we feel it's worth repeating (again)!

The Alaska Mini Goat Cache is an affiliated club with the National Pygmy Goat Association (NPGA).

You're in good company! Did you know that three of our four 2010 officers have been pygmy owners?

We would like to continue sponsoring pygmy goat shows, but participation in the events and planning has fallen to critically low levels. In fact, despite several attempts to garner sponsorships and encourage exhibitors, we were unable to hire and fly in a pygmy goat judge for the Alaska State Fair in Palmer in both 2009 and 2010. While we did manage to offer a pygmy goat show at our June 2009 Summer Solstice Show, due to low entry numbers, we failed to meet sanctioning requirements.



We miss our pygmy friends and their fun-loving owners! We know you're out there and we'd really like to see you again!

Please come to our meetings, renew your memberships, recruit fellow pygmy owners, and proudly exhibit your beautiful animals at our shows. While your goats make great pets, they also act as wonderful stewards to the public and we would love to see them more often, especially in areas beyond the petting zoo! We have all tremendously enjoyed the events focused on your breed over the last several years and we need your guidance and support to secure these events well into the future. Of course we'd also love to see your other goats at our events too!



Left: Fair Skies CC Abracadabra shown by Madison Manary at the AKMGC's AGS Show at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer, August 27, 2010. "Houdini" is a purebred Nigerian Dwarf dairy goat residing at All I Saw Farm. Photo submitted by Katrina



Center: Jarrett Hendrickson with Butterfly, a Nigerian Dwarf kid. Photo submitted by Julie Hendrick-

Right: Coys Bridge Farm PocketCash and one of her 2nd-generation mini-Toggenburg bucklings. Pocket is a 1st-generation mini-Toggenburg. Photo submitted by former member Judy Ehrlich.



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Left: Elizabeth Bowker with Fair Skies YP SkipBo. SkipBo is a purebred Nigerian Dwarf wether. Photo submitted by Meghan Bowker.



Center: Coys Bridge Farm Shiloh. Shiloh is a 1st-generation Mini-Toggenburg doeling. Photo submitted by former member, Judy Ehrlich.



Right: Jill Bowker with Fair Skies YP Uno. Uno is a purebred Nigerian Dwarf wether. Photo submitted by Meghan Bowker.

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