



KINDER GOAT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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FIRST PERMANENT GRAND CHAMPION KINDER BUCK

WMM'S COBBY HOBBY MONTANA, 1st generation Kinder buck, has established himself as an important part of KGBA history, becoming the very 1st Permanent Grand Champion Kinder buck. Bred and owned by Daniel and Valerie Witt of Chehalis, WA, Montana is a striking white buck with black trim (light caramel Pygmy type coloration).

According to his owners, he "is the result of a careful genetic blending of star milkers on his Nubian dam's side, as well as a heavy milking Pygmy line on the part of his sire. He is a structurally correct buck, earning an HES score of 92.2 in July of 1997. His little sister earned a 91.3, while his yearling daughter garnered a promising 71.4 (Junior Doe), a big improvement over her dam. He has proven to be an excellent foundation sire for our Kinder line, passing on the good looks and milkability that are making themselves known in the showring."

Congratulations to Montana and to the Witt family for an honor well deserved!

Particulars are as follows:

WMM'S COBBY HOBBY MONTANA #1940742B, born 1/31/94

Sire: Kinne's Mini Branston #6608M

Dam: The Beka's Rosa #N0880410

1st leg - 5/20/95, PSKGC 'Spring Fling', Monroe, WA, Judge: Martha Knox

2nd leg - 5/24/97, Memorial Day Doubler, Chehalis, WA, Judge: Sue Barker

3rd leg - 5/24/97, Memorial Day Doubler, Chehalis, WA Judge: Andy Smith

You'll find Montana's photo on the KGBA web page if you would like to have a look at this handsome buck. His semen is available from the Witts. For information call (360) 736-1700.

KGBA MILK TEST APPLICATIONS

It is time again to enroll your Kinders for DHIA milk test. If you have not participated before, you might want to look into one of the best sales tools that you can invest in.

Official milk records help sell Kinders to serious goat enthusiasts.

The fee for enrolling your herd with the KGBA is \$10 per year plus \$1 for each Kinder on your farm that has ever been in milk.

For more information, enrollment and renewal forms, contact the KGBA main office.

LETTER FROM NEW MEMBER-AT-LARGE, RAMONA BIRDSALL

I want to say thank you for voting me in as your new member-at-large, and also I want to tell you a little about myself. I am 40 years old, have two grown daughters, one grandchild, a very special partner in the farming business, and a small herd of goats consisting of Kinders, Nubians, Pygmies and one Alpine buck. From a high of 37 caprines this spring, we've now reduced to our present total of 12 housed in the barn for the winter.

Our farm is located in northern MN, and sits upon 39 acres of land. We have 4 acres of 'pick your own' strawberries and 4.5 acres of vegetables that are sold at our local Farmers Market. Along with this we raise pigs, steers, wild turkeys, guinea fowl and chickens, mostly for our own use. All are raised on pasture and are fed the excess goat milk.

Five beehives are kept here to help pollinate the strawberries and are maintained by the local bee keeper. One watch dog, a hunting dog and three cats for mouse patrol also live here. Winter months can find the wreath making and pine bough buying in full swing until Christmas. I am a volunteer firefighter and secretary to our local department.

I became interested in Kinders and purchased my first doe in 1993. She came to me via airplane, bred and still milking once a day. She kidded with twin does, and after doing some thinking, I realized that I needed a Kinder buck. So off to WA we went, purchased two Kinder bucks and brought them home. Now I was set (well, until I decided to start my own line from scratch)! April 22, 1995 the first 1st generation Kinder kids on Beauty Mountain Farm were born, buck/doe twins.

Since then I have become more serious about improving my herd to become as close to the Kinder breed standard as possible, producing does that have the will to milk, and with well-attached udders. The does have been on DHI milk test since 1994 and we do participate in HES yearly. I hope to promote the Kinders as a dual purpose animal having the capability to milk as well as to be used in the meat industry (not to mention how well they do in the 4H and pet world).

I feel that if we all work together and breed the best that we can, we will promote the Kinders to their fullest, and they will shine above and beyond.

Sincerely,
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BRAZILIAN KINDER UPDATE

Helano and Iranita are developing a new homepage that is fascinating to view. There are photos of the Brazilian Kinders in their new home, photos of their new owners, and soon there will be panoramic views of the ranch. Since kidding will begin just before Christmas, the does have been started on Purina concentrate in the milk stand to get them prepared.

Helano and his wife have also been working to put together a cooperative with the goals of marketing their goat milk and cheese, to process and market goat meat, and to purchase supplies in volume to cut costs. They have successfully organized 20 goat breeders to begin with.

They are also preparing a press release for local association newsletters, and are designing a Kinder issue for a national magazine.

To learn more about CapraNos Ranch, check out their new web site at:
<http://www.geocities.com/Hearthland/Ranch/1695>

You can reach both of their homepages from the KGBA web site, List of Breeders.

PUGET SOUND KINDER GOAT CLUB WINS BIG

Ten members of the PSKGC attended the 1st Washington State Dairy Goat Conference, November 8, 1997. Following a very full day attending informative classes and surveying an array of sales tables, they gathered with other goat breeders to witness the conclusion of the conference — a raffle of lots of 'good goat stuff', a silent auction, and then the BIG RAFFLE of a state-of-the-art semen storage tank.

PSKGC members had decided to all chip in for several \$1 tickets apiece to help support the conference, and well..... When the winning ticket was drawn and the Kinder club was named as the winner, there was total silence for so long that the moderator read the ticket aloud for the second time. Everyone was in shock — then the excitement hit that Northwest Kinders were indeed proceeding into the AI arena!

The tank is now in place, fully charged with nitrogen, and waiting for the collection of the first area bucks, scheduled to take place December 18th.

COUNTY FAIR KINDERS — NEBRASKA

From the Midwest Kinder Pen Pal Club newsletter comes the report by Lynne Schultz of Dunbar, NE on their County Fair. This year there were 11 Kinder entries from 7 exhibitors — a very encouraging growth from 3 exhibitors last year.

This year the Schultz's were given permission by the fair board to donate a Kinder doe to a 4H youngster. The winner was chosen on the strength of her written statement on a contest form along with observations of her other 4H projects. The lucky winner and new KGBA Youth member is Ellie Creek, age 11, of Nebraska City.

Congratulations Ellie, and great idea, Schultz family! Lynne is hoping that the enthusiasm for Kinders continues to increase, and is looking at the possibility of a sanctioned Kinder Show in Nebraska in the near future.

NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I'm your new KGBA Newsletter editor—a simple job so far, since Pat remains as a most excellent writer, and all I need to do is arrange the pages.

Our plan is to get current news out to the KGBA membership on a regular bi-monthly schedule. Publication dates for 1998 will be the 15th of the month beginning in February, followed by April, June, August, October and December.

Articles or information for the Newsletter need to reach the KGBA main office by the 1st of each of those months, and classified ads by the 5th.

I live in a very rainy part of the Olympic Peninsula in Washington, (up to 160 inches per year,) on 20 acres I bought when it was cheap. I have no electricity; my running water is a nearby creek pure enough to drink from. I heat with wood and cook with propane. Storage batteries I haul from a neighbor with electricity provide me with enough power to run my computer and a single 5 watt high intensity reading lamp.

Since there is no road into my property, my buildings are small. I carried all the materials in and built them by hand. Two small goat barns and yards keep the boys isolated from the girls. Chickens and ducks, turkeys and geese, each have their own separate dwellings, though birds of a feather do flock together.

Why do I have a small herd of Kinders? I like the milk and the meat, and am looking forward to making my own kefir, butter and soft cheese once the milk supply gets large enough. They're a good size to handle without being a hassle, and until the instant you feed them, are friendly and frequently funny. Learning to care for them respectfully is challenging.

Most of all though, I enjoy watching the herd grow and change through the years and the genetics drift down the lines. If I ever get to the point where I can sell enough good kids to pay for all their feed, that would be fine, but if not, I'm still glad to be part of this breed development process.

A pleasure to join you!

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The content of the KGBA Newsletter is dependent upon the willingness of our membership to share what is going on in their Kinder world. You don't see articles that are of interest to you? How about putting your pen (or your word processor) where your complaint is? We'll be glad to write the article for you if you will send us the particulars.

Don't forget to send in your membership renewals, any corrections to your membership information (all those changed area and zip codes!), and those applications for addition to the Special Breeders List. We're doing our best to keep all information current.

Just send your article or information to the KGBA, PO Box 1575, Snohomish, WA 98291-1575, attn: Newsletter.

HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON — MAY YOUR NEW YEAR
BRING YOU THE KINDERS YOU DREAM OF!

CLASSIFIED ADS*

(\$.10/word, \$2.00 minimum)

MUST SELL Zederkamm Jubilee, a handsome 4th generation yearling Kinder buck with an excellent background.

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For Sale, Straws for AI: We are offering straws from Bramble Patch Kinder Concord and Bluefield Alex.

Concord has evaluated as an excellent buck for three years. His daughters have no less than a 2 in rear udder attachment and 2+ in fore. They all have evaluated as very good. He also sires milk. His bucks evaluated as very good to excellent. We believe this buck will produce animals with very good conformation, good udders and milk.

Bluefield Alex is a young buck born in December of 1996 and is unproven but comes from a doe that has evaluated as excellent. He evaluated 88.55 and has all 2+ in his general appearance scores. This is a good looking buck that comes from milking lines on both the sire and dam sides.

*Straws from either one of these bucks is
\$10.00 per straw plus the shipping.*

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