

## BREED STANDARD COMMITTEE REPORT

David Wortham, Chair	2	06/14
Karen Colwell	1	12/14
<b>Linda Colville</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>05/16 – Accepted as of 05/07/2013</b>
Linda Henwood	2	12/13
April Seiler	3	12/13
Erin McCarthy	4	12/13
Lisa Bragg	4	12/15
Carol Hepner	6	12/14
<del>Nola Robertson</del>	<del>7</del>	<del>12/14 – Resigned as of 05/06/2013</del>
Chris Rowley	8	12/14

THIS REPORT HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE BREED STANDARD COMMITTEE (*with the exception of April Seiler who will abstain from voting at this time*)

- Received email of resignation for the Breed Standard Committee effective 05/06/2013, from Nola Robertson.
- Received email of acceptance of appointment to the Breed Standard Committee effective 05/07/2013, from Linda Colville.
- The Breed Standard Committee has reviewed several photos from the Central Office in reference to qualifications for registration. The Breed Standard Committee was unanimous in all cases with our decisions and provided the requested feedback to the Central Office.

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**The Breed Standard Committee has reviewed the following agenda item and unanimously approves with the highlighted upgrades/changes in RED.**

### **Proposal**

I move to revise Breed Standard, Section 2, Color and Breed-Specific Markings, as follows (remove the strike through words, add the sections in italics)

**CARAMEL** – Body Color: Caramel **with black markings**: Any shade of white through dark tan. Required Markings: (a) muzzle, crown, eyes and ears distinctly accented in white and may be intermingled with hairs the same color as body; (b) Vertical stripes on center front of socks same color as body; (c) sides and rear of socks, dorsal stripe and martingale accented in black ~~or brown~~; (d) Face: Accented in black ~~or brown~~. Amount ranges from partial to complete according to age and gender. Optional Markings: white patches or bellybands anywhere on barrel between point of elbow and stifle joint. **Caramel with brown markings**: *Any shade of white through dark tan. Required Markings: (a) muzzle, crown, eyes and ears distinctly accented in white and may be intermingled with hairs the same color as body; (b) Vertical stripes on center front of socks same color as body; (c) sides and rear of socks, dorsal stripe and martingale accented in brown; (d) Face: Accented in brown. Amount ranges from partial to complete according to age and gender. Optional Markings: white patches or bellybands anywhere on barrel between point of elbow and stifle joint. (91-09, 04-12, 05-02, 06-16, 07-06, 09-03)*

### **Reasons**

To clarify that black and brown (as opposed to tan) cannot coexist in caramels, as well as to make the caramel description consistent with agouti description.

### **Advantages**

Makes the caramel color description consistent with the agouti description.  
Clarifies the genetic difference between the caramel patterns with black or brown markings.  
Clarifies that both black and brown (as opposed to tan) cannot coexist in caramels.

**Disadvantages** None.

**Financial Implications** None.

**Submitted by** Linda Henwood  
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The Breed Standard Committee has reviewed the following agenda item and unanimously approves with the highlighted upgrades/changes in RED.

**Proposal**

I move to change the description of Disqualifying Faults, Breed Markings in the Guidelines for Judging Pygmy Goats to be changed

Under Breed Markings:

FROM: Complete lack of all breed specific markings

TO: "Lacking **all** breed specific markings or having markings that challenge the breed identity"

And under Head & Expression:

FROM: "Eye color other than brown"

TO: "Blue eyes or any color other than brown"

Also make the corresponding changes to the Guidelines for Judging Pygmy Goat Wethers, General Appearance

FROM: "Lacking all breed specific markings or having markings that challenge the breed identity"

TO: "**Lacking all breed specific markings or having markings that challenge the breed identity; Blue eyes or any color other than brown**"

**Reasons** Make the guidelines consistent with each other and with the Registration Application.

**Advantages** Minimize confusion, maximize consistency

**Disadvantages** None

**Financial Implications** May increase number of goats disqualified and cause appeals

**Submitted by** Linda Henwood

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The Breed Standard Committee has reviewed the following agenda item and unanimously approves with the highlighted upgrades/changes in RED.

**Proposal**

I move to revise the Registration Application, Color Section, as follows: (remove the strike through words, add the sections in italics)

CARAMEL PATTERN:

~~All caramels have light vertical stripes on front side of darker stockings which may be either black or brown Muzzle, crown, eyes and ears distinctly accented in white and may be intermingled with hairs the same color as the body~~

CARAMEL:

The caramel color pattern can range FROM white to caramel hairs, intermingled with white in the undercoat making the top coat appear to be a shade of white/cream TO white hairs intermingled with darker caramel/buff hairs in the undercoat making the top coat to be a dark tan top coat making the top coat appear to be a shade of white/cream to tan. The undercoat has the same base color (black or brown) as the dorsal stripe, socks, and face accents. Caramels are required to have vertical stripes on center front of socks same color as body topcoat.

**CARAMEL WITH BLACK MARKINGS:** *The caramel pattern with face, sides and rear of socks, dorsal stripe and martingale accented in black.*

**CARAMEL WITH BROWN MARKINGS :** *The caramel pattern with face, sides and rear of socks, dorsal stripe and martingale accented in brown.*

**Reasons** To bring the registration application form into compliance with the Breed Standard.

**Advantages** Consistency

**Disadvantages** None

**Financial Implications** None

**Submitted by** Linda Henwood

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**The Breed Standard Committee has reviewed the following agenda item and unanimously approves with the highlighted upgrades/changes in RED.**

**Proposal**

I move to revise the Registration Application, Genetic Fault section, as follows: (add the sections in italics)

Current:

It is recommended that any animal possessing the following genetic faults not be registered or used for breeding.

NON CONFORMITY OF HEIGHT/CANNON; HERNIAS (SCROTAL & UMBILICAL); NATURAL HORNLESSNESS; ROMAN NOSE; FACE CROOKED; DISFIGURING MALOCCLUSIONS; EARS PENDULOUS; LACKING DISTINCT BREED SPECIFIC MARKINGS; CRYPTORCHIDISM; MULTIPLE ORIFICES IN BUCKS, NON FUNCTIONAL AND/OR BIFURCAL TEATS IN DOES; HERMAPHRODITISM; BLUE EYES.

Revised:

It is recommended that any animal possessing the following genetic faults not be registered or used for breeding.

LACKING **ALL** BREED SPECIFIC MARKINGS *OR HAVING MARKINGS THAT CHALLENGE BREED IDENTITY*; NON CONFORMITY OF COLOR, OF HEIGHT/CANNON; HERNIAS (SCROTAL & UMBILICAL); NATURAL HORNLESSNESS; ROMAN NOSE; FACE CROOKED; DISFIGURING MALOCCLUSIONS; *TOTAL BLINDNESS*; EARS PENDULOUS *OR HELICOPTER* CRYPTORCHIDISM; *MULTIPLE/FUNCTIONAL/BIFURIFCAL TEATS IN BUCKS*; MULTIPLE ORIFICES IN *DOES & BUCKS*, NON FUNCTIONAL AND/OR BIFURCAL TEATS IN DOES; HERMAPHRODITISM; BLUE-EYES *OR ANY EYE COLOR OTHER THAN BROWN*.

**Reasons** To bring the Registration Application from into compliance with the list of disqualifying traits in the Judging Guidelines. Similar language already used on the Wether Certification Application Form.

**Advantages** Consistency between Registration form, Judging Guidelines

**Disadvantages** None

**Financial Implications** None

**Submitted by** Linda Henwood

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The Breed Standard Committee has reviewed the following agenda item and unanimously approves it as submitted.

**Proposal**

I move that RR 4.C. be revised to read: (add the sections in italics)

Only the offspring of two NPGA registered animals or animals that have successfully completed the progeny testing process or wether certification procedure *and meets the breed standard* are eligible for registration. The registration fees for members are \$8.00 for Does, \$12.00 for Bucks and \$6.00 for Wethers. Registration fees for non-members are \$15.00 for Does, \$20.00 for Bucks and \$8.00 for Wethers. Transfer fees for Does, Bucks, and Wethers are \$6.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. Registration certificate errors shall be corrected for \$5.00. Duplicate certificates may be requested for \$5.00. *An additional \$50 is required for registration of does and bucks over 1 year of age. An additional \$10.00 is required for registration of wethers over 1 year of age.* (04-04, 04-10, 07-12, 11-9, 11-32)

This will also need to be updated on the Registration application

**Reasons** Additional review by NPGA office and Breed Standard Committee required by late registration of animals that may have changed color

**Advantages** Incentive to not delay registration, compensation to NPGA for extra review effort

**Disadvantages** Possible financial hardship for new owners

**Financial Implications** Possible financial hardship for new owners

**Submitted by** Linda Henwood

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The Breed Standard Committee has reviewed the following agenda item and unanimously approves as submitted

**Proposal**

I move to add the Registration Application, Owner Information section, Signature of owner, as follows:

“Misrepresentation of facts may result in the revocation of all NPGA privileges.”

**Reasons** Adding this sentence notifies the owner of possible action to be taken by NPGA for misrepresentation of information on the application. Allows the Registration Application to match the pre-existing language that is already on the Wether Certification Application Form

**Advantages** Consistency

**Disadvantages** None

**Financial Implications** None

**Submitted by** Linda Henwood

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The Breed Standard Committee has reviewed the following agenda item and unanimously approves with the highlighted upgrades/changes in RED.

**Proposal**

I move to add the revise the wording of the Wether Certification Application to make consistent with revised Judging Guidelines and Registration Application Form

**Current wording:**

**NPGA Judge Comments and Signature:**

Judge should check to assure this goat is the goat listed on the paperwork to the best of your ability. **Judge should also check to assure that this goat does not show any breed identity challenging traits such as non-conformity of height or cannon; natural hornlessness; roman nose; ears pendulous; blues eyes, lack of breed specific markings that challenge breed identity.”**

**Revised wording:**

**NPGA Judge Comments and Signature:**

Judge should check to assure this goat is the goat-listed correctly described on the paperwork to the best of your ability. **Judge should also check to assure that this goat does not show any breed identity challenging traits such as *lack of all breed specific markings or having markings that challenge breed identity*; non-conformity of color, of height or cannon; natural hornlessness; roman nose; ears pendulous; blue eyes or eyes of any color other than brown.” ~~lack of breed specific markings that challenge breed identity.”~~**

**Reasons** Makes wording consistent with Judging Guidelines and Registration Application form.

**Advantages** Consistency

**Disadvantages** None

**Financial Implications** None

**Submitted by** Linda Henwood

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The Breed Standard Committee has reviewed the following agenda item and unanimously approves it as submitted.

**Proposal**

I move to revise Breed Standard, Section 8 as follows (remove the strike through sentence, add the sentence in italics)

Breed Standard, Section 8. Under Registration–

Goats showing traits which are listed as disqualifying in NPGAs Guidelines for Judging Pygmy Goats shall be ineligible for registration: however, registration shall not be an indication that a goat does not possess disqualifying faults. Registration applications submitted to NPGA for animals which are believed by NPGA to have disqualifying traits or non-conforming to color/pattern will, at the request of the Business Manager, be referred to the Certification and/or Breed Standard Committee to determine whether or not they will be accepted for registration. In this event, the Business Manager will notify the owner that the application is being forwarded to the Certification/Breed Standard Committee for a decision. If additional photos are required to evaluate the color/pattern or fault, they will be requested from the owner at that time. ~~In the event an animal’s color changes, the owner can reapply for registration at a later date.~~ *Animals that are over 1 year old when submitted for registration are required to provide photographs of the animal at the time of registration and of the same animal when it was less than 3 months old.* Any application denied by the committee(s) may be appealed to the Board of Directors for consideration at their next scheduled meeting. The decision of the Board of Directors is final.

**Reasons** To ensure animals are properly evaluated and represented at time of registration.

**Advantages** To ensure animals are properly evaluated and represented at time of registration and provides more clarity in the registration process

**Disadvantages** None

**Financial Implications** The economic harm, if any, cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

**Submitted by** Linda Henwood

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### **Color Choices for Registration Revised 6/2013**

In an effort to make registering a goat easier there are just 7 color choices: solid black, black, black agouti, grey agouti, brown agouti, caramel and brown caramel. It is no longer necessary to assign a shade such as light, medium or dark. See also "Pygmy Color Guidelines" in the Goat Resources/Conformation section of the NPGA website for guidance in the selection of the correct color description.

See examples of various colors

#### **Black Pattern**

**All blacks have solid black stockings.**

- **SOLID BLACK:** All black with NO lighter accented tones on the muzzle, crown, eyes, ears, or tail.
- **BLACK:** Solid black except for muzzle, crown, eyes and ears distinctly accented in white. The tail may be accented in white.

#### **Agouti Pattern**

All agouties have solid stockings darker than main body color (black stockings on grey agouti and black agouti, brown stockings on brown agouti). Muzzle, crown, eyes and ears distinctly accented in white and may be intermingled with hairs the same color as body.

- **BLACK AGOUTI:** Black mainly with only occasional intermingled white hairs.
- **GREY AGOUTI:** The grey agouti color pattern can range FROM black and white hairs intermingled with slightly more white hairs to give a light grey color, making the topcoat appear to be silver/pewter in shade TO a darker grey appearance with fewer white hairs, but still a salt and pepper appearance that is pronounced.
- **BROWN AGOUTI:** The brown agouti color pattern can range FROM brown and white hairs intermingled, with slightly more white hairs to give a lighter grizzled brown color TO mainly brown hairs with only occasional intermingled white hairs.

#### **Caramel Pattern**

All caramels have dark stockings (black on caramel **with black markings** , brown on **caramel with brown markings**) with light vertical stripes on front side stockings the same color as the main body topcoat. Muzzle, crown, eyes and ears distinctly accented in white and may be intermingled with hairs the same color as body.

- **CARAMEL WITH BLACK MARKINGS:** The caramel color pattern can range FROM almost white TO dark tan with white and caramel (tan) hairs intermingled in the top coat making the top coat appear to be a shade of white/cream to tan. The undercoat has the same base color (black) as the dorsal stripe, stockings and face accents.
- **CARAMEL WITH BROWN MARKINGS:** The caramel color pattern can range FROM almost white TO dark tan with white and caramel (tan) hairs intermingled in the top coat making the top coat appear to be a shade of white/cream to tan. The undercoat has the same base color (brown) as the dorsal stripe, stockings and face accents.

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**The Breed Standard Committee has reviewed the following agenda item and unanimously approves it as submitted**

***Proposal***

I move to revise R&R 4.C. as follows (add the words in Italics)

**4. CENTRAL OFFICE**

C. Only the offspring of two NPGA registered animals or animals that have successfully completed the progeny testing process or wether certification procedure ***and have met breed standard*** are eligible for registration. The registration fees for members are \$8.00 for Does, \$12.00 for Bucks and \$6.00 for Wethers. Registration fees for non-members are \$15.00 for Does, \$20.00 for Bucks and \$8.00 for Wethers. Transfer fees for Does, Bucks, and Wethers are \$6.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. Registration certificate errors shall be corrected for \$5.00. Duplicate certificates may be requested for \$5.00. (04-04, 04-10, 07-12, 11-9, 11-32)

***Reasons*** To clarify the registration process

***Advantages*** Clarifies the registration process.

***Disadvantages*** None

***Financial Implications*** The economic harm, if any, cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

***Submitted by.*** Linda Henwood

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**Reasons** To clarify the registration process

**Advantages** Clarifies the registration process.

**Disadvantages** None

**Financial Implications** The economic harm, if any, cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

**Submitted by.** Linda Henwood

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**If the decision to close the Herd Book is made then the Breed Standard Committee has reviewed the following agenda item and unanimously approves it as submitted**

**Proposal**

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**Advantages** Clarifies the registration process.

**Disadvantages** None

**Financial Implications** The economic harm, if any, cannot be reliably estimated at this time.

**Submitted by.** Linda Henwood

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**This Breed Standard Committee Report has been respectfully submitted by,**

**David Wortham, Chair  
NPGA Breed Standard Committee**