



4th Annual

April Fools Boer Goat Weekend

Hosted by the Cascade Boer Goat Association

Saturday and Sunday April 4-5, 2009

Two ABGA Sanctioned Shows on April 4th

Seminars and Market Goat Sale on April 5th

Skamania County Fairgrounds, Stevenson, WA

Seminar Information:

Facilities: Part of the 2009 seminars will be held in heated rooms inside the Recreation Center of the fairgrounds (heated restrooms, water fountain, and soda machine are also located there). Some of the seminars will be held in the unheated show and sale rings, so please bring warm clothing for those seminars and the sale. As you enter the fairgrounds, the Recreation Center is on your right, and the barns will be a bit further onto the grounds on your left.

Registration: Early registration (before March 27th) is discounted (\$10 early registration vs. \$20 per person at the door). Please let us know how many will attend the youth or adult seminars and pay by check or Paypal (to: info@CascadeBGA.org). 4-H and FFA leaders will be given free admission *with preregistration by March 27th*.

On-site check-in and registration will begin at **7:30am** on Sunday April 5th in the Recreation Center. Whether you have prepaid for the seminar or will be paying at the door, you will need to go to the registration desk to check-in and receive your entrance stamp.

Payment: Make check payable to the **Cascade Boer Goat Association** and mail to Becki Crighton, 15675 S. Eaden Road, Oregon City, OR 97045 .

Start: Seminars will begin at 9am. See the full schedule below for more information.

Other info: Each paid admission to the seminars allows one person to attend seminars for the entire day -- as many or as few as you wish. Two people may not share a single registration. We welcome children in the seminars, and the showmanship and picking the market goat seminars will be particularly informative for children. We request that you please pay admission for any child 6 and older, and consider alternate arrangements for the morning for any child not interested in the seminar content, especially those under 6 years old.

Seminar Schedule for Sunday, April 5th

Time	Showring	Horse Barn	Rock Creek South classroom	Rock Creek Main classroom
9:00-10:30	Beg./Int. Showmanship (Shelby Armstrong & Madison Fenton)	Blood Draws (Crighton & Conlee) Fit & Trim (Crighton)	Strategy for the Successful Breeder (Duane Rogers)	FAMACHA (Susan Kerr)
10:30-11:00	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	How to Choose Your Market Goat (J. Crighton)	Nutrition for Boer Goats (CHS)	Kidding 911 (Cary Walton)	FAMACHA (Repeat, not a continuation)
12:30-1:30	<i>Lunch, Raffle Pull, and end of</i>		<i>Silent Auctions</i>	
1:00-2:00	<i>Viewing of sale Animals in showing</i>			
2:00-	<i>Champion Market Goat Sale</i>			<i>In showing</i>



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Seminar Descriptions:

Showmanship & Market Goat Seminars

Beginning/Intermediate Showmanship: Come to this seminar to learn the basics of showmanship as well as some intermediate tips and maneuvers. If you've wondered where to stand, which direction to walk, how to move your goat out of the line, do a head-to-tail or side-by-side, or even how to do a key-hole maneuver, come to this seminar. (Instructors: Shelby Armstrong & Madison Fenton. Shelby is a showmanship expert and knows all the tricky 4H & FFA maneuvers that the kids should learn to shine in their fair showmanship competition. And Maddie might be the youngest on the instructor list but she has been showing the big does since she was a fifth their weight (and making them behave!); she took home a big belt buckle from the Red, White & Boer show as champion showman; come and learn some of her secrets! Shelby raises Boers as part of Dash Acres, and Maddie as part of Dust Devil Ranch)

How to Choose Your Market Wether: Participants will learn how to choose a market goat with the potential to excel in the show ring. You can take excellent care of a poor quality goat but it may never become a champion, so make sure your project is off to a good start by picking a top-quality animal. Learn what judges are looking for in the market animals on show day, and how to choose the right one for your local show or fair. After lunch you will have a chance to put your knowledge into action at the Market Goat Sale. (Instructor: Jonathan Crighton. Jonathan is a USBGA judge who has judged market goat shows at county fairs across the northwest; he is also a Boer breeder (Copper Creek Boers)).

Fit & Trim and Blood Draw

Blood Draw (9:00-9:45am) It benefits breeders to be able to blood test their goats for various things, including CAE & CL. This seminar will demonstrate how goat owners can do their own blood draws and submit the blood for testing. Instructors will demonstrate on their own goats. Participants who have their own goat available may practice on their own animal during the seminar, and those without goats can watch and learn. (Instructors: Becki Crighton and Elise Conlee. Both Becki and Elise have done blood draws on their own animals for several years and would like to help others be able to affordably test their own herd).

Fit & Trim for Open Show (9:45-10:30am) Not sure where to start preparing your goat for an open show? What do you trim? How can you make your goat look better...meatier, more correct on feet and legs, and have more breed character? Participants will learn how to fit and trim a goat from the basic trim around tail and hooves all the way to some advanced techniques. There will be some time for discussion of types of clippers, hoof trimmers, and more. (Instructor: Becki Crighton. Becki has spent many years perfecting her techniques on her own Copper Creek).

Nutrition for Boer Goats (11:00am-12:30pm): Does reading a feed label give you a headache? Do you know how the needs differ of goats at different ages and stages of production? Come learn about nutrition for Boer Goats from experts who make Boer feed right here in the Northwest –CHS, the maker of Boer Goat Developer and other feeds for Boer Goats.

Business & Health

Strategy for the Successful Breeder – aligning strategy with behavior for long-term success:

We love our goats, but it takes more than just passion to be successful as a breeder. Come learn how simple business principles can be applied to the goat business. Many people have a disconnect between their goals and their behaviors. This course will help you understand how to put strategy into place to achieve your goals. (Instructor: Duane Rogers. Duane has an extensive background in Business Management with both for profit and nonprofit organizations. His speciality is Business Strategy Development and Implementation, Business Process Improvement, and Project Management focused on driving operational excellence in order to achieve sustainable long term success. Duane & his wife Suzanne own Redneck Boer Goats of Woodland, WA)

Kidding 911: Unsure of when you need to step in to assist your doe in labor? Not sure of the signs of something wrong, when you can help, or when to call the vet? Dr. Cary Heyward will lead a guided discussion on kidding. Kidding is usually a smooth natural process, but when something goes wrong, it can get bad in a hurry. Problems can be created by inappropriate intervention, as well as not helping the doe when she needs it. Some of this takes the “feel” that comes with experience, but this seminar will give you some guidelines to help when you’re out with a doe in labor and you’re not sure what needs to be done. How to tube a kid will also be demonstrated. (Instructor: Cary Heyward, DVM; Veterinarian and Boer Breeder – Lynx Hollow Boer Goats. If you haven’t had a chance to see Dr. Heyward bring kidding to life in her descriptions and advice, this is a class not to be missed. Several people have given us feedback that they used information from this class to save their kids and doe in tough kidding situations).

FAMACHA

FAMACHA: Are your goats afflicted with the Barber Pole worm? Come and learn FAMACHA, a technique for evaluating which goats need to be treated for this anemia-causing parasite. This technique reduces the use of dewormers, decreases the development of parasite dewormer resistance, and helps keep your herd healthy. FAMACHA cards will be available to purchase at additional cost (\$12). (Instructor: Susan Kerr, DVM. Dr. Kerr gives presentations throughout the Northwest on small ruminant parasite control and other livestock health topics).

NOTE: this class will be given twice - the 11:00am class is a repeat of the 9:00am class

Are you buying a Market Goat in the 2009 April Fools Sale?

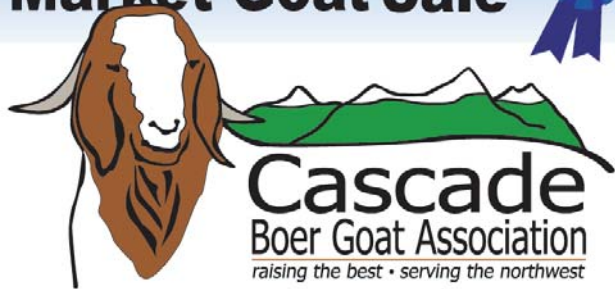
Then you are eligible for Prizes at the Red, White & Boer show (July 4-5th)

Are you raising a Market Goat that you bred yourself?

Then you are eligible for Prizes at the Red, White & Boer show

Come to **Red, White & Boer** (July 4-5, Skamania Fairgrounds) to compete in three divisions of market goat classes: Open Market Goats, April Fools Market Goats, and Home-Bred Market Goats

Northwest Champion Market Goat Sale



Sunday, April 5th

Sale Preview: 1:00 pm

Sale: 2:00 pm

Skamania Fairgrounds, Stevenson, WA

Market Goat Sale Information:

Sellers Information: If you would like to consign market goats to the 2009 April Fools Sale, please see the www.cascadebga.org website or contact eaconlee@yahoo.com for a consignment packet. There is no fee to sell or buy animals through the sale but there are requirements for health, quality, and numbers of animals allowed to be consigned to the sale.

Buyers Information:

Before Arrival: Please check with your LOCAL county fair rules BEFORE purchasing a market goat. Determine if there are age, birthdate, and/or weight limits (min. and max.).

Previewing: Animals may be viewed beginning at 1pm in the sale ring. They may also be viewed from their arrival on the grounds until the start of the sale, but sale management cannot guarantee that particular animals in the sale catalog will be at the sale or their time of arrival on the fairgrounds.

Registration: **Preregistration open for the sale until March 27th.** Send your name, email, address, phone number, and what birth month(s) of wethers you are interested in to info@cascadebga.org. Preregistered buyers will receive a free gift at the sale check-in desk. On-site registration is also allowed; register for the sale on-site between 7:30am and 11:00pm on April 5th.

In the Ring: All animals in the sale will be taken to the showring at 1:00pm on Sunday, April 5th. Children and their parents will be allowed in the ring to view the animals until 2:00 pm.

Sale Start: The sale will start promptly at 2:00pm on Sunday April 5th.

Order of Sale: The order of the sale will be determined by lottery and will be posted by 1:30 pm. When your name is called, please enter the ring and choose your animal from any of the animals in the ring. You will then complete paperwork at the sale desk, make payment to the seller **in cash**, and receive your receipt with health information from the seller. Once all participants in the sale have had a chance to purchase an animal, those wishing to purchase a second animal will go into the second lottery round. If a person's name is drawn and they do not wish to purchase any of the available animals, they will be under no obligation to purchase.

Price: The price is set at \$125 for all animals in the sale. This amount is to be paid directly to the seller. In return you will receive the animal and a receipt that includes health information.

Animals: Premier breeders from across Washington and Oregon will have top quality disbudded market animals in the sale. Due to the varying rules for 4-H in counties across the Northwest, we will have market animals available with birthdates from Nov. 2008 through the end of February 2009. Birthdates will be clearly marked and health records available on each animal; it is the responsibility of the breeder to report these details accurately and the responsibility of the buyer to purchase animals conforming to their local 4-H or FFA rules. Unweaned animals will be identified on their tags and you will need to arrange with the breeder to pick it up at weaning time. All other animals will go home with the buyer from the sale.