

THE DAIRY GOAT SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

Victorian Branch Inc.

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2016

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HARMONY ARTEMIS
BEST EXHIBIT BUNYIP SHOW

Owner Shelly Gatt

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THANKYOU ALDA JACKMAN

Alda has retired from Judging Dairy Goats after 39 years and has been a Member of the Dairy Goat Society for 42 years. Alda was a very successful breeder of British Alpine Goats and made many contributions to the Victorian Branch over the years. She judged many shows both in Victoria and Interstate and had a marvellous knowledge of Dairy Goats which she shared with Exhibitors. The Victorian Branch would like to thank Alda for the tremendous contribution she has made to Dairy Goats in Australia. When I was a younger member Alda was one of the judges that I admired, I did a Cadet Judging with her at Heathcote Show and learnt so much on that day she was very much a positive mentor to me I learnt from her that if you don't have anything positive to say "don't say it!". I personally will miss Alda around the shows she is a real lady who always made fair and positive comments about the goats that were exhibited. Thankyou so much we will miss you judging our shows.

Bryony LePoidevin

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the Winter Edition of the Victorian Branch Newsletter. This edition will be emailed to all members with an email address. This is in our efforts to Save the Planet as well as escalating Postage Costs. We also can then include more pages and more colour photos of our beautiful animals.



I hope that your joining of animals has gone well and that you are all looking forward to the new offspring later in the year.

I am very excited that we now have three new Breeds accepted by the D.G.S.A into our Herd Book.

These are the Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Goat, The LaMancha and the Alpine. All these breeds are from bloodlines that originate in the United States. In a future edition I will be printing the Breed Standards for these three breeds as soon as the Federal Secretary publishes Minutes of the Meeting Held in May.

Once again I am asking for articles about Dairy Goats, perhaps you would like to tell your story of how you started in goats, or something funny that happened with goats. Any articles would be appreciated.

Yours in Goating Bryony LePoidevin

STOCKGAIN

To stimulate the appetite, encourage good health & improve milk in dairy goats, use STOCKGAIN daily. STOCKGAIN is ideal for all livestock to maintain top condition and productivity. Prove it for yourself by adding a little STOCKGAIN to your goat's feed or daily drinking water. Dairy Goats love a warm drink of water in which has been mixed a "slurp" of NRG Apple Cider Vinegar together with some STOCKGAIN.

Contact the NRG Team
Box 98, Seville 3139



MARYBOROUGH SHOW

FIRST SHOW OF THE YEAR

25TH September

For details contact

Sharon Monk 0487 827 023

maryborough.agricultural@gmail.com

FOR SALE –Seaweed Meal (kelp)& Salt Licks

The Branch has 20 kg bags of Australian Seaweed meal available for \$108 & the 3 kg Himalayan Salt Licks for \$13

Pick up can be arranged when the Branch Committee meet in Melbourne

Please contact Rhonda 0412 698 645 or topazpark@hotmail.com



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THE NIGERIAN DWARF DAIRY GOAT Source Wikipedia



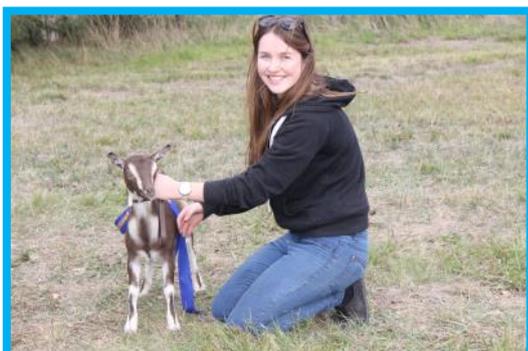
The **Nigerian Dwarf** goat is a miniature dairy goat breed of West African ancestry. The original animals were transported from Africa on ships as food for captured carnivores being brought to zoos; the survivors were then maintained in herds at those zoos. Nigerian Dwarf goats are popular as pets and family milkers due to their easy maintenance and small stature. However, because of their high butterfat, they are also used by some dairies to make cheese. They are registered by the American Dairy Goat Association, the American Goat Society, and the Nigerian Dwarf Goat Association.

They come in many colors: white, black, gold, red, cream and patterns such as buckskin (brown with a black cape over the head and neck along with other black markings) and chamoisee (similar to an Oberhasli goat), with or without white spots.^[1] Some have white "frosting" on the ears. Both the Nigerian Dwarf Goat Association and the American Goat Society websites feature pages that include colour descriptions, disqualifying features and conformation. Although most are naturally horned, generally breeders disbud them at a young age (usually less than 2 weeks of age) for safety to the goat, its herd mates, and human caregivers. Some Nigerian Dwarf goats have blue eyes, which is a dominant trait in goats.

Nigerian Dwarf does give a surprising quantity of milk for their size. Their production ranges from 1 to 8 pounds of milk per day (one quart of milk weighs roughly 2 pounds), with an average doe producing about 2.5 pounds of milk per day. Production depends upon genetics, how many times the doe has freshened (given birth), quality and type of feed, and general good management. Since Nigerians breed year-round, it is easy to stagger freshening in a herd for year-round production of milk. Thus, they are ideal milk goats for most families. Their milk has a higher butterfat content than milk from full-sized dairy goats, averaging 6.5% according to the American Dairy Goat Association. Later in lactation, butterfat can go up to 10% or even higher. This makes Nigerian Dwarf goat milk excellent for cheese and soap making.

This breed has now been accepted by the Dairy Goat Society Of Australia and thanks to some breeders American Genetics are now in Australia.

The pictures below show some of the Nigerian Dwarf Stock now in Australia.



FEDERAL COUNCIL REPORT

Rick Howard, Trevor Waterston, Belinda Appleton and myself attended Federal Council as Victorian Delegates. Anita Fogg also attended as the D.G.S.A Secretary. The meeting was held in Brisbane on 21 and 22 May.

Some of the discussion topics at the meeting included.

1. Acceptance of Nigerian Dwarf, La Mancha & Alpine Breed Standards and acceptance by the D.G.S.A. of these breeds into the Herd Book.
2. Proposed Membership increase to \$88 (including GST) per year.
3. Sub committee formed to managed the updating of the DGSA website
4. In light of increasing postage and printing costs, members to be surveyed regarding moving towards electronic publishing of Australian Goat World and Herd Book.
5. Possible addition of protein added to Standard for Age
6. Possible addition of a milk award for protein-Advanced Register Protein (ARP)
7. Additional representation on the Classification Committee
8. Retention of Centre pages of Goat World for Feature State
9. Establishment of a sub committee to review Judges Training Requirements

More information on the Breed Standards for the three new breeds when Federal Council Minutes become available.

FOR SALE

Chris and Peter Wood have the following items for sale

First we have a bucket milker which can milk 2 goats at the same time. It has just been serviced and new pipes fitted. Cost is \$800.

We also have a hand milker which can be used on all animals. It milks one side of the udder at a time but is very useful in some instances. Cost is \$175.

We also have all the Newsletters and Goat World magazines plus Herd Books from 1986. I want \$1 for each Newsletter and \$3 for each herd book and each newsletter.

There is a tattoo set with all the letters and numbers cost \$60.

Contact Chris or Peter on 03 97443431



These four milkers are 50% Nigerian Dwarf, they are two years old and are bred from small dairy goats with the Nigerian Dwarf notice the reduction in size in one generation and they milk!

This doe kid with Laura Lamin is second generation



**NOTICE OF
D.G.S.A. Victorian Branch Inc.**

***ANNUAL MEETING and
GENERAL MEETING***

To be held on the **6th August 2016** commencing
at **11am.**

Venue:

**Sandown Park Hotel,
Cnr Corrigan Rd & Princes Hwy,
Noble Park VIC 3174**

AGENDA (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)

1. Meeting to commence at 11am
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Sandown Park Hotel 8th August 2015
4. Business arising
5. President's Annual Report
6. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statement
7. Secretary's Annual Report
8. Appointment of Honorary Auditor
9. Committee Elections
10. Close

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE

If you, or someone you know, would like to stand for Committee, please note that nominations must reach the Secretary, Glenis Keays, RMB 8680, Bannockburn, 3331 no later than 9th July 2016.

A nomination form appears below or write/email giving details to the Secretary.

Please think seriously about giving a small amount of your valuable time to assist in the running of the DGSA Victorian Branch

Dairy Goat Society of Australia - Victorian Branch Inc.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 8/8/15 AT 11.15AM

Venue: Sandown Park Hotel, Cnr Corrigan Rd & Princes Hwy.,
Noble Park.

WELCOME: The President, Mr Ricky Howard welcomed those present & thanked them for their attendance.

PRESENT: Ricky Howard, Rhonda Patton, Carol & Charlie Burns, Bev Stent, Bryony LePoidevin, Rex Philip, Trevor Waterston, Shelly Gatt, Lill Roberts, Roger Sawley and Peter & Glenis Keays.

APOLOGIES: Vicki Wright, Belinda Appleton, Tom & Lyndall Barnes & Julie Bishop.

Moved P. Keays, seconded G. Keays "The apologies be received and noted" *Carried*

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting have been published in the Autumn newsletter and were taken as read.

AMENDMENTS: Nil.

Moved Charlie Burns, seconded R. Patton "The Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting, as printed in the Autumn 2015 newsletter be received and adopted" *Carried*

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil

REPORTS:

President's Report: Ricky Howard read his report as attached below. One item coming from the report & discussed at length was the poor number of entries at the Royal Melbourne Show. R. Howard moved, seconded T. Waterston "The President's Report be received & adopted"

Carried

Treasurer's Report: Ricky Howard presented the financial report for the 2014/2015 financial year. Discussion ensued at length on some items, particularly the small amounts of money in the Anglican Fund & the Herd Improvement account. Moved Carol Burns, seconded B. LePoidevin "The monies in these accounts be transferred to the DGSA Vic Branch Community Solutions Account and the accounts closed."

Carried

Moved R. Howard, seconded B. Stent "The Treasurer's Report be received & adopted" *Carried*

Secretary's Report: Glenis Keays read her report as attached below. Discussion ensued on the continuing decline in membership numbers as well as possible ways to encourage members - fun days, social memberships; ways to be involved were all discussed. Moved G. Keays, seconded T. Waterston "The Secretary's Report be received & adopted"

Carried

HONORARY AUDITOR: Mr Peter Keays was invited to continue to check the annual financial statements. Moved R. Howard, seconded R. Patton "That Mr Keays be invited to check the statements of income & expenditure"

Carried

Election of Committee and Office Bearers:

No formal nominations were received, so nominations were called for from the floor. R. Howard nominated B. LePoidevin; T. Waterston nominated R. Howard; P. Keays nominated G. Keays; G. Keays nominated S. Gatt & T. Waterston; R. Howard nominated V. Wright & B. Appleton (although absent they had notified Ricky they wished to continue on committee) T. Waterston nominated R. Patton. As there were only 8 candidates for a maximum of 11 positions, all nominees were declared elected. Note: Bev Stent wishes to continue as Country Publicity officer & would like to be kept informed of committee's activities.

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President - Rick Howard was nominated by T. Waterston. As there was only one nomination R. Howard was declared President.

Vice-President – Trevor Waterston was nominated by R. Howard. As there was only one nomination T. Waterston was declared Vice-President.

Treasurer - Ricky Howard was nominated for the position of treasurer by G. Keays. As there was only one nomination for position of Treasurer R. Howard was declared Treasurer.

Secretary (formerly Public Officer) - Glenis Keays was nominated by C. Burns. As there was only one nomination G. Keays was declared Secretary.

Committee for the year 2015/16 is: R. Howard (President/Treasurer), T. Waterston, (Vice-President), R. Patton, B. LePoidevin, B. Appleton, V. Wright, S. Gatt, & G. Keays.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Awards:

Stockgain Dairy Doe of the Year Awards:

Unfortunately many results have been either lost or not forwarded. The documentation for the 2013/2014 award was still not sufficient/clear enough. Collection of points/possible limitations of valid shows etc was discussed at length as the current system is not working well enough - to be discussed further at committee level. A possible suggestion is to develop a form that members can have filled in.

Beckwith Trophy: for 2014/2015 was Gheringhaven Yakira (4.41Kg milk at 4.26% butterfat)

Owen Dawson Trophy: the winner for 2013/2014 was Tandari Silver Sails bred by Chris Baker & owned by T. Waterston (3664Kg milk, 208Kg of butterfat & 337 Kg protein).

Thanks: Sincere thanks were extended to both Carol Burns for her exemplary work producing a very interesting quarterly newsletter and to Julie Bishop for her work liaising with the RASV (which was quite difficult at times) and her work as AGW correspondent. *Carried with acclaim*

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 12.20pm

Presidents report for AGM 8 August 2015.

Another year gone and unfortunately another very quiet one – possibly even quieter than previous years. While I can appreciate that this could be interpreted as good on the one hand in terms of not having any real issues to deal with at Branch level, on the other hand it is disappointing in terms of trying to work out what our members want or need from the committee. I know I ask this every year but if any member has any issues or concerns or possibly some suggestions as to how we can better assist you or your endeavours to promote our dairy goats, then please let us know.

It seems to be that we have a very small committee and a handful of other members who take time out of their busy lives to help at shows and Field Days etc. However there are a great many of our members from whom we never hear anything. Is there something we as a committee can do to encourage input from these members?

In May this year we attended the Annual DGSA Ltd AGM and Federal Council meetings, which like the previous year were very quiet in terms on motions etc. There were some changes to some of the Articles and from my perspective much more work is required in this area. The focus of the Federal Council meeting was the introduction of new imported genetics into this country and how best we might and should be open minded and accepting of these new genetics and in some cases new breeds. It will be interesting to see if the same enthusiasm exists next year when some of these new breeds may well be presented to the Directors for voting. The other key area of focus was around trying to move the Society forward – there is a lot of work to be done in this space so will be interesting to see how this progresses.

On a more local front we held the Melbourne Royal in early October 2014, with what can best be described as a very poor turnout of exhibitors and exhibits. The quality was good which was pleasing and those that attended appeared to have had a very successful day, however if this show is to continue into the future we must look at ways to encourage more exhibitors.

The committee during the year also decided to hold a second branch show, which was held in conjunction with the BABG feature and the Bunyip Ag Society. It was an excellent day with the most exhibits at any Victorian show for the season. The plan is to spread this show around the State.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee members for their efforts to the successful running of the society during the year and also their support and assistance to me as President – it has been very much appreciated and certainly made my task as President an enjoyable one.

I would like to thank Carol Burns who has continued in the role of editor of our Branch newsletter and each quarter produces the Branch newsletter for our members to enjoy. Unfortunately Carol has decided to step down from committee and also as editor so a new editor will need to be appointed.

I would also like to thank Julie bishop who has also decided to step down from committee. For the last couple of years Julie has been a Federal Councillor representing the Victorian Branch as well as the RAS Liaison officer and AGW Correspondent. These roles will also need to be filled, by others on committee.

Lastly, I would like to thank those members of the Victorian Branch for their contribution to the overall success of the DGSA and our Branch.

I wish you all the very best for a trouble free and rewarding kidding season and hope to see some of you at the various agricultural shows.

Kind regards

Rick Howard.

2014/2015 SECRETARY'S REPORT

During the 2014/2015 year, Committee has dealt with: 49 items of correspondence; 16 applications for new or altered membership/rejoining/prefix changes; 22 applications to hold 24-hour milk tests and 55 milk award applications. Membership numbers continue to decline which is disappointing; milk award applications have increased which is very encouraging. Communications via email enables much business to be done without a physical meeting. Members are welcome to attend committee meetings but are held approximately 6-weekly, so it would be appreciated if meeting times & dates were confirmed before coming.

Federal Council was held in Sydney in May with Councillors Rick Howard, Rhonda Patton, Trevor Waterston and Belinda Appleton attended with Julie Bishop being a late apology - her proxy was held by Rick. A brief overview of the meetings has appeared in the AGW.

Classification continues and it is hoped that more members will avail themselves of this very valuable tool in their breeding considerations.

Firstly I would like to sincerely thank all committee members for their dedication and time spent doing DGSA tasks. There have been a number of changes to committee this year with Chris Lamin & Sarah Priest resigning and Belinda Appleton & Shelly Gatt coming onto committee; Bev Stent continues as our country publicity officer. We appreciate every effort members take to promote our wonderful animals, in particular, Bev Stent and Shelly Gatt/Trevor Waterston, who enthusiastically organise and support events such as the Seymour Farm Expo, the Ballarat Rural Expo (Bev) as well as Farmers Markets (Shelly/Trevor) etc. Promotional events are a wonderful way to show off our beautiful productive animals and we encourage more members to become involved. A huge vote of thanks is extended to Carol Burns who has produced a wonderful, newsy & interesting seasonal newsletter. As she is not continuing on committee we will miss her valuable input & contribution to the running of the Branch. In fact, thanks so much to all committee members who work tirelessly for the benefit of dairy goats.

It would be really great to see some new faces taking on responsibilities in running the Branch. The more workers we have, the load for those current committee members lessens. Committee members devote their valuable time in tasks which benefit **you**, the Victorian DGSA members. We **need** your support and input to enable this organisation to thrive. Please let us know of ways YOU may be able to assist!

Glenis Keays

Hon. Secretary - 8/8/15

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BUSINESS ARISING:

Action resulting from Charlie Burns' motions from last year: After consultation and amendment of material motions were submitted to Federal Council resulting in recognition of imported bloodlines. As more genetics are imported it is envisaged there may be further changes necessary.

REPORTS:

President's Report: as per AGM

Secretary's Report: as per AGM

Treasurer's Report: as per AGM

GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 12.35pm

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I, of

being a Member of the **Dairy Goat Society of Australia - Victorian Branch Inc.** appoint :

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being also a member of that Incorporated Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the General Meeting of the Association to be held on ...6th August 2016..... and at any adjournment of that Meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of / against (*) the following resolution / s :

[*insert details of the resolution / s*] :

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(*) *Delete if not applicable*

..... **MEMBER'S SIGNATURE DATE**

NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE - D.G.S.A. VICTORIAN BRANCH INC.

NOMINEE:

NUMBER OF YEARS MEMBERSHIP OF THE DGSA:
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No. OF YEARS AS AN OFFICER OF THE BRANCH:

RESUME :

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The Nominator must also be a financial member of the DGSA.

SHOW DATES 2016/2017

These are the contacts off the V.A.S.A site I have put shows that I know have goats. If I have missed any please let me know

ALEXANDRA SHOW 12TH NOVEMBER Sara Murray 0477002051 Email: pna.alexandra@gmail.com

BAIRNSDALE SHOW 5/6 November Julie 0351576317 Email: echobendcp@skymesh.com.au

BALLARAT SHOW 11/12/13 November Gerard Ballinger 0353381877 Email: info@ballaratshow.org.au

BENDIGO SHOW 21/22 October Rod Bowles 0354444646 Email: secretary@bendigoshowgrounds.com.au

BERWICK SHOW Feb 2017 Margaret Boon 0407 866 049 Email: berwickshow@bigpond.com

BOORT SHOW 8th October Kathryn Lanyon 0427 554 240 Email: lanyon_farms@msn.com

BUNYIP SHOW 1st April 2017 Joan Harrison 0429 550605 Email: bunyipag@dcsi.net.au

CLUNES SHOW 19th November Ms. Barb Adam (03) 5345 3042 Email: secretary@show.clunes.org

COBRAM SHOW 22/23 October Heather Ingram 0409 230 Email: cobramagshow@yahoo.com.au

COLAC SHOW 4TH November Kylie McLennan (03) 5231 3113 Email: colacshow@live.com.au

DANDENONG 12/13 November Lynne Ferris (03) 9794 0562 Email: secretary@dandyshow.com.au

DAYLESFORD 26TH November Sandra Melen (03) 5348 7997 Email: info@daylesfordshow.com

HEATHCOTE 1ST November Ms Melinda Pengelly 0438 274 986 Email: robert.leask@bigpond.com

KINGSTON 4th December Christine Hastings 0490 114 279 Email: christine.hastings@bigpond.com

MAFFRA 21/22 October Michael Coggan (03) 5141 1235 Email: info@maffrashow.org.au

MARYBOROUGH 24/25 September Sharon Monk 0487 827 023
Email: maryborough.agricultural@gmail.com

NOORAT SHOW BRANCH SHOW THIS YEAR 19th November Vicki Marr Mobile: 0455 669 984 Email: secretary@nooratshow.org.au

ORBOST SHOW 13TH March 2017 Helen Ryan (03) 5154 2550 Email : dmryan@skymesh.com.au

PAKENHAM March 2017 Anita Rovers 0408 117 709 Email: pakenhamshow1@bigpond.com

**ROCHESTER 24/25 February 2017 Ms Jade Hewlett 0408 841 175
Email: rochester.show@hotmail.com**

ROYAL GEELONG 13/16 October Kaye Bogle (03) 5221 1707 Email: info@royalgeelongshow.org.au

SALE 3/5 November Lynne Rapson Phone: (03) 5144 2603 Email: booking@saleshow.com.au

SHEPPARTON 6/7 October Julie Winch 0409 251 631 Email: sheppagsoc@mcmmedia.com.au

SUNBURY 8TH October Ms Sandie Braun Mobile: 0413 921 410 Email: sandie@southernphone.com.au

TRARALGON 25/26 November Lorraine Anderson (03) 5174 1366

WARRIGAL March 2017 Tonnie Schipper 0400 321 847 Email: warragulshow@dcsi.net.au

MILK AWARD REQUIREMENT FOR SHOWS

There are two classes you can enter at Shows if you have a Milk Award.

The first is Type & Production Q*. This class is for does who have obtained a Q* or *Q* within TWO years of the date of the show.

The second is Type & Production Herd Recording this class is for does who have obtained R or F figures within THREE years of the show. A RS award does not make your doe eligible for this class.

In Victoria the Milk Awards Officer will supply you with a BLUE CARD which has your points on. You **MUST** take this card to the show. This card should be checked by Stewards for points and the date of the test. **NO CARD NO ENTERING CLASS.**

Also points obtained must be verified by the Milk Awards Officer you can't work out your own points and then enter the class.

If your milk test is very close to the show as long as you have butterfat results and can scan or email me a copy of your test I am happy to provide a temporary points card by email for you to take to the show. Once your award has been approved a BLUE CARD will be provided.

If everyone follows these rules it makes these classes fair and equitable for all eligible does. Any queries contact the Milk Awards Officer.

Bryony LePoidevin

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SHOW RESULTS

Bunyip Show Catalogue 2.1.16

Judge: Mr Murray Grills

Champion Saanen

Buttara Karise

Reserve Champion Saanen

Buttara Kasandra

Champion Toggenburg

Kaleena Park Flame

Reserve Champion Toggenburg

Kubumda Crysanthium Blossom

Champion & Best Exhibit British Alpine

Harmony Artemis

Reserve Champion British Alpine

Gheringhaven Wynne

Champion Anglo Nubian

Skydreams Kambing Jillaroo

Reserve Champion Anglo Nubian

Anama Satin

Champion Australian Melaan

Reserve Champion Australian Melaan

Champion Australian Brown

Topaz Park Nutmeg

Reserve Champion Australian Brown

Topaz Park Lavinia

Champion AOV

Murrungowar Wowee

Reserve Champion AOV

Murrungowar Miss America

Champion Nigerian Dwarf

First Fleet Florence

Reserve Champion Nigerian Dwarf

First Fleet Leisel

Champion Nigerian Dwarf Appendix

Topaz Wilma

Reserve Champion Nigerian Dwarf Appendix

Topaz Anthea

Champion Goatling (Saanen, Togg, Anglo Nubian, Aust Melaan, Aust Brown, ND)

Misty Park Shadow

Reserve Champion Goatling (Saanen, Togg, AN, Aust Melaan, Aust Brown, ND, ND App)

Topaz Park Lavinia

Champion Kid(Saanen, Togg, AN, Aust Melaan, Aust Brown, ND, ND App)

Koriella Polly

Reserve Champion Kid (Saanen, Togg, AN, Aust Melaan, Aust Brown, ND, ND App)

Tarleena Kaylee

Best Exhibit (Saanen, Togg, AN, Aust Melaan, Aust Brown, ND, ND App)

Buttara Karise

Overall Supreme

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BUNYIP SHOW



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KALEENA PARK FLAME

Bunyip British Alpine Feature Show 2nd April 2016

Judge Murray Grills

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Best udder 2nd Lact.(6)

1st Tallulah Bella. B Lepoidevin

2nd Arcadia Florette. S Gatt/T Waterston

3rd Gheringhaven Xanthe. G&P Keays

Best udder 1st lact.(5)

1st Tallulah Anna. B Lepoidevin

=2nd Bichance Bluelace. S Gatt/T Waterston

=2nd Gheringhaven Wynne. G. & P. Keays

3rd Gheringhaven Wendi. G&P Keays

British Alpine Milker 2nd & subs lact (5)

1st Harmony Artemis. S Gatt/T WaterstonTA

=2nd Tallulah Bella.

=2nd Gheringhaven Xanthe

British Alpine Milker 1st lact (5)

1st Gheringhaven Wynne. G & P Keays

2nd Bichance Bluelace.

3rd Tallulah Anna.

British Alpine Goatling (8)

1st Gheringhaven Velvyt. G & P Keays

2nd Bichance Caysaan. S Gatt/ T Waterston

3rd Bichance Calliope. S Gatt/T Waterston

British Alpine Kid (12)

1st Allawoona Yasmina. C&L Lamin

2nd Valley View Yoko. S Gatt/ T Waterston

3rd Gheringhaven Udelle. G & P Keays.

BA Dam in milk, daughter dry

1st Gheringhaven Xanthe & Velvyt

2nd Harmony Artemis & Bichance Bluelace

British Alpine App. D any age

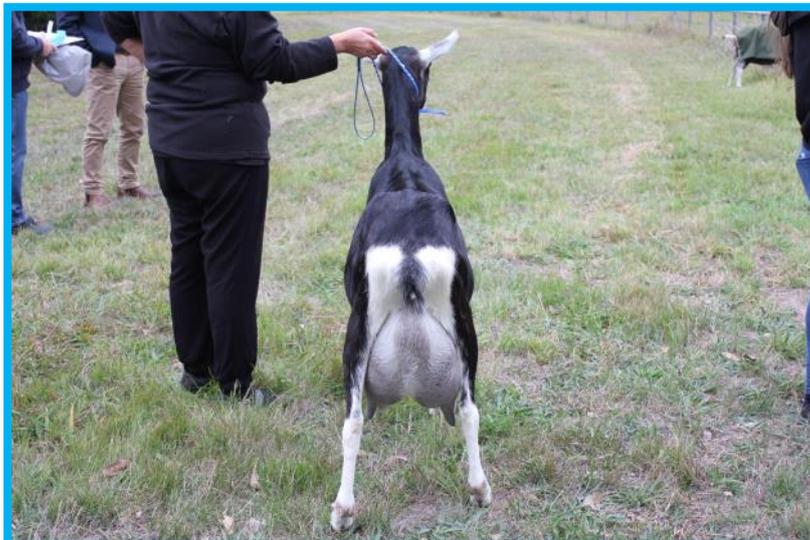
1st Carolann Noella. C & C Burns

2nd Carolann Moonbeam. C & C Burns

Breeders Group 3 does same stud prefix

1st Gheringhaven Stud G & P Keays

2nd Bichance Stud. S Gatt/T Waterston



TALLULAH BELLA



TALLULAH ANNA

B.A. Champion & Best Exhibit

Harmony Artemis

**2ND LACTATION
UDDER CLASS**



**BRITISH ALPINE
GOATLING
CLASS**



**BRITISH ALPINE
KID CLASS**

RESULTS OF KINGSTON SHOW 6/12/15

JUDGE: Mr Ian Tyers

VETERAN DOE- GAIWAY PARK ALICE G RYAN

CHAMPION MILKING DOE- GAIWAY PARK MINNIE G RYAN

RES CHAMPION MILKING DOE GAIWAY PARK ALICE G RYAN

BEST UDDER OVERALL GAIWAY PARK ALICE G RYAN

T&P GAIWAY PARK MINNIE G RYAN

CHAMPION GOATLING SUNDAY DELILAH H GOETHALS

RES CHAMPION GOATLING SUNDAY SAPPHIRE H GOETHALS

CHAMPION DOE KID CREMONA MAGDALENE A&K SERRURIER

RES CHAMPION DOE KID GAIWAY PARK APHMAL G RYAN

CHAMPION BUCK GLENDOWAN SULTAN A&K SERRURIER

RES CHAMPION BUCK MURRUNGOWAR MR PIPPS G RYAN

CHAMPION SAANEN PEACEFIELD TARA H GOETHALS

RES CHAMPION SAANEN BANFIELD PARK ATTITUDES H GOETHALS

CHAMPION TOGGENBURG GAIWAY PARK MINNIE G RYAN

CHAMPION B.A. GHERINGHAVEN WENDY G KEAYS

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AROUND THE SHOWS
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MISTY PARK SHADOW



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NEW MEMBERS PAGE

CARE OF THE PREGNANT DOE/KIDDING ADVICE Bryony LePoidevin

This advice is written with the experience I have had over the years. It is not a substitute for have a good Veterinarian or Vet advice. If you are at all worried call your vet your instinct will tell you when something is wrong.

A doe generally has a gestation period of five months or 150 days. If she is still milking she should be dried off about two to three months before the due date. You can start milking once a day then every couple of days and extend this time until she dries up. Often does that are pregnant dry themselves off.

As the doe gets further into the pregnancy she will begin to show, her sides will round out. Often does do not show they are pregnant until about four months. I always vaccinate the doe for enterotoxaemia and tetanus using 5 in 1 six weeks before she is due, this protects the doe and the new born kids.

During pregnancy the doe needs to be fed well but you also need to make sure she is not over fat, a good quality grain mix and a good quality hay each day will help. She also needs access to good clean water, I add Stockgain to this each day to encourage my does to drink more.

When the time comes for the doe to kid I make sure that I have a clean pen ready for her to kid in, many does choose to kid out in the paddock but this depends very much on the weather as well. If the doe is in a shed or a pen it is easier for her to protect the kids. The doe needs enough room to move enough but you also want to contain her so that she is near them, she also needs to be separate from the other goats in the herd. New mothers are very possessive of their kids and may be aggressive towards other goats.

SIGNS OF KIDDING

About a week before you may notice her back looks more bony and the shape of her belly changes this is because the kids are changing position and getting ready for birth, the doe also will begin to bag up and her udder will often become tight as will the teats. As she gets closer to kidding her vulva will look loose and she may start to drop strings of mucus.

Does often are very restless and circle around sometimes digging a nest in the straw. During the labour the doe will get up and down, walk about, lay down several times.

With most does as time goes on the doe will moan and bleat and sometimes yell out as her contractions get stronger. In normal deliveries you will see a black water bag protrude from the vagina this is the water bag this will burst and soon you should see a kid's nose and feet. The doe continues to push and hopefully the kid will soon be out. I always have a towel to dry the kid with and make sure the nose and mouth are clear of mucus. Sometimes you need to carefully hang the kid from its feet to allow the mucus to drain. Let the mother clean and lick the kid, often the second kid will be on the way so it is a good idea to move the first kid to a safe area so the doe cannot stand on it.

When the doe has finished kidding I make sure I dip the kid's chords with iodine or methylated spirits, this can help prevent naval ill.

When the doe has finished she will expel the afterbirth, some does eat this, this is quite natural if she does not completely eat it you need to dispose of it later.

There are two normal birth presentations, usually the head and two front feet come first with the feet pressed against the head. Sometimes the hind legs come first with the bottom following. If

CARE OF THE KID

Most kids born normally are up on their feet within half an hour and looking for a drink. I have however in the past had very weak Anglo Nubian kids who have not stood up for a couple of days. I always take a little colostrum from the doe put it in a bottle and make sure the kids get a drink within four hours. Very little kids often have trouble finding teats especially if the doe has a large pendulous udder. Sometimes kids are exhausted from being born and can't suck right away. I usually let them sleep but make sure I go back and give them a drink. Sometimes you need to put the kids on the teats so they suck, persist and they soon get the idea. Make sure that the kids are in a warm and dry spot if possible with mum.

The first 24 hours you need to make sure the kids are nursing and getting a drink. They don't drink much at a time kids only need a small amount of colostrum to get the antibodies from the dam. If a doe is a big milker you may need to take some of the colostrum but leave some for the kids. Never strip a newly kidded doe out completely for at least three days. This can cause milk fever.

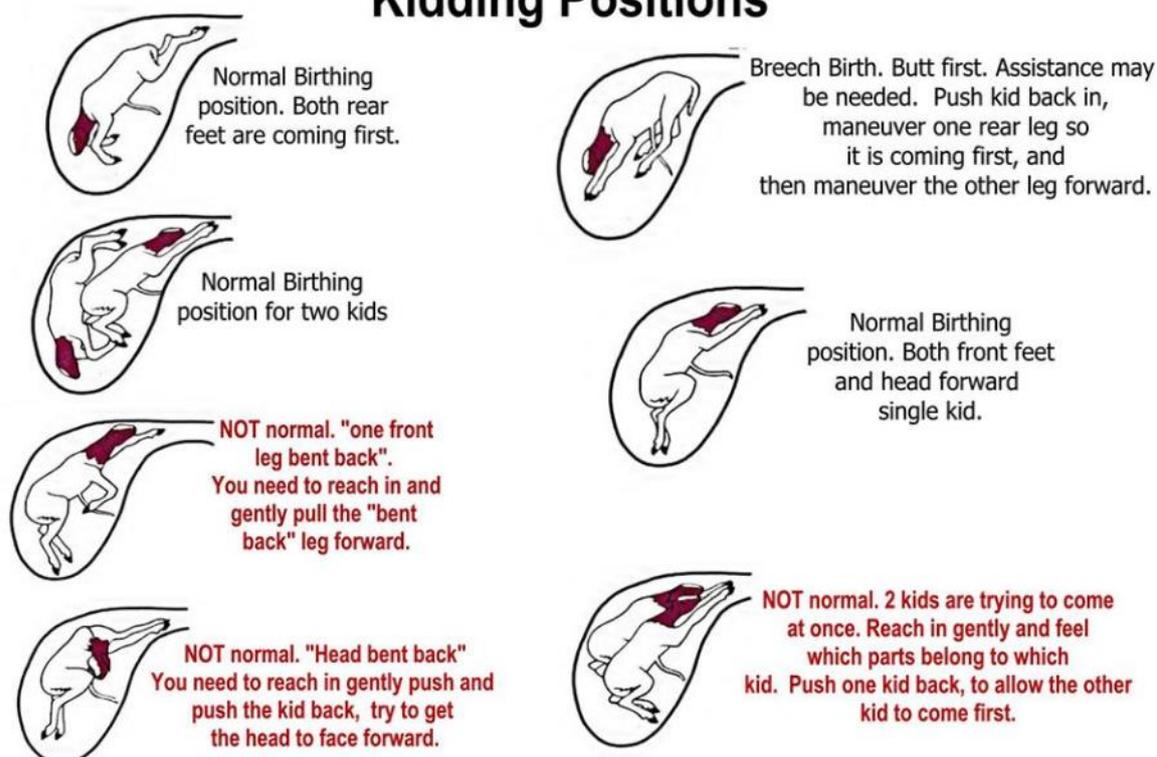
You then need to decide if you are going to leave the kids on the dam, if you are going to hand raise them most people separate the kids after three days. Some people lock the kids away at night, milk the doe and feed the kids in the morning and then leave the kids with the dam all day. You have to work out what works for you. Bottle raised kids are usually easier to handle, if you leave the kids on the dam you need to handle them every day.

If you are bottle raising kids they need about four feeds a day to start with I get mine onto three feeds a day as soon as I can and often because of work they have done alright on two feeds a day. Don't overfeed milk, the kid needs to be satisfied but still a little hungry.

Kids need dehorning within a week and will need a 5 in 1 immunisation at six weeks and a booster shot four weeks later.

As well as milk kids also need access to clean water, they will often start to nibble hay and grain as early as four weeks of age.

Kidding Positions





For all districts

Rearing orphaned kids

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All goat keepers have on their hands at some stage orphaned kids, or kids with mothers that cannot feed them because of mastitis or damaged teats. Whether it is worthwhile trying to save these kids will depend on how many there are, how much time can be spared and how much they will be worth once reared. Kids that the producer decides to save can be reared by fostering or hand rearing.

A newborn doe kid averages 3.3 kg in weight. The goat kid grows and matures very quickly and must be fed accordingly.

Fostering

Fostering is the easiest option in the long run if a suitable doe is available. Various means can be tried to encourage the foster mother to accept the kid. A traditional ploy is to fasten the skin of the doe's own dead kid on the orphan until the doe accepts it.

Alternatively, the doe's sense of smell can be overpowered or confused by smearing a strong-smelling substance such as aniseed or sump oil on the kid and on the doe's muzzle. A special proprietary spray pack is also marketed for this purpose for sheep, and may be useful for goats also.

Confine the doe and kid in a restricted area (preferably fairly dark) with food and water until the relationship is firmly established. Hold the doe several times a day to ensure that the kid has a drink, or bail her up or tie her head in such a way that she cannot repel the kid but can still reach her food and water.

The first feed – Colostrum

Every kid needs a first drink of colostrum, the thick rich milk available from the freshly kidded doe. Colostrum is rich in energy and protein. It has a mild laxative effect to move the foetal dung and to prevent the formation of a hard, rubbery clot of milk in the stomach.

Colostrum also carries disease-fighting antibodies produced by the doe. These antibodies give the kid short-term protection against gut and bowel infections until it is able to build up its own resistance. If the doe has been properly vaccinated, her antibodies will protect the kid from clostridia) diseases such as pulpy kidney, and tetanus until it is vaccinated.

If a kid is to be hand reared, or fostered on a doe that has previously suckled a kid for more than two days, first give it at least one or two feeds of colostrum. The kid that does not receive this colostrum may die after a few days with a large rubbery milk curd in its gut.

If a freshly kidded doe is available, the orphan kid can be suckled on one side without affecting the survival of her own kid. Better still, milk out one side by hand and give the orphan kid from 100 ml to 150 ml of colostrum, using a coarse "eye dropper", a bottle and teat, or a teaspoon. Repeat in four to six hours. Store the remainder in small, clean, scalded containers in the freezer. Frozen colostrum should keep for at least six months and probably two years or more without deterioration, so that a "bank" of colostrum will last right through the kidding season.

Carefully thaw frozen colostrum in a lukewarm water bath (no hotter than 40°C) so that the vital antibodies are not destroyed. Cows' colostrum can be used as a reasonable substitute if does' colostrum is not available. It can also be stored frozen until needed. A kid that has already suckled for at least a day before losing its dam will have no further need for natural or artificial colostrum.

Artificial colostrum

The following artificial mixture can be used as a substitute for the first day's feeding if natural colostrum is not available (or is available for only one feed):

- 600 ml of fresh cows' milk (condensed milk, appropriately diluted, can be used instead of fresh cows' milk)
- One beaten egg yolk
- One dessertspoon of glucose or lactose (if unavailable, use sugar)

One very small teaspoon (3 ml) of cod liver oil (or castor oil)

Mix (shake) well and divide the mixture into four equal feeds for the first day's feeding. Divide it into six equal feeds instead of four if the kid is small or weak.

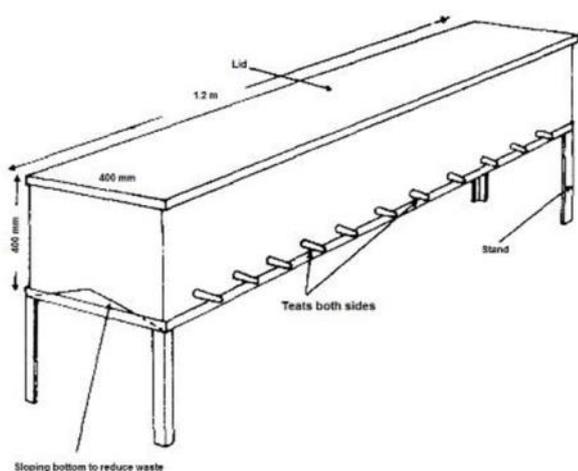
Artificial rearing - Choice of feed

Full cream cows' milk is the obvious choice for kids if it is available. Calf milk replacer can be used if full cream milk is not available, for example, "Venavite" or "Denkavit". Does' milk is about the same strength as cows' milk, which contains about 4% fat and 8% solids-not-fat. So, if using calf milk replacer for kids, make it up at the same rate as for calves.

Do not water-down cows' milk.

How to feed

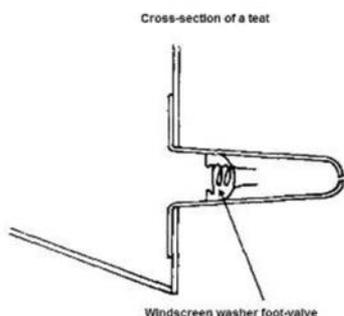
An ordinary drink bottle and rubber teat can be used to feed each kid three times a day if only a few kids are to be reared. This works well but is very time-consuming. Insulating foam wine racks can be used to hold the bottles and to save time and effort. Each rack is mounted vertically on a wall or post, and bottles of chilled milk are inserted with necks and teats protruding through the small openings in the bottom.



A lamb-marking ring over each teat will ensure that it stays on the bottle, while dripping should not be a problem if teat openings are not too large. Change or top-up bottles to make sure that milk is available at all times. One bottle per kid is enough to begin with, but more may be needed, as appetites increase, to avoid the need for frequent attention. Thoroughly clean and scald bottles and teats at least once a day.

The four-bottle sized rack is convenient for kid feeding; one or more of these can be positioned about 500 mm from the floor, but may need to be raised as the kids grow.

Use a self-feeding "kid bar", or "Lambbar", if more than three or four kids are to be reared. It can handle about 30 kids and consists of a metal tank with teats attached (see figure 1).



The "kid bar" can be shortened or only one side used if only a few kids are to be reared. Each teat has a windscreen-washer foot-valve inserted into its base to prevent leakage. This can be inserted quite easily, holding the teat open with the pliers normally used to expand lamb marking rings.

As an alternative, the teats can be set into the tank above milk level, with suction tubes inserted instead of valves. This is quite satisfactory but the kids may be a little harder to start.

When to feed and how much

Milk may either be fed warm and fresh, four times a day to begin with, or made available to the kids at all times and "topped-up" when convenient ("ad lib" feeding). Milk should be chilled to prevent souring before filling the "kid bar" if it is to be available all the time. It may be wise to insulate the tank in warm weather.

It is advisable to feed the milk at blood heat during the first four days, but kids soon get used to chilled milk and good growth rates (nearly 300 g per day) have been achieved with this method. The kids take a little milk every hour or so, as they would from their mothers, and soon learn to regulate their intake. It is important to cover the bulk tank to prevent dust and flies contaminating the milk.

Feeding requirement of kids

Up to Age:	Milk per day	Other feeds
1-3 days	150 ml four times daily	
4-10 days	Increase to 300 ml four times daily (or train to self-feed)	Clean bedding
10-14 days	Feed 400 ml three times daily and increase to 500ml (or self-feed)	Offer clean hay, pasture and perhaps bran
2-3 weeks	Increase morning and evening feeds and reduce midday meal until feeding 1 L twice daily (or self-feed)	Pasture and 100g bran
3-8 weeks	You can feed up to 1.5 L twice daily if you wish but 1 L is sufficient (or self-feed)	Pasture, and increase concentrates to 250 g per day
8 weeks to 18kg bodyweight	Feed 1 to 1.5 L once daily	Pasture and 300-500 g concentrates
18-20 kg	Reduce milk to 500 ml once daily before weaning.	Pasture, and if feeding bran, cease the bran one month after weaning.

Note: Bucks that are being kept for breeding will increase their growth rates if they are fed an extra 10-20% milk and concentrate.

All equipment must be thoroughly cleaned each day to prevent the spread of gut infections. The bottles and tank should be washed in hot water with a suitable dairy detergent and then rinsed twice with clean water to remove all traces of detergent, and other material.

With periodic feeding, start with four 150 ml feeds per day from one to three days of age. Gradually increase the amount to 300 ml per feed at 10 days of age. Then reduce the number of feeds to three per day and feed 400 ml per day, gradually building this up to three feeds per day of 500 ml, depending on appetite, at 14 days of age.

Gradually increase the morning and evening feeds and reduce the midday feed until, at three weeks of age, they are drinking no more than 2 litres depending on appetite, divided into two feeds per day.

From eight weeks of age feed 1-1.5 litres once daily. Kids can be weaned at 12-16 weeks or at 18-20 kg bodyweight (use your bathroom scales). Hand feeding is expensive in time and money so keep feeding to a minimum, especially from eight weeks of age.

Remember that more kids die from overfeeding than underfeeding. Overfeeding can cause scouring, indigestion and perhaps death.

Scouring should be countered by reducing the amount of feed and adding a junket tablet or "Kao Magma" or similar product to the milk. When faeces return to normal, gradually increase the amount fed until you again reach the recommended amount.

If kids are kept indoors and denied access to pasture, add vitamin drops (veterinary or human infant type) until the time kids are grazing or eating quantities of hay.

At all times make sure that kids have access to plenty of cool, clean, fresh water.

Weaning and general management

Milk feeding should be combined with clean, fresh pasture and water. If you wish, a small amount of concentrate feed and good hay can be provided from two weeks of age. Small amounts of bran can be provided to nose about in and lick. This can gradually be increased to the usual concentrate mixture until kids are eating up to 250 g daily.

It is not necessary to feed concentrates if adequate pasture is available. In any case, cease feeding concentrates one month after weaning. Hay and suitable leaves can be fed but clean pasture is more nutritious.

Kids should have a warm, dry place to sleep in (no draughts), and a clean grassy yard in which to play. A few boxes or logs in their play yard will encourage them to run and jump.

They should be fed milk until about three or four months old (or until they reach 18-20 kg live-weight) and then gradually weaned.

They should be wormed with the appropriate amount of worm drench at three months of age. The table gives some idea of the feeding requirements of kids. It should be used only as a guide, as some kids may eat less than the table shows.

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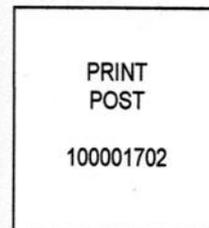
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