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2020 Summer

Letter from the President

Young summer love, Guinevere McIntyre

Please forgive the derecho-delay of the summer newsletter!



Greetings,

Wow, what a year. Here we are at late summer/early fall. Hopefully, this newsletter finds everyone safe and sound. Like I had said in the last newsletter, no one could have imagined how the year was going to go. I'm sure we have all made the statement, "I never thought I would see that happen."

The last newsletter saw our early events canceled, like the ISU Block and Bridle event, the IDGA showing and fitting clinic and the annual Spring Classic. Since then, the cancellations have kept rolling on; including the ADGA National Show and Convention, linear appraisal, the lowa State Fair and various county fairs.

There have been some positives, though.

- The 2020 Share-A-Kid program was able to continue. I look forward to reading about our recipients in the upcoming newsletters and, hopefully, getting to meet some of them at our annual meeting.
- The Quad State Classic was able to take place with an additional ring and a large group of entries. It was great to be back at a show and to see so many familiar faces.

As the year winds down, the IDGA Annual Business Meeting will conclude the 2020 IDGA events. This year's event will be held on October 24th from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. We will be holding it again at the Panora Community Center, 115 West Main Street, Panora, IA 50216. If you are planning on attending or have questions, please send me an email (drpeffers@hotmail.com) or text (641/780-8602) with who will be attending. This year will be a little different. With everything going on, we are planning on having food brought in vs the normal potluck. We are still working out those details.

The annual meeting is where we will discuss past activities from 2020, future activities for 2021, and elect new officers/board members.

As always, this is your organization and the Board is here to serve you. We look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events throughout the year.

Best Regards, Dave Peffers

Herd Management: Record Keeping

Record keeping is a part of having livestock, and the more user-friendly and routine the approach is, the more reliable and useful those records will be. Good records inform sound management decisions. Our memories are not as good as we think they are and what seems memorable in the moment may not be as clear in our minds a year down the road. The most effective method is a simple and time-efficient system that you can and will keep using, so work to your strengths

Digital gadgets are great for the tech savvy, and there are free and purchasable apps and programs. There are many programs available for purchase that have specific fields to fill out for each animal on your farm. You can also develop your own form, using common software that is on most home computers. LibreOffice is the most commonly used free word-processing and spreadsheet program.

Paper and pen or pencil work just fine, too. Jeff and Lori Wells of Goat Hollow Nubians use a desk-top sized calendar which either of them can easily access to make dated notes. A large dry-erase board in the barn or milking parlor is very useful for quick notes. Cardstock paper, a binder, and colored tabs can be part of a system with different categories that anyone in the family can update.

A designated place to work with and store record-keeping tools is important for consistency and time management. Be sure whatever you need to make a note is available, whether it be a writing utensil or your phone. This way it can take only a few seconds to a few minutes every time there is something to record.

What to record? Certainly all of the important dates in the life of your

animal should be written down. This article includes some ideas if you are just getting started. Over time you will find what works best for you. Some records lend themselves more to an easy-to-access chronological or calendar-type format, while other details can be kept in a safe location that is not as easily accessed, possibly with registration papers.

NOTES BEST KEPT IN A CHRONOLOGICAL FORMAT

SCHEDULED EVENTS		* FEBRUARY **			CALENDAR	
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Calendars can easily be stored from year to year, so the year's events are available at a moment's notice.

Bred Date/Sire

- This can be noted with the breeding date and the initial of the buck. This includes any Al attempts.
- It happens to nearly all of us who own goats: occasionally a buck will decide on his own to visit the does. That date should also be recorded.

Due Dates

 Even with the breeding date noted, having the due dates recorded saves an extra round of math calculations. The due date also guides in giving annual shots. Once all does are bred in the fall, list their due

By Guinevere McIntyre

"If you keep records on your computer make sure they are saved somewhere else. Don't ask me how I know because I don't want to think about it."

Bev Nohr, CharisManor Saanens and Paramount Toggenburgs

> dates in order. This helps avoid surprises or overlooked due dates. It also gives you an idea who should be bred first/last the following fall.

Kids

Some herds automatically assign an ADGA tattoo letter and number for each doeling at birth, even if she may not be registered later. Sometimes buyers change their minds and this allows for selling the doe with papers even years later. Bucklings that have been preordered may also receive a tattoo listing, and those that have not been reserved can still be recorded with a more generic label. As kids are reserved or sold, here is a good place to note the name of the buyer for each numbered kid.

Deworming/ Meds/ Other Supplements

 Record the type of dewormer used, dosage given, date given, and whether to the whole herd or individual goats. The date and type of vaccinations, coccidia preventative, as well as supplements such as a copper bolus can be noted quickly on a calendar or dry erase board. Routine treatments can be entered for months ahead to avoid forgetting follow-ups or general seasonal care.



Saanen milking line-up, Alabama Cooperative Extension Services

General notes

Of course there is a lot more to keep track of than simply breeding and kidding information. The calendar is a great place to make a quick note when hooves are trimmed, or when they will need to be trimmed. If you notice that a goat is off-feed or just not being their normal self, a written note is more reliable than a mental one, and can be extremely useful in diagnosing what is going on should they turn out to really have a problem.

NOTES BEST KEPT IN A REFERENCE FORMAT

These would be all the records that include more extensive information particular to each goat. These notes would overly clutter and confuse a chronological or calendar format, so these are good candidates for recording

in a binder or notebook and storing with registration papers.

Weight

Having the goats' weights on hand helps when it comes time to administer a dewormer or medication. A baseline weight is best taken when a doe is in milk but not more than two months bred. It can be helpful to weight-tape even adult goats several times a year, as their weight will fluctuate with the seasons, kidding, and lactation. It is also useful to know the goat's normal weight if it is needed to relay this information to the yet or another caretaker.

A Kidding Record

 One page for each doe, which keeps track of the date the doe was bred, when she kidded, how many kids she had and when, and whether or not she had any problems with the delivery. These notes can help you see that a doe might have a pattern of kidding a few days early or late. This would also be a good place to include other notes such as if she needed to be milked out for kids to nurse easily, and whether or not she is an outstanding mother.

A Progeny Record

 Use one sheet per buck to record which does he was bred to each year, how many buck and doe kids were born, and any other notes you might want to make. Depending on how often you inseminate with AI, a separate sheet for all AIs together may suffice.



There are many free recordkeeping printables available on line, such as at oakhillhomestead.com, above

Always have some kind-of back-up system in place. This can be as simple as taking a photo of the calendar page or the dry erase board, and e-mailing it to yourself, uploading it to an alternate location like Dropbox or the cloud, or printing it out to keep with other notes, whatever is simplest for you to ensure your carefully noted herd history is saved in more than one place.

Resources/ Free printables

https://goats.extension.org/goat-management-dairy-meat-record-keeping/https://www.hobbyfarms.com/essential-record-keeping-charts-for-dairy-goats/http://www.ridgetopfarmandgarden.com/goat-records-free-printables/https://www.oakhillhomestead.com/2015/01/recordkeeping-on-homestead-part-one.html

The Share-A-Kid Program

The lowa 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 lowa, 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.

2020 was once again a very competitive year and the selection committee awarded doelings to 10 youth across the state. In this issue we introduce the 2020 winners and donors, and we hear from 2019 winners Tayah Carter, who was awarded a Nigerian dwarf doeling donated by previous Share-A-Kid winner Alexandra Klein, and Sami Sagar, who was awarded a Alpine doeling donated by Craig Koopmann of Pleasant Grove, as well as 2020 winner Kate Andersen of Shelby County, who was awarded a Nubian doeling donated by Colt Churchill of Rockin'T Nubians.

Introducing the 2020 Share-A-Kid Winners and Donors

Katie Andersen of Cass County is awarded a Nubian doeling, donated by Colt Churchill of Rockin'T Acres
Paige Doran of Polk County is awarded an Alpine doeling, donated by Deena and Ethan Hendrix-Andresen of Meadow Hill
Mara Ihrig of Jackson County is awarded a Nubian doeling, donated by Susan Saathoff of EX Mark
Mabel Langel of Carroll County is awarded a Nigerian dwarf doeling, donated by Robin Ripley of Ripley Farms
Aubrey Lehmkuhl of Story County is awarded a Nubian doeling, donated by Dale & Marilyn Stertz of Nubilop Acres
Avery Lindquist of Clinton County is awarded a Nubian doeling, donated by Guinevere McIntyre of Jasper Farm
Julia Mortvedt of Story County is awarded an Alpine doeling, donated by Judi Nayeri of Ma's Acres
Izzie Nonnweiler of Cerro Gordo County is awarded a Nigerian dwarf doeling, donated by Pat Blank of Black Eagle Ranch
Alexander Olson of Freeborn County is awarded a Nubian doeling, donated by Kathy Bohan of Ballasalla
Miranda Wehling of Bremer County is awarded a LaMancha doeling, donated by Kristina Ihrig of Rkritter



Alexander Olson with donor Kathy Bohan



Mabel Langel with donor Robin Ripley



Aubrey Lehmkuhl with her Nubilop-Acres doeling



Julia Mortvedt with donor Judi Nayeri



Mara Ihrig with donor Susan Saathoff



Katie Andersen with donor Colt Churchill



Paige Doran with donor Ethan Hendrix-Andresen



Miranda Wehling with donor Kristina Ihriq



Izzie Nonnweiler with donor Pat Blank



Avery Lindquist with her Jasper Farm doeling

Tayah Carter and Snickers

By Tayah Carter



Tayah and Snickers

Hi, my name is Tayah Carter. I am a 2019 Share-A-Kid recipient of a Nigerian Dwarf goat named Snickers. I received Snickers from Alex Klein. When I first got Snickers, I liked to sit in her pen and play with her. I also liked to walk her and spend tons of time with her. It really helped me to bond with her and make a great relationship with my goat! Snickers has a great personality and is very playful and exciting! As we have gotten to know her better, I realized that she has a whole host of personalities such as nice, mean, devilish, sweet, funny, and best of all playful!

I showed Snickers at the 2019 Marion County Fair as a doeling, and got 3rd place overall. I decided not to breed Snickers in the fall and show her at the 2020 Marion County Fair as a dry yearling, but because of Covid-19, I decided not to take my goat to the fair. I plan on breeding

Snickers this fall and showing her at the Marion County Fair in 2021. Depending on what she has for kids, I hope to be a Share-A-Kid program donor.

I had never owned a dairy goat before receiving Snickers from the Share-A-Kid program. I attended a showing and

fitting clinic just before I received Snickers, and I highly recommend going to a clinic. I was planning on going to another clinic this year, but sadly, because of Covid-19, it too was canceled. I am very grateful for the Share-A-Kid program! It was very helpful for me! All the people are very nice and helpful! A big thank you to Alex Klein for sharing her knowledge about dairy goats with me and always being helpful to me! Also a big thank you to everyone who helped with the showing and fitting clinic in 2019. It was very helpful and educational for me. I highly recommend going to the showing and fitting clinic if possible! I have enjoyed having Snickers so much. Thank you all for being so helpful and sharing your knowledge about goats!



Tayah, Snickers, and judge Matthew Konen at the Marion County Fair

Katie Andersen and May



Katie and May

My name is Katie Andersen. I'm 15 and I am involved in 4H and FFA. I have been showing goats since I was 11. On our farm we have goats, chickens, and bottle calves. The goats we already had were more of just pet goats and I wanted something better for showing. I was lucky enough to be chosen to receive a dairy goat from the Share a Kid program. I chose a Nubian doeling which was donated to me by Colt Churchill.

Before long, it was time for me to go pick up my doeling. The name I chose for the newest member of our farm was May. She was a little shy when I first got her, but after a few

feedings she warmed up to me pretty quickly. Bottle feeding was a little time consuming, but she grew really well and is nice and healthy. Now she is the biggest sweetheart and loves attention! Her favorite thing to do is to be let out of her pen and follow everyone around the yard. She also really likes to be held and cuddled even though she's getting a little big for that.

Over the summer I have spent time with May to prepare for showing her at the Shelby County fair. I've worked on things such as leading, setting up, clipping, and bathing May. Of course I have had some questions along the way, and Colt has been a big help for me. I am very thankful for this program and everything it has provided me with. I would definitely encourage others interested in showing dairy goats to try it as well!

By Katie Andersen



Katie clips May before the Shelby County Fair



Grand-Champion Junior Doe at the 4 County Fair

Sami Sagar and Mocha

By Sami Sagar



Sami and Mocha

My first ever dairy goat was my share a kid doeling. I've been showing meat goats and a variety of other animals for several years but decided to try something new if I won the Share A Kid. After writing my essay and submitting it, a few months later I found out that I won. I was very excited and made plans with my donor, Craig Koopman, to pick up my goat as soon as possible. About a week later my Dad and I drove around 3 hours away to pick up my doe. When I found out that I won, I asked for an Alpine doeling and was told that Alpines had a lot of attitude. I named my doe Mocha the first day I got her because of her dark coat and bright

patterns on her body. When I was given her paperwork it said she was a French Alpine, and I immediately wanted to keep that bloodline. My goat at the time was very skittish and I thought it was gonna take a lot of work to break her. I went out to her pen and tried as best I could to pet her. For several days I went out every day and did my best to work with her. I would catch her and pet her

down as much as possible to get her calmed down

Later that week when I was petting her, I noticed some blood on my fingers and told my mom that she must have cut herself on something in her pen. Iowa State ended up stitching her, which actually made her surprisingly more content, and made walking her for show a lot easier. When breaking her she was already so tame after her accident, it took only a couple of weeks to get her walking and her feet positioned perfectly. I learned how to shear her and found out some good tricks to show off her best qualities. Now she is so tame she follows me around like a dog and is curious about everything.



Sami and Mocha at the 2019
Iowa State Fair

My first time showing a dairy goat I went to the Colfax show in Jasper County to get more practice showing dairy goats before the fair, and to learn more techniques. Going to that show definitely helped me a lot, and for my first time showing a dairy goat at the county fair, I ended up winning intermediate showmanship and got first in my class for the Jr Dairy goat division. Not only that, I also showed at state for the first time, and got first place in the Jr alpine doeling class, and I will also be showing her again this year at state. After the State Fair, I plan on breeding her to a sundgau French Alpine buck to keep the French bloodline going and to hopefully show her kids at the county fair. I plan on growing my goat herd from here and want my dairy goat project to be just as strong as my other projects. I definitely recommend doing this, it's a great experience that I will forever be grateful for and it gave me a big opportunity.

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IDGA Youth Ambassador Notes

Taryn Peffers



Taryn Peffers and former IDGA President Butch Sowers with Alpine doeling Cypress at the Marion County Fair

Hello everybody,
Due to COVID-19, I
haven't been able to attend
many of the events I had
planned to this year, such as
the Animal Learning Day at
ISU put on by the Block and
Bridle club and various open
shows including the lowa
Spring Classic and Iowa
State Fair. The National
Show put on by ADGA was
even canceled, an event I'd
been looking forward to for
the past two years.

I'm thankful for the two

goat shows I have been able to attend as well, the Quad State show up in northern Iowa and my local county fair. They looked different than goat shows in years past, masks being strongly recommended, but it gave my goats a chance to show, something they strongly enjoy.

Even though this year has been different than ever before, many things haven't changed. We still milk our goats. We still had kidding season. During all the moving parts of these weird times, I like to think I'm not the only person who takes solace in this stable part of life that is caring for our goats.

I look forward to seeing those who are attending the Annual Meeting in October!

Save the Date: Iowa Spring Classic June 5 and 6, 2021 Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax

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Vinh Nguyen



Vinh Nguyen setting up Jypsy at the Adair County Fair

As we all know, this has been a very bizarre year. I was planning for a fun and eventful show season, which didn't turn out the way anyone wanted. Most of the shows got canceled. It has made for a very dull show year. For most of this quarantine, I have been at home taking care of the Saanens and Alpines and working at the Henry Wallace Farm. The quarantine has given me some free time to

try some other activities.

I gave baseball a try. This year was the first time I ever played baseball in my life. We had daily temperature checks and had to follow lots of rules so that we could play. Let's say I was horrendous. I was able to become the designated hitter for a member of the infield. For anyone who doesn't know, the designated hitter does not play in the field and replaces a member who is on the field in the batting order. We were able to play at Principal Park, but our season ended with a loss. It was a new adventure, and I enjoyed it.

The Adair county fair was probably the highlight of July. The dairy goat show was on the first day of the fair. It was different from the fact it was a show and go. It turned out well, I won most of the awards, but there wasn't very much competition, having only three exhibitors total, one of them being my brother who I finally convinced to show a couple.

Speaking of shows, the state fair will try to have 4-H and FFA exhibitors show their livestock. I am looking forward to that although I wonder how many people will be there due to this pandemic we have going on. Those were my positive things for the year.

I will say with a heavy heart that my grandfather, Robert Houghtaling, has recently gone to the hospital due to a slow heart rate. He now has a pacemaker that will hopefully improve his quality of life. As I'm writing this, he called and said he wouldn't be coming home today as planned.

This has been quite a year. Hang in there and hope for better things to come.

2020 Quad State Classic Dairy Goat Show Best in Show Results

From the Quad State Classic show committee: "Thank you to the judges, exhibitors and volunteers for a successful show! A special thanks to those that volunteered to be ring stewards & secretaries and helped the show run smoothly. We appreciated everyone's positive attitudes despite the heat as over 400 animals went through all 3 rings. Congratulations to all the winners!"

Ring 1



Sr BDIS: McCann-Farm HWK Kleopatra, Morgan Allen

Ring 2



Sr BDIS: CH Woest-Hoeve M C Spittlebug, Dale & Marilyn Stertz

Ring 3



Sr BDIS: CH Moorse-G Story of My Life, Garrett Moorse



Jr BDIS: Meljestic Dutch River, Jan & Jolene Zuidema

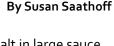


Jr BDIS: Moorse-GTR Flirtini, Garrett Moorse



Jr BDIS: Wil-Lea C Music, Judi Nayeri

Vanilla Caramels





2 cups white sugar 1 3/4 cups goat milk 1 cup corn syrup 1/2 teaspoon salt 1 stick margarine/butter 1 teaspoon vanilla 1/2 cup nuts(optional)

Mix sugar, 1 cup milk. corn syrup and salt in large sauce pan. Cook stirring for 10 min or until boiling.

Add remaining milk slowly so it continues to boil. Cook for 5 minutes more. Stir in butter 1 teaspoon at a time to continue boiling. Cook stirring often so it doesn't scorch til 248 degrees F. (I like my caramels soft so I cook to just above soft boil about 236 to 238 degrees F.) Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Pour into an 8×8 square pan lined with parchment paper for easy removal for cutting. Let cool. Cut into bite size pieces and wrap in wax paper squares.

I like to double this recipe and pour the caramel mix into a parchment paper lined 9×13 pan.

*To make chocolate caramels add 1/4 cup cocoa to recipe when you are combining your 1st 4 ingredients.

Movie Night: Belle and Sebastian

By Lori Wells



If you don't like foreign movies with subtitles, you can skip this movie review. At our house, we are open to so many types of movies and we found this little gem quite by accident on Amazon Prime. The scenery is beautiful and the story is very touching.

As goatherds people, many of us have come to appreciate our guardian dogs. They protect our herds and are loyal servants. They are a noble presence on our farms.

Belle and Sebastian, based on a novel by Cecile Aubry, is a movie about a misunderstood livestock guardian. She was originally purchased to guard sheep, but was abused and abandoned. The French Alps at the time of the story were occupied by Nazi Germans. The local doctor is making trips at night, helping Jewish people escape over the alps.

The villagers began experiencing losses of their sheep. They blamed the losses on a large, wild grey dog they dubbed The Beast. Sebastian is a lonely child taken in by a family. He befriends the dog little by little, and wins her trust. They form an unbreakable bond. Meanwhile, the villagers, organized by the grandfather figure from Sebastian's own family, plan a Beast hunt.

A great movie to teach kids about some subtleties of WWII. Belle is injured during the hunt and Sebastian helps her to an abandoned cabin. He cleans her up and we discover she is actually a white dog, not grey. Sebastian names her Belle, meaning beautiful. She develops an infection and the local

Then she rescues the doctor when the group of people he is helping escape is attacked by wolves. She chases off the wolves and helps him back to the village. It

is then that the villagers realize that the wolves were killing the sheep, not Belle. She was trying to protect the sheep.

There is further adventure when Belle assists families to escape to freedom, and helps the villagers thwart a Nazi attack on the resistance workers.

Although in French, subtitles are in English. And who doesn't love a great story about a boy and his dog?



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