



Miniature Silky Fainting Goat Association



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Dear MSFGA breeders & enthusiasts,

Well another year is about to come to a close and it's time for the MSFGA to update all of you on what has been happening in the world of Mini Silkies and what will be new for 2017. I hope everyone had a good kidding year and had a lot of interested buyers to sell to. We are regularly adding new farms and the numbers of registrations are continuing to grow. The participation in our show program has been fantastic with new as well as established exhibitors enthusiastically showing their Mini Silkies.

Year-End Statistics: Since last year's report, we added 654 animals to the data base: 602 registered animals, 35 foundation approved animals and 17 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.) Forty four new farms registered their herd names since the last report. There are currently 5608 animals in the data base along with 412 registered herd names. We had 37 sanctioned shows: 6 shows in Virginia, 6 shows in Michigan, 4 in Indiana, 2 in California, 7 in Iowa, 6 in Utah and 6 in Texas; with more shows scheduled for 2017. 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 185 Master Champions with 28 new Master Champions added to the records for 2016. 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.

At the bottom of the home page I always have the **current tattoo letters for the present year and for 2 years prior**, so if you need that information this is the place to look for it.

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**. You can also find the **Services and Fees** on the printable information page.

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: There will be some fees changes that will start late 2016 as the expense of mailing and processing paperwork continues to rise. All fees will remain the same except for foundation applications which will go up in **December 1st of 2016**.

We are producing some extraordinary Mini Silkies now and have a pretty diverse gene pool. For those reasons and because of the expense and time of processing foundation applications through the committee, the prices for foundation applications will go up as follows; foundation applications for does will now cost **\$40** and foundation applications for bucks will go up to **\$50** effective **December 1st, 2016**.

This fee will cover cost of processing and mailing information to the committee members and mailing reports back to the office as well as mailing out the reports and certificates for animals submitted back to the owners. These fees are for processing, evaluating and considering an animal for foundation status, not necessarily for registering the animals and therefore the fees are non-refundable regardless of the outcome of the committee's report.

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.

Foundation Applications: We will be getting tougher on what we accept as foundation animals. We have been more particular about accepting bucks and a little more lenient on does for the past few years, now we are going to get more particular about the does we accept also. Does with just a little bit of skirting in the rear will no longer make the grade. Does submitted for foundation status should have consistent long hair over most of the body to be considered acceptable now. Remember your fees are non-refundable and if you submit a doe with just rear skirting she will be denied foundation status and you will not be able to recoup your money. You will get a detailed report and score sheet on your animal regardless of whether it is accepted or not.

The tattoo letter for 2017 is "J". All Mini Silky kids born on or after January 1, 2017 should have a left ear tattoo that begins with "J" 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.

New and Effective Immediately: The MSFGA will now accept applications for registration of kids that were conceived by artificial insemination as well as a natural breeding. Please indicate on the updated registration application if the breeding was done naturally or by artificial insemination.

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.

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 2016. 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 consider to start planning 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.

Here is some information sent to me by Pam Engel of Mulberry Meadows. I hope you will find it helpful. "I wanted to share some information about a preventative that I used this year. Ever since I started breeding Silkies, I have had big problems with my kids getting coccidiosis, and was spending a lot of money and time on treatment. I never had a year where my kids did not get it. Anyway, this year I gave a single treatment to every kid, at 20 days of age, of toltrazuril at a rate of 1 cc per 5 pounds, and out of 24 kids, I did not have a single case of coccidiosis. The bottle cost around \$60, and I still have 1/2 a bottle left.

I bought it from racehorsemeds.com and I used Toltrazuril Oral Suspension 5% 200 ml Baycox. It is \$49.95. and like I said, after treating 24 kids, I have a lot left. There is quite a bit of info online from people who use it. I read some research and decided to try giving it at 20 days of age because it said it took 3 weeks after exposure for kids to get diarrhea. My kids were getting at between 4 and 6 weeks of age. This drug is not effective once kids have diarrhea. You have to give it before symptoms show, and apparently it kills the coccidia. It doesn't just treat symptoms. The results were just so amazing, I had to share."

Pam

The MSFGA would like to congratulate the 2016 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. This is MCH Randolph's Hemingway's second year in a row to win this award.

The Top Winning Mini Silky of 2016 MCH Randolph's Hemingway



Photo courtesy of Suzy Foster

**Nine Best in Shows for a Total of 569 points
Bred and owned by Randolph's Mini Hoof Farm**

The MSFGA would also like to congratulate the 2016 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 2016 Triple A Acres Maximus



Photo courtesy of Midwest Mini Silky Shows
Six Best Wether in Shows for a total of 13 points
Bred and 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