



## **THE DAIRY GOAT SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LTD**

### **HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER AND HELPFUL INFORMATION**

Intending members should communicate with the Federal Secretary, PO BOX 9048, Traralgon, 3844 soon after purchasing registered dairy goats or before the first kids of their own breeding are born. Undue delay may render such kids as ineligible for registration.

It is the responsibility of purchasers of registered stock to check their tattoo marks or microchip identification number (EID) as soon as possible after taking delivery. This is essential, as the tattoo or EID are the only means of identification. Any fault or discrepancy should be immediately reported to the Federal Secretary. If necessary, the ears should be cleaned with soap and warm water or with methylated spirits.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The membership fee (PLUS Stud Prefix Fee, if applicable, see below) is payable by 1<sup>st</sup> January each year. New members accepted after 30<sup>th</sup> September and before 31<sup>st</sup> December shall have such period included as portion of the succeeding year. If a member has not renewed the subscription on or before the last day of February then the following applies: Persons who wish to rejoin the Society after the last day of February must apply for Membership in the normal way and pay the fees applicable to New Members, i.e. Membership Fees and Prefix Fees. Payment of such fees DOES NOT confer the right to receive back copies of the Society's publications.

Applications for Membership MUST be made on the prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Branch or the Federal Secretary. The application when completed and forwarded with the appropriate remittance to the Federal Secretary, is then referred to the respective Branch for acceptance.

**SIGNING AUTHORITY:** Each membership application and renewal must have a completed signing authority when the membership is a joint membership.

**JUNIOR:** This type of Membership is available to persons under the age of 18 years. Junior members are NOT permitted to vote at a meeting or to hold any office.

**STUD PREFIX:** A member is required to register a Stud Prefix (Name of Stud) for his/her exclusive use in connection with the naming/registering of animals bred by the member. Names will be limited to three (3) words INCLUDING the prefix. When applying for a prefix, please submit three (3) different names in order of preference - prefix may have already been allocated thus the need for the three choices. A member SHALL NOT use the prefix registered in the name of another member.

**TATTOO BRAND:** A member is also required to register a Tattoo Brand (no charge) and each animal bred by him/her must be marked with this brand together with a serial number for identification in accordance with the sequence of birth or have an EID implanted. In the absence of such tattoo marks or an EID a goat is ineligible for entry into the Society's Herd Book. The Tattoo Brand shall comprise two (2) letters or three (3) letters (perhaps a combination of the member's initials) preceded by the symbol "0" for Western Australia or "5" or "+" for South Australia. Brands in these States MUST be registered with the Department of Agriculture as well as with the Society. Tattoo may be two (2) letters and a number as AA2, 2AA, A2A etc.

**TATTOO OUTFITS:** The Branch Secretary will give names/addresses of suppliers. Outfits are expensive. Most members can get by with one set of numerals - they then have to omit the double numerals as 11, 22, 33 etc. Tattoo ink or past can be obtained from tattoo suppliers or rural merchandisers - Zebu stove polish also gives satisfactory results.

Members with only one or two animals to tattoo may be able to obtain the help of another member who will lend, hire or rent his/her outfit OR actually tattoo your animal free or for a small fee. Most Branches have tattoo outfits for hire. You will have to get your own symbol, but there are many types of pliers and this symbol must be made to fit - check this with the owner of the pliers and forward a "sample slut" to the maker.

Advice on tattooing can be obtained from Branch Secretaries.

**HERD BOOK:** A copy of the Society's Herd Book is mailed to full members each year.

**IDENTIFICATION REGISTER:** Used to register any dairy goat not able to be registered in any other section of the Herd Book.

**APPENDICES TO HERD BOOK:** The Appendices to the Society's Herd Book for the respective breeds are as stated hereunder:

- I. Appendix "A" shall be open to FEMALE progeny of an Appendix "B" Doe sired by a registered Buck.
- II. Appendix "B" shall be open to FEMALE progeny of an Appendix "C" Doe sired by a registered Buck.
- III. Appendix "C" shall be open to FEMALE progeny of an Appendix "D" Doe sired by a registered Buck.
- IV. Appendix "D" shall be open to all DOES which have conformation, type and breed colour - An Inspection Certificate OR two (2) photographs (one of each side of the animal) MUST accompany the Application for Entry Form. App "D".

For the Australian Melaan appendix system, refer to Section 17 of the Society's Rules and Regulations.

**TRANSFERS:** Application for transfer OR lease of any animal entered in the Society's records MUST be forwarded, accompanied by the set fee, by the vendor or lessor to the Federal Secretary on the prescribed form, duly completed within sixty (60) days of Sale or Lease. Transfer forms are printed on the reverse of the registration certificates. It is the responsibility of the vendor/s to furnish the purchaser/s with pedigrees, particulars of service, etc, for all stock sold as Registered Stock.

A transfer shall NOT be accepted for any animal, irrespective of age, which has NOT been fully registered. The Society notifies the buyers when the seller has transferred the animal. If the new registration certificate is NOT received within two (2) months, the buyer should contact the seller and inform the Federal Office.

**DEATHS AND CULLS:**

DEATHS - The Federal Secretary must be notified of all deaths, so that the records can be kept up to date.

CULLS - It is important that the Federal Secretary be advised immediately when an animal is culled, as the animal could be re-sold to a member who may breed from it. Forms for this purpose are available from the Federal Secretary and these forms should be forwarded each quarter. Culled animals MUST be identified by the word "CULL" in the same ear as the Identification Number.

**SERVICE CERTIFICATES:** In any case where the services of a Buck owned or leased by another breeder is obtained, a Service Certificate MUST be lodged with the Entry Form for the resultant progeny. Certificates are in book form and are purchased from the Federal Secretary. The owner of the registered buck MUST issue the Certificate within three (3) months of the final service.

The leasing or loaning of a Buck for an extended period MUST be notified on an ordinary Transfer Form giving dates of commencement and termination of the lease/loan.

**STOCK BREEDING RECORDS:** To comply with the Society's Rules, it is necessary for each member to keep an accurate written record of all his/her operations connected with the purchase, breeding and sale of goats registered with the Society.

**LACTATION RECORDING:** All breeders should realise the importance in their breeding operations of both type and production. The successful breeder is one who breeds animals that have good type, long life and high production as evidence by Official Government Lactation Certificates. The relevant bodies, at a charge, provide an officer to visit the breeder's property and to officially record the weight of milk and the butterfat content from each doe.

Members who desire to have their goats brought within the Official Production Recording Scheme should contact their Branch Milk Awards Coordinator and the relevant body in their state. Details of Branch held Production Tests and Herd Recording are available from the Branch Secretary.

**THE AUSTRALIAN GOAT WORLD:** Is the official journal of the Society. This is included in the membership Subscription. Non members may subscribe to AGW. AGW can also be used as an advertising medium for all goat keepers.

**PUBLICATIONS:** The Society has a number of booklets on various aspects of goat breeding, management and keeping. These are available for a small fee and details of booklets can be obtained by writing to the Federal Secretary, PO BOX 9048, Traralgon 3844 or to Branch Secretaries.

**GENERAL:** Members are expected to make themselves conversant with the Rules and Regulations and Code of Conduct of the Society. All applications for registration or any matter involving payment MUST be accompanied by the appropriate fee.

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