

Registering or recording your dairy goat is easy. Simply obtain an “Application for Registration/ Recordation” from ADGA for each animal to be registered or recorded, fill in the necessary information, and return it with the proper fees to ADGA. The application will be processed and a permanent certificate issued to you. Another option is to type the information into a registration application located on ADGA’s main web page. The application can be printed and sent to ADGA.

For discounted rates, obtain a PIN and register your animal online after logging onto the ADGA Member portion of the website. In the payment section, you can opt not to receive a paper certificate issued for an additional discount!

1. NAME

The name of your goat must be limited to 30 letters and spaces. You may choose any name or combination of names you like. If another goat already has that name, ADGA will use your second choice. If that one is taken and you have marked the “return” box, ADGA will return the application to you for further choices. If the “return” box is not marked, the office will choose a similar name that is available.

Most ADGA breeders register a herd name. Once registered, the herd name is used as the first part of the animal’s name, when you stand as the breeder. To apply for a herd name (you must be an ADGA member), send in your first, second, and third choices along with the appropriate fee.

In figuring the total letters and spaces used, keep in mind that if the breeder does not have a registered herd name, the goat’s name will be prefixed by the word “THE”.

If you purchased a bred doe and are applying for her kid’s registration or recordation, the first part of the name must be the herd name of the owner of the dam the day she was bred (in most cases, the person from whom you bought her).

AI Mating – If this breeding is the result of artificial insemination, an AI breeding slip is required instead of a service memo. Also, if the sire was collected after 01/01/91, an AI Buck Collection form must be on file with ADGA.

2. NAME OF SIRE and ADGA NUMBER

The sire is the father of the animal for which you are applying for registration or recordation. The service memo is signed by the buck owner stating that his buck bred the named doe on the date shown. A service memo is not necessary if the owner

of the sire and dam on the date of service is the same person *unless* you purchased the dam as a bred doe, in which case a service memo is *always* required. If needed, a service memo should be given to you when you purchase your goat or when you have your doe bred.

3. NAME OF DAM and ADGA NUMBER

The dam is the mother of the animal for which you are applying for registration or recordation. If you purchase the dam as a bred doe, you must obtain a service memo from the owner of the buck she was bred to and attach it to the application. Only one service memo is necessary for a birth and all kids do not need to be registered at the same time. The service memo **MUST** be sent in with the first kid registered from that given birth.

4. BREED

ADGA recognizes the following breeds: Alpine, LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Sable, and Toggenburg.

Purebred — the offspring of a purebred sire and purebred dam of the same breed that conforms to breed standards. LaMancha and Sable are the only breeds that can upgrade from the American herd book to the Purebred herd book.

American — the offspring of a sire and dam of the same breed that conforms to breed standards and also has the correct number of consecutive generations of ancestors who conformed to breed standards (minimum 3 generations for does and 4 for bucks).

Experimental — (1) When two different breeds of Purebred or American goats mate, their offspring are eligible to be recorded as Experimental and *must* be shown in the Recorded Grade class. (2) Purebreds or Americans that have serious enough defects to disqualify them from being registered in their breed, must be recorded as Experimentals.

Recorded Grade — Does who do not qualify for either the Purebred or American herd books.

If a doe meets breed standards for a specific breed, she can be recorded as **Native on Appearance** (NOA) with a written statement of this breed appearance signed by an ADGA member (not a member of the applicant’s family) that the doe being recorded conforms to a specific breed type. This goat’s daughters by a Purebred or American buck of the same breed

would be 50% American, and the great granddaughters would be American, provided there were three consecutive generations of correct breed type (see *American* section). ADGA does not record grade bucks.

5. COLOR and MARKINGS

Describe the color and markings of the goat to be registered as accurately as possible within 69 letters and spaces. Information on breed standards may be found in the ADGA Guidebook. Be sure the breed standard, to which the animal conforms, has been marked on the application.

6. SEX

Specify sex as doe or buck.

7. DATE OF BIRTH

The day the animal to be registered was born.

8. HORN INFORMATION

- a. Polled – naturally hornless
- b. Disbudded – horns are burned off as very young kid
- c. Dehorned – large horns that have been removed
- d. Horns – has horns

EAR INFORMATION

- a. Gopher – no longer than one inch with little or no cartilage. Ear end must be turned up or down. Only ear type allowed for LaMancha bucks.
- b. Elf – no longer than two inches, must be turned up or down
- c. Erect – upright
- d. Airplane – combination of pendulous and erect, usually flared and semi-upright, giving appearance of plane wings
- e. Pendulous – drooping

9. TATTOO

Each goat registered with ADGA *must* be tattooed for identification. The registered tattoo of the owner at the time of birth is put in the right ear (or tail web). The year letter (H-2016, J-2017, K-2018) plus a number denoting order in which the kid was born that year are tattooed in the left ear (or tail web). You may wish to tattoo only the center tail, rather than the right/left webs (e.g., ABC1). When you become a member, you will be assigned a tattoo. Electronic ID is allowed as supplemental only.

10. NAME and ADDRESS OF BREEDER

The owner of the dam at the time she was bred, is considered the breeder of the animal to be registered.

11. SIGNATURE

This is the signature of the person certifying the accuracy of the information furnished. If the dam was purchased as a bred doe, the owner of the animal being presented for registration/recording must sign item #11 and submit a service memorandum. (see item #11 on the registration application).

12. TRANSFER

Anytime an animal is sold, regardless of whether or not it is registered/recorded at the time of sale, it must be transferred into the new owner's name and the appropriate transfer fee submitted. The signature and ID # of the seller in item #12 must be the signature and ID # of the previous owner.

REGISTRATION FEE/TRANSFER FEE

For cost of registration and transfer, see the current registration application form or current schedule of rates in your guidebook.

Rush Fee — Payment of the Rush fee (and marked box on application) insures rushed processing of your application after it reaches ADGA. The cost for this service is 100% of the registration fee.

Transfer of Ownership — If your animal has been previously registered or recorded, fill out the transfer portion at the bottom of the blue or brown certificate and mail it to ADGA along with the appropriate transfer fee. The application form is only used for animals that have NEVER been registered/recorded.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

If two members co-own the animal, they must obtain a non-member number from ADGA or apply for a joint membership. Only one member ID number can be listed as owner.

AUCTION PURCHASED ANIMALS

For an animal bought at an auction that has been previously registered/recorded with ADGA, you must have the Certificate of Registry/Recording signed by the previous owner listed on the certificate to transfer ownership. Otherwise, without proof of the animal's ancestry and transfer of ownership, a doe may qualify for recording as NOA (see *Recorded Grade* section on reverse side).

10 MOST COMMON MISTAKES made on registration applications

1. All items are not completed.
2. Color description is omitted.
3. Birthdate does not coincide with breeding date (should be about five months for gestation period).
4. Registration numbers of grandparents instead of parents are given.
5. Correct fees are not submitted.
6. Incorrect purchase date is listed (should be the date you took possession).
7. Transfer of ownership is not filled out (for purchased animal).
8. Artificial Insemination Mating and Embryo Transplant are marked "yes" when natural breeding actually took place.
9. Service memorandum or Artificial Insemination memorandum not provided when necessary.
10. Incorrect or incomplete credit card number listed.

ADGA publishes a Guidebook that offers answers to many other questions you may have. The Guidebook is provided annually at no cost to members or can be purchased for \$3.00 postpaid.

Registration applications are free of charge and may be ordered from ADGA in any quantity or downloaded from our website. Members may register animals online at www.ADGA.org.

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