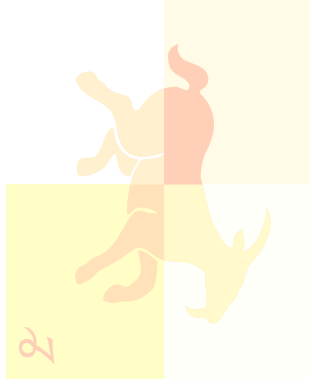


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## -ALASKA MINI GOAT CACHE NEWS

A CACHE OF NEWS FOR ALASKA'S MINIATURE GOAT ENTHUSIASTS  
JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2010





Welcome to another fabulous year with the Alaska Mini Goat Cache! We're very excited to begin planning and fundraising for 2010 and we'd love for you to be a part of it all! We started the new year off with our annual election of club officers. New officers are President: Laura Manary, Vice President: Heather Coleman, Secretary: Tisa Witham, and Treasurer: Heather Fair.

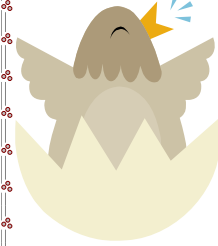
Let's start this new year off with a bang! Please join us for our next meeting, Saturday, March 20, 2010, 3PM at Evangelo's Restaurant in Wasilla. In the meantime, please enjoy this **Pygmy Spotlight Issue!**

Heather Fair  
Newsletter Editor

**The club's mailing address has changed!**

**Please send mail to:**

**Alaska Mini Goat Cache  
c/o Laura Manary  
4274 N. Farm Loop Rd.  
Palmer, Alaska 99645**



## *Joyous news from our members!*



Do you have some good news you'd like to share with the goat community? Have some great kid pictures you want the world to see? Did you earn a new title or win a show? Contact the Newsletter Editor to make your submission today and we'd be glad to help you tout the accomplishments of your wonderful mini goats!

### **Newsletter Editor:**

Heather Fair, email: [fairskies@allisawfarm.com](mailto:fairskies@allisawfarm.com), mail: 645 G St., Ste. #100-579, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or call: 907.441.1851 Anchorage message phone or 907.232.5414 Mat-Su message phone.



*Angel, a mini-Nubian, with her "Mini Nu-Mancha" kids at My Kids Farm, April 2008.*

## *Our thoughts go out to...*

Many of us have said goodbye to some wonderful friends. This space is reserved for remembering those that hold a special place in our hearts and memories. If you would like to pay tribute to any of those you've lost, please submit their names to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion here. We will withhold your name unless you specifically ask that we mention you.

### Local Miniature Goat Websites of Interest:

(\*\*as with all internet links, parental supervision is advised\*\*)

#### **Clubs:**

##### Alaska Mini Goat Cache

Club website: <http://www.alaskaminigoatcache.com>

On Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Alaska-Mini-Goat-Cache/213112487339?ref=nf>

On Twitter:

<http://twitter.com/akmgc>

On Yahoo Discussion Groups:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alaskamgc>

(must be a member to join discussion list)

##### Alaska Dairy Goat Association

On Yahoo Discussion Groups:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/akdga>

(must be a member to join discussion list)

#### **Other Local Sites of Interest:**

Alaska Livestock Sales: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alaskalivestocksales>

Craig's List Alaska Farm & Garden: <http://anchorage.craigslislist.org/grd>

Alaska's List Farm & Garden: [http://alaskaslist.com/1/posts/14\\_Farm\\_Garden/0](http://alaskaslist.com/1/posts/14_Farm_Garden/0)



### National Miniature Goat Organizations of Interest:

#### **Breed Clubs:**

American Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Goat Assoc.: <http://www.andda.org>

Currently running a membership/renewal drive, just \$10 before January 30!

#### **Registries:**

American Goat Society: <http://www.americangoatsociety.com>

American Dairy Goat Assoc.: <http://www.adga.org>

Nigerian Dwarf Goat Assoc.: <http://www.ndga.org>

Kinder Goat Breeders Assoc.: <http://kindergoatbreeders.com>

Miniature Dairy Goat Assoc.: <http://www.miniaturedairygoats.com>

National Miniature Goat Assoc.: <http://www.nmga.net>

The Miniature Goat Registry: <http://www.tmgonline.org>

Miniature Silky Fainting Goat Assoc.: <http://www.msfgaregistry.com>

National Pygmy Goat Assoc.: <http://www.npga-pygmy.com>

Pygora Breeders Assoc.: <http://www.pygoragoats.org>

PCA Goat Registry: <http://www.pcagoats.org>

To contact your legislators, visit:

<http://www.ltgov.state.ak.us/elections/distcom.php>

To contact Dr. Gerlach, VMD at ADEC:

<http://fairskiesalaska.com/shares.pdf>

To watch for public notices from ADEC:

[http://dec.alaska.gov/public\\_notices.htm](http://dec.alaska.gov/public_notices.htm)

See also: <http://realmilk.com>.



*Twin purebred Nubian bucklings at My Kids Farm, February 2010.*

## HEY!

IN THE  
NEXT ISSUE,

YOUR AD  
COULD  
BE HERE!

See page 32  
for our very reasonable ad rates!

It's time to stock up!

Here are some popular online suppliers:

<http://caprinesupply.com>

<http://hoeggergoatsupply.com>

<http://jefferslivestock.com>

<http://pbsanimalhealth.com>

## Redoubt still rumbling...?

After the eruptions of 2009, Alaskans keep a wary eye on nearby volcanic peaks. As of press time for this edition of the Alaska Mini Goat Cache's newsletter, the Alaska Volcano Observatory is reporting that Redoubt Volcano is in typical background, noneruptive state or, *after a change from a higher level*, volcanic activity has ceased and volcano has returned to noneruptive background state. The current color code level is: **GREEN**. To watch for updated information, log on to <http://avo.alaska.edu/>.

Here is some general information on dealing with livestock after volcanic eruptions (from [http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Emergency\\_Preparedness/Volcano.html/](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Emergency_Preparedness/Volcano.html/)).



### EVACUATION

When pastures are subjected to ash falls and remobilization of ash by wind, evacuation of livestock to areas with good quality feed and water may be prudent. Even after evacuation, long-term inhalation of ash and exposure to fluorine may result in reduced productivity. In some cases, stock may not recover in the long-term, with humane slaughtering being the best option. Where ash falls affect a large area, evacuation of stock would be extremely difficult due to the logistics of moving large numbers of stock and sourcing feed in areas unaffected by the ash. This may result in large losses of livestock through dehydration and starvation.

### LIVESTOCK

If you have livestock near a volcano, or the ash cloud falls on your pastures, you may lose livestock and the pastureland will be inedible for a while. Even light ash falls can set livestock off their feed. Livestock will need to be dry fed or moved until the pasture is re-established. There is a risk of fluorosis if the ash contains high levels of fluorine. Water for livestock will likely be contaminated by the ash. Pumps to filter water may be damaged.

### TOXICITY

Ash falls may be poisonous to livestock and result in clinical diseases, including hypocalcaemia, fluorosis, forestomach and intestinal damage, and secondary metabolic disorders.

### FEED & PASTURES

When ash falls destroy pastures, livestock need to be supplied with all of their feed in order to survive in the short-term. The supply of dry feed must be maintained until the livestock are either evacuated or slaughtered, or pasture is re-established. Even with very light ash falls that do not destroy existing pastures, animals may need to be provided with uncontaminated feed. For example, if the ash contains a high level of fluorine adsorbed onto the tiny particles and livestock consume both ash and fluorine, there is a risk of fluorosis. See also: <http://volcanoes.usgs.gov/ash/agric/index.html/>.

### WATER

Where there is a significant ash fall, clean water will likely be in short supply. Natural water sources and man-made ponds may be temporarily contaminated by ash, and water-pumping equipment can be damaged by the

abrasive rock particles (covering with tarps may provide protection). Restoring quality water supplies for livestock is typically a high priority if livestock are to remain on land effected by ash fall. Rainfall interacting with volcanic gas within the ash plume may produce acids which fall as acid rain. Continued degassing at the volcano vent may lead to ongoing acid rain even after ash fall ceases.

### MILK YIELDS

Milk yields from cows will be depressed, and the wool of any sheep may need to be discarded. Other damage livestock may take can involve hypocalcemia, damaged forestomachs and intestines, and secondary metabolic disorders. Re-pasturing livestock to an area unlikely or less-likely to get ash fall is recommended.

### CROPS

For crops and pastures, a thin ash cover will have a quicker recovery. Less than a 10th of an inch of ash will see the land recover within weeks, about an inch of ash can take a year to recover, coverage of between 1–5 inches can take between 5–years to—several—decades to recover. Ash coverage exceeding 6 inches can take centuries to recover. The soil can't communicate with the surface and the surface must rebuild all new soil. The acidity of the ash also affects recovery. Crops are most affected during blooming, young fruit formation, and harvest, as well as during their young emergence. Delicate crops will fail with any more than 1/10 of inch coverage. Crops that can be washed of the ash is still edible, but many producers find the cost of washing such produce too expensive, and so the crops are destroyed. If you are in a survival situation you don't have to worry about profits so wash produce well and eat. Hairy produce can't be completely cleaned of the ash, so must be carefully peeled or discarded.



## 2010 is “the Year of the Volcano”.



From the Alaska Volcano Observatory (<http://volcanoes.usgs.gov/ash/agric/index.html/>): Alaska contains over 130 volcanoes and volcanic fields which have been active within the last two million years. These volcanoes are catalogued on our website: <http://www.avo.alaska.edu/volcanoes/>.

Of these volcanoes, about 90 have been active within the last 10,000 years (and might be expected to erupt again), and more than 50 have been active within historical time (since about 1760, for Alaska). The volcanoes in Alaska make up well over three-quarters of U.S. volcanoes that have erupted in the last two hundred years.

Since 1760, 27 Alaskan volcanoes have had more than 230 confirmed eruptions. This averages to nearly one eruption per year. If we add in those volcanoes and eruptions that are suspected but unconfirmed (and often, unconfirmable), then we have 54 volcanoes with about 424 possible eruptions, yielding an average of 1.7 eruptions per year. However, these figures do not consider the large discrepancy in observation and reporting of Alaskan eruptions. For the past 40 years - a period in which we have fairly good records -- Alaska has averaged more than two eruptions per year.

## Dairy Herd Improvement Program

by Heather Fair



The Dairy Herd Improvement program is sometimes referred to as DHI, DHIA, or DHIR. This valuable tool helps evaluate the progress of your herd's milk production. You can set goals for your herd so your breeding program has clear direction and a measure of your progress over time and earn permanent dairy stars (those little symbols you often see after the names of registered dairy goats) for all the hard work you're already doing. DHI is also fairly inexpensive, useful, and exciting!

By testing your goats' milk at regular intervals, you have a means to track their production using three or four key components: milk weight (in pounds), butterfat (in pounds and percentage), protein (in pounds and percentage), and somatic cell count (SCC). Generally, the better the goat's genetics, condition, and management, the more the goat will produce. Genetics and diet also play a role in how much butterfat and protein the milk will contain, along with the natural lactation curve (how long since the doe last freshened). As one indicator of the health of the doe's udder, the SCC may clue you in to early changes so you have an opportunity to catch an infection before it gets out of control.



*Butterscotch with her Nigerian Dwarf quadruplets, March 2009. While also a rather capable doe, Butterscotch is known for her high butterfat. In 2009 she posted a personal best of 10.8%! That's more than 2.5 times the butterfat content of typical whole cow milk.*

*Butterscotch is a purebred Nigerian Dwarf residing at Fair Skies.*

Going on DHI doesn't require radical changes for most people. You can even dam-raise kids while you participate in DHI. If you don't normally bottle-raise your kids, you will have to pull the kids 12 hours prior to the first test and keep them away from mom until you're done testing (about 24 hours). This is done so that one can gain an accurate measure of what the doe is producing in a typical day, which can't be done if all the milk goes directly to the kids' tummies before being weighed and sampled! Of course, depending on the age of the kids at the time of the test, separating kids from mom may require some interim bottle or dish feeding for that day, similar to the demands of exhibiting in a show.

There are a number of programs from which to choose and now with the improvement of the "Owner Sampler" program, there is something for everyone.

There are several, very specific rules for DHI that may direct your

## Dairy Herd Improvement Program? (Fair)

selection. If you're not yet ready for the commitment of a full 305-day lactation (about 10 months) or if you don't wish to test all your qualifying does, try a one-day test and just test a few. Last year, with sponsorship from Fair Skies, the Alaska Mini Goat Cache put on an ADGA-sanctioned One-Day Group Milk Test at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer and we're hoping to do it again this year. It's an easy, fast, and fun way to earn a dairy star for your goat without a huge commitment or even a lot of advance planning.

No matter what program you choose, it's best to contact your chosen registry's DHI committee to get started. From there, you pick a lab anywhere in the US and contact them for a list of certified/licensed testers in your area. Although the sign-up process can seem rather daunting at first, it's generally just a matter of listing all your does' information on a spreadsheet and submitting this to your lab and registry of choice (you can elect to report to more than one registry).



*WhisperSweetly with her Nigerian Dwarf quadruplets, March 2009. As a third-freshener, this knee-high goat posted a personal best of 5.2# during this lactation. That's over 1/2-gallon of milk in one day! Whisper is a purebred Nigerian Dwarf residing at Fair Skies.*

The costs to test vary by registry and lab, but usually they run less than \$5/goat/monthly test over a standard lactation, including the sign-up, testing, and even sample shipping fees! Of course this depends on the size of your herd and the more does you test, the less you will be required to pay per goat. Note that some labs require monthly fees regardless of the number of samples you send (even if you send in none!). Be sure to ask about the options they offer and ask for help in selecting the most manageable avenue for your herd.

Among all these advantages of participating in DHI, perhaps the most wonderful is that it provides a means to network and socialize with other like-minded goat enthusiasts. Even if you're new to goats, consider becoming a tester! It's usually free and requires only a simple open-book test annually. Once you have your certification, you can test for others. It's a great way to meet other goat enthusiasts and learn how others manage their herds. Whether you decide to test for others or have your own herd tested, you'll get to meet up with a friend and talk goats about once a month.

If you would like assistance signing up or becoming a tester, please feel free to email me at [fairskies@allisawfarm.com](mailto:fairskies@allisawfarm.com). I would love to help!

**2009 Show Results**  
**Get Happy! Goat events at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer**  
**August 26-29, 2009**

**ADGA One-Day Group Milking Competition, Summary of Winners:**

**High Milk of Day - Miniature Breed:** 3.0# SilverAurora JC Whisper-Sweetly 2\*D 2\*M, purebred Nigerian Dwarf owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

**High Milk of Day - Standard-Size Breed:** 4.7# Kennelwood Sparkles Hashbrown, Nubian owned by C. Hepler, Kennelwood Farm

**ADGA Show judged by Will Pearson, Summary of Winners:**

Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction):  
MCH CH Sandy Hollow UK Chesire Cat \*S \*B, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

Nigerian Dwarf Res. Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction):  
SilverAurora TH Xenya \*S, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

A. O. P. Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction): Heavenly Peace  
Hewa Hewa Ali'i, Alpine owned by J. Wren

A. O. P. Res. Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction): Lucky\*  
Star's LOT Yeti, La Mancha owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

**Best Buck in Show:** MCH CH Sandy Hollow UK Chesire Cat \*S \*B,  
**Nigerian Dwarf** owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion Sr. Doe and Best of Breed Sr. Doe: Piddlin  
Acres KR Seattle Mist, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nigerian Dwarf Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe: Wood Bridge Farm Whisper-  
Softly, owned by L. Manary, Boreas Acres

Nigerian Dwarf Best Udder of Breed: SilverAurora TH Xeechee, owned by L.  
Hagee, Lotsazip Farm

Nubian Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Best of Breed Sr. Doe, and Best Udder of  
Breed: Caprine Lake ESC Ilena, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nubian Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe: Kennelwood Sparkles Hashbrown,  
owned by C. Hepler, Kennelwood Farm

Alpine Grand Champion Sr. Doe: Pass-This-Way Gladys, owned by P, Kyzer,  
Pass-This-Way

Alpine Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe: Pass-This-Way Libby, owned by P.  
Kyzer, Pass-This-Way

Alpine Best of Breed Sr. Doe: CH Pass-This-Way Splash!, owned by P. Kyzer,  
Pass-This-Way

Alpine Best Udder of Breed: Pass-This-Way Foresight, owned by P. Kyzer, Pass-  
This-Way

**2009 Get Happy! ADGA Show Results, Pearson, August 29, 2009**

Toggenburg Grand Champion Sr. Doe: Brya-Rose Farms KM's Callie, owned by  
K. Hecker, BlueMoonDairy

A. O. P. Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Best of Breed Sr. Doe, and Best Udder of  
Breed: Lucky\*Star's LOT Yang, La Mancha owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids

A. O. P. Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe: Kastdemur's Rock The Sox, La Mancha  
owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm, shown by M. Brouillet

Rec. Grade/Exp. Grand Champion Sr. Doe: Pass-This-Way Dove Tail, owned  
by P. Kyzer, Pass-This-Way

Rec. Grade/Exp. Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe and Best Udder of Breed:  
Cottonwood Creek Mackenzie, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind Farm

Rec. Grade/Exp. Best of Breed Sr. Doe: CH Dani's-Knik-Acre Heidi SB DP,  
owned by P. Kyzer, Pass-This-Way

**Best Sr. Doe in Show:** CH Dani's-Knik-Acre Heidi SB DP, Rec. Grade/Exp.  
owned by P. Kyzer, Pass-This-Way

**Best Udder in Show:** Cottonwood Creek Mackenzie, Rec. Grade/Exp.  
owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind Farm

Nigerian Dwarf Jr. Does - Grand Champion: Fair Skies XK Yantarni, owned by  
H. Fair, Fair Skies

Nigerian Dwarf Jr. Does - Reserve Grand Champion: TX TwinCreeks SEM  
KissmeSweet, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Alpine Jr. Does - Grand Champion: Mellow Meadows Ebony \*\*NAME PEND-  
ING\*\*, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind Farm

Alpine Jr. Does - Reserve Grand Champion: Sor'N'Son MGM Free Zaylee,  
owned by K. Bryant, Bryant's-Acres

A. O. P. Jr. Does (including Nubians) - Grand Champion: My Kids Farm Hope  
Floats, La Mancha owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

A. O. P. Jr. Does (including Nubians) - Reserve Grand Champion: Des-  
Ruhigestelle Swiss Franc, Saanen owned by S. Nevada, SilverAurora

Rec. Grade/Exp. Jr. Does - Grand Champion: Honeybun's Bunch Bianca,  
owned by H. Downing, Honeybun's Bunch

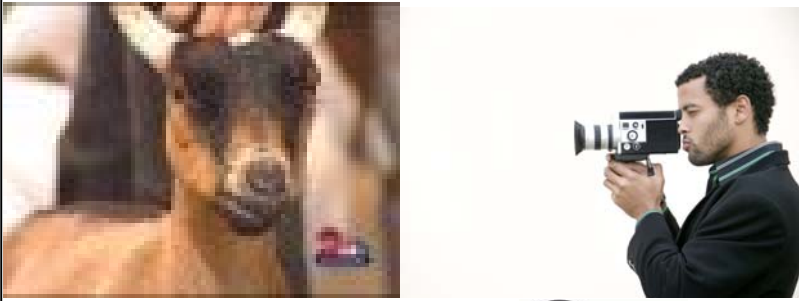
Rec. Grade/Exp. Jr. Does - Reserve Grand Champion: Bryant's-Acres Sheelah,  
owned by K. Bryant, Bryant's-Acres

**Best Jr. Doe in Show:** Fair Skies XK Yantarni, **Nigerian Dwarf** owned by  
H. Fair, Fair Skies

## Our Summer Solstice AGS& NPGA shows were on the news!

Thanks KTUU Channel 2 (NBC)! See the story and a video clip at:

<http://www.ktuu.com/Global/story.asp?S=10599314>



Laura Manary's  
Wood Bridge Farm WhisperSoftly.  
WhisperSoftly is a purebred Nigerian Dwarf,  
residing at Boreas Acres.



## What else is happening?

Around **July 3, 2010**, My Kids Farm (Karlene Brouillet) and Bryant's Acres (Kathy Bryant) are planning to privately sponsor dairy goat shows judged by Karen Senn and Lynn Benedict. Karen Senn was just selected by the ADGA membership to judge at the 2010 ADGA National Show and we're all very excited to have these judges give us their opinions of our goats.

**Around the same time in July**, Marie Layman will be visiting Alaska and she may be available to judge dairy, boer, and pygmy goat shows. Mrs. Layman is already licensed to judge dairy and boer goats, but she is still working on her NPGA license to judge pygmies. If she gets her license in time, she has offered to judge a show for only the cost of the judging fee, with no lodging or travel costs to the club! **This may be our only shot at an NPGA show this year so it's critical that we have your support.**

We're still working out the details, so please come to our meetings to find out the latest and help us plan! We're going to need to find sponsors and raise funds and we'll definitely need a lot of participation to make these events happen. Please join us!



Some of Heather Fair's purebred Nigerian Dwarf kids at Fair Skies, Spring 2009.  
Left to right: Zsa Zsa, Zvonari, Zoe On My Way, Zoot Suit Riot, and Zoinks.



Patches, a mini-Nubian, at My Kids Farm, December 2009.



Kastdemur's Ringo Starr, a purebred Nubian buck, 2009. Kastdemur's Ringo Starr resides at My Kids Farm.



Fair Skies WP ZSays Who? at Fair Skies, July 2009. ZSays Who? is a purebred Nigerian Dwarf.



Fair Skies XK Zambezi at Fair Skies, July 2009. Zambezi is a purebred Nigerian Dwarf.

2009 Show Results

Summer Solstice Shows, June 24-25, 2009, Pt. MacKenzie, Alaska

**ADGA/AGS Show judged by Keith Harrell, Summary of Winners:**

Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion Sr. Doe and Best Udder of Breed: Piddlin Acres V Shanghai's Kia, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nigerian Dwarf Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe: SilverAurora TH Xtreme Grace, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

AGS Nigerian Dwarf Best of Breed Sr. Doe: GCH Piddlin Acres PV FeelTheRhythm, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

ADGA Nigerian Dwarf Best of Breed Sr. Doe: Piddlin Acres V Shanghai's Kia, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Alpine Grand Champion Sr. Doe: The Arctic Light's Tori, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Alpine Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe and Best Udder of Breed: Bull MTN Kay-ins Montana Legacy, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind Farm

Alpine Best of Breed Sr. Doe and Best Udder: CH Mellow-Meadows Irish Cream, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind Farm

Nubian Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Best of Breed Sr. Doe, and Best Udder of Breed: Caprine Lake RachelAnne, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nubian Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe: Caprine Lake Cadillac Kid, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

A. O. P. Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Best of Breed Sr. Doe, and Best Udder of Breed: Lucky\*Star's AV A-Yana, La Mancha owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

A. O. P. Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe: Kastdemur's Rock The Sox, La Mancha owned by K. Brouillet, shown by M. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Rec. Grade/Exp. Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Best of Breed Sr. Doe, and Best Udder of Breed: Bryant's-Acres Flo, owned by K. Bryant, Bryant's Acres

Rec. Grade/Exp. Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe: Pass-This-Way Emily, owned by P. Kyzer, Pass-This-Way

**Best Sr. Doe and Best Udder in Show:** Caprine Lake RachelAnne, Nubian owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nigerian Dwarf Jr. Does - Grand Champion: SilverAurora XR Yipsy, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

Nigerian Dwarf Jr. Does - Reserve Grand Champion: SilverAurora XR Yakutat, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

Summer Solstice Show Results, Keith Harrell ADGA/AGS, June 24, 2009

Alpine Jr. Does - Grand Champion: Bryant's-Acres Viola, owned by K. Bryant, Bryant's-Acres

Alpine Jr. Does - Reserve Grand Champion: Cottonwood Creek Irish Rain, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind Farm

Nubian Jr. Does - Grand Champion: Ober-D' Rainbow Yule Ti Jewel, owned by S. Nevada, SilverAurora

Nubian Jr. Does - Reserve Grand Champion: Bryarose-Farms LR Chrissy, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

A. O. P. Jr. Does - Grand Champion: Kastdemur's Pepsi Cola, La Mancha owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

A. O. P. Jr. Does - Reserve Grand Champion: Des-Ruhigestelle Elendearly, Saanen owned by S. Nevada, SilverAurora

Rec. Grade/Exp. Jr. Does - Grand Champion: Pass-This-Way Scabiosa, owned by P. Kyzer, Pass-This-Way

Rec. Grade/Exp. Jr. Does - Reserve Grand Champion: Chinook Wind SS Cassandra, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind Farm

**Best Jr. Doe in Show:** Kastdemur's Pepsi Cola, La Mancha owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction): Fair Skies XK Yu'Pik Me \*S, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

Nigerian Dwarf Res. Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction): SilverAurora TH Xenya \*S, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

A. O. P. Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction): Mellow-Meadows Sledgehammer, Alpine, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind Farm

A. O. P. Res. Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction): Lucky\*Star's LOT Yeti, LaMancha, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

**Best Buck in Show:** Mellow-Meadows Sledgehammer, Alpine, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind Farm

## Call to action for Pygmy owners!

You may have seen this in our last issue, but it's so important that it's worth repeating!

The Alaska Mini Goat Cache is an affiliated club with the National Pygmy Goat Association (NPGA). We would like to continue sponsoring pygmy goat shows, but participation in the events and planning has fallen to critically low levels. In fact, in 2009, despite several attempts to garner sponsorships and encourage exhibitors to hire and judge for the Palmer. We did, however, hold a pygmy goat show at our June Summer Solstice Show, but due to low enrollment numbers, we were unable to meet requirements.



Please come to our meetings, renew your memberships, recruit fellow pygmy owners, and proudly exhibit your beautiful animals at our shows. While your goats make great pets, they also act as wonderful stewards to the public and we would love to see them more often! We have all tremendously enjoyed the events focused on your breed over the last several years and we need your guidance and support to secure these events well into the future. Of course we'd also love to see your other goats at our events too! In the meantime, we hope you enjoy this special pygmy spotlight issue of our newsletter. **Please see the bottom of page 11 for an update on upcoming events!**



Annie and Melinda, Becky Oviatt's pygora and Nigerian Dwarf does residing at OVS Farms/Fleece 'Em Acres.

## 2009 Show Results

Summer Solstice Shows, June 24-25, 2009, Pt. MacKenzie, Alaska

### NPGA Show judged by Keith Harrell, Summary of Winners:

Pygmy Champion Jr. Doe: Winterhaven Gretel, owned by R. McBride, Winterhaven

Pygmy Res. Champion Jr. Doe: Spring Promise Ice Classic, owned by D. Frost, Spring Promise Pygmies & Pygoras

Pygmy Champion Sr. Doe: J-Lynn Gypsy Moth, owned by D. Frost, Spring Promise Pygmies & Pygoras

Pygmy Res. Champion Sr. Doe: Winterhaven Tazlina, owned by R. McBride, Winterhaven

**Pygmy Best Doe in Show:** J-Lynn Gypsy Moth, owned by D. Frost, Spring Promise Pygmies & Pygoras

**Pygmy Res. Best Doe in Show:** Winterhaven Gretel, owned by R. McBride, Winterhaven

**Pygmy Best Wether:** Winterhaven Oatmeal Stout, owned by B. Oviatt, OVS Farms/Fleece 'Em Acres

**Pygmy Champion Jr. Buck:** Boreas Acres Rebel Without A Cause, owned by H. Coleman, Bubba's Peanut Pygmies

Pygmy Res. Champion Jr. Buck: Winterhaven Samson, owned by R. McBride, Winterhaven

Pygmy Champion Sr. Buck: Spring Promise Roch & Roll, owned by D. Frost, Spring Promise Pygmies & Pygoras

**Pygmy Res. Champion Sr. Buck:** Winterhaven Mt. McKinley, owned by H. Coleman, Bubba's Peanut Pygmies



**From our Summer Solstice  
Show results available online**

*Heather Coleman  
(Bubba's Peanut Pygmies)  
with  
Boreas Acres Snickers  
awarded first place (NPGA)  
and third place (AGS) for his  
Sr. Buck age group in our  
Summer Solstice shows,  
judged by Keith Harrell in  
June 2009.  
Boreas Acres Snickers is a  
purebred Pygmy.*



*Deb Frost  
(Spring Promise Pygmies & Pygoras)  
with  
J-Lynn Gypsy Moth  
awarded Grand Champion Sr. Doe  
and Best Sr. Doe in Show (NPGA)  
in our Summer Solstice show, judged by  
Keith Harrell in June 2009.  
J-Lynn Gypsy Moth is a purebred Pygmy.*



*Becky Oviatt  
(Ov8 Farms/Fleece 'Em Acres)  
with  
Winterhaven Oatmeal Stout  
awarded Best Wether (NPGA) in  
our Summer Solstice show, judged  
by Keith Harrell in June 2009.  
Winterhaven Oatmeal Stout is a  
purebred Pygmy.*

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*Deb Frost  
(Spring Promise Pygmies & Pygoras)  
with  
Spring Promise Rock & Roll  
awarded Grand Champion Sr. Buck  
(NPGA) in our Summer Solstice show,  
judged by Keith Harrell in June 2009.  
Spring Promise Rock & Roll  
is a purebred Pygmy.*



*Robyn McBride  
(Winterhaven)  
with  
Winterhaven Gretel  
awarded Grand Champion Jr. Doe (NPGA)  
in our Summer Solstice show,  
judged by Keith Harrell in June 2009.  
Winterhaven Gretel is a purebred Pygmy.*

*Heather Coleman  
(Bubba's Peanut Pygmies)  
with  
Winterhaven Mt. McKinley  
awarded Reserve Grand Champion  
Sr. Buck (NPGA) and Reserve Grand  
Champion Sr. A.O.P. Buck (AGS)  
in our Summer Solstice shows,  
judged by Keith Harrell in June 2009.  
Winterhaven Mt. McKinley  
is a purebred Pygmy.*



From our Summer Solstice  
Show results available online

*Karlene & Emma Brouillet  
(My Kids Farm)  
with Lucky\*Stars LOT Yeti  
awarded Grand Champion A.O.P. Buck & Best  
Buck in Show (ADGA/AGS) judged by Gary  
Whitehead, Reserve Grand Champion A.O.P.  
Buck (ADGA/AGS) judged by Keith Harrell, and  
Grand Champion A.O.P. Buck & Best of Breed  
(AGS) judged by Keith Harrell  
at our Summer Solstice Show in June 2009.  
Lucky\*Stars LOT Yeti is a purebred La Mancha.*



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*Pygmies showing up against the big goats in the All Other Purebred (A.O.P.) classes  
of our AGS show judged by Keith Harrell.*

**Reserve Grand Champion A.O.P. Buck (AGS) was a Pygmy!  
Congratulations to Heather Coleman and  
Winterhaven Mt. McKinley!**



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2009 Show Results

Summer Solstice Shows, June 24-25, 2009, Pt. MacKenzie, Alaska

**AGS Show judged by Keith Harrell, Summary of Winners:**

Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion Sr. Doe: Piddlin Acres KR Seattle Mist, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nigerian Dwarf Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe and Best Udder of Breed: Piddlin Acres V Shanghai's Kia, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nigerian Dwarf Best of Breed Sr. Doe and Best Udder: GCH Piddlin Acres PV FeelTheRythym, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nubian Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Best of Breed Sr. Doe: Caprine Lake Rache-Anne, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nubian Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe: Caprine Lake Cadillac Kid, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nubian Best Udder of Breed: Kennelwood Falina's Flower, owned by S. Nevada, SilverAurora

A. O. P. (French Alpine, Toggenburg, LaMancha, Oberhasli, Pygmy) Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Best of Breed Sr. Doe, and Best Udder of Breed: Lucky\*Star's AV A-Yana, La Mancha owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

A. O. P. (French Alpine, Toggenburg, LaMancha, Oberhasli, Pygmy) Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe: DreamHigh VB Soft Chenin Blanc, owned by K. Bryant, Bryant's Acres

Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion Jr. Doe and Best of Breed Jr. Doe: Fair Skies CC You'reGonnaLuvMe, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

Nigerian Dwarf Res. Grand Champion Jr. Doe: Boreas Acres Zapateo, owned by L. Manary, Boreas Acres

Nubian Grand Champion Jr. Doe and Best of Breed Jr. Doe: Ober-D' Rainbow Yiqueisha, owned by S. Nevada, SilverAurora

Nubian Res. Grand Champion Jr. Doe: Ober-D' Rainbow BJ Yul Ti Jewel, owned by S. Nevada, SilverAurora

A. O. P. (French Alpine, Toggenburg, LaMancha, Oberhasli, Pygmy) Grand Champion Jr. Doe and Best of Breed Jr. Doe: Lucky\*Star's Yada, La Mancha owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

A. O. P. (French Alpine, Toggenburg, LaMancha, Oberhasli, Pygmy) Res. Grand Champion Jr. Doe: Kastdemur's Pepsi Cola, LaMancha, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion Buck and Best of Breed Buck: Fair Skies XK Yu'Pik Me, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

Summer Solstice Show Results, Keith Harrell AGS, June 25, 2009

Nigerian Dwarf Res. Grand Champion Buck: SilverAurora TH Xenya \*S, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

A. O. P. (French Alpine, Toggenburg, LaMancha, Oberhasli, Pygmy) Grand Champion Buck and Best of Breed Buck: Lucky\*Star's LOT Yeti, La Mancha owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

**A. O. P. (French Alpine, Toggenburg, LaMancha, Oberhasli, Pygmy) Res. Grand Champion Buck: Winterhaven Mt. McKinley, Pygmy, owned by H. Coleman, Bubba's Peanut Pygmies**

**ADGA/AGS Show judged by Gary Whitehead, Summary of Winners:**

Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion Sr. Doe and Best Udder of Breed: SilverAurora TH Xtreme Grace, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

Nigerian Dwarf Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe: Piddlin Acres Blue Moon-Shadow, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

AGS Nigerian Dwarf Best of Breed Sr. Doe: GCH Piddlin Acres PV FeelTheRythym, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

ADGA Nigerian Dwarf Best of Breed Sr. Doe: SilverAurora TH Xtreme Grace, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

Alpine Grand Champion Sr. Doe: The Arctic Light's Tori, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Alpine Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe and Best Udder of Breed: Pass-This-Way Foresight, owned by P. Kyzer, Pass-This-Way

Alpine Best of Breed Sr. Doe and Best Udder: CH DreamHigh VB Soft Chenin Blanc, owned by K. Bryant, Bryant's Acres

Nubian Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Best of Breed Sr. Doe, and Best Udder of Breed: Caprine Lake Cadillac Kid, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

Nubian Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe: Ojibwa Painted Lady, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

A. O. P. Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Best of Breed Sr. Doe, and Best Udder of Breed: Lucky\*Star's AV A-Yana, La Mancha owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

A. O. P. Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe: Ober-D'Rainbow Theo Veroniaa, Oberhasli, owned by K. Bryant, Bryant's Acres

Rec. Grade/Exp. Grand Champion Sr. Doe, Best of Breed Sr. Doe, and Best Udder of Breed: Bryant's-Acres Flo, owned by K. Bryant, Bryant's Acres

Rec. Grade/Exp. Res. Grand Champion Sr. Doe: Pass-This-Way Emily, owned by P. Kyzer, Pass-This-Way

*Summer Solstice Show Results, Gary Whitehead ADGA/AGS, June 24, 2009*

**Best Sr. Doe and Best Udder in Show:** CH DreamHigh VB Soft Chenin Blanc, Alpine, owned by K. Bryant, Bryant's Acres

Nigerian Dwarf Jr. Does - Grand Champion: Boreas Acres Zapateo, owned by L. Manary, Boreas Acres

Nigerian Dwarf Jr. Does - Reserve Grand Champion: SilverAurora XR Yipsy, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

Alpine Jr. Does - Grand Champion: Heavenly Peace Angel, owned by C. Hamelink

Alpine Jr. Does - Reserve Grand Champion: Bryant's Acres Serena, owned by K. Bryant, Bryant's-Acres

Nubian Jr. Does - Grand Champion: Ober-D' Rainbow Yiqueisha, owned by S. Nevada, SilverAurora

Nubian Jr. Does - Reserve Grand Champion: Ober-D' Rainbow BJ Zasia, owned by S. Nevada, SilverAurora

A. O. P. Jr. Does - Grand Champion: Kastdemur's Pepsi Cola, La Mancha owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

A. O. P. Jr. Does - Reserve Grand Champion: Des Ruhigestelle Entrepid, Saanen owned by S. Nevada, SilverAurora

Rec. Grade/Exp. Jr. Does - Grand Champion: Pass-This-Way Scabiosa, owned by P. Kyzer, Pass-This-Way

Rec. Grade/Exp. Jr. Does - Reserve Grand Champion: Chinook Wind SS Cassandra, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind Farm

**Best Jr. Doe in Show:** Ober-D' Rainbow Yiqueisha, Nubian, owned by S. Nevada, SilverAurora

Nigerian Dwarf Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction): SilverAurora TH Xenya \*S, owned by H. Fair, Fair Skies

Nigerian Dwarf Res. Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction): Piddlin Acres W Bjorn, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

A. O. P. Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction): Lucky\*Star's LOT Yeti, LaMancha, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

A. O. P. Res. Grand Champion Buck (Jr. & Sr. Combined Sanction): Mellow-Meadows Sledgehammer, Alpine, owned by S. Crosby, Chinook Wind Farm

**Best Buck in Show:** Lucky\*Star's LOT Yeti, LaMancha, owned by K. Brouillet, My Kids Farm

*Update from  
American Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Association (ANDDA),  
the official breed club recognized by ADGA & AGS*

- ANDDA has a proposed Constitutional Change, with ballots due back by **March 5**. Eligible voting members can print the ballot in the February 2010 newsletter, available for download from the club's website.
- Another special election recently resulted in the seating of Gary Whitehead as Director-At-Large. Mr. Whitehead ran unopposed.
- After just a few short months as President, Kennon Feaster-Eytchison resigned from the club in February, leaving then Vice President Ellen Dorsey in charge. The Board has just appointed Deborah Niemann-Boehle as Mrs. Dorsey's replacement as Vice President.
- In other news, Christina Jones was appointed as Secretary-Treasurer (a non-voting position on the Board of Directors) and a number of other committee appointments were made.
- Next on tap for ANDDA is a regular election. Nominations for President, Vice President, and one each Western Director (fellow Alaskan, Heather Fair's seat), and

Eastern Director (Jim McGonagle's seat) are due to the Election Committee (Jane Bailey, [tiny-town@hughes.net](mailto:tiny-town@hughes.net)) by May 1. The ballots will be mailed to eligible voting members shortly thereafter, with ballots due back by **June 15**. Eastern Director, Jane Bailey, and Western Director, Margie Dykstra, each have a year remaining on their respective terms.

**Why should you be an active member of ANDDA?**

The registries are considering changes to the breed's standards (including maximum allowable height and possibly opening an experimental herd-book for non-purebred Nigerian Dwarves ("minis" mixed with other breeds)). Becoming an active member of ANDDA will help ensure your voice is heard on these important matters that continue to shape the future of your breed.

In addition, if you join now, there's still time to enter the All-American, Total Performer, and JuJu Competitions! Show off your goats' accomplishments of 2009 with these fantastic and economical programs!

*Where can I learn more?*



<http://ANDDA.org>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ANDDAMembers>

(must be a member to join, all members can post)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ANDDABoard>

(must be a member to join, only Board members can post)

## Why Be There?

By Maxine Kinne

(from <http://kinne.net/bethere.htm/>, reprinted with permission)

Birth is the most dramatic and life-threatening event in a kid's life. Your presence during and just after delivery can save lives. Should it be needed, prompt assistance during delivery will help get the kids off to the best start they can possible have. The new mother will thank you for it, and you will avoid a lot of potential problems with both the mother & her new kids.

How do you know when it's time to show up at the barn for the action? With little or no kidding experience, if you pay attention to the signs of impending birth does generally exhibit, there is usually no doubt when she is gearing up to deliver. Drag out the audio baby monitor and wait. Working nine-to-five puts a definite cramp into being present at each birth, and some people induce their does to kid on a weekend.

The fetus lives and grows in a fluid environment in the uterus. The mother's placenta nourishes the fetus and eliminates its waste products. As the fetus is expelled during labor, it quickly converts from a "water breather" to one that functions on oxygen. Events that interfere with this delicate transformation can spell catastrophe.

Breathing is the kid's first step toward independent life. As the mother delivers each kid, clean off its nose and muzzle right away to eliminate barriers that may interfere with the important first breaths. A stiff

piece of straw or hay inserted into one of the kid's nostrils should stimulate sneezing. Or pinch an ear to make the newborn cry. Kids take in big lungfuls of air when they sneeze and cry - just what they need! Suspending the kid with its front end lower than the rear end uses gravity to help clear fluid out of a kid's lungs. Drape the kid over your leg or hold it in the air by its hips or hind legs for a few minutes.

Check each newborn for defects at the earliest opportunity. If this is done quickly at birth, defective kids can be culled right away, before they dry off, nurse and get too cute. I know this is really hard to think about, much less do, until you've got a number of years of goat breeding under your belt. A good reputation can be built on producing good goats; a questionable one is built on producing defectives and poor-doers, and it also reflects your breeding program.



*Piggy with her mini-Boer quadruplets, February 2010. Piggy is a purebred Nigerian Dwarf residing at My Kids Farm.*

## Why Be There? (Kinne)

The doe's preparation for kidding results in a nest of well-pawed bedding which exposes dirt and manure. Just before a kid is born, lay down a clean towel or some newspaper behind the doe for it to land on. This helps to keep the umbilical cord clean. Keep the kid on this sanitary surface until you dip its navel in undiluted 7% iodine which helps sanitize and dry the umbilicus. Born into a unsanitary environment, kids can pick up many kinds of bacteria that can travel into the blood supply via the umbilicus to cause navel ill, joint ill or generalized septicemia. Any of these can cripple or kill.

The kid's first meal comes next. Help it out by making sure groceries are available. The keratin plug inside each streak canal can be difficult for the kid to dislodge by sucking. Express one or two squirts of colostrum from each teat to be sure they can get something to eat. Some kids take longer than others to find a teat and start nursing. Make sure kids eat as soon as possible, and you'll avoid waking up to starving, hypothermic kids the next morning. While you're still in the barn with the dam and her new kids, check the environment for safety:

- Are there places a newborn could get stuck or trapped? Fill the hay feeder so a kid can't get into it. Can it get under or through the fencing? Repair it now.
- Could a kid drown in that water bucket? I use a 6"-high, 1/2-gallon plastic tub. Small kids can tip these over - Pygmy kids can drown in a 1-gallon or larger bucket.
- Is it drafty? A dry kid with colos-



*Beanie with her twin Nigerian Dwarf bucklings, April 2009. Beanie is a purebred Nigerian Dwarf residing at Fair Skies.*

trum in its tummy can tolerate cold weather, but it is very prone to chilling in a draft.

- Can the kid see to find its mother? The kid's instinct is to go into a "dark corner" to find food; under the doe's rear leg is just the right spot. Leave a night light on the first night or two so mother and kids can find each other with no problems.

So why be there? To assist or call for help if the doe has birthing problems. To help the kid be born in a sanitary environment. To dip the navel to prevent infections. To make sure the teats are open so the kid can eat. And to make sure the kidding area is free of dangers you may not have thought to look for before.

May your kids arrive easily and enjoy a safe introduction to their new world!

## Blueberry Scones

A free recipe from <http://AmericasTestKitchen.com>

It is important to work the dough as little as possible—work quickly and knead and fold the dough only the number of times called for. The butter should be frozen solid before grating. In hot or humid environments, chill the flour mixture and workbowls before use. While the recipe calls for 2 whole sticks of butter, only 10 tablespoons are actually used (see step 1). If fresh berries are unavailable, an equal amount of frozen berries (do not defrost) can be substituted. An equal amount of raspberries, blackberries, or strawberries can be used in place of the blueberries. Cut larger berries into 1/4- to 1/2-inch pieces before incorporating. Refrigerate or freeze leftover scones, wrapped in foil, in an airtight container. To serve, remove foil and place scones on a baking sheet in a 375-degree oven. Heat until warmed through and recrisped, 8 to 10 minutes if refrigerated, 16 to 20 minutes if frozen. See final step for information on making the scone dough in advance. *Makes 8. Published July 1, 2007.*

### INGREDIENTS

- 16 tablespoons unsalted butter (2 sticks), frozen whole (see note above)
- 1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries (about 7 1/2 oz), picked over (see note)
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 cups [unbleached all-purpose flour](#) (10 oz), + additional for work surface
- 1/2 cup sugar (3 1/2 ounces), plus 1 tablespoon for sprinkling
- 2 teaspoons [baking powder](#)
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon [table salt](#)
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest



Use the wrapper to hold the frozen butter while grating it on the large holes of a box grater. Grate 4 tablespoons from each stick of butter.

### STEP-BY-STEP Folding and Shaping the Scones



1. Fold dough into thirds (like a business letter).



2. Fold in ends of dough to form 4-inch square. Chill dough.



3. Reroll dough into 12-inch square. Press berries into dough.



4. Roll dough into jellyroll-like log to incorporate blueberries.

5. Lay log seam-side down and press into even 12 by 4-inch rectangle.



6. Cut dough into 8 triangular pieces.

## Blueberry Scones (continued)

A free recipe from <http://AmericasTestKitchen.com>

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 425 degrees. Score and remove half of wrapper from each stick of frozen butter. Following photo at left, grate unwrapped ends on large holes of box grater (you should grate total of 8 tablespoons). Place grated butter in freezer until needed. Melt 2 tablespoons of remaining ungrated butter and set aside. Save remaining 6 tablespoons butter for another use. Place blueberries in freezer until needed.
2. Whisk together milk and sour cream in medium bowl; refrigerate until needed. Whisk flour, 1/2 cup sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and lemon zest in medium bowl. Add frozen butter to flour mixture and toss with fingers until thoroughly coated.
3. Add milk mixture to flour mixture; fold with spatula until just combined. With rubber spatula, transfer dough to liberally floured work surface. Dust surface of dough with flour; with floured hands, knead dough 6 to 8 times, until it just holds together in ragged ball, adding flour as needed to prevent sticking.
4. Roll dough into approximate 12-inch square. Following illustrations, fold dough into thirds like a business letter, using bench scraper or metal spatula to release dough if it sticks to countertop. Lift short ends of dough and fold into thirds again to form approximate 4-inch square. Transfer dough to plate lightly dusted with flour and chill in freezer 5 minutes.
5. Transfer dough to floured work surface and roll into approximate 12-inch square again. Sprinkle blueberries evenly over surface of dough, then press down so they are slightly embedded in dough. Using bench scraper or thin metal spatula, loosen dough from work surface. Roll dough, pressing to form tight log. Lay seam-side down and press log into 12 by 4-inch rectangle. Using sharp, floured knife, cut rectangle crosswise into 4 equal rectangles. Cut each rectangle diagonally to form 2 triangles and transfer to parchment-lined baking sheet.
6. Brush tops with melted butter and sprinkle with remaining tablespoon sugar. Bake until tops and bottoms are golden brown, 18 to 25 minutes. Transfer to wire rack and let cool 10 minutes before serving.

**To Make Ahead:** After placing the scones on the baking sheet, either refrigerate them overnight or freeze. When ready to bake, for refrigerated scones, heat oven to 425 degrees and follow directions in step 6. For frozen scones, heat oven to 375 degrees, follow directions in step 6, and extend cooking time to 25 to 30 minutes.



**TRADITIONAL:** The British original is lean, dry, and barely sweetened. Spoonfuls of jam and clotted cream are a must.



**ARTIFICIALLY SWEET:** This scone is shellacked with icing and has tiny flecks of artificial blueberries that add color but not flavor.



**BIG BLOB:** This scone is too large and amorphous to cook through, leaving the center doughy and unbaked.

## CMPK Substitute for Treating Hypocalcemia

By Sue Reith

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About three years ago I was asked for help by an owner in Canada whose goat was down with hypocalcemia, but whose vet insisted it was 'pregnancy toxemia', and told her to treat for ketosis and if the doe was still alive in a few days he would come back and do a C-Section. At the time the doe was almost two weeks away from her due date. After telling me she had virtually NO access to CMPK there in Canada, this owner did the most amazing thing! She went to her local food supplement store and got a liquid product off the shelf called Liquid Cal-Mag plus vitamin D and phosphorus. This 250ml bottle cost ~ \$2.95 Canadian, and a 1 tablespoon (15ml) dose (just half of the 30ml dose of CMPK I recommend using every 2 hours to fix hypocalcemia) contained 600 mg calcium, 300 mg magnesium (helps the calcium to be absorbed faster and more fully in the body) and 300mg phosphorus (without which calcium can't be freed up at all for the body to use).

Her first step was to find out how much of each mineral in that whole 500ml bottle is actually available to the patient in one 30cc dose of CMPK. To do this she made the following calculations:

1 g (gram) = 1000mg (milligrams)

1ml (milligram) = 1cc (cubic centimeter, the measurement used on syringes)

There are approximately sixteen (16) - 30ml/cc doses in a 500ml bottle of

So... Each - 30 ml dose of CMPK contains roughly 650 mg calcium; 500mg potassium; 150 mg phosphorus; and 96 mg magnesium.

With that info in hand, she went to the oral supplements department at Walmart and found a product called Posture-D, a calcium replacement product in tablet form for humans.



Checking the content of each tablet to see how it measured up to one CMPK dose, she found that: 1 tablet of this supplement, "Posture-D, contained 600 mg calcium, 266 mg phosphorus, and 50 mg magnesium. The magnesium content was a bit low, and there was no potassium (which is an essential part of the combination as it helps maintain a normal heartbeat level while replacing the calcium) so she set about correcting these 2 factors.

## CMPK Substitute for Treating Hypocalcemia Reith)

Potassium is routinely available in most supplement departments in 500mg tablets, so she put one 500mg potassium tablet in with the Posture-D tablet to provide the 500mg of potassium found in each 30ml dose of CMPK.

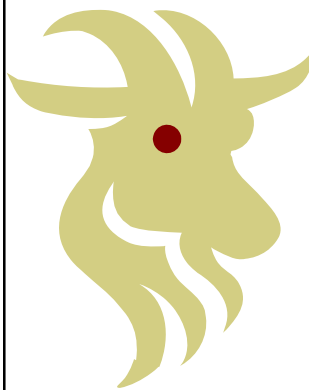
And because the Posture-D tablet was low on magnesium (it contained 50mg where a CMPK dose has ~100mg), she bought a bottle of 150mg magnesium capsules and put 1/3 capsule (50mg) with the Posture-D tablet to bring up the level of magnesium to the right level. I can buy magnesium in 250mg tablets in my area in another brand... So when preparing this temporary CMPK substitute the amount of magnesium you add to the mixture will vary with the tablet strength you bought.

I should point out that the doe she was treating (successfully, I hasten to add) had just freshened, so she was no longer being drained of calcium to provide for the unborn fetuses. This made treatment and recovery a little easier. She followed the CMPK regimen I recommend, 1 dose every 2 hours until the doe is behaving normally again, and then 2

doses daily thereafter, either until after she freshens if she's in late gestation, or until she's milking normally again if she's already in milk.

(I used to get pretty frustrated when goat owners would contact me late Friday night or on the weekend, totally unprepared, with an already-down hypocalcemic doe. Of course the people had no access to CMPK on a weekend, so that's really how the 'kitchen recipe' came into being. We combined my input on the actual chemical and nutritional makeup of the CMPK with the creativity of a couple of owners that were caught in just such a bind, and Voila! The Kitchen Recipe! The oral CMPK available for livestock tastes awful anyway, and burns the bejeebers out of the throat membranes besides, whereas the Kitchen Recipe, made up of pills intended for human consumption, tastes pretty OK!)

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Tisa Witham's Fair Skies WP Zoe On My Way, Summer 2009.

Zoe is a purebred Nigerian Dwarf residing at Edgefield.



### Did you know?

Members can advertise relevant sale items on the club's website for free!

<http://AlaskaMiniGoatCache.com>

Mark Simpson PHOTOGRAPHY  
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16766 E. Knik River Rd.  
Palmer, AK 99645

Special thanks to Mark Simpson of Mark Simpson Photography who tirelessly photographed our Summer Solstice Shows in June 2009. Prints available for a very reasonable fee!

## Remember when...

The first meeting of the Alaska Mini Goat Cache was called to order on November 18, 2003 at 1:05 PM at the home of Robyn McBride in Wasilla, Alaska, with the idea of creating a safe haven for all miniature goats.

Since then, we have continued to provide entertainment with our goats for public petting zoos at church events, Family Night with the military, and promotions at local businesses. We also hold shows at the Alaska State Fair annually and we have been involved in State parades. Occasionally, we sponsor health and testing clinics and strive to provide educational resources to our community.

**The Alaska Mini Goat Cache is open to anyone interested in miniature goat breeds. Breeders of registered and unregistered goats, show enthusiasts, and single pet owners alike, regardless of age, race, or creed, are all welcome.**



*Founding Member, Robyn McBride with Apache.*

**Our next meeting is 3:00PM,  
Saturday, March 20, 2010  
at Evangelo's Restaurant, Wasilla,  
off George Parks Hwy.**

**Can't make it to the next meeting?**

**You can now renew or join the  
club online and even pay your dues  
with PayPal!**

[http://AlaskaMiniGoatCache.com/  
join.htm](http://AlaskaMiniGoatCache.com/join.htm)

\$20/year for an individual (one vote)  
\$25/year for a family (two votes)

## **The objectives of the AkMGC shall be:**

1. To function as an official club, with coordinated and organized efforts to provide reliable information on goats; to promote miniature goat breeds and goat products; and to educate the general public about the breeds, and their value beyond being novel pets.
2. To advertise the breeds more efficiently than is possible to do individually, and to publicly provide for and service the goat industry.
3. To support well-equipped and -managed miniature goat farms as one of the best means of introducing the goat and related products.
4. To promote good will and understanding among its members and to discourage destructive thoughts and acts. To these ends we pledge our greatest efforts.
5. To assist its members and others, whether show or pet breeders, in producing the best goats of their chosen breeds, and to breed for healthy, productive goats.
6. To study and encourage balanced rationing and the cooperative buying of suitable feeds at a reasonable cost.
7. To encourage all available assistance from City, County, and State, and to protest undesirable laws that would injure the industry.
8. To assist the "herdsperson" (politically correct) and breeders in dispersing of their products at a price that will tend to build up the industry through truthful advertising, and further, to reject and call attention to advertising found to be misleading or otherwise less than truthful.
9. To provide a means for a group of people who share a common interest in goats to come together in spite of geographic location, in order to learn more about the breeds, exchange ideas and knowledge about raising, maintaining, breeding, improving, and promoting goats and goat products.
10. Through the strength of a club to foster and support the development of miniature goats in 4-H, and State fairs, as a means of helping the youth of our communities.
11. Through the membership of a club, and fundraisers, to sponsor annual shows, where individuals will have a means of gauging progress in their own breeding program and thereby contributing to the continued overall improvement of goats as a whole.
12. And through the memberships of the club functions, to offer everyone ways to enjoy their animals.



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**The next meeting will be:**

**3:00PM, Saturday, March 20, 2010  
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off George Parks Hwy.**

Our meetings are open to the public, but only members may vote and review the minutes. Please renew your memberships and encourage a friend to join. We'd love to see you!

**Welcome New Members of 2010!**

**Tina Starr Judd**

Wasilla, Alaska  
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Find our club By Laws online at: <http://alaskaminigoatcache.com/bylaws.pdf>

**Current Members (as of February 2010)**

*Remember to renew your membership for 2010—and bring a friend!*

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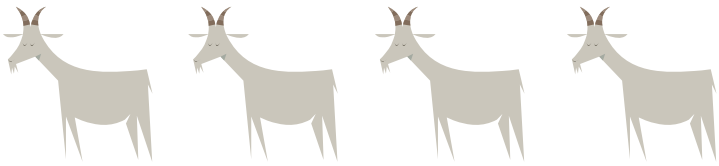
## It's a terrific time to become a member or renew your membership in the Alaska Mini Goat Cache!

It's just \$20/yr for an individual (one vote) or \$25/yr for a family (two votes). Members get free online classified ads, a subscription to the newsletter, and an opportunity to network with like-minded, caring people that know how to have fun with their goats!

### You can now join or renew in one of three ways:

- 1) **Fill out the form** on the facing page (printable form also available on our website at: <http://alaskamini-goat-cache.com/membershipform.pdf>) and mail it in with a check;
- 2) **Bring the form to one of our events** and pay in person; or
- 3) **Fill out the online form** at our website at <http://alaskamini-goat-cache.com/joinonline.htm> and use our online payment form at <http://alaskamini-goat-cache.com/joinpay.htm> to pay with PayPal (major credit cards and direct bank account drafts accepted).

### And bring a friend!



### Kidding season is just around the corner. Remember to place a classified ad in the next newsletter!

Goat-related products and services are welcome for publication in our newsletter. Members can also advertise relevant sale items on the club's website for free! **To place an ad or submit pictures or content for the next newsletter, contact Heather Fair in Wasilla at 232.5414 or in Anchorage at 441.1851 or email [fairskies@allisawfarm.com](mailto:fairskies@allisawfarm.com).**

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## Alaska Mini Goat Cache Membership/Subscription Application

The Alaska Mini Goat Cache is open to anyone interested in miniature goat breeds, breeders of registered and unregistered goats, show enthusiasts, and single pet owners alike, regardless of age, race, or creed, all are welcome.

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your first and last names for membership:  
(you may include farm or herd name) \_\_\_\_\_

Your mailing address:  
(this is where you will receive ballots and club news)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your website: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed(s) of goat(s) you have: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you offer buck service? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

May we add you to our website's member list? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

### Annual Membership Fees:

Individual Membership (one vote): \$20

Family Membership (two votes): \$25

Your membership includes a subscription to our newsletter and free online classifieds on our website. If you would like to place an ad in the next issue, or if you have something to share, please contact the newsletter editor, Heather Fair in Wasilla at 907.232.5414 or in Anchorage at 907.441.1851 or email [fairskies@allisawfarm.com](mailto:fairskies@allisawfarm.com).

### Please send this form and your payment to:

Alaska Mini Goat Cache c/o Laura Manary, 4274 N. Farm Loop Rd., Palmer, AK 99645

Phone: 907.745.6010.

*Membership will not be processed until payment is received.*

Make checks payable to Alaska Mini Goat Cache or AkMGC or pay online with PayPal at <http://alaskamini-goat-cache.com/joinpay.htm>.