



# Miniature Silky Fainting Goat Association



22105 Countryside Lane, Lignum, VA 22726-2025  
540-423-9193 fax: 540-423-9196

www.msfgaregistry.org or registrarrenee@yahoo.com

November 3, 2015

Dear MSFGA breeders & enthusiasts,

**Well another year is about to end** and it's time for the MSFGA to update all of you on what has been happening in the world of Mini Silkies. Several breeders have noticed an increase in interest of purchasing Mini Silky stock from folks all over. I also noticed an increase in interest in my herd this year. We are regularly adding new farms and the numbers of registrations are continuing to grow. The participation in our show program has been wonderful with new as well as established exhibitors enthusiastically showing their Mini Silkies.

**Year-End Statistics:** Since last year's report, we added 463 animals to the data base: 448 registered animals, 10 foundation approved animals and 5 listed animals. (Listed animals are goats that appear in the pedigrees of foundation approved animals. Listed animals are not registered and you cannot register offspring out of listed animals unless they are upgraded to foundation status.) Fifty nine new farms registered their herd names since the last report. There are currently 4904 animals in the data base along with 368 registered herd names. We had 27 sanctioned shows: 6 shows in Virginia, 4 in Indiana, 7 in Iowa, 4 in Utah and 6 in Texas; with more shows scheduled for 2016. Some of the shows are adding additional shows to their weekend schedule which will give folks more opportunity to achieve Championship Legs without traveling so much. We now have 157 Master Champions with 26 new Master Champions added to the records for 2015. Congratulation to all of the new Master Champions, they can be viewed on the MSFGA website on the Master Champion pages.

**Website Information:** As always, you can print off applications and information for all of your registration needs in either pdf form or word form. Please be sure you are using the most current version of the registration and other application forms so that the fees listed are correct. You will also find all sorts of information on the breed, **an up to date report on all the Champion Legs which can be downloaded and printed at your convenience.** Some folks have had trouble finding the Champion Legs Report on the website. The website address is msfgaregistry.org. When the home page comes up, you will see a menu on the right hand side of the page. Click on **MSFGA Printable Information** that will take you to a page that lists printable information, one of those is the **Champion Leg Report**. Click on **Champion Leg Report** and a PDF document will come up with **all Mini Silkies who have ever earned a Champion Leg** listed in alphabetical order. You can easily print off the page that lists your goat and keep it for your records or you can always refer back to the list whenever you want. **It is updated after each show report comes in.** Be sure to check out the Hall of Fame pages for the Master Champion list and the list of Top Winning Mini Silky of the year as well as the Top Winning Mini Silky Wether of the year.

**Fee Changes:** All fees will remain the same for 2016 but may need to be increased for 2017 as the expense of mailing and processing paperwork continues to rise, this will especially apply to foundation applications. As in years past, there are no annual membership dues; however, if you wish to remain on the breeders list, you must register a goat with the MSFGA every 18 months. The MSFGA wants to promote those farms that support and promote the registry and the breed.

**The tattoo letter for 2016 is "H".** All Mini Silky kids born on or after January 1, 2016 should have a left ear tattoo that begins with **"H"** followed by a number. **If you are using a microchip or scrapie tag for identification instead of tattooing, PLEASE assign tattoo identification information too in the event that**

**your animal is sold to someone who uses tattoo identification.** We appreciate your time and cooperation in this matter.

**MSFGA Shows:** If you are interested in putting on a show, you will be able to get all the information, forms and requirements off of the MSFGA website. **Please be sure to read the Rules and Regulations for Sanctioned Shows before applying for show sanctioning as it will answer a lot of your questions and give you information that you might not have thought of otherwise.** To see a current list of MSFGA sanctioned shows for 2014, please visit the Upcoming Shows page on the website.

An MSFGA sanctioned show where there are a minimum of two farms exhibiting will be a qualifying Championship show. Each Grand Champion win, where at least 10 Mini Silkies were entered in each of the junior divisions and at least 5 Mini Silkies were entered in each of the senior divisions, qualifies as a leg toward a Master Champion. The Best in Show win, where at least 10 Mini Silkies were entered in the show, will qualify as a leg toward a Master Champion only if the winning Mini Silky did not qualify out of its own division. A Mini Silky can only earn one Champion leg per show. Three Champion Legs, awarded from at least 2 different judges, with at least one leg earned at 18 months or older, qualifies a Mini Silky for Master Champion Status. Master Champions can continue to compete at MSFGA shows, but will be entered in the Best in Show class rather than the regular division classes.

Thank you to all the Mini Silky breeders who supported and exhibited in the shows in your areas. You took advantage of a great opportunity to promote not only the Mini Silky breed, but also your farm and breeding program, giving your Mini Silkies exposure to the public and potential buyers. The Top Winning Mini Silky of the Year challenge has really taken off and we had many talented Mini Silky breeders competing for this honor in 2015. Only one Mini Silky can achieve this award in a calendar year and it is an impressive way to promote your farms and breeding programs. For those of you who didn't make it to a show this past year, you should start to plan now to show next year and don't forget to read and familiarize yourselves with the rules and regulations for sanctioned shows, they are important to all concerned and will give you a better understanding of what to expect.

The MSFGA would like to congratulate the 2015 Top Winning Mini Silky of the year. This award was calculated by awarding points to the Best in Show winner, equal to the number of animals defeated in the regular classes in the show, excluding Wether entries. This is a calendar year award and was awarded to the animal with highest number of points from all shows during the year. The MSFGA Hall of Fame will list these award winners for each calendar year.

**The Top Winning Mini Silky of 2015**  
**MCH Randolph's Hemingway**



*Photo courtesy of Suzy Foster*

**Nine Best in Shows for a Total of 522 points**  
**Bred and owned by Randolph's Mini Hoof Farm**

The MSFGA would also like to congratulate the 2015 Top Winning Mini Silky Wether of the year. This award was calculated by awarding points to the Best Wether in Show, equal to the number of Wethers defeated in the show. This is a calendar year award and will be awarded to the animal with highest number of points from all shows during the year. The MSFGA Hall of Fame will list these award winners for each calendar year.

**The Top Winning Mini Silky Wether of 2015**  
**Westwind Acres Pascal**



Photo courtesy of Triple A Acres

**Eleven Best Wether in Shows for a total of 11 points – Bred by Westwind Acres,  
Owned by Triple A Acres.**

The awards above are just icing on the cake and only one of the many rewards obtained from showing and promoting Mini Silkies. I would like to thank everyone for their support and participation in making this year one of outstanding growth. I look forward to serving you in 2016 and having another great year. Happy Holidays to all.

Sincerely,

Renee R Orr  
Registrar