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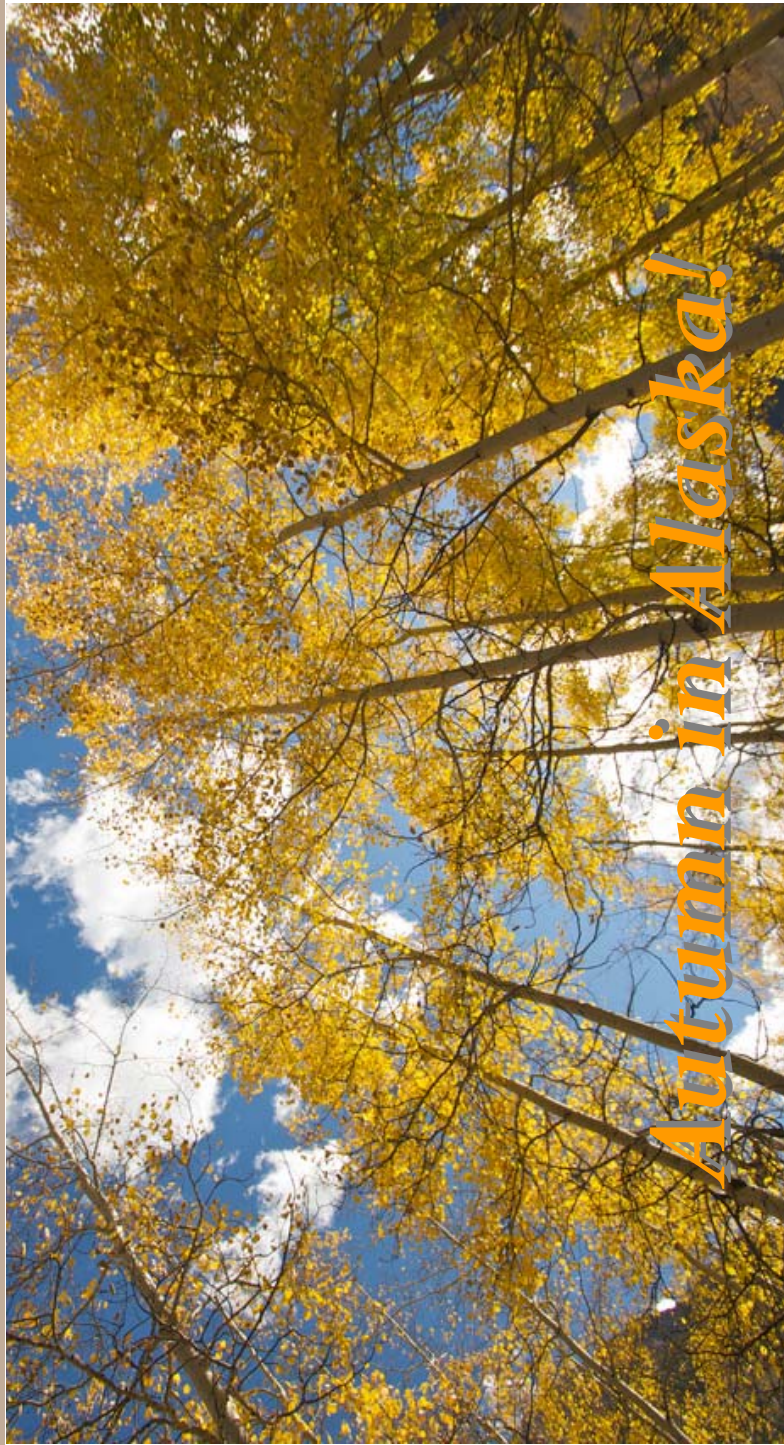


*A club specializing in
creating a safe place
for all miniature goats*

ALASKA MINI GOAT CACHE NEWS

A CACHE OF NEWS FOR ALASKA'S MINIATURE GOAT ENTHUSIASTS

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2010



Autumn in Alaska!



What a whirlwind we've had in 2010 so far! With Alaska's first 3-ring goat show, the Nigerian Dwarf breed's first ADGA Nationals, and two State Fairs behind us, we are all still trying to catch our breaths!

The club put on an ADGA and an AGS show at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer, but the real highlight was the annual Obstacle Course for All Ages. The game was a huge hit, with an amazing 38 participants, more than triple the participation in 2009! For an additional donation to the club of \$1 per run, 34 competitors borrowed a goat from Fair Skies' second Goats on Loan program. What's more, the winner of the intermediate group took home a whopping \$54 in split-the-pot earnings, which she planned to add to her savings for a new computer.

Club members attended several other events throughout the year and some are readying for the ADGA Convention in Tucson, AZ this October. We can't wait for the reports on everything they learn!

Your club officers have also committed to early planning for 2011 events and we'd love for you to pitch in your ideas and action! Please join us for our next meeting (October 30). In the meantime, please enjoy this issue of your club's newsletter (and please plan on making a submission for the next issue)!

Heather Fair, Newsletter Editor

Please send club mail to:

**Alaska Mini Goat Cache
c/o Laura Manary
4274 N. Farm Loop Rd.
Palmer, Alaska 99645**

Alaska Mini Goat Cache Membership/Subscription Application

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, all are welcome.

Today's date: _____

Your first and last names for membership:
(you may include farm or herd name) _____

Your mailing address:
(this is where you will receive ballots and club news) _____

Your phone number(s): _____

Your email address: _____

Your website: _____

Breed(s) of goat(s) you have: _____

Do you offer buck service? _____ Yes _____ No

May we add you to our website's member list? _____ Yes _____ No

Annual Membership Fees:

Individual Membership (one vote): \$20

Family Membership (two votes): \$25

Your membership includes a subscription to our newsletter and free online classifieds on our website. If you would like to place an ad in the next issue, or if you have something to share, please contact the newsletter editor, Heather Fair in Wasilla at 907.232.5414 or in Anchorage at 907.441.1851 or email fairskies@allisawfarm.com.

Please send this form and your payment to:

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Phone: 907.745.6010.

Membership will not be processed until payment is received.

Make checks payable to Alaska Mini Goat Cache or AKMGC or pay online with PayPal at <http://alaskamini-goatcache.com/joinpay.htm>

It's a terrific time to become a member or renew your membership in the Alaska Mini Goat Cache!

It's just \$20/yr for an individual (one vote) or \$25/yr for a family (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:

<http://alaskaminigoatcache.com/membershipform.pdf>)

and mail it in with a check;

- 1) **Bring the form to one of our events** and pay in person; or
- 2) **Fill out the online form** at our website at <http://alaskaminigoatcache.com/joinonline.htm> and use our online payment form at <http://alaskaminigoatcache.com/joinpay.htm> to pay with



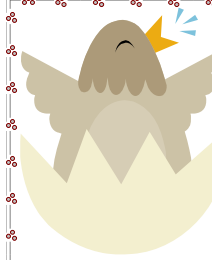
Kidding season is just around the corner. Remember to place a classified ad in the next newsletter! See page 26 for details!

Goat-related products and services are welcome for publication in our newsletter. Members can also advertise relevant sale items on the club's website for free! **To place an ad or submit pictures or content for the next newsletter, contact Heather Fair in Wasilla: 232.5414, or Anchorage: 441.1851, or email: news@alaskaminigoatcache.com.**

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Joyous news



Do you have some good news you'd like to share with the goat community? How about some great kid pictures you want the world to see? Did you earn a new title or win a show? Contact the Newsletter Editor to make your submission today and we'd be glad to help you tout the accomplishments of your wonderful mini goats!

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Sydni Witham with Fair Skies CC Z Sweet Life and Sweetie's 2010 twin doelings, Edgefield As Good As Gold and Edgefield Awestruck (names pending). This was Sweetie's first kidding and Sydni was very excited to

Speaking of "kids"

Member Becky Oviatt is a grandma! Baby Boy Kalen Rhys Bruesch born 10:55am, April 29, 2010, was 7 pounds, 2.5 ounces and 19.75 inches long. Mommy, Daddy, & baby did well!

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.

Local Miniature Goat Websites of Interest:

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

Clubs:

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>

(must be a member to join discussion list)

Other Local Sites of Interest:

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

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

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

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

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

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>

Fair Skies WP Zoe On My Way looks after kids browsing at Secretary Tisa Witham's Edgefield. All of these goats are purebred Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats.



A purebred Nigerian Dwarf doeling at Treasurer Heather Fair's Fair Skies at All I Saw Farm.



My Kids Farm SF Chelada, a purebred Nigerian Dwarf doeling residing at Secretary Tisa Witham's Edgefield.



A single buckling born to Morning Glory at Vice President Heather Coleman's Bubba's Peanut Pygmies. This little boy is a purebred pygmy goat.



Edgefield Awestruck and Edgefield As Good As Gold (names pending) romp at Secretary Tisa Witham's Edgefield. These sisters are purebred Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats.



McKenzie Willett cuddles Romp, a purebred Nigerian Dwarf wether from Secretary Tisa Witham's Edgefield. Romp now resides in Soldotna, Alaska.

Edgefield Awestruck, a purebred Nigerian Dwarf doeling now residing at Treasurer Heather Fair's Fair Skies at All I Saw Farm.



Fair Skies CC Zen, a purebred Nigerian Dwarf dairy goat now residing in North Pole, Alaska.



To contact your legislators, visit:

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

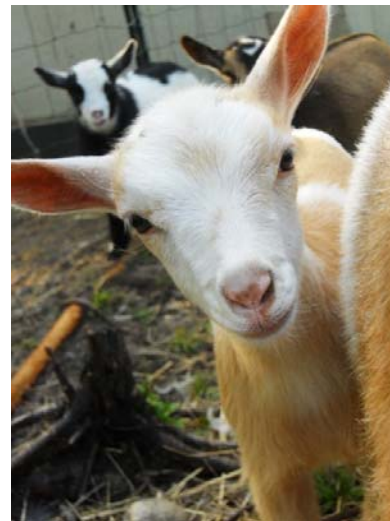
To contact Dr. Gerlach, VMD at ADEC:

http://dec.alaska.gov/divs_contacts/index.htm#vet

To watch for public notices from ADEC:

http://dec.alaska.gov/public_notices.htm

See also: <http://realmilk.com>.



HEY!

**IN THE
NEXT ISSUE,**

**YOUR AD
COULD BE
HERE!**

Edgefield As Good As Gold (name pending). Goldie is a purebred Nigerian Dwarf doeling residing at Secretary Tisa Witham's Edgefield.

**See page 26
for our very reasonable ad rates!**

Need to stock up?

Here are some popular online suppliers:

<http://caprinesupply.com>

<http://hoeggergoatsupply.com>

<http://jefferslivestock.com>

<http://pbsanimalhealth.com>

Barn Modifications:

How to install a convenient guillotine door for your goats By Heather Fair

As Alaskans we know that our environment can change rapidly, especially when it comes to fall and winter weather. Giving your goats access to a turn-out area adjoining their shelter is a good way to provide for their needs to exercise their minds and bodies. This door is designed to provide a means to control access to the outdoors while preserving security and shelter. Once you have installed this nifty feature, you'll wonder how you (and your herd) ever survived without it!



This design for a weatherized, guillotine, goat door was borrowed from Boreas Acres and installed at Fair Skies. This door is for miniature goats, but the scale may be modified for larger animals. In this case, the opening is cut slightly smaller than the flap to allow for complete coverage. The flap is a 3/8" x 24" x 24", heavy-duty, truck, mud flap (available from NAPA or other similar auto parts stores). You can use just about any heavy rubber that flexes slightly in cold temperatures but hangs generally straight to close. Something thick is better in case the goats unexpectedly find it tasty.

Mounted on the outside of the building, the mat is heavy enough rubber to hang straight and mostly closed in times of inclement weather, but it is flexible enough for the animals to manipulate. It takes a little time for the goats to learn to get their noses under the edge of the mat when they are trying to enter from outside but they generally catch-on within a couple of days, especially if you prop it open for them for a few hours a day while they learn that it's OK to travel through the opening in the first place. Usually one or two goats learn the process and the others follow suit shortly thereafter.

To mount the flap, we used heavy-duty hinges, wood screws to secure the hinge to the wall and machine-screw bolts with washers and caps to secure the opposite end of the hinge to the flap. The guillotine door is a

Our Other Current Members (as of October 2010)

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

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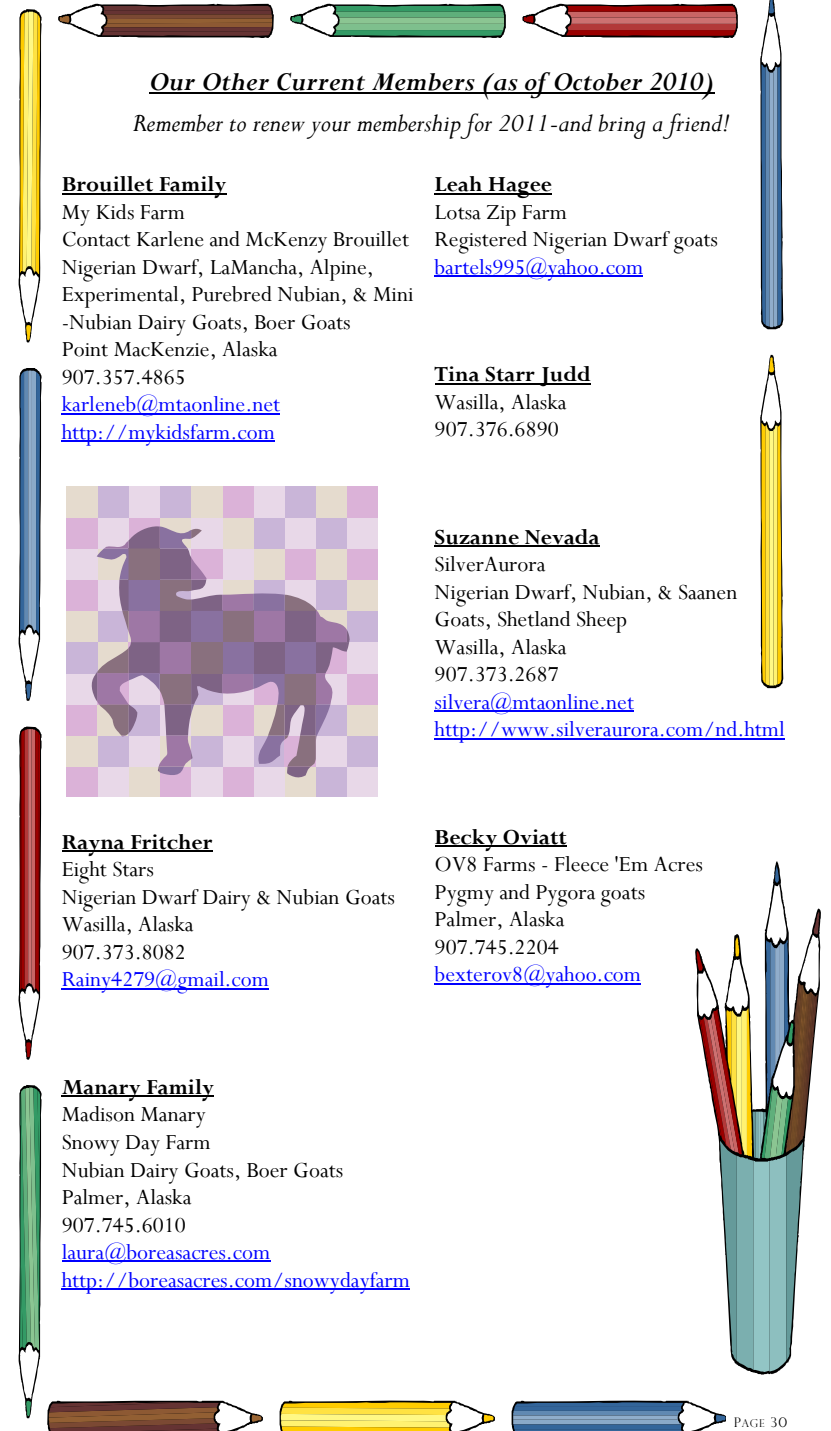
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The next meeting will be:

**October 30, 1PM, at Chili's Restaurant
just off the Parks Hwy. in Wasilla!**

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!

Welcome New Members of 2010!

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Barn Modifications, continued (Fair)

piece of OSB/plywood set in a channel created by 2" x 2" scrap lumber. The door is raised and lowered with a length of rope secured with a mariner's/ nautical belaying cleat.



You can attach the mat directly to the building, but using hinges to secure the mat to the wall helps to keep the animals from tearing the mat over time and it makes it easier for the animals to push their way through regardless of direction of travel. The wood screws secure the hinges to the building. The machine-screw bolts with washers and caps secure the mat to the hinge and protect the animals from sharp edges. You can secure the caps with a little clear nail polish on the bolt threads to keep them from working loose and leaving a potentially dangerous exposed bolt end. We don't recommend using super glue since it doesn't allow for adjustment.



The OSB/plywood for the guillotine door itself is installed in a small channel that allows it to slide up and down but not to be pushed in or out. To set your channel that will guide the OSB/plywood guillotine door as it slides open and closed, place your OSB/plywood door flat against the wall on the inside of the opening. From the inside of the stall, lay a piece of 2" x 2" (or any other suitably narrow scrap lumber) against the door on the right side of the opening. Make sure the OSB/plywood can slide freely between the wall and the 2" x 2" and consider leaving a little extra space to account for swelling in the

Barn Modifications, continued (Fair)

wood due to moisture or other weather changes like ice or snow build-up (a good reason to install the opening slightly off the ground/floor). Ensure the lumber you use for the channel is tall enough to retain the entire length of the guillotine door without it slipping out of the channel when the door is lifted to the fully open position (about double the height of the opening). Alternatively, you can space multiple scrap pieces appropriately from floor to the upper reach of the door making sure that the spaces between do not exceed the size of the door itself. Repeat the process of installing a channel on the other side of the inside opening. Your guillotine door should now slide freely within the channel you just created. To minimize "push-out", consider installing similar blocking on the outside of the door, if needed. This will prevent the animals (goats inside and predators outside) from forcing the door outward when you have dropped the door into the closed position.

Attach a rope to the door for easy lifting and dropping. Install the cleat above the door, above the height of the top of the door when it is fully open. The cleat will provide an out-of-reach place to store the extra rope while safely holding the door open. A simple cleat hitch is a speedy way to secure the door and it doesn't take much practice to perfect. To tie a cleat hitch, wrap the rope around the cleat a few times in a standard figure-8 pattern, securing the final wraps by simply making a loop and twisting it *under* instead of *over* before slipping the loop over the cleat. This automatically secures the end of the rope under the last pass. Repeat at least once so that the rope is doubly secure and the door won't slip and close, unintentionally trapping someone away from their basic needs for food, water, or shelter.

In case someone does end up unintentionally trapped on the opposite side of the door, it is a good idea to provide food, water, and shelter on both



We accomplish this with a feeder that opens from both sides, an extra water bucket in the outdoor pen (in addition to the buckets in the stall), and a dog house in the outdoor pen to provide shelter.



This is just one way to keep goats in Alaska. I hope you'll share your way in our next edition!

To see more of our setup for keeping goats in Alaska, please visit our website at:

<http://FairSkiesAlaska.com/setup.htm>

The objectives of the AKMGC shall be:

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

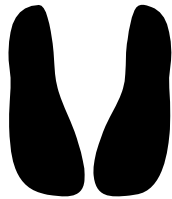
The first meeting of the Alaska Mini Goat Cache was called to order on November 18, 2003 at 1:05 PM at the home of Robyn McBride in Wasilla, Alaska, with the idea of creating a safe haven for all miniature goats.

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.



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Watch our website for an
upcoming announcement!

Can't make it to the next meeting?

You can now renew or join the
club online and even pay your dues
with PayPal!

AlaskaMiniGoatCache.com/

Quick Tips

By Heather Fair

Introducing a new animal to the herd after quarantine? Help minimize rejection by others by fitting the new animal with a used collar previously worn by one of your existing herd members. The familiar scents will make the new animal more welcome to the others and minimize fighting and stress for all.



Need to graft a kid on to another doe? If the foster mother has very recently given birth, you can smear a little of the afterbirth from her kids on to the orphan kid and continually present the orphan to her for acceptance. This may take a few hours. If the foster mother has not very recently given birth, try bottle- or dish-feeding the youngster only milk from that doe for a few days (don't mix it with milk from other does!).

When the foster mother smells the rear end of the kid, she may recognize the smell of her own milk and more readily accept the new kid as her own.

Does your milker get antsy on the stand when the feed runs out?

Try removing the feed pan and rewarding the doe with her grain once she's finished milking and returned to her stall. The doe won't run out of feed while your milking and therefore won't be as likely to suddenly protest. An added bonus: she will learn to readily return to her stall on command!



How do you keep track of all those kids born?

Try using the Tyvek or paper collars to record dam, birthdate/time, birth order, weight, and sex. These inexpensive collars are self-stick, multi-colored, adjustable, durable, and disposable and they sure help to refresh memories after the stress of kidding is over and it's time to tattoo, microchip, register, or sell kids! But don't rely on collars for your recordkeeping, make sure you have a written list somewhere else in case a collar goes missing!



Do you have a quick tip you'd like to share?

Submit your tips for the next newsletter to
news@alaskamini-goat-cache.com.

A Quick Health Exam

By Maxine Kinne

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

Other peoples' goats may visit your farm from time to time for breeding, disbudding, neutering, and other reasons. Regardless of the reason for the visit, examine each new arrival for general health and external parasites right in the driveway, especially if they will be staying on your property or commingling with your animals. Your goats may acquire many different health problems from visitors, even diseases that are highly contagious or impossible to eradicate. It's up to you to keep them out.

Every animal that comes onto your property should get a clean bill of health. Don't feel obliged to let unhealthy animals stay because you don't want to be embarrassed by pointing out a problem. If you are unsatisfied with the visitor's exam, discuss it rationally with the owner and reschedule the visit when the problem is cleared up. The owner either didn't realize the goat wasn't up to par, or s/he doesn't really care what happens to your goats. Talking about it is a good way to educate people who don't realize they have a problem or to make it very apparent that you are not going to risk your animals' health on someone's whim.

First Impressions

A quick health inspection is very easy to do by hand, and medical instruments aren't necessary. Work from head to tail and top to bottom. Note the animal's general appearance before you lay a hand on it. Is it listless or frisky? Does it breathe too rapidly for its activity level? Coughing? Is the hair rough, dry or missing? How about body condition - too thin or too fat?

Purchasing

Besides general health concerns, there are three incurable diseases of major concern. These may be transmitted between one or more species. Animals move around for a lot of reasons, and health certification for the following three diseases can rarely be 100% guaranteed.

Always ask about any abscess history in the herd you buy from. Never buy a goat that has ever had an abscess, unless it was cultured and negative for Caseous Lymphadenitis. CL is spread via pus from ruptured external or internal abscesses.

Always insist on negative test results for Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis Virus (CAEV) and Johne's Disease for both the goat you are buying and, if it is under one year old, its mother. Several annual whole-herd negative tests are even better, indicating that the herd owner is aware of these diseases and cares about selling healthy animals.

CAEV and Johne's can have long incubation periods, and a goat may look perfectly healthy for a number of months or years. By the time you begin to notice health problems, many other goats in your herd will be infected. Again, there is no cure for these diseases.

If you enjoyed this newsletter, perhaps you would consider advertising in our next issue. To place an ad today, please contact our Newsletter Editor. Call Heather Fair in Wasilla at 232.5414 or in Anchorage at 441.1851 or contact her by email at news@alaskaminigoatcache.com

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	6 Issues	\$15
	12 Issues	\$25
	Website only 6 mos.	\$10
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	20 words + picture	\$2
	50 words	\$2
	50 words + picture	\$3

We aim to publish six or more newsletters annually. Deadline for new business or classified ads is the 20th of each month prior to the next publication. After this date, ads will be added only as space allows. To obtain discount on multiple issues, ads must be paid in full before first publication.

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Sydni Witham with her goats. These purebred Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats reside at Secretary Tisa Witham's Edgefield.

Boreas Acres TS About Time, a purebred Nigerian Dwarf dairy goat residing at President Laura Manary's Boreas Acres.



Did you know?

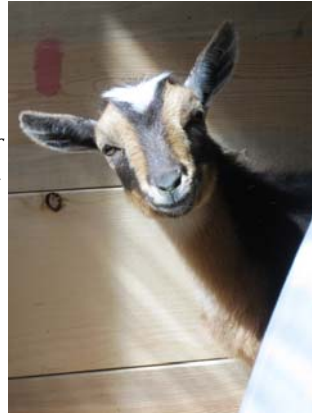
Members can advertise relevant sale items on the club's website **for free!**

AlaskaMiniGoatCache.com



The Bowker Family joined the ranks of goat owners this September. Here they are pictured with their new wethers, Fair Skies Alaska's YP Uno and Fair Skies Alaska's YP SkipBo.

Lost Valley C Mockingbird, a purebred Nigerian Dwarf doeling residing at Treasurer Heather Fair's Fair Skies at All I Saw Farm.



Kissables, a purebred pygmy doeling residing at Vice President Heather Coleman's Bubba's Peanut Pygmies.

Tiny Titans MO Smooch, a purebred Nigerian Dwarf dairy goat residing at Secretary Tisa Witham's Edgefield.



A Quick Health Exam, continued (Kinne)

Head	Look at the eyes, nose and ears for discharges or abnormalities. A clear nasal discharge is all right, cloudy ones are not. The mouth deserves a close look for scabs or crusts on or around the lips.
Neck	Run your hands from the jaw line down both sides of the neck to feel for lumps.
Body	Check for lice on the back of the neck, shoulders, and at various spots down the topline and down the sides. Sucking lice congregate along the top of the neck and rump. Biting lice don't have favorite areas to congregate and can be found all over. The hair must be parted to see lice. Run your hands over the animal's sides to feel for lumps, especially the neck, shoulders and flanks.
Legs & Feet	Pick up each one and look for infections like hoof rot and scald. Ask the owner to trim overgrown hooves so you can really see what they're like, or offer to do the trimming. Check the leg joints for swelling.
Perineum	Is fresh or dried diarrhea or staining present? Does the doe's vulva have any unusual discharge? (Mucus from a doe in heat and the brownish lochia from a doe who has kidded within the previous few weeks is all right).
Udder & Testicles	Palpate for normal texture. One of my favorite general diagnostic aids is palpating the supramammary lymph nodes located at the rear junction of the udder, or testicles, and the body. Reach in from the rear and lightly grab a mass of tissue. Gently move your fingers and thumb together until you feel two small lumps very close to each other. Those are the supramammary lymph nodes. There are several other superficial lymph node locations: the prescapular lymph node at the point of the shoulder is the easiest to feel, especially when animals dislike their nether parts messed with.) Practice on healthy goats to become adept at discerning swelled nodes which may indicate a systemic or developing problem.
Prepuce	Inspect the prepuce (end of the penis sheath, pronounced preepyoos) for scabs and accumulations of urine, urine crystals or dirt.



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

Fall Buck Care, continued (Kinne)



*Fair Skies CC Admiralty *S *B,
a purebred Nigerian Dwarf dairy buck
residing at Treasurer Heather Fair's Fair
Skies at All I Saw Farm.*

Check his body condition by feeling his loin, the bones of the spine between the ribs and the hips. The sharp bones of the spine should be palpable, not buried in fat, but she should not be too thin, either. Fat bucks make sluggish breeders, and thin bucks lack the reserves to get them through the combined stresses of breeding and winter. The Goldilocks Principle, not too much and not too little, is important in the buck's body condition as breeding season approaches. Inspect the Official Breeding Equipment. The skin and hair on the buck's prepuce should look healthy. Sores or scabs may indicate a condition called pizzle rot which is caused by too much dietary protein in combination with surface bacteria. Bucks with these lesions exhibit all the right attitude and breeding behavior but make many false mounts because extending the penis is too painful. Wash the sores and apply medicated cream as often as necessary to clear this up. A high protein diet that contributes to pizzle rot can be reduced by substi-

tuting grass hay for alfalfa and feeding a lower protein concentrate.

Both testicles should be equal in size and have a firm, resilient texture. Scrotal circumference changes throughout the year and with nutritional status, but you may not be able to notice this change. The skin of the scrotum should be free of lesions.

Last, but not least, evaluate the correctness of his conformation, especially the hindquarters of mature bucks. They need strong rear legs for breeding, and structural defects that contribute to arthritis will be passed to his kids.

When you're all done, it might not hurt to give him a big apology for all these indignities. . .

[Editor's note regarding transmission of CAE between goats: Some publications have now cited concern for transmission both through bodily fluids shared during breeding and in utero. "Infection occurs by transmission of fluids from an infected animal to an uninfected animal. The most efficient manner of transmission is from dam to kid by ingesting colostrums or milk from infected does. Horizontal transmission of CAV has been documented. When uninfected goats are housed with infected goats for long periods a significant number seroconvert. Uninfected does readily seroconvert when milked with infected does presumably as a result of transfer of the virus during the milking process. Venereal transmission is possible, especially if one animal is clinically infected. Transmission from doe to kid before or during parturition has been documented. No evidence supports transmission by an insect vector. Iatrogenic transmission (by dehorning equipment or needles) also is possible." -Pugh, Sheep and Goat Medicine, 2002]

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Fall Buck Care

Maxine Kinne

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

We are fortunate to have polyestrous [pygmy] does that cycle pretty much all year, unlike dairy goats and sheep. Pygmy bucks follow this pattern, too, and are even eager to serve does on the hottest days of the year. Hooray for tropical origins!

Autumn is the start of the traditional breeding season for sheep and goats. Pygmies display stronger breeding capability in fall and winter which corresponds with the seasonality of the other breeds. This has to do with photoperiod, or shortening day length, and melatonin production in the pineal gland.

Before breeding season arrives, the buck should be evaluated for conditions that might interfere with breeding and fertility. Early care will enable him to be ready when you are. This is also a great time for routine maintenance.

Routine Care

Hoof trimming is one of the most neglected chores, especially where bucks are concerned. If you want him to breed eagerly and painlessly, start with a good hoof trim. While he's restrained for this, you can check several other things as part of the physical exam.

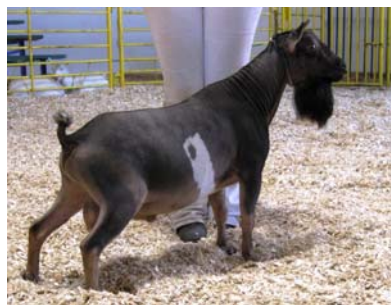
If your buck's CAEV status is unknown, this is a good time to test him, along with the rest of your herd. While this virus has not been demonstrated in semen or seminal fluids, other routes of transmission are suspected. Breeders offering buck service may find this of special concern. Check for biting and sucking lice and treat if necessary. If he needs to be dewormed, do

that, too.

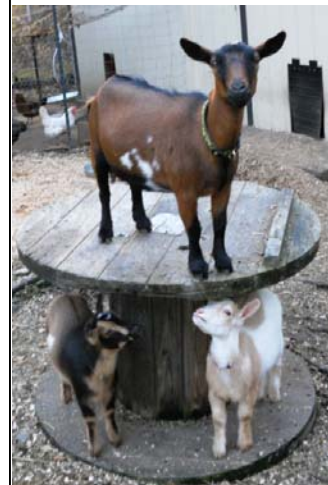
Update his routine vaccinations. CD/T is basic. Selenium supplementation may be necessary if your area is deficient. Selenium deficiency lowers sperm quality and affects libido. If your buck makes lots of false mounts, he may be low in selenium. It takes about six weeks for selenium to improve sperm quality, but libido improves fairly soon. Selenium is especially important if you plan to have him collected for A.I.

Breeding Soundness Exam

Start with the teeth. What do teeth have to do with breeding? The buck's high level of physical activity during breeding season will require a good level of nutrition. A diet formulated to keep him in breeding condition needs to be eaten before it can do him any good. Overgrown molars can usually be felt through the cheeks as hard lumps. If you suspect overgrown molars, your veterinarian can float (file) them into the right configuration.



Xenya, a purebred Nigerian Dwarf dairy buck residing at Treasurer Heather Fair's Fair Skies at All I Saw Farm.



Tiny Titans MO Smooch stands on a spool over Edgefield Awestruck and Edgefield As Good As Gold (names pending).

These purebred Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats reside at Secretary Tisa Witham's Edgefield.



A buckling out of Vice President Heather Coleman's Red at Bubba's Peanut Pygmies.



Sydni Witham with her goat, Fair Skies WP Zoe On My Way. Zoe is a purebred Nigerian Dwarf dairy goat residing at Secretary Tisa Witham's Edgefield.



Fair Skies YP A Mattie Sue. Mattie Sue is a purebred Nigerian Dwarf dairy goat residing at Livin' Good Farm.

Show Results
AKMGC's ADGA Show at the Alaska State Fair, Judge Tom Rucker
August 26, 2010, Palmer, Alaska

Summary of Winners:

Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction):
Piddlin Acres CB Spanish Fly, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nigerian Dwarf Res. Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction):
SilverAurora SB Xtraroo, owned by L. Manary, Boreas Acres

A. O. P. Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction):
Ober-D'Rainbow KV Xazu, Nubian, owned by C. Hepler, Kennelwood

A. O. P. Res. Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction):
Kastdemur's Impetuous, Nubian, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Best Buck in Show:

Piddlin Acres CB Spanish Fly, Nigerian Dwarf, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Best of Breed, & Best Udder:
AGS Sandy Hills Hollow KF Sayil, owned by S. Nevada, SilverAurora

Nigerian Dwarf Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe:

Piddlin Acres Blue MoonShadow, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Alpine Grand Champion Sr. Doe:

Cranberry Ridge Sonata, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind

Alpine Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe:

Cottonwood Creek Irish Rain, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind

Alpine Best of Breed Sr. Doe & Best Udder:

CH Mellow-Meadows Irish Cream, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind

Nubian Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Best of Breed, & Best Udder:

Caprine Lake Cadillac Kid, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nubian Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe:

Ober-D'Rainbow Yule Ti Jewel, owned by S. Nevada, SilverAurora

A. O. P. Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Best of Breed & Best Udder:

Des-Ruhigestelle Elendearly, Saanen, owned by S. Nevada,
SilverAurora

A. O. P. Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe:

Des-Ruhigestelle Entrepid, Saanen, owned by S. Nevada, SilverAurora

Rec. Grade/Exp. Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Best of Breed, & Best Udder:

Cottonwood Creek Mackenzie, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind

Rec. Grade/Exp. Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe:

Cottonwood Creek Cassandra, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind

Best Sr. Doe in Show:

AGS Sandy Hills Hollow KF Sayil, Nigerian Dwarf, owned by S. Nevada,
SilverAurora

Best Udder in Show:

Des-Ruhigestelle Elendearly, Saanen, owned by S. Nevada, SilverAurora



Rice Pudding with Cinnamon and Dried Fruit (continued)

A free recipe from <http://AmericasTestKitchen.com>



INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 teaspoon table salt
- 1 cup medium-grain rice (white) or large grain white rice
- 2 1/2 cups whole milk
- 2 1/2 cups half-and-half
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 1/4 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup raisins, dried cranberries, cherries, or chopped prunes or apricots
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Bring 2 cups water to boil in large, heavy-bottomed pot (at least 3 quarts) or small soup kettle (4 to 5 quarts). Stir in salt and rice; cover and simmer over low heat, stirring once or twice until water is almost fully absorbed, 15 to 20 minutes.
2. Add milk, half-and-half and sugar. Increase heat to medium-high to bring to simmer, then reduce heat to maintain simmer. Cook uncovered, stirring frequently, until mixture starts to thicken, about 30 minutes. Reduce heat to low and continue to cook, stirring every couple of minutes to prevent sticking and scorching, until a spoon is just able to stand up in the pudding, about 15 minutes longer.
3. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla extract, dried fruit, and cinnamon. Cool and serve at room temperature or chilled. (Can be covered with plastic wrap on surface of pudding and then refrigerated up to 2 days.)



Rice Pudding with Cinnamon and Dried Fruit

A free recipe from <http://AmericasTestKitchen.com>

Why this recipe works: At its best, rice pudding is lightly sweet and tastes of its primary component, rice. At its worst, the rice flavor is lost to cloying sweetness, overcooked milk, and a pasty, leaden consistency. We wanted a rice pudding with intact, tender grains bound loosely in a subtly sweet, creamy pudding.

For simple, straightforward rice flavor, we avoided aromatic rices like basmati and jasmine. Arborio rice, used for risotto, was stiff and gritty. Overall, medium-grain rice produced the best texture (with long-grain rice a close second). We found that cooking the rice in water rather than milk left its flavor intact. After the rice absorbed the water, we added sugar and equal amounts of milk and half-and-half, which delivered the proper degree of richness; the eggs and butter found in other recipes were just too overpowering. When we cooked the rice in water with the lid on the pan, then removed the lid while the rice simmered in the milk mixture, we got the results we wanted: distinct, tender grains of rice in a milky, subtly sweet sauce.

Serves 6 to 8.

We prefer pudding made from medium-grain rice, but long-grain is perfectly acceptable if that's what you happen to have on hand.



AKMGC's Alaska State Fair ADGA Show Results, continued

Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion Jr. Doe:

Lost Valley MR Terabyte, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

Nigerian Dwarf Res. Grand Champion Jr. Doe:

Fair Skies CC American Beauty, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

Alpine Grand Champion Jr. Doe:

Chinook Wind Tana's Kayin, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind

Alpine Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Doe:

Mellow-Meadows Scaffling, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind

Nubian Grand Champion Jr. Doe:

My Kids Farm HeartsN Atlantis, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nubian Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Doe:

The Bryant's Acres Yoko, owned by L. Manary, Boreas Acres

A. O. P. Grand Champion Jr. Doe:

none entered

A. O. P. Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Doe:

none entered

Rec. Grade/Exp. Grand Champion Jr. Doe:

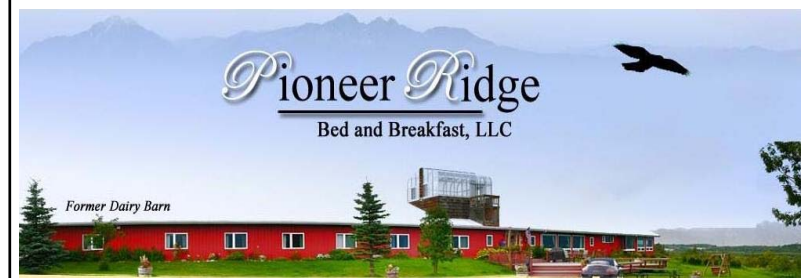
Snowy Days Farm Twix, owned by M. Manary, Snowy Days Farm

Rec. Grade/Exp. Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Doe:

Honeybun's Bunch Honeysuckle, owned by H. Downing, Honeybun's Bunch

Best Jr. Doe in Show:

My Kids Farm HeartsN Atlantis, Nubian, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm



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

Show Results
AKMGC's AGS Show, with Nigerian Dwarf Specialty
at the Alaska State Fair, Judge Tom Rucker
August 27, 2010, Palmer, Alaska

Summary of Winners:

Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction):
Pidlin Acres CB Spanish Fly, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nigerian Dwarf Res. Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction):
My Kids Farm BW Thunder Struck, owned by L. Manary, Boreas Acres

A. O. P. Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction):
Kastdemur's Impetuous, Nubian, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

A. O. P. Res. Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction):
Kastdemur's 100 Proof, Nubian, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Best Buck in Show:

Pidlin Acres CB Spanish Fly, Nigerian Dwarf, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Best of Breed, & Best Udder:
Pidlin Acres Blue MoonShadow, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nigerian Dwarf Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe:
My Kids Farm SF Hot Espresso, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nubian Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Best of Breed, & Best Udder:
SG Caprine Lake ESC Ilena, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nubian Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe:
Caprine Lake Cadillac Kid, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

A. O. P. Grand Champion Sr. Doe & Best of Breed:
Lucky*Star's LOT Yang, LaMancha, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

A. O. P. Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe & Best Udder:
CH Mellow-Meadows Irish Cream, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind

Best Sr. Doe in Show:

Pidlin Acres Blue MoonShadow, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion Jr. Doe:
TX Twincreeks SEM Kissmesweet, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nigerian Dwarf Res. Grand Champion Jr. Doe:
Fair Skies CC American Beauty, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

Nubian Grand Champion Jr. Doe:
Kastdemur's Emmy, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nubian Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Doe:
Kastdemur's Sands of Time, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

A. O. P. Grand Champion Jr. Doe:
Mellow-Meadows Scaffling, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind

A. O. P. Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Doe:
none entered

Goats in the 4H Market Livestock Auction!
Member raises goats for her annual project



**Thank you for
your support of
my 2010
market goat!**

Madison Manary

Member Madison Manary of Snowy Day Farm raised a percentage boer goat for her 4H market project. This was her second year raising a goat for 4H. Here she is pictured with her wether, M&M, the first boer wether born at her farm under her herd name. M&M was auctioned to the highest bidder to raise funds for the 4Her's education and future projects. This lucky goat went to a loving home where he will be a pampered pet with other goats, including Nigerian Dwarves!

4Hers select their market project early in the year and raise the animal for competition and sale. The animals are weighed in, judged, and awarded placings. The Annual 4H Market Livestock Auction occurs the second Saturday of the Alaska State Fair in Palmer. Only qualifying 4H animals are sold in the auction. Most animals are bid on by the pound, but some of the smaller livestock, like chickens, ducks, turkeys, and even chukkars, are bid on by the pen (a grouping of at least three).

Can't be present for the auction? You can arrange for a "guaranteed bid" in advance. Can't afford or don't need a whole animal on your own but still want to support the kids? You can contribute to the Charitable Buyers' Club, which pools funds from several donors to bid on animals for purchase at auction and then donates the animals they purchase to the local Food Bank. You can also place an "add-on" for an especially deserving 4Her. Add-ons are nominal donations to the 4Her of your choice, accepted in any amount, after the bidding for their animal is complete. You won't get to buy an animal to take home, but you'll be helping a child learn personal responsibility through an enriching, educational experience.

Mini **milkers** represented! Milking demonstrations involved mini goats



During the first week of the Alaska State Fair in Palmer, **Treasurer Heather Fair of Fair Skies** demonstrated how to milk a miniature goat. Here Heather milks **Sandy Hollow SS Butterscotch 3*D 3*M** while children watch closely. **Butterscotch** is a purebred Nigerian Dwarf dairy goat.



A member of the audience asks a question.



There was a large crowd at most of the scheduled demonstrations.

The second week of the Fair, **Member Madison Manary of Snowy Day Farm** demonstrated how to milk standard-size goats (not pictured).

Photos by Lowell Fair



Calling all Pygmy fanciers!

You may have seen this in our last two 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). 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!

A day-old pygmy buckling plays with a chihuahua at Vice President Heather Coleman's Bubba's Peanut Pygmies.

Why Goats' Milk Soap?

Discovering the Benefits

By Tisa Witham

You may notice many goat farms produce handcrafted goats' milk soap. And you may wonder: why purchase this soap over conventional soap available at the store? And what's the big deal about handcrafted soap anyway?

There are many reasons the benefits of handcrafted soap rival any commercial soap. Commercial soap can contain harsh chemicals that can irritate the skin. These ingredients include, but are not limited to, alcohol (which dries out the skin), petroleum, and/or detergents. These chemicals cause flare-ups in consumers plagued with eczema, psoriasis, or other skin conditions. One very important contributing factor is that manufacturers remove the glycerin. This substance is what maintains the skin's natural moisture, which keeps the skin healthy. Glycerin is removed by the manufacturer for use in more profitable products, including medicine, cosmetics, and explosive nitroglycerine. Handcrafted soap retains its glycerin, providing deep moisturizing benefits without the addition of harsh chemicals. Handcrafted soap is made with natural ingredients, which alleviate skin problems, clean your skin, and make it healthier.

This brings us to goats' milk soap, which offers even more benefits to the skin. Goats' milk is roughly the same pH as our skin and contains natural emollients, vitamins, min-

erals, and triglycerides that moisturize the skin. Shorter protein strands allow for easy absorption, creating that "silky smooth feel" on your skin. Goats' milk specifically contains the reputed highly effective moisturizers, capric and capryllic triglyceride, which reduce the alkalinity found in many skin products. These acids keep skin and hair from being "stripped" of their natural moisture and nourish healthy skin. The best goats' milk products are made from fresh, not powdered, goats' milk.



Sampler packs from Lavish Me's Seasonal collection.

Many people like to use handcrafted goats' milk soap because it not only makes their skin feel clean, refreshed, and moisturized but also helps to manage and prevent skin problems. Once you switch to using goats' milk soap, you

will see just how "stripped and dry" your skin has become from using commercial soaps, (which is why lotion was created). Luckily, in Alaska we have many farms that make such products with their own fresh milk. Some go even farther and add other local items such as honey, herbs, or flowers giving you more benefits for the buck.

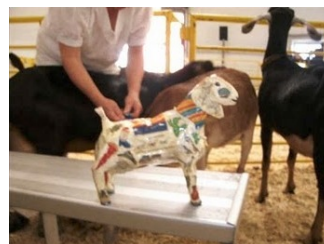
So next time you go to grab a bar of soap, think twice and try something new. Your skin will thank you!

*Tisa Witham, Soap Bartender & Owner
Lavish Me Soap Bar
Wasilla, Alaska
<http://LavishMeSoapBar.com>*

What's happening?

Alaskans traveled to ADGA Nationals-with goats in tow! Members **Karlene Brouillet of My Kids Farm and Laura Manary of Boreas Acres** traveled to Louisville, KY in July to attend the 2010 ADGA National Show. Although AGS Nationals have included Nigerian Dwarfes for many years, this was the first time the breed was permitted to compete in ADGA Nationals. Karlene and Laura flew two of Karlene's goats, GCH Piddlin Acres V Shanghai's Kia and GCH Piddlin Acres PV FeelTheRythm on the long journey, meeting with the goats' breeder, Val Ciesynski upon arrival. After a long week, Kia earned a respectable 11th placing in her age class of twenty 3-year-old milkers and Rythm placed second in her age class of eight milkers 7 years and older. Way to go! The complete breed results are available on ADGA's website at: <http://www.adga.org/NationalShow/Dwarf.html>

Karlene and Laura brought back to Alaska, "Tucson", "SADGA's little painted goat". The two photographed Tucson at various points along their trips to Delta (for hay) and Fairbanks (for an ADGA show) in August. Tucson is now making her way to the convention host site in Tucson, Arizona. **And from what we hear, at least four members from Alaska's goat clubs also plan to attend this October's ADGA Convention!** We can't wait for a report on everything you learn! Here are some photos of "Tucson" in Alaska.



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