

# Georgia Goat News

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\*\*\* If you're interested in *selling your goats' milk for pet consumption*  
 – you'll need a GA feed license permit and a GA pet food registration.

Goto: <http://www.kellysolutions.com/GA/FeedDealers/newapplication/applnow.asp>

\*\*\* If you currently have a license, you should have received a renewal notice – if not,  
 goto: <http://www.kellysolutions.com/GA/FeedDealers/>

The *Raw Milk committee* recommends that members obtain a **Feed License** to sell goat milk for “pet consumption”; this will allow you to legally market your milk to customers for their pets or foals etc. You must also have an **approved label** for your product. Both may be obtained from the GA Dept. of Agriculture – *see above Reminder!*

Our **annual DHI tester training certification/recertification will be held at the Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> club meeting** at the Latimer's. We all do the training together and take the test together so don't be nervous about the test! It is very straight forward. This is also a great time for members to come learn about what it takes to start milk testing their animals. We will have a “DHI testing your herd for dummies” session.

**DHIA** This is a good time to be lining up a testor for the coming year. We encourage GDGBA members to consider putting their herds on milk test. If you have any questions, call De Cannon, see page 2 of this newsletter. We will also have a *testor training* session at Mandy Latimer's farm at the January meeting.

Are you participating in the voluntary **Scrapie Program**? If not, call: Dr Crane at 1-770-963-8958. Be aware that if you buy all of your animals from a herd that is in the Scrapie Program, you start your herd in

the program at that herds level. But, you must contact Dr Crane within 30 days of purchasing the animals. The same also goes for animals purchased from herds that are Certified TB and Accredited Brucellosis free.

Please consider joining the *Georgiagoats* news/talk group [see how-to on page 6] - it would be helpful in getting club information distributed to members & in keeping you more aware of club business. If you do not wish to join the news group, at least share your e-mail address with the club secretary, John, by sending a message to [LLacres@juno.com](mailto:LLacres@juno.com).

*Kidding is just around the corner*, so this is a good time to get your farm in order: get your kidding areas cleaned out, start collecting towels, do you have colostrums?, bottles & nipples? Your pregnant does need to be vaccinated for CD & tetanus 2 to 4 weeks before kidding and dewormed at kidding. Trim their feet before they get too bad and the doe gets too heavy to handle easily. A *dairy clip* will help keep your milk clean and help decrease the kids' exposure to coccidia.

**NOTE: The Club's 2018 show in Monroe is scheduled for May 11-12, 2018 – Judges: Josh Kaplewski [WI] & Julinelle Huffman [IN]**

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| Can Rabies Be Acquired From Goats? ----- | 4    | Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup> – 2 p.m. – Club Meeting – Mandy/John Latimer, Watkinsville, GA                                     |
| Raising Kids on Pasteurized Milk -----   | 6    | Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup> – 2 p.m. – Julianne/Lauren Thatch's home, Snellville, GA   |
| A Gastrointestinal Time Bomb -----       | 7    | May 11-12 <sup>th</sup> – GDGBA Monroe Spring Dairy Goat Show, Monroe, GA; Judges:<br>Josh Kaplewski & Julinelle Huffman |
| Digestion -----                          | 9    | May 20 <sup>th</sup> – 2 pm. – Shannon & Jason Lawrence's Farm, Shady Dale, GA   |
|  |      | ** See <a href="http://www.gdgba.org">www.gdgba.org</a> for more show info & entry forms                                 |

**Next Meeting: Mandy & John Latimer's Farm – Saturday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m.**