

HER Chair Report

Chair: Jay Griffiths, DVM

Committee Members: Sue Seiler

- Spoke to six regional 4-H leaders about basic pygmy goat herd health management. Referred them to the NPGA website for more information.
- Replied to 10 phone calls from NPGA members regarding sick goats, urinary calculi, kidding concerns, lice management, coccidia management, vaccine protocols, banding vs. surgical castration, scurs and herd health questions on subjects such as nutrition, finding local veterinary care and breeding questions. For sick patients, I always recommended that these folks seek local veterinary care.
- Participated at a local youth 4-H show, judged show and answered questions from youth and parents regarding all aspects of pygmy goat care.
- Replied to 7 email questions from pygmy goat enthusiasts on herd health management issues. I referred them to the NPGA website for more information.
- Discussed pygmy goat herd health management, nutrition, and vaccines with a local SPCA and help get goats moved to a more rural shelter to increase adoption to appropriate homes.
- Discussed managing Johne's disease and CAE with several NPGA members.
- Consulted with several NPGA members about Johne's disease, CAE and CL testing protocols and how to submit samples to labs for the most reliable test results.

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