



Kinder Goat Breeders Association

SPRING 2010 EDITION

Inside this Issue:

Poisonous plants for Goats

Winners of the "Cutest Kid on the Block" Contest.

Chevon Curry

Kinder Confirmation: Evaluating the Kinder Rump

And More...

Welcome to our New Members!

Macy Hinck

Carbondale, KS

Anna Sitnik

Snohomish, WA

Fathom Claxon

Camden Point, MO

Rhonda Daniels

Rochester, IL

Mike Hauffman



Above photos: Left: Playful Kids from Good Wife Farm. Right: A trio from TX

Throughout the Newsletter:

Clip art used with permission from: clipart.com and www.inspirationsofthepast.com

Wanted: We want YOUR farm photos!

You can submit a photo of you working with your Kinder Goats, or simply a seasonal photo of your Kinders enjoying life on your farm to Jeanette via email at:

KGBAeditor@gmail.com

Interested in Submitting an Article of interest or Advertising with KGBA?

Display Ad Rates*: Contact [KGBA Editor](mailto:KGBAeditor@gmail.com) for current rates and spec sheet. 785-217-6938, KGBAeditor@gmail.com
All KGBA members are offered a discounted rate for display ads in our quarterly newsletter. *Rates for display advertising are subject to change upon approval of the KGBA Board.

Please Note:

KGBA reserves the right to accept and/or refuse to, publish ads and/or articles according to space availability, relevancy for our readers, and according to the needs of the Kinder Goat Breeders Association. KGBA reserves the right to edit ads and articles as seen fit by the editor.

All articles are submitted on a volunteer basis without monetary compensation.

The views expressed by our writers and/or advertisers do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Kinder Goat

Many of our members found this time of year was too full to participate in our Kinders Across America article. I would still like to offer this article in future publications. If you would like to participate please contact Jeanette Wood at:

kgbaeditor@gmail.com



KGBA Board Members:

President– Sue Huston
goats07@live.com

Vice President– Edwin Perocheschi edro@cvalley.net

Secretary– Lisa Lamm
clamm31167@centurytel.net

Treasurer– Ramona Birdsall
edro@cvalley.com

Member at Large– Dawn Leaming
aussie1020@gmail.com

Member at Large– Jean Jan garyjranch@charter.net

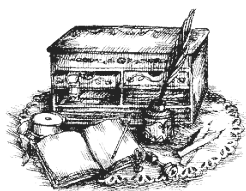
If you are viewing this in PDF format and would like to contact any of our KGBA board members by email, simply click on their name to email them with your comments or questions.

Summer 2010 Edition

Inside this issue:

From the President's Desk: <i>Summer Thoughts and Thank You's</i>	2
Letters from our Readers: <i>Success with Dam Raised Kids</i>	3
Healthy Homestead: <i>Poisonous plants for Goats</i>	4
K.G.B.A. Featured Members: <i>Summer Break</i>	5
A Note from the Editor: <i>Members Only</i>	5
In the Kitchen with Kinders: <i>Chevon Curry</i>	8
Kids Korner: <i>Macy Hinck from KS</i>	9
Seasonal Tips: <i>Keeping Cool from the Summer</i>	12
Announcing the Winners to our 2010 Cutest Kid on the Block Photo Contest	10
Understanding Kinder Confirmation: <i>Evaluation of the Kinder Rump</i>	11
Medicine Cabinet: <i>Nettles on the Farm</i>	10
In the Library: <i>Everything I Want To Do Is Illegal</i> by Joel Salatin	12





From the President's Desk: Summer Thoughts and Thank You's

Here we are, already July.

We have finished kidding here at the Bramble Patch. I must admit that I was over whelmed with all the kidding happening at the same time this May. This had not been my plan, so when I began to get more kids on the ground than I could handle both mentally and physically, I just gave them away to homes where I knew they would be well cared for. I sent both mother and kids and I am so very glad that I did. It is my hope that our gifts are making those that received them as happy as it has Tom and me in giving them.

This is a lesson that all should take seriously. Don't breed more goats than you can care for successfully. Bigger is not better in most instances' as least it was not for me. Keep only those that you can handle, those that you can feed, water and house in the best possible way. It is so easy to become attached then increasing your herd to the point where it is no longer a joy to own them any longer. It is up to you to make your Kinder experiences good ones.

Changes, changes so many changes! After 14 years of vol-

unteer work Margi Kehes will no longer be our Registrar. I am sure she is looking forward to a much needed rest. We want to thank her for all the work that she has done over all these years for the KGBA. We wish her the very best.

Thank you Margi!



We will now have a new Registrar along with a new software program for doing our Kinder registrations. Please! Welcome, Jan Hodges. Jan is a very serious Kinder breeder and I feel assured that the members will more than happy with the job that Jan will do. New software for our registrations is being put into place. We hope you will like this new program, I personally feel that this is something that has been needed for some time. I hope you will be patient while our new Registrar becomes familiar with this program. I feel sure you will be delighted as time goes on.

Thank you to:

Emily, James and Mary Ann Blauvelt.

Emily and James Blauvelt will be conducting a comparison study of Kinders, Boers and

dairy cross wethers. This is a 4-H project for Emily and James with Mary Ann over-seeing the study. This is something that I have wanted to see done for years and now thanks to these two young people it is going to happen. We need to thank, Lisa Lamm, for donating the Kinder for this study. We will be giving the results of the study just as soon as all the facts are available.

We have a Publicity Director: Rhonda Daniels has agreed to take the position. I hope you will visit and participate in www.kindergoats.org Rhonda put this site up so we could link all the Kinder sites in one place. She has done a marvelous job so please help her out by sharing your photo's and thoughts.

Cutest Kid Contest was so much fun for me. I loved seeing all those adorable Kinder kids. We really appreciate all of you that took part in this. I think it would be fun to share all the pictures with you so you can decide what kid should have been in first,

From the President's Desk Continued...

second and third place. Hopefully the majority will be in agreement with us.

It is almost election time again. If you would like to run for an office please contact anyone on the Nominating Committee; Lisa Lamm, Jean

Jajan or Dawn Leaming. President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-at-large are the positions. You can always write in a campaign if you wish. Please vote when your ballot arrives.

Well I am sure that later I will

think of some things that I should have talked over with all of you, for now I am just wishing you, God's blessings.

Sue



Letters from our Readers: Success with Dam Raised Kids

ing Mrs. Wood! The newsletter is wonderful and I thank you for a fabulous job!

I dam raise my kids. I've never bottle fed any of them, however I'm going tomorrow to get a Nubian doeling and will be bottle feeding her so will have some experience after that. I have a very small herd of goats with only 3 adult does and 6 kids right now. I spend LOTS of time with my goats. I strive to be present at every birth and I imprint the kids at that time. I hold them and cuddle them and kiss them. Then I make sure to spend as much time with them as I can from that moment on. My kids are very sociable and loving to myself, my husband, and our daughter. They come running to us and most of them stand up on us begging to be held. If we sit down on the ground we are flooded with 6 baby goats fighting over who gets to sit in our laps! We did

Good have one doeling born this year that was skittish right from the get go and she has taken a bit more work to socialize her, but we've managed it. I'm including a photo of my daughter Shayla being mobbed by our beautiful Kinder kids.

I just wanted to state that if you've got a small enough herd and don't mind spending time with your goats you CAN have sweet loving goats without bottle feeding them. I also think I would feel too guilty taking the kids away from the doe. Does love their babies so very much

and the milk is for the babies, not for me. I don't mind sharing with them, but wouldn't want to take it. Just like allowing a human baby to nurse at will, I wouldn't want to presume that I know how much milk each kids needs. Just my humble opinion! :)

Thanks for your time, God bless and have a wonderful day!

www.goodwifefarm.com

Thank you for sharing your experience with us Sarah! We all love learning from one another!

Mrs. Joseph Wood

An advertisement for 'HENRY'S MILKER'. The top part has the text 'Milking Goats Is FUN & EASY' in green and yellow, followed by 'HENRY'S MILKER' in large yellow letters. Below this is a photograph of a person milking a goat. To the right of the photo is a list of features with red checkmarks: 'Small Farms', 'No Motors', 'Safe / Clean', and 'Kits & Plans'. At the bottom is the website address 'www.goatfinder.com/kinderspecial.htm' in green.

Healthy Homestead: Poisonous Plants

Goats are known for being curious creatures that love to taste the world around them! Protecting our goats from mishaps is just one of the many responsibilities of the care taker.

According to the National Agriculture Library, there are three most common factors that cause goats to graze on poisonous plants: starvation, accidentally, and boredom. If we are careful to provide the right care for our animals we can easily ensure that they do not graze on these poisonous delicacies but how can we prevent them from such

accidents or doing so out of boredom? I would suggest taking a walk in your pasture and learning what grows! If you find a plant growing that can cause your animal harm, remove it. If

you are unfamiliar with a plant, contact your local county extension for help. In my experience, they have always been eager to help when I called with questions. There is also a variety of websites that can offer you information on plants your goats should avoid. Many contain pictures for you to examine and compare with what is growing on your property. There are some discrepancies between sites so make sure you take your time reading through the information presented. If you think

your goat has eaten a poisonous plant make sure you get them help right away.

The symptoms of poisoning can vary from mild to extremely severe. There can be a wide variety of symptoms from abortion to blindness. Some of the most common signs are: bloat, diar-



rhea, difficulty breathing, dilated pupils, frothing at the mouth, lameness, tremors, and teeth grinding.

When you think your goat has eaten something harmful make sure you get them help right away. The first thing we do is secure the area to make sure they are away from anything that could be harmful. We often put them in a private pen until we are confident they are feeling better. Whenever you isolate your animal make sure you have reviewed the area to look for dangerous situations. For example, we often have to hammer nails down that are sticking through walls. Also, make sure you have fresh water for their consumption. Secondly, we offer

baking soda free choice. We have found that nine out of ten times when they need it they eat it willingly. There was once that a goat was feeling too ill to even eat it. In that case we mixed the baking soda with some water to make a paste and then gave it to the goat as a drench a little at a time. If they need it, they will eat it. You can also use charcoal to help absorb the toxins however, we have never had to use it as of today. We do keep some on hand in the barn for that emergency that is bound to happen on a weekend, in the middle of the night, when my vet is on a cruise in the Bahamas.

Here are a few lists that are available online for your reference:

- [Poisonous Plant List Compiled by Maxine Kinne](http://kinne.net/poi-list.htm) at: <http://kinne.net/poi-list.htm>
- [Fias Co Fair](http://fiascofarm.com/goats/poisonousplants.htm) at: <http://fiascofarm.com/goats/poisonousplants.htm>
- [Poisonous Plants to Livestock](http://www.famu.edu/goats/UserFiles/File/Poisonous_Plants_to_Livestock_Part_B.pdf) at: http://www.famu.edu/goats/UserFiles/File/Poisonous_Plants_to_Livestock_Part_B.pdf
- [Dairy Goat Journal](http://www.dairygoatjournal.com/issues/87/87-2/plants_toxic_to_goats.html) at: http://www.dairygoatjournal.com/issues/87/87-2/plants_toxic_to_goats.html

Featured KGBA Breeders are on Summer Break

Sue Huston continues to feature a Kinder breeder each month on our [Kinder Blog](http://www.kindercommunique.blogspot.com) (www.kindercommunique.blogspot.com). If you would be interested in sharing your Kinders with our online community please contact Sue at: goats07@live.net.

The official K.G.B.A. blog will be taking a Summer break !

Many of our members will be at their county fairs showing their Kinders with others. Traveling with family, picking up goats from across the country and other Summer fun keeps our members active. Therefore, we will only host a recipe or tip posted monthly on the blog for you to enjoy. Our featured

breeders will resume blogging in the Fall. We already have a wonderful line up of members willing to share their talents with you. Would like to share your talents with us too? Please contact Sue so we can put you on the list to share and give you access to post on the blog as an author.

We want to say a special thank you to everyone who has con-

tributed to the blog thus far. Quite often we hear through correspondence how blessed our members are by the sharing that is taking place online on the [blog](#) and through our [facebook page](#).

From all of us here at the K.G.B.A. we wish you a safe Summer filled with memories to last a lifetime!

Mrs. Joseph Wood



A Note from the Editor: Members Only

These last few months have been busy for most of us; my home is no different. Ten children, a full barn, a full kidding season, helping new families start their Kinder herds, sickness and yes death have been part of our year so far. I am delighted to serve the K.G.B.A. by helping with the newsletter, website, facebook page and blog. We have done so much this year and yet desire to do so much more. Each member that actively participates not only enriches the association but contributes to countless homes, families and farms. If you would

like to partner with us, I would love to hear from you. Please jot me a note and I will let you know where we have a need. I continue to work on our members page of the website where we plan to offer you forms, videos and training to help our members best care for their Kinders. Please keep the following information for your records so you can access the members only section of the website.

To view the Members Only section of our website you will need to enter your last name (all lower case letters) as your username. Then enter your member

number as your password. The letter at the beginning of your member number must be capitalized for it to work. The system is case sensitive. If you have trouble accessing the page feel free to contact me personally at: kgbaeditor@gmail.com

I look forward to working alongside you as we seek to promote the Kinder Goat .

Mrs. Joseph Wood



In the Kitchen with Kinders: Chevon Curry

Chevon Curry

1 lb. chevon
3 oz. goat butter
2 T. minced onion
2 T. fine cut celery
2 T. diced apples
1 T. flour
1 T. curry powder
2 ripe tomatoes, stewed and strained

1 1/2 cups of water
salt and pepper to taste

Cut meat into one inch pieces, salt and saute in butter. Add onion, celery and apples. Saute thoroughly. Sprinkle with flour and curry powder. Cook until flour colors. Add strained tomatoes and water. Cover sucepán and cook slowly until done.

Enjoy!

If you have a recipe you would like to share, I would love to hear from you. Please contact [Jeanette](mailto:Jeanette@kgoatbreeders.com) at:

KGBAeditor@gmail.com



Medicine Cabinet: Nettles on the Farm

When we first moved to KS I was curious about this “weed” that others found as a nuisance. With a little research and experimentation in the barn I discovered that what others call a “useless weed” I call an asset to my goats and family! The Stinging Nettle can be very uncomfortable as a hiking companion but proves helpful in other ways. We harvest our Nettles in spring and fall, and use in a variety of ways. For the family, we enjoy steaming them (steaming removes all the stingers) and eating them as a side dish. They are a rich deep green color packed full of vitamins and minerals. Truly a delightful addition to the table. If you like spinach you will

LOVE steamed Nettles. We also dry them and use in our teas or out in the barn for the animals. We learned that they not only are helpful as an astringent but also a blood builder and help in treating anemia because of their high iron and vitamin C content.

Adding nettles to your animals diets as an addition to your worming program can help ensure that a worm overload does not cause anemia in your herd.



Nettles are also known to increase milk in lactating animals. When we have an animal that is not quite producing as much as we would like we simply add 2 Tbs of dried stinging nettles in with their grain mix morning



and evening. If you would like to learn more about Stinging Nettles I encourage you to review this page: [Herbal Legacy](http://www.herballegacy.com/Vance_Medicinal.html) at: http://www.herballegacy.com/Vance_Medicinal.html

Mrs. Joseph Wood

Kids Korner: The Hinck Family in KS

I had the opportunity to interview a sweet family from in NE Kansas; meet the Hinck family and their Kinders!

What first made us want to buy Kinders what their sweet dispositions. Later we learned how they were dual purpose goats. We first bought our Kinders in April of 2010.

Our kinders enjoy munching on weeds and tree leaves by our garden when we're out working. They love being scratched and brushed and will let you know they would like more attention by giving us a

kiss on the cheek or ear. They've come to enjoy the company of our 2 pyranees mixes as well. Riley (4yrs) is eager to learn to milk and is doing pretty good so far on helping mom. Presley (22mos) likes bringing freshly picked plantain leaves to Taffy (which he calls "Tappy") our milking doe while she's on the milking stand.

Sometimes Daisy (our little doel-ing) would get her head stuck in yogurt containers when she was looking for grain. The two kids would follow Macy around the yard and jump on their hind legs. We

have happily discovered that Kinders are very gentle and sweet animals and we're thankful for the opportunity to raise them!

Macy, Kenzie and Kimmy Hinck
NE Kansas

Thank you Hinck Family for giving me the opportunity to interview you all more. If anyone ever has a story they would like to share I would love to hear it! You can email me at fortheLoveofgoats@gmail.com

For the love of goats,

Beth Joy



Seasonal Tips: Keeping Cool from the Summer Heat

Keeping our goats cool in the Summer months takes some planning and careful attention. Keeping clean **fresh water** available for our goats is absolutely essential. If you put your goats out in pasture make sure you check the water system to ensure that they will not go without water while you are busy elsewhere. Keep in mind that one goat will easily go through 1-2 gallons of milk each day. Heavy producers, the high summer temperatures and pregnancy can cause them to need even more water.

Keeping good **minerals** out as a free choice option is critical in the summer heat.

We also use **Kelp** as a free choice option for our goats. According to Premier Farm and Home, Kelp helps with vascular dilation which in turn helps reduce heat stress. Keeping a good quality kelp available for your goats will aid them in reducing their body heat.

Providing a **well ventilated shelter** will provide your goats with respite from the heat. If a shelter is not an option out in your pasture make sure you include **trees in your pasture** that can provide shade at different times of day. Walk your pasture at different times of the day so you can see how much shade is available for your goats.

Misters are another option to provide some relief from the heat. Be careful about offering ponds or other large water sources for your animals. Kids can drown by accident. And milking does can develop mastitis by playing in dirty water.

We have also placed **large fans in the barn** to help air circulation. There are times when you can almost hear the goats cheering as the fans come on.

Check on your goats often and make sure you do all you can to keep them safe from the Summer heat.

Mrs. Joseph Wood

Announcing the Winners to our 2010 Cutest Kid on the Block Photo Contest

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2010 Cutest Kid on the Block Photo Contest. We also want to thank our sponsors: Dairy Goat Association, Pat Showhalter, Ramona Birdsall and the K.G.B.A. Board Members!



1st place--Sarah Paintiff
Goat flying in air.



2nd place--Rhonda Luck
Goat sitting on lap

For 3rd place we had a tie between Jan Hodges and the Wood family.



3rd place--Jan Hodges
Goats standing on hind legs



3rd place--Wood family
Goat in tree



4th place--
DaLinda Ackerman
Black goat with white belt and wearing a collar.

2010 Nominations for K.G.B.A. Officers

Here are the nominations for the slate of officers for the 2010 election for the newsletter. The ballot will be going out in September make sure you get your vote counted and return them quickly!

President: Sue Huston

Secretary: Lisa Lamm

Member at Large: Edwin Peroceschi

Vice President: Ashley Kennedy

Treasure: Ramona Birdsall

Member at Large: Jean Jajan



Bramble Patch Kinders

Dual Purpose - Mid Size - Easy Handling
Feed Efficient - Year Around Breeding

Call: 660 852-3222 Email: goats07@live.com

Understanding Kinder Confirmation: Evaluation of the Kinder Rump

A quality Kinder Breeder will take the time to learn and put into practice a good breeding and culling program. A special thank you to Ramona for taking the time to write the articles that help us learn how to attain top quality Kinders.

RUMP

The portion of the goats rear top that is framed by the pin bones at the rear, the hip bones at the front and the thurls at the sides.

The rump should be WIDE and

LONG, LEVEL from thurl to thurl, having a SLIGHT slope from hips to pins.

SLOPE OF RUMP

Important because the shape of the rump affects rear leg set, keeping in mind the rump cradles the valuable udder on does and scrotal on the bucks. Strong rumps support well attached udders and scrotal.

Not ideal rumps can lead to break down of legs and udders

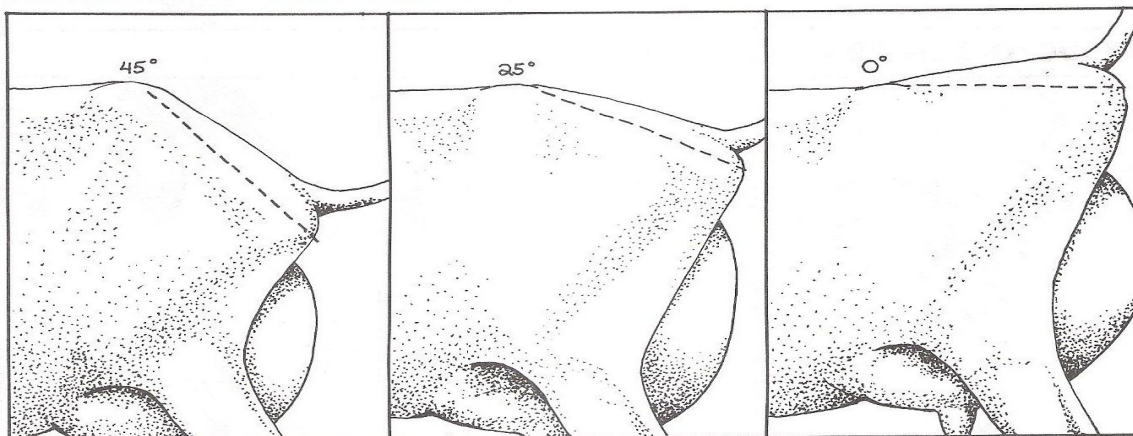
which shorten the goats productive years. Kidding problems do arise in animals with steep rumps!

Always breed your Kinder with a body conformation goal. One of the many keys to breeding Kinders to be a dual purpose animal.

Ramona~

Beauty Mountain Farm, MO.

STRUCTURE — RUMP ANGLE



1-5 Points
Extremely steep from hooks to pins

25 Points
Intermediate slope from hooks to pins

45-50 Points
Extremely level from hooks to pins

The angle of the rump or pelvis from hooks to pins has a direct bearing on the reproductive performance of a goat because it influences the ease of kidding and drainage of the reproductive tract. The angle of the rump is also related to the length of udder from fore to rear, strength of fore udder attachment, and udder depth. Observing the goat on the move from the side, the appraiser evaluates the angle of the rump from the hooks to the pins. Rump angle is measured from steepness, which is assigned 20 or less points, to levelness, which is assigned 30 or more points. Rumps intermediate in slope (30° to 20°) are assigned 20 to 30 points. Each difference of 5° in the rump angle, plus or minus, results in a difference in the score of 5 points. A rump angle of 50° or more is assigned 1 point.



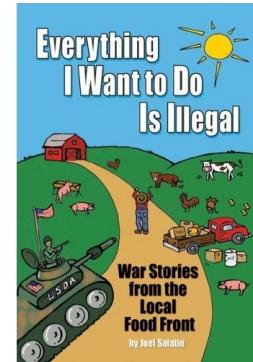
In the Library: Everything I Want To Do Is Illegal by: Joel Salatin

The true account of the Salatin family farm, Polyface farms in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. Mr. Joel Salatin was recently featured in Food INC a DVD that discusses the state of our current food system. Mr. Salatin shares his story of farming with the reader in a fun, informative, and captivating manner. I appreciated his early comments that his purpose for writing the book was, "so that my grandchildren will know their legacy. I don't know if their farming world will be easier or harder than mine. Much depends on how this slug-fest between the powerful industrial forces and the grassroots local

food movement turns out. Armed with this book I hope our side will become more passionate and articulate in this struggle. And ultimately prevail."

Passion is exactly what I found building in me as I read through *Everything I Want To Do Is Illegal*. Vividly displayed, within the pages of this book is the struggle between one family farm and the global oriented mindset of our current government ran food system. Polyface Farms has waded through countless miles of red tape, official visits from authorities and became quite creative in meeting the demands imposed on them by people who seem to

have lost all common sense.



If you're like me, you will not only be informed and inspired but also persuaded to return to the beautiful basics of growing, raising, and purchasing food locally.

Enjoy!

Mrs. Joseph Wood

KINDER GOAT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

**10630 SW HWY K4
TOPEKA, KS 66614**

"Address Service Requested"

#

Name

Address:

City, State, Zip

Notes: