



KINDER GOAT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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KINDERS AND AI

There have been numerous questions about Kinders and the availability of artificial insemination over the last few years. Until now there has been no breeder willing or able to take the step to begin collecting semen from Kinder bucks. Tom and Sue Huston of Bramble Patch Kinders, along with Mary Ann Blauvelt of Bluefield farm (both Missouri breeders) are going to start us off (see their ad in this Newsletter).

This will be a great help especially to isolated breeders or to others who have difficulty finding good Kinder bucks within their reach and budget. Anyone who has looked into shipping and related costs understands that often the largest expense is NOT the purchase of the goat. It will also be a boon to breeders who have concerns about herd health and wish to keep their herds closed.

This promises to be an exciting new era that the Kinder is entering! If you have information to share or questions that need answering, please contact the KGBA

BRAZILIAN KINDERS

Remember the Kinders that were due to set out on the road to Rio last month? They are now comfortably established in their new home at CapraNos ranch outside of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The trip went very smoothly for the Kinders. None of them seemed to have suffered any ill effects from the stress of travel. For the people involved though, there was a paperwork 'hiccup' or two that caused momentary panic. Everything worked out well in the end.

The goats have had many visitors from around the area, since they are the first Kinders in Brazil. Soon they will be introduced to the Brazilian Goat Society — wouldn't you love to hear their reaction to the Kinders? The next step for the Brazilian Kinders will be their kidding dates, due to begin in December. We'll keep you posted on their progress.

If you would like to learn more about their new home, Helano and Iranita (their new owners) have a fascinating and informative homepage on the Internet. Their address is: <http://w3.novanet.com.br/clientes/helano/index.htm> You can go right to it from the KGBA web page Breeders List.

NEW! BREEDERS LIST ON THE KGBA WEB PAGE

The Special Breeders List is now on the KGBA web page, as promised.

This is the same list that is distributed with our information packets.

If you would like your farm listed, need to have your information corrected or have your e-mail and/or homepage address added, please complete, sign and return the enclosed Special Breeders List form.

This is a service of your Association — there is no charge for a listing.

KGBA web page address: <http://members.aol.com/KGBAssn>



BOONE COUNTY FAIR, MO

The word that comes to mind is HOT! The date was July 25th and it was the first time ever for a Kinder show there. The show was for youth only, and Sarah Carlisle (Columbia, MO) and Jon Burge (Arrow Rock, MO) were the only ones with Kinder goats entered.

The judge was local club president, Paige Garret. She had studied the Breed Standard and a Kinder evaluation tape, and participants thought she did an excellent job. Sarah and her Kinder doe Swan were victorious, and they also walked away with the trophy for Best of Show. Congratulations to Sarah and Swan. It was a hard decision for the judge because Jon Burge's Kinders were great looking goats.

Next year the Kinders will participate in the Open Show, and the Missouri breeders are looking forward to that. ***The Kinder has made another big stride in the goat world in Missouri.*** Thank you Sarah and Jon for opening the door.

BETHEL, MO

Mary ann Blauvelt (Sheldon, MO) and Sue Huston (Miami, MO) went to Bethel, MO over Labor Day weekend and presented a program on the Kinder goat. Since this is the Year of the Goat, the main focus of the learning center was the goat. ***It was an honor that the Kinder was included in the list of programs, and there seemed to be a genuine interest in the Kinder.***

The two breeders took along three young doelings for display along with a supply of Kinder handouts. The Bethel Sheep and Wildflower Festival is an annual event and has an attendance from all over the country. It was an enjoyable three day event, and one worth repeating next year according to Mary Ann and Sue.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR

August 22 and 23 of this year marked the 6th year since the Kinder goat made its first appearance at the Missouri State Fair. The Kinder had its first exhibit in 1992 and exhibited again in 1993. Their first sanctioned show there was in 1994, and what wonderful and exciting times there have been in the last 6 years. Many special friendships have been made along the way, along with the opportunity to promote one of the finest breeds around. Bill Wagner (Morning Sun, IA) was once more the show chairman, and did his usual fine job. Gretchen Carlisle (Columbia, MO) created another attractive Kinder informational display. Many thanks are due to these hard working Kinder breeders.

There were 40 Kinder entries, and some of the best goats yet were shown. Check in time was not later than 10PM Friday night, and dismissal time was 8PM Saturday night. Next year the fair is adding back a show day that had been taken away 2 years ago. The Kinders will also be moved over to the dairy goat side of the barn next year, and that will make things a lot easier for the Kinder people. It will also allow more opportunity to interact with other dairy goat breeders. ***Congratulations to all those winners, and next year promises to be even better.***

MORE FOREIGN REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Reading the KGBA e-mail is always interesting, but it is exciting when we realize that goat enthusiasts all over the world want to know more about Kinders. The latest request has come from Attila Sandi of Hungary, who is just beginning with goats and wants Kinders. A big information packet and a Kinder videotape is now in this potential breeders' hands, and we're awaiting a response.

Notes from Margi Kehres-Ulrich, the KGBA Registrar:

Please check your paperwork carefully before sending it in. If you are creating your own forms on your computer, please make sure to clear the form with each goat. Allow at least three weeks for processing. (I work full time, and have three children.)

When sending Nubian and Pygmy copies, make sure they are clear (Pygmy especially).

Breeding Memorandums are very important, especially if you do not show as owner on Nubian/Pygmy paperwork

Photos should include only the goat being registered (I go through an entire roll of film for three goats). Photos should have the name of the goat written on the back.

Color descriptions should not be too long (I only have one line on the paper).

Thanks for your help!

GIFT CHARTER MEMBERSHIP

The KGBA board has unanimously agreed to present a favorite friend of the Kinder, Harvey Considine, with a gift charter membership in the Kinder Goat Breeders Association. He has been a long time advisor and supporter of the Kinder — since he first met his first ones in 1990. He helped us refine our breed standard, created a Kinder scorecard, has written numerous articles about Kinders and Kinder breeders, and has evaluated many of our little wonder goats. The board thought that it was time that we express our deep appreciation for his support and guidance. Many thanks to Harvey, and to his delightful wife and traveling assistant, Elaine.

DGJ KINDER BREEDERS PAGE

If you have not seen the Kinder Breeders Page in the Dairy Goat Journal, you have missed one of our most effective promotional tools. About 75% of the numerous requests for information come from people who have seen our breeders page. It is also one of the best advertising bargains available to us. To list your farm for one year (10 issues), return the completed form (enclosed with your Newsletter) and a check or money order for \$35 (payable to KGBA) to the KGBA, PO Box 1575, Snohomish, WA, 98291-1575. Please mark it attn: Mary Sereyka, DGJ Kinder Page Editor.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It is that time of year again. Time to be thinking of renewing your membership. You will find a membership renewal form included with this Newsletter. Please fill it out and return it with your check or money order for the appropriate amount by December 31, 1997 so that you will continue to receive Association mailings. Sorry, there are no more Charter memberships available. Those of you who are already Charter members can ignore this notice, of course.

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.

You can contact, Mary Ann Blauvelt at 417-884-5179, Gretchen Carlisle at 573-443-2555 g.carlisle@juno.com or Sue Huston at 816-852-3222 huston@murlin.com

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