

## HER COMMITTEE REPORT JANUARY, 2015

Report is prepared for the January, 2015 NPGA Board meeting.

Interim Chair – Kay Orlando

Members –

Ray Hoyt – appointed January 2012

Michelle Fonda – appointed January 2012

### Accomplishments:

1. Health related questions are answered both by email and telephone for both NPGA members and non-members. Most come via the link on the NPGA website. Inquiries are still about one or two a week. Most new owners with inquiries are urged to purchase the Basic Owner's Manual from the NPGA website. Phone inquiries are usually of a medical nature and require immediate response. E-mail questions are split equally between medical problems and herd/health inquiries. It is important that members and non-members alike have easy access to sound medical and health information when they need it.
2. Articles relating to Pygmy Health are included in each issue of MEMO as well as a health tip. Topics are suggested by MEMO editor. Health related articles submitted to the Publications Committee for publication in MEMO are reviewed for medical accuracy and relevance to Pygmy goats.
3. Ray Hoyt is currently the chair of an Ad Hoc Committee on USDA Activities and will directly report to the NPGA Board on USDA Animal Disease Traceability updates and problems.

Goals: HER will continue to help both members and non-members with any health/medical problems. With the vast amount of accurate and inaccurate information available, it is important that NPGA continues to have a source of accurate information (both medical and herd management) readily available especially for those new to pygmy goats. Any updates to sections of the Basic Owner's Manual should be done when the publication is updated in its entirety.

Expenditures: None for the previous year

Kay Orlando, NPGA HER Interim Chair