

FACT

Sheet

Registering Your Herd Name



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The American Dairy Goat Association maintains a registry of herd names for members that may be used exclusively by the owner as the first part of the name of any dairy goat of their own breeding. When registering animals with ADGA, if the breeder has not reserved a herd name, then the word "THE" must be used as the prefix.

Herd names will be protected one of three ways: (1) maintain a membership with a reservation fee of \$15.00 paid; (2) become a lifetime member, or; (3) pay an optional fee of \$100 at any time during the membership for permanent reservation. All you need to do is list your first and second choices below. They will be considered in that order to be registered with the Association as your exclusive property.

Authorization cards are available if you wish to authorize other persons to use your registered herd name.

Your herd name should not exceed fifteen spaces if possible, as the

name of each dairy goat is limited to a total of 30 spaces including the registered herd name. You can readily see that the longer the herd name, the more limited the choice of names for the goat.

In naming an animal, care must be taken to avoid including another person's herd name as part of your chosen name. Using another breeder's herd name within your animal's name can be considered an infringement upon that person's registered herd name, unless it is agreed to by that breeder. This use of another breeder's registered herd name could result in a misrepresentation of your animal's pedigree.

If you do not already have a registered tattoo from ADGA, please include your tattoo combination choices. For information on the registration of your herd tattoo, please see the reverse side of this fact sheet.

American Dairy Goat Association HERD NAME APPLICATION

Herd Name

Choice #1 _____

Herd Name

Choice #2 _____

Tattoo

Choices #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____ #4 _____

If neither of your choices are available, ADGA will assign a tattoo sequence for your use. The assigned tattoo sequence, if unacceptable, can be changed within 30 days of issue.

Name _____

ID/Account # _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ I would like for my herd name to be permanently registered. \$100 enclosed.

VISA/MasterCard/Discover# _____ Exp. _____

TATTOOING YOUR DAIRY GOAT

All dairy goats must be tattooed before they can be accepted for registry or recordation in the herd books of the American Dairy Goat Association. If a membership has not been renewed by September 1, the tattoo assignment is forfeited. Failure to reclaim the sequence within three years will release the sequence for another member to reserve on a first-come basis.

It is strongly recommended that all breeds be tattooed in the ears, except the LaMancha which should be tattooed in the tail web. A maximum of four letters and/or numerals are allowed for your assigned tattoo sequence. **No tattoos will be assigned utilizing one letter followed by a number(s) e.g., K2, M342.**

Members are required to use the tattoo sequence assigned to their membership

identification number. They may not use a sequence assigned to someone else.

If a new membership application is not accompanied by a tattoo application, ADGA will assign a tattoo sequence of their choice to the member. The assigned tattoo, if unacceptable to the member, can be changed within 30 days of certification. There is no charge for this service. Your assigned tattoo sequence should be used in the **RIGHT** ear, right tail, or center tail.

You must use your assigned herd identifying tattoo letters on any animal born in your herd. It is strongly recommended that animals be tattooed BEFORE they are sold or purchased.

One method of individual identification recommended by ADGA for use in the **LEFT** ear,

left tail, or center tail, is to use a letter designating the year of birth — "H"-2016, "J"-2017, "K"-2018, etc. (letters G, I, O, Q, and U are not used) — together with a serial number to designate the order of birth. For example, the first, second, and third kids born into the herd during 2016 should have as their tattoos "H1", "H2", and "H3".

The tattoo will be the permanent identification and will apply to all ADGA programs requiring identification of animals by their tattoo including, but not limited to, registration, linear appraisal, production testing and show.

More information on tattooing can be found in Article VII of the Bylaws and the Appendix of the American Dairy Goat Association Guidebook.