

N B. All fees/prices are noted in the Australian Goat World Magazine or can be obtained from the Federal or Branch Secretary

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE DAIRY GOAT SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

Intending members should communicate with the Federal Secretary, P.O. Box 9048, Traralgon, Vic. 3844, soon after purchasing registered dairy goats or before the first kids of their own breeding arrive. Undue delay may render such kids ineligible for registration.

It is the responsibility of purchasers of registered stock to check tattoo marks or EID at purchase or as soon as possible after taking delivery. This is essential as the tattoo or EID is the only means of identification. Any fault or discrepancy should be immediately reported to the Federal Secretary. If necessary, the ears should be cleaned with soap and warm water or with methylated spirits.

MEMBERSHIP The Membership fee (PLUS Prefix Fee where applicable. See below.) is payable before 1st January each year. New members elected after 30th September and before 31st December shall have such period included as portion of the succeeding year. If a member has not renewed the subscription by the required date the following applies: Persons who wish to rejoin the Society after that date must apply for Membership in the normal way and pay the fees applicable to New Members, i.e. Membership Fees and Prefix Fees. Payment of such fees DOES NOT confer the right receive back copies of the Society's publications

HERD BOOK The Society's Herd Book is forwarded to members each year.

SIGNING AUTHORITY Each membership application and renewal must have a completed signing authority attached when the membership is a joint membership.

JUNIOR This type of Membership is available to persons under the age of 18 years. Junior members are NOT permitted to vote at a meeting or to hold any office.

Application for Membership MUST be made on the prescribed form which may be obtained from the Branch, or the Federal Secretary The application, when duly completed is forwarded, with the appropriate remittance, to the Federal Secretary. It is then referred to the respective Branch for acceptance.

STUD PREFIX A member is required to register a Stud Prefix (Name of Stud) for his/her exclusive use in connection with the naming/registering of animals bred by the member. Names will be limited to three (3) words INCLUDING the prefix. When applying for a prefix please submit a selection of three (3) different names in order of preference - prefix may have already been allocated thus the need for three choices.

A member SHALL NOT use the prefix registered in the name of another member.

PREFIX FEES Members and Junior Members must pay this fee upon joining/late renewal to be able to register their animals.

TATTOO BRAND A member is also required to register a Tattoo Brand (Free) and each animal bred by him/her must be marked with this brand together with a serial number for identification in accordance with the sequence of birth or have an EID implanted. In the absence of such tattoo marks or an EID a goat is ineligible for entry into the Society's Herd Book.

The Tattoo Brand shall comprise two (2) letters & a number or three (3) letters - perhaps a combination of the member's initials preceded by the symbol Ø for Western Australia, + for South Australia. Brands in these states MUST be registered with the Department of Agriculture as well as with this society. A Tattoo may be two (2) letters and a number as AA2, 2AA, A2A etc. (currently 3 is the Victorian number of choice)

TATTOO OUTFITS The Branch Secretary will give names & addresses of suppliers. (One Supplier being: A. A. Branding, 11 Milford St., East Victoria Park. W.A.). Outfits are expensive - around \$150. Most members can 'get away' with one set of numerals - they then have to omit the double numerals such as 11, 22, 33, etc. Tattoo ink or paste can be obtained from tattoo suppliers or rural Merchandisers - Zebu stove polish also gives satisfactory results.

Members with only one or two animals to tattoo may be able to obtain the help of another member who will lend, hire or rent his/her outfit OR actually tattoo your animal for you. Most Branches and some goat clubs have tattoo outfits for hire

You will have to get your own symbol/letters (cost approximately \$20.00) but there are many types of pliers and this symbol must be made to fit the pliers used - check this with the owner of the pliers, and forward a sample slug to the maker (they will return this).

REGISTRATION Registered animals have a number (which appears on their registration certificate) made up of 3 letters, 6 numbers and 1 letter. The first letter indicates the Breed [**S**=*Saanen*], the second it's registration level [**B**=*Appendix B*] the third being the sex [**F**=*Female*] - the first 2 numbers indicate the Herd book in which the animal is listed & the next 4 numbers are the animal's exclusive number. The final letter indicated whether the animals is horned, polled or disbudded [**D**=*disbudded*].

IDENTIFICATION REGISTER Used to register any dairy goat not able to be registered in any other section of the Herd Book.

APPENDICES TO THE HERD BOOK The Appendices to the Society's Herd book for the respective breeds are as stated hereunder:

i Appendix "A" shall be open to FEMALE progeny of an Appendix "B" doe sired by a registered buck.

ii Appendix "B" shall be open to FEMALE progeny of an Appendix "C" doe sired by a registered buck.

iii Appendix "C" shall be open to FEMALE progeny of an Appendix "D" doe sired by a registered buck.

iv Appendix "D" shall be open to all DOES which have conformation, type and breed colour - A certificate, appropriately signed by a Branch Inspector OR subject to the approval of the relevant Branch, two (2) photographs - one of each side of the animal MUST accompany the Application for Entry Form, App D. (**Note:** Victoria does NOT accept photographic evidence) For more detailed information about registration of Experimental Breeds, animals over 12 months old etc. please refer to the appropriate section of the Constitution & Regulations.

TRANSFERS Notification of transfer OR lease of any animal entered in the society's records MUST be forwarded, by the vendor or lessor, to the Federal Secretary on the prescribed form duly completed, within sixty (60) days of the Sale or Lease. Application for Transfer

(including transfer by way of lease) of each animal must be accompanied by the set fee. Transfer forms are on the reverse of the registration certificates.

It is the responsibility of the vendor/s to furnish the purchaser with pedigrees, particulars of service, etc. for all stock sold as Registered Stock.

A transfer shall NOT be accepted for any animal, irrespective of age, which has NOT been fully registered. The Society notifies the buyers when the seller has transferred the animal. If this notice card is NOT received within two (2) months the buyer should contact the seller and inform the Federal Office.

DEATHS AND CULLS

DEATHS The Federal Secretary must be noticed of all deaths, so that the records can be kept up to date.

CULLS It is important that the Federal Secretary must be advised immediately an animal is culled as the animal could be resold to a member who may breed from it. Forms for this purpose are available from the Federal Secretary and these forms should be forwarded each quarter. Culled animals MUST be identified by the word CULL in the same ear as the identification number.

SERVICE CERTIFICATES In any case where the services of a Buck owned or leased by another breeder is obtained, a service certificate MUST be lodged with the Entry Form for the resultant progeny. Certificates are in book form and are for sale from the Branch Book Sales Officer. The registered Buck owner MUST issue the Certificate within three (3) months of the final Service.

The leasing or loaning of a Buck for an extended period MUST be notified on an ordinary Transfer Form giving dates of Commencement and termination of the lease/loan.

STOCK BREEDING RECORDS To comply with the Society's Rules, it is necessary for each member to keep an accurate written record of all his/her operations connected with the purchase, breeding and sale of the goats registered with the society

LACTATION RECORDING All breeders should realize the importance in their breeding operations of both type and production. The successful breeder is one who breeds animals that have good type, long life and high production as evidenced by official Lactation Certificates.

Members who desire to have their goats brought within the Official Production Recording Scheme should contact their Branch Milk Awards Coordinator and the relevant body in their state. Details of Branch held Production Tests and Herd Recording are available from the Branch Secretary.

THE AUSTRALIAN GOAT WORLD Official Journal. This is included in the Membership subscription & is published 6 times a year.

Non members may subscribe to "The Journal" The Journal can also be used as an advertising medium for all goal keepers.

PUBLICATIONS The Society has a number of booklets on various aspects of goat breeding, management and keeping. These are available for a fee and details of same can be had by writing to a Branch Secretary.

GENERAL Members are expected to make themselves conversant with the rules and regulations of the society. ALL applications for registration or any mater involving payment MUST be accompanied by the appropriate fee.

ADVICE ON TATTOOING Kids should be tattoo branded at approx. 2 weeks or EID identified as appropriate. In general the prefix is placed in the offside (goat's right) ear and the number in the nearside (left) ear. A tattoo properly applied cannot be removed. The operation is simple but precautions should be taken. The following may be used as a guide for tattooing your kids:

- The symbol &/or numbers required are placed in the slotted jaw of the pliers and lock firmly secured
- Try the pliers on a soft piece of cardboard or felt to make sure the letters/numbers are in correct order and the right way up
- With the kid held firmly select a spot on the inside of the ear, as close to the center as possible, free from hair and well back from the edge. *Avoid veins and cartilaginous ridges.* Wash with disinfectant or methylated spirits and dry well.
- Always keep in mind the tattoo is to be read from the front of the animal, not from above and behind.

There are two different ways of doing the next part - choose one you think best for you

1. Hold the kid's head firmly to prevent violent movement and apply the pliers quickly and firmly - DO NOT JERK - be careful to avoid veins as bleeding will wash away ink and make tattoo difficult to read. BE FIRM in applying the pliers & release quickly. Check the ear and if tattoo is clear then apply ink rubbing well into perforations.
2. Rub tattoo paste or ink over the area to be tattooed. Holding the kid firmly, apply the pliers quickly and firmly, taking care to avoid veins etc. as above. Check the ear and rub more ink into the perforations. This method makes a slightly longer lasting tattoo, but if a mistake occurs it is permanent.

Once tattooing is completed leave the area undisturbed until completely healed. Care in applying will result in permanent and easy identification. If possible keep kids away from their dams or other kids for a few hours after tattooing as it is common for animals to chew or lick others ears, making the tattoo illegible.

If unsatisfactory results occur it may be due to:

1. Failure to remove grease from the ear before applying to tattoo/ink
2. Puncturing a large vein causing unnecessary bleeding
3. Applying tattoo to portion of the ear where the hair grows
4. Poor quality ink or paste
5. Tearing the skin due to slow release of pliers after applying the tattoo