

NPGA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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NPGA
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AS A MEMBER OF THE NPGA YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- Membership Card
- Pygmy Goat Breed Standard
- NPGA Membership Roster
- Registration of Pygmy Goats at Member Discount Rate
- A Voice and Vote in NPGA Affairs
- NPGA Application for Herdname
- NPGA Application for Registry Forms
- Eligibility to Hold Office in NPGA
- Subscription to the Quarterly MEMO Magazine
- Free Breeders Listing on the NPGA Website
- Access to the Online Herdbook (additional fee applies)

DUES CATEGORIES:

Individual (one vote) \$25.00

Family (two votes) \$35.00

Youth (18 yrs or under, no vote)* \$20.00

Business (one vote) \$35.00

*Youths 14 or over wishing a voting membership should apply for an Individual Membership.

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***Come Join the Herd!
Become a NPGA Member Today!***



The NPGA

The National Pygmy Goat Association is the official registry for Pygmy Goats in the United States and the national organization serving Pygmy Goat owners and enthusiasts. Formed in 1976, it works to promote Pygmy Goats as useful livestock and multi-purpose miniature goats that are just plain fun!

A PYGMY GOAT SHORT COURSE

Not all little goats are Pygmy Goats! Pygmy Goats are a specific breed derived from the Cameroon's or West African Dwarf Goat. The first Pygmy Goats were brought to the United States in 1959 for use in petting zoos.

The Pygmy Goat is hardy, alert and animated, good-natured and gregarious, a docile, responsive pet, a cooperative provider of milk, and an ecologically effective browser. Pygmy Goats are assets in a wide variety of settings, and can adapt to virtually all climates. They are ideal personal livestock suited to today's smaller homestead.



A brief summary of the National Pygmy Goat Association's Breed Standard describes the Pygmy Goat as being genetically small, cobby, and compact. Full-barreled and well muscled, the body circumference in relation to height and weight is proportionately greater than that of other breeds. Mature animals measure between 16 and 23 inches at the withers. Head and legs are short relative to body length. Genetic hornlessness is considered a disqualifying fault. However, disbudded goats are acceptable.

Agouti Pygmies range from light silver to nearly black in a predominately grizzled pattern. Muzzle, forehead, eyes and ears are accented in white. Front and rear hoofs and cannons (socks) are dark, as are the crown and dorsal stripe. Caramel Pygmy Goats are white through dark brown; muzzle, forehead, eyes and ears are accented in white. Front and rear stockings are dark with a vertical lighter stripe on the front, the crown and dorsal stripe and martingale are dark. Random markings are acceptable in limited amounts and characteristic locations. Coat length and density vary with climate, making Pygmy Goats at home in the desert or the northern tundra.

Pygmy Goats are precocious breeders, bearing one to four young every 9 to 12 months after a 5-month gestation period. Does are usually bred for the first time at twelve to eighteen months, although they may conceive as early as three months if care is not taken to separate them early from bucklings. Bucklings can be fertile as early as 12 weeks old and certainly by 16 weeks. Newborn kids will nurse almost immediately, begin eating grain and roughage within a week, and can be weaned at three months of age.



Light Caramel Buck



Dark Agouti Doe

The doe has a bellyband that is an acceptable random marking.

PYGMIES WITH A PURPOSE



Pygmy Goats are much more than interesting pets or pasture ornaments. They are well suited to many uses. They are loving pets, great show animals, and ideal first livestock for a young 4-H or FFA member. They are welcome as therapy animals in nursing homes and other facilities; they are often companion animals to other livestock. They give rich milk and have a smaller easy to handle carcass for the home freezer. They pull carts, or go hiking with their owner, even carrying some of the gear. A small herd can clear a woodlot in an ecologically safe and environmentally sound way.



OWNING PYGMY GOATS

This is just a quick overview on what it takes to care for your Pygmy Goats. As with the purchase of any pet we recommend you research your choice before you buy.

Pygmy Goats are considered livestock and are often not allowed within city limits. Pygmy Goats require protection from the weather and a safe place to romp and play. A small 8 x 8 foot shed with an attached 20 x 20 foot pen is adequate for two goats. Goats are extremely vulnerable to dog attacks and must never be staked or tied out; even horns are not adequate defense against dogs.

Pygmy Goats need good quality hay, fresh water, a loose mineral supplement formulated for goats and may also need a grain feed formulated for goats, especially if young and growing or raising kids.

They need to have their feet trimmed every 2 months, and must be dewormed and vaccinated for disease regularly.

Goats should be kept in at least pairs as they are so strongly herd oriented they become stressed if alone for any extended period of time. But do not keep a buck (intact male) and doe (female) together! Bucks are not pets; they have a very strong odor, and objectionable habits such as urinating on themselves and should be considered breeding stock only. A wether is a neutered male goat and makes a wonderful pet. He never develops the buck odor or habits that have given goats a bad reputation. Two does, a doe and wether, or two wethers make a fine starter herd.



MEMO

THE MAGAZINE OF THE NPGA

MEMO is our quarterly magazine with husbandry and health articles, stories about our members, a lively Youth Section, scheduled shows and Show Results, and more! Our members keep up with news from the Board of Directors to Regional Clubs to your new goatkeeping neighbor just one town over.

NPGA SANCTIONED SHOWS

Many Pygmy Goat owners show their goats. Newcomers are very welcome in the showing; you will find your fellow competitors to be very friendly and helpful. Showmen of all ages are encouraged to join in the competition. Many shows have classes for both registered and non-registered Pygmy Goats, wethers, does and bucks, and showmanship classes.

NPGA ON THE WEB

<http://www.npga-pygmy.com>

Our ever growing NPGA Website has goatkeeping articles, NPGA merchandise, a list of scheduled shows and judges, news from the Board, Breeders Listings, Goats For Sale, a list of Affiliated Clubs, an online Herdbook and so much more!