



Kinder Goat Breeders Association NEWSLETTER

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DWARF GOAT RESEARCH – By Pat Showalter

A 'chance' e-mail from a woman in Germany and forwarded by a new Kinder breeder to the Yahoo! Kinder List has opened up a very fascinating chapter for the Kinder goat. The German woman was questioning the safety of the Nubian/Pygmy cross because of a genetic defect (a lethal gene) that had been discovered that can affect male offspring of this type of cross. She cited a source in Switzerland that she said had made the discovery.

I was very curious, because I had never heard of any Kinder breeder having any such problems with their goats. I contacted the Dwarf Goat Research Station web site (they are located in Zurich, Switzerland) to ask some questions, and after looking over their web site, I also decided to offer to share information on the Kinder if they were interested.

My contact at the Research Station was (and is) Marianne Brunner, a very cordial and helpful person. She first answered my questions about the genetic defect as follows:

"First, I would like to give you further information about the genetic defect. You will notice the defect on the third generation after breeding big goats with dwarf goats – that means after a big goat was crossed with a dwarf goat and the offspring was crossed with a dwarf goat, and the next offspring was crossed with a dwarf goat with the intention to make the goat smaller. If now the next offspring female comes together with a male, the female offspring will still carry the genes, but the male offspring will sort of 'starve to death' after weaning within three to six months. Without being milk fed, they can hardly produce fatty tissue and just live off their own body reserves. How long the kid can stay alive depends on the body reserves.

It is remarkable that these animals are not showing any symptoms until approximately one week before they die, and it is nearly impossible for the amateur to tell what was wrong, in contrast to the illness Cachexy as a result of worms or similar, when you are able to see changes in the coat (dull) or the behavior (weakness).

Very often the reason for the sudden death is unknown as it is unrecognizable. The sudden death is inexplicable and because it just hits the male goats, some people might not consider asking any further, but if the animals would be dissected, the diagnosis should be Cachexy in a high degree, no fatty tissue in muscles or bone marrow. The speculations about the reason are manifold.

The research is not finished, so we do not have all the results yet, some experimental therapies were done, but the results will not be ready for publishing for a while."

After reading this explanation of the problem, you can understand why the Kinder would not be affected. Because of the way that the KGBA has maintained the Kinder to Kinder breeding after the first Nubian/Pygmy cross, we avoid the combination that causes the problem.

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THE TATTOO LETTER FOR 2005 IS 'V'

NEW KGBA WEB SITE

Danielle Westvang of Oxford, Arkansas, has graciously volunteered to build and maintain a new web site for the KGBA. It is well under way and useable right now, but we will be adding more to it to make it as useful to the membership as possible. Eventually all of the KGBA forms and price listings will be available to you there, there will be a current Kinder News section, and there will be a place for members to place goat related ads. If there are things that you would particularly like to see added, let us know and we'll see if it can be done. The old web site will still be available for now as well. The new address is: www.kindergoats.com

THE NEW YEAR MEANS THAT DUES ARE DUE!

In your Newsletter you will find a double form to fill out and return (with appropriate fees, if you need to renew your membership). The top section is your membership renewal/information update, and the bottom section is for your Breeders List entry on the web site and on the list to be included in our Information packets. We need to hear from you if you want to be included. Don't be alarmed if you have already renewed or are a Charter Member, and receive a renewal form – it is easier to just send forms out in every Newsletter.

NEW EDITOR

Making a transition is always hard. With the transfer of the Newsletter over to Jan Herleikson from Pat Showalter there were just as many bumps in the road as any other move or change. We are still being challenged, so we ask your patience while we grow into the new Newsletter.

Thanks!

Lemonade Cheese Pie

1 pound soft goat cheese
1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup frozen lemonade concentrate
1 carton (8 oz) frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 envelope Knox unflavored gelatine
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cold water
Yellow food coloring (optional)
1 deep graham cracker crust

Sprinkle gelatine over cold water in small saucepan. Place over low heat, stirring constantly until gelatine dissolves completely. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, beat the soft goat cheese until smooth. Gradually beat in the sweetened condensed milk until blended. Beat in the frozen lemonade concentrate. Blend in the gelatine. Fold in the whipped topping (and the food coloring, if desired). Pour into the graham cracker crust. Cover and refrigerate until set.

Yield: 8 servings

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Next, in answer to my offer to share Kinder information, Ms Brunner was very interested and had a great many questions which I have tried to answer. She asked if I would be willing to share information and photos so that she could add a Kinder page to their web site. I sent the materials requested, and now there is indeed a new Kinder page on the Dwarf Goat Research site with text in German and English! (<http://www.zwergziegen.ch/kinderziege.html>)

The purpose of the Dwarf Goat Research Station is to increase knowledge about goats, to "improve their health and happiness". The Kinder has been invited to participate in the research, and so, included with this Newsletter is a copy of their research form. If any of you would be willing to participate in the research with me, this could prove to be very valuable to the Kinder and to Kinder breeders. Please use the enclosed form as a master, as you will need a separate form for each goat. We have been asked to record our measurements in centimeters. The one section of the Research Form that most breeders will not be able to complete is the section on Horn-Forms, but anyone who has Kinders with horns, please indicate that too. Let's see how many Kinders we can enter into the study!

Also included in this issue is a questionnaire about your observations of Kinder behavior. Part of the research deals with goat behavior and your answers will begin to paint a picture of what can be expected of the breed generally. Just an example: the big goat/dwarf goat crosses that the Station has worked with so far have proven to be much more "hot-headed/more violent amongst each other" than either of the separate breeds. That is just the opposite of what I have found with my Kinders – your input is needed here too.

Completed forms and questionnaires should be sent to the KGBA, PO Box 1575, Snohomish, WA 98291-1575. The KGBA will then forward all the paperwork to the Dwarf Goat Research Station. The first target date for the return (to the KGBA) of completed forms is March 31, 2005. Complete as many as you can, then we'll set another mailing date for more completed forms later in the year.

I will keep you informed about what comes of this contact. If you take the time to look through the pages of this extensive site, you too will be fascinated by the wealth of information. Pages are gradually being translated from the German into English as well, so more and more information will become easily available. Here's a great way for the rest of the world to learn about our Kinders!

Another little interesting bit of information from Marianne Brunner – the Nubian/Pygmy cross was attempted in the 18th century in Africa because attempts at crossing Pygmies with the European breeds did not work out. The European goat/Pygmy cross was found to be susceptible to disease carried by the tsetse fly. The native Africans were looking for a type of goat that would provide milk as well as meat – does that sound familiar?

MILK LICENSE IN GEORGIA – Jeannie Bolstridge

When we think of marketing a product that is the fruit of our hard work, we try to think of "all the angles" involved to make it a success. This is the approach that I took regarding selling my goat's milk. First and foremost, I wanted to be legal. There is no more miserable state of being than to have to "cover one's back" because of deceit. So, my first step was to go to our state Department of Agriculture and ask to talk with the feed division. I talked to a nice man who sent me a package of requirements and made himself very available via email to answer any questions about these complicated looking forms. With our Georgia Department of Agriculture, the first step required of me was to investigate some average goat milk analysis charts because this had to appear on a label that I would eventually have to have made. I did internet searches, and submitted via email a couple of different goat milk analysis charts to this man. One of the charts that I submitted was approved by him as follows:

Protein: 3.0%min, Fat: 3.6%min, Fiber: 2% max, Moisture: 87.2%

After this analysis was confirmed, then I needed to come up with a label to put on all of the goat milk that I sold. This label had to include the use of this goat milk and the weight of the package (a blank line could be used to fill in with marker.). It was very important that the statement "Not for Human Consumption" (Jeannie is packaging Pet Milk, as it is called in many states) was written on my label in a font larger than the smallest font on the label. That is, this phrase had to be clearly visible on the label. At this point after all of the above, I had the freedom to include other items that I felt were necessary. Because my husband, son, daughter, sister in law, and mother in law are all nurses, I was slightly influenced to put health care and lab tests at the top of my priority list in this whole scenario. Therefore, this milk had to come from "clean" goats so that folks buying it wouldn't have to worry about transmitted diseases.

So, simultaneous to the working of this feed license, I went forward with the requirements in our state of becoming a certified and accredited herd. When I paid my fees with the forms all complete, I sent the package in to the State Department of Agriculture. In a short time it was approved, and I made labels at the local printer's shop. All excess milk from my Nubians was frugally saved and poured into freezer bags. A label was put on each freezer bag before pouring the milk in the bag. I was glad that I bought a hanging scale in expectation of going on DHI milk test, and I also had this scale calibrated. Although I never did put any of those Nubians on milk test, I did use the scale almost daily to be sure that the gallon bag of milk that I was freezing was truly 8 lbs. Once I poured the milk in the zip lock bag and closed it, I would carefully lower the bag of milk into a plastic grocery bag and then hang this bag by its handles on the scale. In this way, I had an accurate weight to record on the label. I would then freeze the milk lying flat on a cookie sheet in the freezer that I had in my milk room in the barn.

For what it is worth, I also went on the FDA site and went through all the steps outlined by them to record my name and nature of my business with them. At the end of this, they issued me an FDA number.

Lastly, I chose the ground carrier who most frequently comes to businesses in our area to deliver my milk when I needed to ship it. I found both UPS and FedEx to be very helpful, especially their online sites. Once you have an account with them online, you can calculate time and expense of shipping your milk. You can also schedule a pickup so that when the driver comes to your doorstep, you simply lift the already packaged box of milk out of your freezer and hand it to him. A shipping label with bar codes can

also be generated online when you place your shipment order so that you only need to print it from your computer and tape it on the outside box.

I hope I've encouraged you that having a feed license for the selling of our goat's milk is easy. Well, it's not exactly fast and certainly not free from details, but in the end it is a pleasant experience if you know you can help other's people's animals to prosper. I have received some very nice responses from folks who feel their animal's good health or even their life relied on the goat's milk that they bought from me.

If you'd like to see my label expanded and detailed, look at my index page (the opening page) of my website <http://www.goatsmilk.org/>. You will also see there two links to the beginning of the Kinder project that I am so excited and honored to be a part of with all of you. If you have any questions about this license, please feel welcome to contact me.

Sincerely, Jeannie Bolstridge, Georgia, at jeannie@goatsmilk.org

P.S. My next challenge is working with our state goat dairy group beginning this Saturday, January 12th, to collect statements from everyone we know who either needs goat's milk or just wants to buy it fresh. We will bring these "requests" for legal, raw goat milk sales to our Department of Agriculture and hope that they will approve the sale of raw goat's milk here from our small farms



Missouri State Fair

**Kinder Goat Show, Champion Wether
Tickleweed Hill Farm Summitt
Owner: Amy Lamm, Columbia, MO**

MISSOURI STATE FAIR KINDER GOAT SHOW

August 21, 2004, Sedalia, MO Judge: Tom Rucker, Johnstown, OH

Junior Grand Champion Doe – Pumpkin Run Farm Tansy Rosalie Purvis

Reserve Junior Grand Champion Doe – Tickleweed Hill Farm Sunbonnet Sue Lisa Lamm

Senior Grand Champion Doe – Beauty Mountain River Derek Eddy

Reserve Senior Grand Champion Doe – Bramble Patch Kinder Nordik Beauty Derek Eddy

Champion Chevon – Tickleweed Hill Farm Summitt Amy Lamm

Reserve Champion Chevon – Tickleweed Hill Farm Rebel Amy Lamm

CHEVON SHOW

CLASS – Chevon Junior Wethers # in Class -- 8

1. Tickleweed Hill Farm Summitt Amy Lamm
2. “ “ “ Rebel Amy Lamm
3. Clint of Valley View Farm Marilyn Crass
4. Dante of “ “ “ Marilyn Crass
5. Monty Derek Eddy

SENIOR DOE SHOW

CLASS – SR Doe under 2, in milk # in Class – 10

1. Bramble Patch Kinder Twister Tom & Sue Huston
2. “ “ “ Birch Tom & Sue Huston
3. Lucille Lisa Lamm
4. Kalista Lisa Lamm
5. R B Simone Holly Walter

CLASS – SR Doe, 2 yr & under 3 # in Class – 6

1. Beauty Mountain River Derek Eddy
2. Beauty Mountain Reba Tom & Sue Huston
3. Bramble Patch Kinder Unique Tom & Sue Huston
4. Katie Lisa Lamm
5. Kallie Lisa Lamm

CLASS – SR Doe 3 yr & under 5 # in Class – 4

1. Bramble Patch Kinder Nordik Beauty Derek Eddy
2. Paula Rosalie Purvis
3. Swan Song Lisa Lamm
4. Generation Second Rosalie Purvis

CLASS – SR Doe 5 yr & over # in Class – 3

1. Bramble Patch Kinder Kaffee Tom & Sue Huston
2. Bramble Patch Kinder PD Divine Tom & Sue Huston
3. Cedar Creek Farm Sage Rosalie Purvis

JUNIOR DOE SHOW

CLASS – JR Doe, born after 4/01/04 # in Class – 5

1. Mora of Valley View Farm Marilyn Crass
2. Bluefield Joy Flock Sydney Schmidt
3. Bramble Patch Kinder Twist of Fate Tom & Sue Huston
4. Bramble Patch Kinder Nicotiana Tom & Sue Huston
5. Lindy of Valley View Farm Marilyn Crass

CLASS – JR Doe, born 2/01/04 – 3/31/04 # in Class – 18

1. Pumpkin Run Farm Tansy Rosalie Purvis
2. Kaffee's Chocolata Lisa Lamm
3. Tickleweed Hill Farm Sweet Georgi Lisa Lamm
4. Lizzy Bea of Hidden Hill Holly Walter
5. Bramble Patch Kinder Sassafras Tom & Sue Huston

CLASS – JR Doe, born 11/01/03 – 1/31/04 # in Class – 4

1. Sun Bonnet Sue Lisa Lamm
2. Lon Duff Acres Sweet Surrender Tom & Sue Huston
3. Sandi of Valley View Farm Marilyn Crass
4. Kate of Valley View Farm Marilyn Crass

CLASS – JR Doe, born 8/29/03 – 10/30/03 # in Class – 8

1. Rivers Sweetheart Derek Eddy
2. Beauty Wildflower Derek Eddy
3. Pumpkin Run Farm ? Rosalie Purvis
4. Pumpkin Run Farm ? Rosalie Purvis
5. Lon Duff Acres Kachina Tom & Sue Huston

KINDERS AND KIDS

The big project for the year for the 'Goats for God's Glory' goat club, of Monroe, WA, was their Evergreen State Fair Parade entry, 8/28/04. Louie Anderson's yearling wether was a focal point of the entry, having been trained to pull a little flower cart built by Louie and his father. For much of the parade, Louie's 3 year old sister, Millie, rode in the cart and waved to the crowd like the little princess she is. The girls chose the 'Heidi' look with matching pinafores and braids, and the boys looked sharp in their white shirts and black shorts. Along the route, the children were throwing candy to the crowd from the milk buckets that they carried.



All the hard work training, building, and practicing paid off in a presentation that delighted the crowd for the mile plus long parade. The goats behaved admirably, though the babies tired a bit, and as you can see by these photos at the judge's stand near the end of the parade, were helped along by their young owners. The children were well prepared with treats in their pockets for the goats, just in case some encouragement was needed.

The group has even bigger plans for next year, and with the help of those dedicated moms and dads who supported their efforts, we can expect an even more spectacular event next year.

Congratulations for a job well done!



Northwest Washington Fair

At the Northwest Washington Fair this year, my goats and I did really well. For my Kinders, they all got first in their classes, which was the 'Other' class against all of the cross breeds and Oberhaslis. My yearling doe, Coffey Grounds Almond Roca got reserve junior champion in the Other class, and my senior doe, Coffey Grounds Nutmeg, got senior champion in the Other class. I also got top dairy goat showman and competed in the round robin where you show dairy goat, pygmy goat, pig, llama, sheep, beef cow, dairy cow, and horse. With my pygmies, they all did ok, but not as good as the Kinders, except for my Pygmy wether, Coffey Grounds Scooter, who got reserve champion wether. I also rode horse on Thursday with a horse that I had never ridden before, so I didn't do as well as I could have if I would have had my own horse, but it was still fun. Now it's almost time for state fair in Puyallup. I am taking Pygmies for that because they are a lot more strict on their dairy goats. I am planning on taking my wether Scooter, and another one of my little baby does, Cashew.

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KGBA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and Address/Phone/E-mail Correction

It's that time again! Unless you are a Charter Member, or have just become a member since 10/01/05, membership renewal time is upon us. Please take the time to fill out this form and enclose it with your check or money order made payable to KGBA, PO Box 1575, Snohomish, WA 98291-1575, and return by 12/31/05 so you can register those kids at member prices, and continue to receive your Newsletter. If you have already renewed, just note any info updates.

Please note any changes or additions to your membership information (update those zip and area codes!) below.

Membership Renewal ____ Address/Phone/E-mail Correction ____

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Member# _____

Check appropriate membership option:

____ Youth (\$10, under 18, no vote) ____ Active (\$15, 1 adult/1 vote) ____ Family (\$25, 2 votes)

SPECIAL BREEDERS LIST

If you would like to have your farm included in/removed from, the SPECIAL BREEDERS LIST which is part of the KGBA information packets, and/or on the KGBA web site, please complete and return this form by 12/31/05. Use this form both for RENEWAL ____ and for NEW LISTINGS _____. There is no charge for this service.

INFORMATION PACKETS	YES ____	NO ____	REMOVE ____
KGBA WEB SITE	YES ____	NO ____	REMOVE ____

(Please Print)

Farm Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail/Homepage Address: _____

Please check what applies to you: Breeder (BR) ____ Buck Service (BU) ____ Semen ____

Signature: _____

Please sign and return completed form to: KGBA, PO Box 1575, Snohomish, WA 98291-1575