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Letter from the President

Greetings,

Man, where did the summer go? County Fairs have come and gone, State Fair is right around the corner and then the fun begins all over again with breeding season. Are you ready for it? Does it ever slow down?

The Iowa Spring Classic had another successful show. There were over 300 head shown and we had exhibitors from 6 states. The show committee would like to thank everyone who attended and also thank those who brought extra goats to sanction a couple breeds. The Iowa Spring Classic 2019 is scheduled for June 1 and 2, 2019 at the Jasper County Fairgrounds.

The board has decided to hold our annual meeting Sept. 22, 2018 in Colo, Iowa at 10am. This is due to multiple events conflicting with our normal date in October. The biggest topic to be discussed is IDGA bid for Nationals 2022. Come and let your voice be heard. If you have anything you would like to have on the agenda please email us at mfd5712@gmail.com. The meeting is open to all IDGA members, every member is welcome to attend. Please make plans to be there.

Good luck with breeding plans.

Best Regards!

James McDaniel

Johne's Disease

By Alex Appleman

Reprinted from the Roseburg Dairy Goat Association Newsletter

When you are buying a goat, the ads you see will hopefully say something like "tested CL/CAE/Johne's free." But what does that really mean? Should I be worried about Johne's? What is Johne's disease, and who was this Johne fellow anyway, and how do you pronounce that name?

First, it's "Yoh-nee's," named after Herr Doktor Heinrich Albert Johne, one of those magnificently-bearded 19th century heroes of microbiology, and one of the folks who first identified the bug that causes the disease. And it is serious.



Herr Doktor Heinrich Albert Johne, 1839-1910

In 1895, a vet in Oldenburg, Germany sent Dr. Johne some tissue samples from a dead cow. The cow had started wasting, despite having a hearty appetite; diarrhea followed, and wasting unto death. Examining the tissues, Johne noticed bacteria like those that cause tuberculosis in humans – but they weren't quite the same, and the disease that killed the cow wasn't tuberculosis.

The bacteria were the subject of intense study for decades, and have become known as *Mycobacterium avis* var *paratuberculosis*, or MAP. MAP, and the tuberculosis bacterium, have a very

thick, waxy cell wall unlike those of any other bacteria. This cell wall is more than a microbiological curiosity; it explains much about what makes Johne's (and tuberculosis in humans) so problematic.

Johne's disease starts when an animal – most commonly a calf, but sometimes a sheep or or goat or camelid – eats some MAP cells, which ride through the animal's gut. The intestines, being one of the interfaces we animals have with the world, are studded with cells that report directly to our immune system. MAP finds these cells, near the end of the intestine, and allows itself to be eaten by them.

Here's where that waxy cell wall becomes important – normally, when a bacterium is eaten by the immune system, it gets digested – but MAP's cell wall allows it to survive inside the immune cells. It multiplies, slowly (it's hard work to expand a cell wall made of wax), and its progeny can occasionally bust out of one cell to infect others in the gut. Some MAP cells will be passed with the feces, to infect other animals. The infection persists, and is slow to be noticed by the immune system (because of the waxy cell wall – it just doesn't look like a threat). Years can pass before the case becomes clinically observable. However, when the immune system does notice it, it goes into overdrive, causing massive inflammation of the cells lining the intestine.

By this time, the game is over – and it's one of the features of Johne's that it moves directly from the subclinical to terminal. The lining of the intestine is normally thin and supple – it is what sausage casings are made of. The intestine of an end-stage Johne's case

can be described as "garden hose gut," thick and tough. It can no longer absorb nutrients, and the animal wastes away; sometimes, there's diarrhea, but this is not common in infected goats.



Normal intestinal tissue (bottom) is pliable, almost transparent; the same tissue from a Johne's specimen (top) is massively inflamed, thick, and tough.

MAP's biology makes it a pain to deal with. Animals can be infected, but not show any signs for years – and poop MAP cells into the environment the whole time. These cells persist in the environment for about a year, again thanks to that waxy cell wall. Animals can be infected by these cells; more commonly, kids are infected by their mothers either through fecal contamination or through milk.

Detecting infected animals is complicated. Most detection methods determine whether an animal's immune system has seen MAP cells. However, when kids are infected, their immune systems are immature and don't respond to MAP. Even in adults, the MAP cell doesn't provoke a strong immune response – so an animal could test negative for exposure to MAP despite having been infected for years! There are other tests that can be done, such as culturing MAP from feces – but, MAP grows slowly, and culturing these cells take two months to get a result. One experimenter was able to find a

correlation between slow weight gain in young kids and Johne's, but the correlation was not strong enough to provide a basis for culling. Also, other issues such as parasites or nutritional balance can cause poor condition and diarrhea, so suspicion generally falls on these problems before Johne's.



Johne's-infected goat

Once infection is noticed, it's too late. The waxy cell wall of the MAP cell makes it difficult to treat with

antibiotics (a problem shared with tuberculosis in humans – it takes a diverse set of antibiotics administered over a course of several months). MAP doesn't have many good handles for the immune system to grab onto, so it's difficult to make a good vaccine (another problem shared with tuberculosis), and there's none approved in the United States.

Nobody knows the prevalence of MAP in American goat herds, but one study (on Boer goats in Missouri in 2012) detected MAP in about 2% of all animals and 36% of all herds. This is a difficult number to trust, since detection is difficult, and at least in cattle, meat animals are less susceptible to MAP infection than dairy animals, so in reality as many as 50% of goat herds could be infected. (Studies in France, Cyprus, and Central America give

comparable numbers.)

So, what to do about Johne's? As with so many diseases, the keys are information and prevention. All animals you acquire should be screened before they enter your herd. Because MAP can hide, undetectable, for a couple of years and persist in the environment for a year, you should do either a herd test or individual tests every two years. The good news is that Johne's is eradicable – if infected animals are culled, their kids bottle-raised on MAP-free colostrum and milk, and rigorous sanitation observed, a herd and property can be Johne's free in five to seven years.

For a lot more information, visit www.johnes.org, download a booklet at <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/pdf/johnesgoatQ&Abooklet.pdf>, or chat with your local vet!

Goat Rescue

By Lori Wells

Almost every community has a shelter for rescuing unwanted or lost dogs and cats. Some shelters even rescue horses, cows and exotic animals. However, there are only a handful that specialize in saving goats.

Puget Sound Goat Rescue was established in Washington state in 2001. Over 200 goats are adopted from the shelter each year. They rescue unwanted, mistreated, neglected or abuse goats. Many of the goats are adopted as a family unit – dam with kids.

Goats of Anarchy rescues and rehabilitates goats, mostly kids. They provide food, shelter and prosthetics for injured goats. This rescue is located in New Jersey. After rehabilitation, the goats are put up for adoption.

New Moon Farm Goat Rescue and Sanctuary is located in Arlington, WA. It began in 1999 by rescuing a sick goat from a petting zoo. Over time, calls came in asking founder Ellen Felsenthal for help. As there are other organizations working with animal rescue, New Moon is strictly devoted to goats. The animals are ready for a forever home after rehabilitation. The farm hosts several fund-raising events to support this non-profit, volunteer organization.

Across the pond is Buttercup Sanctuary for Goats which began in 1989 in the United Kingdom. Home to over 140 goats, additional care is provided by foster farms. By fostering goats, the sanctuary is able to save twice as many goats as they had previously. While these goats are not adopted out, Buttercup accepts sponsorship for specific goat care. They are also non-profit and hold several fund-raising events.

There are some other rescues that take in goats, like Black Goat Farm and Sanctuary in Ontario, Canada and Goats with Horns Animal Sanctuary in Gilbert, AZ. However, they take in all animals, not just goats.



Thank you to the supporters of the 2018 Iowa Dairy Goat Association Spring Classic!

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Interested in supporting the 2019 Iowa Spring Classic Show with a financial donation or goodies for the raffle?

To sponsor a ring or for other financial donations, contact Sara Goemaat at sgoe1908@gmail.com.

For raffle donations, contact Judi Nayeri at jlneyeri@gmail.com. Thank you!

From IDGA Youth Ambassador Jamy Randol

Summer has gone by in a blink of the eye. It feels like just yesterday I was driving home from the last day of my sophomore year. Many people who know me, know that I'm not one to sit around idle. This summer has been full of work, and practice. I'm a part of my FFA chapter's traveling livestock judging team. We've travelled around the state to different counties putting in as much hands on practice as possible. It is an absolute thrill, but I'm going to level with you all, it can also be extremely frustrating. Many people can account to my frustrated rants about a class placing or reasoning. I absolutely love it though. You can find me somewhere with papers and books strewn all around me doing my best to study up before a contest. Best not to disturb me though because I turn into a cave woman who is entrapped into gazing into fire for the first time. I think you get the picture :)

As summer winds down though there's another reason there's papers strewn everywhere, and that's planning breedings for the upcoming season. This is quite possibly one of my favorite times of the year. So many options come to light. So many different opportunities. We live in a world full of different chances different paths to take. I can have hour long conversations with several different people about possible crosses, and then they think of new and possibly better crosses. This is why I love the dairy goat community. We all unite to better the dairy goat industry as a whole! So many friends are made along the way, I wouldn't trade this for the world.

I hope you all have good luck the rest of the season showing!



Promoting dairy goat products at the
Iowa State University Animal Day



Giving livestock judging oral reasons at
Polk County Fair

Upcoming Events in Iowa

Iowa State Fair Dairy Goat Show, Des Moines
Julie Matthys, Judge

4H/FFA Show Thursday, Aug 16
Junior Doe Open Show Friday, Aug 17
Costume Contest Friday evening, Aug 17
Senior Doe Open Show Saturday, Aug 18
Obstacle Course Contest Saturday evening, Aug 18

IDGA Annual All-Member Meeting & Potluck
Community Center, Colo, September 22

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Alpine
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Loving
Milking
Nigerian Dwarf
Nubian
Oberhasli
Playful
Recorded Grade
Saanen
Show
Smart
Toggenburg
Udder

Show season is wrapping up – brag! Send in photos of your special winners this year, send me show stories, send me things people ought to know, send me topics you'd like addressed, send me recipes, send me upcoming events, send me something you learned from a goat, send an angry letter to the editor! Well, maybe not the last one. But I would love to hear from you. Contact me at jasperfarm@live.com or 641-325-1585.

The Share-A-Kid Program

The Iowa Dairy Goat Association is always on the look-out for ways to help nurture a life-long appreciation of dairy goats and dairy goat products in youth throughout the state. The IDGA Share-A-Kid Program provides the opportunity for youth, 4th to 12th grades or an active FFA chapter member, and residents of the state of Iowa, to own a registered dairy goat kid, by way of a competitive essay application process. Doelings are donated by IDGA members. More information about the Share-A-Kid program can be obtained by visiting www.iowadairygoat.org or contacting Guinevere McIntyre at jasperfarm@live.com or 641-325-1585.

This issue we introduce the 2018 Share-A-Kid winners. In future issues you will learn more about each winner and their doeling!



Judi Nayeri of Ma's Acres has donated an Alpine doeling to Eleanor Shinn, age 10, of Clarke County.



Jamy Randol of Hawkeye Farm has donated a Nubian doeling to Coralee Bodeker, age 15, of Benton County.



Kathy & Sam Bohan of Ballasalla have donated a Nubian doeling to Asha Goodman, age 12, of Pottawattamie County.



Pat Blank of Black Eagle Nigerians, in cooperation with Little Dickens Farm of Cedar Falls, Iowa, have donated two Nigerian Dwarf doelings to Elizabeth Olson, age 12, and Alyssa Olson, age 10, of Winnebago County.



Tim & Mary Schmidt of Schmidt/ECF have donated a Toggenburg doeling to Taylor McCreedy, age 14, of Cass County.

Iowa Spring Classic Show Results 2018

Ring One

Kristina Bozzo-Baldenegro

Senior Doe

Nigerian Dwarf

Dill's D Fiona
CNS Farms Sara
CH AGS Fall Creek Co Versailles

Alpine

Pleasant-Grove Live Report
Fixer-Up Diago
Pleasant-Grove Live Report

Nubian

J&J Livestock Forever Yours
J&J Livestock Firecracker
J&J Livestock Forever Yours

Recorded Grade

Can-Ter Vine LCSA Starlight
Breezy 4 Double Espresso
Can-Ter Vine LCSA Starlight

LaMancha

Striden Hill Beaming Laura
Striden Hill Spark a Tsunami
Striden Hill Beaming Laura

Saanen

Meadow Hill Brio Primrose
Pleasant-Grove Winmucca Joliva
Meadow Hill Brio Primrose

Toggenburg

Schmidt/ECF SZZ Mariah
Can-Ter Vine JPKJ Yolanda
CH Can-Ter Vine CFC Luna

Sr Best Doe in Show

Meadow Hill Brio Primrose

Ring Two

Jennifer Tereba

Senior Doe

Nigerian Dwarf

AGS Fall Creek GH Sassafras
Dill's D Fiona
CH AGS Fall Creek Co Versailles

Alpine

Fixer-Up Hurricane
Fixer-Up Friday Night Lights
Fixer-Up Hurricane

Nubian

J&J Livestock Forever Yours
J&J Livestock Firecracker
J&J Livestock Forever Yours

Recorded Grade

Can-Ter Vine LCSA Starlight
Breezy 4 Double Espresso
Can-Ter Vine LCSA Starlight

LaMancha

Striden Hill RCBC Pallavi
Striden Hill Spark a Tsunami
CH Molly's Miracles Legal Aine

Saanen

Pleasant-Grove Jellybean Game
Meadow Hill Brio Primrose
CH Meadow Hill RCP Posey

Toggenburg

Schmidt/ECF SZZ Mariah
Schmidt/ECF WTTC Do You Fondue
CH Can-Ter Vine CFC Luna

Sr Best Doe in Show

CH Can-Ter Vine CFC Luna

Ring Three

Scott Bice

Senior Doe

Nigerian Dwarf

AGS Fall Creek GH Sassafras
Two Dogs Farm H Amelia
AGS Fall Creek GH Sassafras

Alpine

Fixer-Up Hurricane
Pleasant-Grove Rochester Reset
Fixer-Up Hurricane

Nubian

J&J Livestock Forever Yours
J&J Livestock Firecracker
J&J Livestock Forever Yours

Recorded Grade

Breezy 4 Double Espresso
Breezy 4 Fancy Pants
Slough Creek Ranch Frisky

LaMancha

Striden Hill Spark a Tsunami
The Huma Callie
CH Spicy-Acres Lexie

Saanen

Meadow Hill Brio Primrose
Meadow Hill Alexander Poppy
Meadow Hill Brio Primrose

Toggenburg

Can-Ter Vine JPKJ Yolanda
Quality-Crest Kdot Fiasco
CH Can-Ter Vine CFC Luna

Sr Best Doe in Show

Meadow Hill Brio Primrose

Ring Four

Todd Biddle

Senior Doe

Nigerian Dwarf

AGS Fall Creek GH Sassafras
Dill's D Fiona
AGS Fall Creek GH Sassafras

Alpine

Pleasant-Grove Rebel Faction
Pleasant-Grove RR Lemonade
Pleasant-Grove Rebel Faction

Nubian

J&J Livestock Firecracker
J&J Livestock Forever Yours
J&J Livestock Firecracker

Recorded Grade

Breezy 4 Double Espresso
Just Imagine Emalee
Slough Creek Ranch Frisky

LaMancha

Robin-Wood Tennessee Honey MW
Gotta Get Some Joyeux Noel
CH Molly's Miracles Legal Aine

Saanen

Meadow Hill Brio Primrose
Pleasant-Grove Winmucca Joliva
Meadow Hill Brio Primrose

Toggenburg

Can-Ter Vine TLZ Diana
Schmidt/ECF SZZ Mariah
CH Can-Ter Vine CFC Luna

Sr Best Doe in Show

Meadow Hill Brio Primrose

Ring One Continued**Junior Doe****Nigerian Dwarf**

Konen's Kids E/F Radiant
Corridor Caprines Goodnight Moon

Alpine

Van-Wyk Acres T Dahlia
R'NR Acres Jungle Juice

Nubian

Stevens Creek So Hartley
Stevens Creek So Vivian

Recorded Grade

Ma's Acres Sun Shine
Pine Hollow Kids JR Kix

Lamancha

Molly's Miracles Idol Edyn
Molly's Miracles Cosmo Charlee

Saanen

4DF Jiana
Meadow Hill Brio Phoenix

AOP

Schmidt/ECF LRR Maeple Honey
Pine Hollow Kids Tr Valentine

Jr Best Doe in Show

Van-Wyk Acres T Dahlia

Bucks**Nigerian Dwarf**

Alebar Chipotle Wasabi
Roamn Ranch Blu Moscato
CH Kyeema Ridge Gunsmoke

Alpine

Van-Wyk Acres RN Ace of Diamonds
Kara-Kahl Achilles
Van-Wyk Acres RN Ace of Diamonds

Nubian

Pruittville's Buck Commander
Desert Diamond Duel Chances
Pruittville's Buck Commander

AOP

Quality-Crest KDot Shrek
Moss-Ridge Protocol Dr. Jekel
Quality-Crest KDot Shrek

Best Buck in Show

CH Kyeema Ridge Gunsmoke

Total Goats Judged: 323

Junior Showmanship
Hunter Norberg

Ring Two Continued**Junior Doe****Nigerian Dwarf**

Roamn Ranch Opal
Fall Creek OP Incorrigible

Alpine

Van-Wyk Acres T Dahlia
Ma's Acres Symphony

Nubian

Stevens Creek So Hartley
Stevens Creek So Vivian

Recorded Grade

R'NR Acres Jalynn
Pine Hollow Kids Gracious Jess

Lamancha

Sunny D Acres Koppertone
RPS Acres Analise

Saanen

4DF Jiana
AKBJ 2F Journey

AOP

Schmidt/ECF JKL Fancy Free
Schmidt/ECF Kickn Sunday Shoes

Jr Best Doe in Show

Ma's Acres Sapphire

Bucks**Nigerian Dwarf**

Little Tots Estate Ranger
Roamn Ranch Blu Moscato
Little Tots Estate Ranger

Alpine

Van-Wyk Acres RN Ace of Diamonds
Harmondy HSC Hot Rod
Van-Wyk Acres RN Ace of Diamonds

Nubian

Pruittville's Buck Commander
Desert Diamond Duel Chances
Pruittville's Buck Commander

AOP

Quality Crest KDot Shrek
Pleasant-Grove Game on Jameson
Quality Crest KDot Shrek

Best Buck in Show

Van-Wyk Acres RN Ace of Diamonds

Total Goats Judged: 324

Senior Showmanship
Jamy Randol

Ring Three Continued**Junior Doe****Nigerian Dwarf**

Two Dogs Farm A Harper
Fall Creek OP Saffron

Alpine

Ma's Acres Sapphire
Ma's Acres Symphony

Nubian

CACO Easter Joy
Stevens Creek So Hartley

Recorded Grade

Ma's Acres Sunshine
Breezy 4 Jypsy

Lamancha

Molly's Miracles Cosmo Charlee
Just Imagine Motunui Island

Saanen

AKBJ 2F Journey
4DF Jiana

AOP

Pine Hollow Kids JR Valentine
Playrite Candy

Jr Best Doe in Show

Ma's Acres Sapphire

Bucks**Nigerian Dwarf**

CNS Farms Sirius Black
Old Goat Hill Rosco
CH Kyeema Ridge Gunsmoke

Alpine

Harmondy HSC Hot Rod
Van-Wyk Acres RN Ace of Diamonds
Harmondy HSC Hot Rod

Nubian

Pruittville's Buck Commander
Desert Diamond Duel Chances
CH Hoanbu Atl Elevation

AOP

Quality Crest KDot Shrek
Sunny D Acres Kettle
Quality Crest KDot Shrek

Best Buck in Show

CH Kyeema Ridge Gunsmoke

Total Goats Judged: 298

Adult Showmanship
Liz Smith

Ring Four Continued**Junior Doe****Nigerian Dwarf**

Green Ash Farm Cir Bernadette
Roamn Ranch R Foxy

Alpine

Ma's Acres Sapphire
Kid-Patch WTT Krystal

Nubian

Stevens Creek Show Off Renata
J&J Livestock EST 4EVR July

Recorded Grade

Breezy 4 Jypsy
Pine Hollow Kids JR Kix

Lamancha

Molly's Miracles Cosmo Charlee
Sunny D Acres Koppertone

Saanen

4DF Fluffy's Kurvy
4DF Havarti's Keso

AOP

Pine Hollow Kids JR Valentine
Playrite Candy

Jr Best Doe in Show

Ma's Acres Sapphire

Bucks**Nigerian Dwarf**

Roamn Ranch Blu Blizzard
Roamn Ranch Blu Moscato
CH Kyeema Ridge Gunsmoke

Alpine

Van-Wyk Acres RN Ace of Diamonds
Harmondy RHFR Beth's Kefir
Van-Wyk Acres RN Ace of Diamonds

Nubian

Acorn-Acres Pretty Boy Floyd
Desert Diamond Duel Chances
CH Lakeshore High Esteem

AOP

Quality Crest KDot Shrek
Pleasant-Grove Game on Jameson
Quality Crest KDot Shrek

Best Buck in Show

CH Kyeema Ridge Gunsmoke

Total Goats Judged: 295

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