



## GOAT

► Exhibit may be a project, poster action demonstration or a combination ◀

**Level 1** – Grades 3-5

**Level 2** – Grades 6-8

**Level 3** – Grades 9-12

Exhibit: For all levels – One or more animals fed and cared for by member (bring your own feed & bedding). Member must complete 3 activities, one of which will be a record sheet and two from the manual that is grade appropriate to that member. All goat club members are expected to attend at least two club activities.

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is **NOT** required for animals originating from Indiana. Indiana Board of Animal Health regulations still apply for the exhibition of goats. Refer to state animal health requirements earlier in this CD handbook or contact the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at 1-877-747-3038 with questions concerning animal health requirements for exhibition.

All 4-H'ers must have possession of their animals by May 1 with their goats tattooed or tagged by the designated identification day at the fairgrounds. Does should arrive for 4-H identification with a flock or Scrapie tag from the breeder to establish the animal's farm of origin. Two animals may be entered per class by one 4-H member, but the second animal must be shown by another 4-H'er. The show will be conducted according to 4-H and ADGA rules, except when there is a conflict with county rules.

Goats intended for show at the Indiana State Fair must be identified with a retinal scan.

All pens will be assigned by the superintendent. No bucks (billy goats) are allowed at the Fair. Every goat must have a collar and a tie chain. Dairy goats and all wethers must be free of horns with the exception of Angoras. Horns must be taken down to at least 2 inches from the skull for all Meat breeding stock. The age of the goat shall be computed from the date a goat is judged. All wethers must have their milk teeth.

### Showmanship

Members showing goats are expected to adhere to dress standards. Clothes and person need to be neat and clean. White costume is preferred as outlined by the National Dairy Goat Association. LaGrange County Goat Club approves wearing black pants with a white shirt and closed toed shoes. Hair should be neat and away from the face. Shirrtails should be tucked in.

- **First year showman:** First year goat project participants. Winner advances to the next class.
- **Junior:** grades 4 & 5. Winner advances to next class.
- **Intermediate:** grades 6, 7, & 8. Winner advances to next class. (Past Junior winners compete in Intermediate class).

- **Senior:** grades 9 and above. Winner advances to next class. (Past Intermediate winners compete in Senior class).
- **Premier:** The Premier winner will represent the goat project in the LaGrange County 4-H All Around Showmanship competition.
- ▶ Miniature breeds and Meat breeds can be shown with a short lead.
- ▶ To encourage showmanship, members will be allowed to show another member's goat with the permission of the animal's owner.

### **Dairy Breeding Class**

1. Junior Doe (born on or after April 1, current year).
2. Intermediate Doe (born on or after February 1 and before March 31, current year).
3. Senior Doe (born on or after December 1 and before January 31, current year).
4. Yearling Dry Doe (1 year old and under 2 years).
5. Champion and Reserve (under 2 years, dry stock).
6. 1 year and under 2 years; milking
7. 2 years and under 3 years; milking
8. 3 years and under 5 years; milking
9. 5 years and over; milking
10. Champion and Reserve (milking doe).
11. Best Udder; judged on udder only.

### **Pygmy and Angora Classes**

Classes will be determined by the number of goats entered in at fair. We hope to have the same classes as the breeding class. Angora goats may have horns.

### **Meat Breeding Class**

1. Junior Doe (born on or after April 1, current year).
2. Intermediate Doe (born on or after February 1 and before March 31, current year).
3. Senior Doe (born on or after December 1 and before January 31, current year).
4. 1 year and under 2 years
5. 2 years and under 3 years
6. 3 years and under 5 years
7. 5 years and over
8. Champion and Reserve

\*Any doe with any meat breed in its bloodline must be entered in the meat breed class.

### **Combination Class (Dairy, Meat or any combination of each)**

1. Produce of Dam; judging two offspring of same dam, any age.
2. Get of Sire; 3 does sired by the same buck.
3. Mother and Daughter; any age; milking daughter.
4. Mother and Daughter; any age; dry daughter.
5. Best three does.

### **Market Class**

The possibility of light and heavyweight classes will be determined by the goat committee. Market class is any wether or cull doe born between December 1 of previous year and April 1 of current year. (Note: Cull does may not show in breed class.) Any Meat breed or meat breed cross will be shown in a class of their own. One market goat may be sold in the sale by the 4-H member.

All goats competing for championship honors that are in milk may be required by the judge to be milked before final awards are made.

### **Herdsmanship**

The Herdsmanship Award will be based upon the award criteria as stated in the Goat Club Handbook. The goat committee reserves the right to determine class eligibility.