

SHOW BASICS

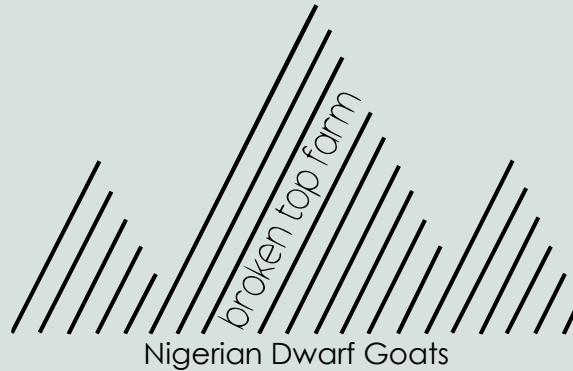
The Show:

At first glance, you may think these goats are judged on performance in the ring or color. However, this is quite false. The goats are being evaluated per a very specific scorecard and set of breed standards. They place goats in order based on their ability to be a long-living, high milk producing, and healthy animal.

The Judge:

The judge is one of less than 150 people in the United States that is trained, tested, and certified to be an ADGA judge.

Showing Dairy Goats



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AMERICAN DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION

The Organization:

The American Dairy Goat Association, or ADGA, sets standards for each breed of goat – of which there are currently 9. They promote dairy goats, record herds, measure and document milk production, and register individual animals. The goal of ADGA is to improve and develop each breed to be the best they can be.

Running the Show:

The goats come out in groups (breed) and sub groups (age). First place of each age class of a breed will move on for the championship line – choosing the best goat of that breed.

Judges may have the exhibitors walk in a circle, line up, or stand side by side in order to best evaluate each animal. Once placed, the judge will give their reasons for placement.

At the end of each breed, there are often “group classes”. These are to evaluate a certain herd or prodigy.

Two terms you may hear during a show:

Dam – mother

Sire – father

THE BREEDS



- any color pattern
- erect ears
- standard height



- solid white
- erect ears
- standard height



- tan/white pattern
- erect ears
- standard height



- brown/black pattern
- erect ears
- standard height



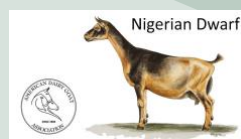
- any color pattern
- pendulous ears
- standard height



- any color pattern EXCEPT white
- erect ears
- standard height
- colored offspring of 2 Saanens



- any color pattern
- gopher/elf ears
- standard height

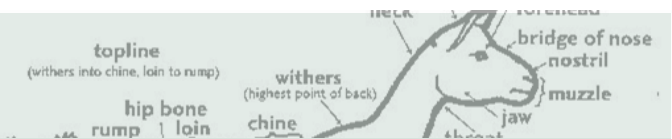


- any color pattern
- erect ears
- miniature < 22.5 inches



- gold, long hair
- erect ears
- medium height

Recorded Grade is a registered goat that is mixed breed, but from registered parents, cannot be mixed with dwarfs



THE SCORECARD

General Appearance (35 points):

“attractive framework with femininity, strength, upstandingness, length, and smoothness of blending – that all create style and a graceful walk”

Mammary System (35 points):

“strongly attached, elastic texture, well-balanced with capacity, quality, ease of milking, and indicative of heavy milk production over a long period of time”

Dairy Character (20 points):

“angularity and openness with strong, yet refined and clean bone structure – showing minimum coarseness and with strong evidence of milking ability based on lactation time”

Body Capacity (10 points):

“relatively large proportion to breed, age, and lactation time, having ample capacity, strength, and vigor”

