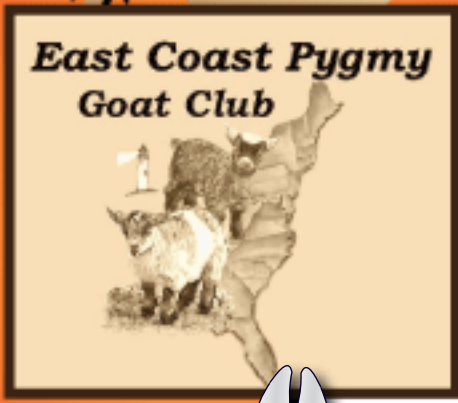


The East Coast Pygmy Goat Club Newsletter



Fall 2011



ECPGC Mission Statement:

The East Coast Pygmy Goat club is a nonprofit club founded January 2009 by fellow pygmy goat enthusiasts. Our knowledge, dedication and compassion will be the key to our success within this club. Our goal of dedication is to focus on the future of the Pygmy Goat by educating the new members, promoting health, longevity and the welfare of the pygmy goat. As a club we intend to have shows, seminars on management, health, reproduction and other challenges. Join us in our compassionate endeavor. The East Coast Pygmy Goat Club welcomes all. Owning a pygmy goat is not necessary to be a member. We do ask that you share the same interest, dedication and enthusiasm in the welfare of the pygmy goats and the future of the NPGA.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Sheahan Family
- Vincent Family
- Mayfield Family
- Bragg Family
- Cresca Albright and Mark Barry
- The Stettlers
- Stephen Solano

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From the President:

Hello East Coast Pygmy Goat Club!!!

Another Summer is coming to an end and it seems as though it just began. I would like to send out a huge thank-you to Pam Mayfield and her family for putting on the "In the Zone" Pygmy Goat Show. They went above and beyond with everything. The breed clinic, obstacle course, unregistered classes, amazing door prizes, auction items, t-shirts and food! I know that all who attended had an awesome time! We all look forward to this show again next year!!! Most importantly thank-you for promoting the Pygmy Goat in Region 5!!!

The 3rd Annual Cynthia Malmrose Show is just around the corner with judges Debbie McGhee and Christopher Rowley. Our goal for each show is to hire judges who have not judged in our area before or have not judged for sometime. Last year we had David Wortham and Tammi Josephson, both from the West coast. Show bills are currently on line under the shows tab. If you would like to have them emailed please feel free to contact me directly. Deadline for entries are September 10th.

In 2009 several members had decided to come together to form a club that would focus on the youth, promote the goat and educate fellow pygmy goat enthusiasts on the Breed Standard, the importance of health and productivity. I am very proud to say that in the 2 short years since we began this club we have done just that!!! As President of the East Coast Pygmy Goat Club I am extremely proud of the accomplishments we have made with in our region and the youth.



From the President:

The youth are the future of NPGA! Our first year we had an overwhelming amount of 4H kids with unregistered animals showing in our unregistered show. The following year we had several of those kids exhibiting NPGA registered animals! Many of them now proud members of NPGA- all showing lots of promise, pride and passion for the breed. This year several of our youth members exhibited at the Keystone Pygmy Goat show in Maryland and I am so honored to say that they won Senior and Grand Champion Buck, Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion Buck and Senior and Grand Champion doe!!!

I have been approached by many for the East Coast Pygmy Goat Club to put in a bid for the 2013 NPGA National Convention. I would like to discuss this at the club show. I have a detailed outline of what is necessary to host a National Convention. We have already had several volunteers to help, we will need many more but knowing the dedication that our club members have for NPGA, ECPGC and the pygmy goat I say in great confidence that this is something that we could certainly achieve!!!

Looking forward to seeing all of you this year at OUR club show!!!

Michael O'Kelly
ECPGC President



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Pygmy News and Announcements

- If you are interested in becoming more involved in the ECPGC contact **Michael O'Kelly (cfpygmygoats@aol.com)** for more information on our open officer positions: **Membership Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer!**
- NPGA elections are almost here! Please be sure to vote. Your opinions count!
- **Deadline for submissions for the Winter 2011 Newsletter will be November 18.** Your stories, pictures, and tips are needed!
- **Congratulations to Country Farms Pygmy Goats** on their new Permanent Master Champions: PGCH Dinsmore Farms Morning Mist and PGCH Country Farms Modern Design. Also, congratulations on their newest PGCH: PGCH Country Farms Setting the Standard.



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2011 Eastern United States Show Schedule

3rd Annual ECPGC Cynthia Malmrose Show

September 17, 2011

Chestertown, Maryland

2 Jr Grand Doe, 2 Sr Grand Doe, 2 Buck, 2 Wether Shows

Judges: Debbie McGhee & Christopher Rowley

Get Your Goat Fall Show

October 1 & 2, 2011

Wooster, OH

Penny Clark 330-696-3900 saltboxfarm@aol.com

2 Doe, 2 Buck, 2 Wether Shows

1st Judge: Doug Bragg; 2nd Judge: Erin McCarthy

Lincoln County Pygmy Goat Fest

October 8, 2011 (Sanctioned)

Fayetteville, TN

Bill Mitchell 931-732-4475 tonya@ardmore.net

2 Doe, 2 Buck, 2 Wether Shows

1st Judge: Sarah White; 2nd Judge: Rebecca Mumpower

NC State Fair

October 21 - 23, 2011

Raleigh, NC

Maggie Leman: 919-596-0984 maggidans@msn.com

1 Doe, 1 Wether Shows

Judge: Dr. Tim Norman

The Festival Of Pygmies

November 18 - 20, 2011

Greensboro, NC

Maggie Leman: 919-596-0984; maggidans@msn.com

2 Doe, 2 Buck, 2 Wether Shows

1st Judge: Debbie McGhee; 2nd Judge: Jennifer Sanderson

Congratulations Country Farms!



PGCH Dinsmore Farms Morning Mist



PGCH Country Farms Modern Design



PGCH Country Farms Setting the Standard

Have an announcement? Send it to: hmatkins55@gmail.com

Wether Certification Program

A special thanks to Donna Elkins and to the NPGA for their approval for the printing of this article.

At the June 2007 meeting, the board approved the adoption of the Wether Certification Program as presented by the Wether Committee. The purpose of this program is to certify wethers that are currently not certified due to unknown or unregistered sire and/or dam. The committee wanted to offer an opportunity for all pygmy goat wethers owned by NPGA members to participate in the medal level program offered by NPGA. The owner of the wether must be a current NPGA member and have already obtained a registered hername and tattoo prefix. This information is required on the certification application.

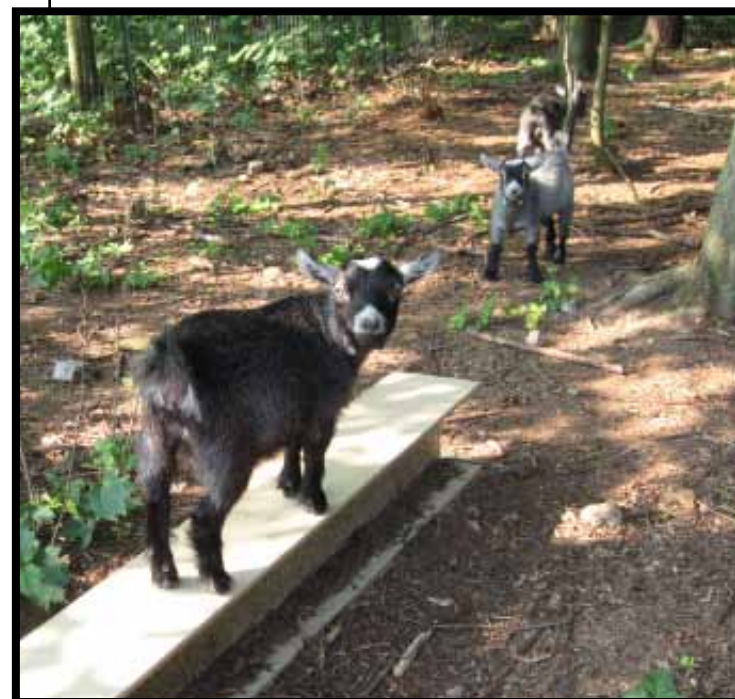
In order to certify a wether meeting the above criteria, you must obtain a Wether Certification Application that must be filled out in part by a currently licensed NPGA judge. Judges will record the name and identification of each animal they certify.

The judge must physically check the animal for breed standard qualities and measurements as well as permanent identification or tattoo and/or microchip. It is advisable to contact the judge in advance so they can arrange a convenient time and have their preferred measuring device on hand.

The completed form, signed by the judge must be submitted along with the usual application for registration and associated registration fees, including a late fee if the animal is over 1 year of age, to the central office. There is no additional fee for the certification program. Judges will record the name and identification of each animal they certify for their records.

The form can be obtained through the central office or downloaded from the website, www.npga-pygmy.com. It requires the NPGA membership number of the owner at the time the wether is certified.

According to the recent membership survey, many members are interested in one day having the medal level wethers compete in separate classes. With the popularity and success of the program, NPGA encourages clubs, 4-H leaders and others to become familiar with this new certification program and highlight it at club events where an NPGA judge will be present. To compete for National Champion wether, a wether must have attained a bronze level in the program, making certification a prerequisite to competing for National Champion. This is just one more great reason to join NPGA and utilize the wether program it offers.



Have you paid your dues for 2011?

Pay now and don't miss out on the fun!

Membership forms are available on the club website:

<http://ecpgc.yolasite.com/>

Forms and dues should be mailed to:

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ECPGC Youth: Showing Pygmy Goats

By ECPGC Member, Shelby Vincent

Showing pygmy goats has almost become second nature, for my sister, Sydney Vincent and myself, Shelby Vincent. We first became introduced to showing pygmy goats when we took a natural interest walking around our State Fair's livestock buildings. And pygmy goats were the perfect sized animals for us. We began showing when we were 8 years old. At first we had no idea what we were doing, but through our friends we started to learn how to show. We started out focusing a lot on showmanship. This was because we had unregistered animals, but in showmanship that didn't matter, the judge was judging you on how you presented your animal. Naturally as twin sisters, we were always in the same class, and were determined to one up the other. So it became competitive between us. This drive put us at the top of our classes and kept us wanted to know how to improve how we show. As we learned more and more we also began bettering our herd to registered animals. We learned the proper characteristics of pygmies. From their alert, animated appearance to the correct angles of their rear legs. We also learned how important good nutrition is to keep them at their best. But not only does this information help with the raising and showing of our animals, but it helps Sydney with one of her largest interests, Animal Science. Ever since she was little she has always loved animals, becoming interested in animal science. She then decided she wanted to be a vet or vet tech. She has learned many different things that will help her in her career of animal science; such as how to properly assist in helping a kidding doe deliver, give shots, general care, etc. But showing has taught us much more than just what we can apply with livestock. It has taught us compassion, focus, time management, determination, and commitment. We absolutely love showing and will continue to do so for the rest of our lives.



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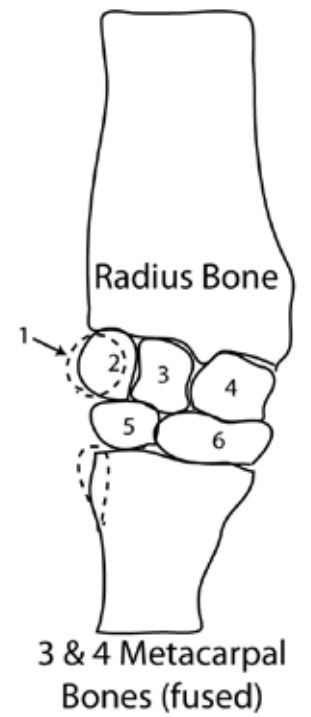
Goat Bone Puzzler: How well do you know your structure?

1. What two major bones make up the stife joint?

2. How many carpal bones are present in the front "knee" of a goat?

3. How many ribs does a goat have?

4. Do goats have collar bones?



[View of right limb from front]

Answers: 1) Femur and tibia 2) 6 3) 13 4) Yes, but it is small, may not be totally rigid, and is located in a muscle

We'd love to share your story or photos in the Youth Section!

Please send submissions to Hannah Atkins:

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“On second thought, I think I am more crazy than my goat.”

-Unkown



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Congratulations to all the Youth Winners at the Summer Sizzle VII in Hagerstown, MD!



The ECPGC would also like to thank

Tammy Riggins
for all her help with the ECPGC Youth Program. We really appreciate all of your hard work!



We are SO proud of you all!



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For Sale



Dinsmore Farm Consigliere

Date of Birth: 7/13/10

Sire: Dinsmore Domino

Dam: 2XGCH Dinsmore Farm Everlasting

For more information contact:

Gail Brinkley

(269) 695-5320

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Dinsmore Farm Right Hand Man

Date of Birth: 7/24/10

Sire: Dinsmore Domino

Dam: PGCH Dinsmore Farm Moonlight

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Got an animal for sale? Advertise here for free! Just send the goats' names, pedigrees, your contact info, and other relevant information to:
Hannah Atkins: hmatkins55@gmail.com



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It's That Time of Year

By Dr. Kay Orlando, DVM (Reprinted from WPGC Newsletter, November/December 2002)

Editor's note: Consult your veterinarian on the right supplements and management practices for your goats. Having a good patient/client/vet relationship is important.

Fall is here and winter is on the way. Time to get the goats ready for the long, wet winter and breeding season. A little extra maintenance now will get the goats through the winter in better shape and increase the numbers of beautiful kids in the spring. Winter brings bad weather, short days, and closer confinement. All can be stressful to the herd. Good management now can reduce the toll that these stresses have on your goats.

Make sure the entire herd is receiving adequate selenium. Our area of the northwest is so selenium deficient, that the goats require additional selenium even if they are on trace mineral salt that contains selenium. Breeding bucks can benefit from additional selenium both in increased libido and sperm count. Make sure breeding does receive additional selenium before exposure to the buck.

With the show season almost over, make sure that the entire herd is treated for lice. Those long, dark days of winter are ideal for a louse build up in the herd. Lice are easy to bring home from shows or fairs. And if left untreated, these parasites can become a problem in the entire herd. While lice usually cause itching and hair loss, susceptible goats (the very young, elderly, or sick) can have severe enough infestations to cause anemia. Fall is also a good time to treat internal parasites. To find out what parasites you are dealing with and how heavy the parasite load is, take a representative fecal sample in to your veterinarian. Young stock are the most susceptible so be sure to include them in your sample.

While the goat is in the stand getting additional selenium, worming, and delousing, make sure those feet are trimmed. Now that the rainy season is here, those feet are much easier to trim. But with worsening weather and more time in the barn, those feet will need to be trimmed more often. Well trimmed feet are more resistant to "foot rot" and hoof-wall separations. Bucks need feet in good shape to do their work. And breeding does need feet that are well-trimmed and comfortable as they become heavier during pregnancy.



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