



The Goat Source

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Here is your Nov. issue of The Goat Source Newsletter. The ADGA Convention is over with and so is my “vacation”! I had a good time meeting goat people from all over and getting to know some of my fellow vendors better. Thanks to Vicki Larson and crew for the great hospitality room they staffed and all of the delicious goodies that were available. Thanks also, to all of the people who signed up for my newsletter and the door prizes. Winners are listed below. Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to your friends.

What's New This Month?

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The Golden Guernsey Goat

The Golden Guernsey is a small, fine-boned dairy goat with a moderate milk yield. The ears are erect with a slight upturn at the tips, giving them an elfish charm. Facial line may be dished or straight. Wattles/tassels are not allowed. The Golden Guernsey Goat has skin that is a shade of gold, neither pink nor grey. Coat can be all shades of gold with or without small white markings and blaze or star on head. No Swiss markings allowed.. Hair may be long or short.

At present, there are very few animals in the US, and they have been added to the rare breeds trust in England due to their limited genetics and numbers. The Golden Guernsey is believed to have originated from the Isle of Guernsey, along with other nearby Channel Isles. Those are in turn, thought to have descended from goats brought by sailing ships from the island of Malta.

To learn more about these beautiful, golden goats, visit the official website of the [Golden Guernsey Goat Society](#) in Great Britain. There are some other links to breeders in the US, and lots of pictures of these golden beauties in England.

This Month's Quiz...

What does phenotype mean? How is it different from genotype?

Classified Ads...

AFTER CONVENTION SALE!! I have some T-Shirts left from convention. Sizes are mostly Medium and Large – (I have one small pink one). Colors are Ash Grey, Blue and Pink. They are very nice shirts – a steal at \$10 each plus S&H! I will throw in a FREE Photo album and bumper sticker with each shirt purchased. Email me at [The Goat Source](#)

Check out the classified ads in the Goat Source Forum!

Place your ad FREE! Farm and goat related items only, please!

www.goatsource.com/forum

I ♥ Love Goats! Pocket Knives Laser Engraved folding pocket knife (opens to 6 ¾ inches). Black composite handle with pocket clip. Every goat person needs a good knife!! Order today - \$6 each plus S&H. Discount when you order more than one. Need a good fund raiser? Order these for resale OR get your own design laser engraved (custom orders must be for quantity of 100 or more). Quantity discount on all custom orders!! [The Goat Source](#)

Make a Photo Book with your favorite goats in it!

<http://www.jdoqocy.com/click-2298695-10448511>

Computerized recordkeeping for your goats –Easy and affordable software for goat keepers! **The Goat Keepers Notebook**

<http://www.goatsoftware.com/affiliates/idevaffiliate.php?id-127>

Give the Gift of Goat! - <http://www.cafepress.com/getyergoat?pid=598960>



Book Review – Goatkeeping 101 Edited by Caprine Supply

At the ADGA Convention, during the seminars, I had plenty of “down time” to sit andvegetate. Fortunately the good folks at Caprine Supply came to my rescue with a great beginners book to read. Goatkeeping 101 is a collection of helpful articles and hints

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especially for the beginner in goats. Easy to read, helpful hints and basic information that even someone who has had goats for a while will appreciate. Covers terms, facts, breeds, management, housing, feeding, fencing, health, and much more. Order from [Caprine Supply](#)

Paperback, \$14.70 Buy 6 or more and get a break – \$11.15

Door Prize Winners from Convention

Sunday – Patty Hanson/Oberjoyed Herd – pocket knife

Monday – Jillian McIntosh/Lucky To Have Farm – Slicker Brush

Tuesday – Sharon Babcock/Guinea Ridge – Pocket Knife

Wednesday – Daniel Rivera – Glass Hummingbird

Thursday – Boni Varda/Varda Farm4 – Pocket Knife

Friday – Cindy Hamilton/Carousel Kids – T-Shirt

Thanks to all of the participants!!

Answer to the November Quiz:

Phenotype is what an animal looks like and is determined by **genotype**- what genes that animal has. For a more in depth look at genetics and heredity, visit this site:

[Nigerian Dwarf Color Genetics](#)

Helpful hints:

My dam raised kids are wilder than the bottle babies I am used to, and this made vaccinating them a challenge! I got my boyfriend, Marty to help and we put them into the crowd pen all together. Then I would take a chain collar and a double ended lead and ease up to the prospective victim. Ideally, I would get a hold of the kid under her neck and get the collar on, then clip the lead to the fence. Marty would take an ordinary bath towel and put it under the kid like a sling at her flank. When I had the shots ready he would gently lift the hindquarters up just enough that she had no traction with her “kickers”. Shots given we released both ends and went on to the next kid. Crowding them made catching them easy and the sling made shots much less stressful (for all of us!). These kids are large (80#s plus) and the only excitement we had was when one took flight (like with wings) and went over the fence. Of course then she wanted back in!!

That's all for this month,...
See you next month!!

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Thanks, Leslie, The Goat Source