



# Miniature Silky Fainting Goat Association



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Dear MSFGA breeders & enthusiasts,

**Well another year is about to end** and here are a few MSFGA facts, awards, rules and regulations that you will want to know about in the coming year. I hope all of you had a good kidding year and had a lot of interested buyers to sell to. We are consistently adding new farms and the numbers of registrations are continuing to grow. The participation in our show program has been amazing with new as well as established exhibitors enthusiastically showing their Mini Silkies in record numbers.

**Year-End Statistics:** Since last year's report, we added 745 animals to the data base: 709 registered animals, 22 foundation approved animals and 14 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 new farms registered their herd names since the last report. There are currently 7167 animals in the data base along with 517 registered herd names. We had 45 sanctioned shows in 2018: 6 shows in Virginia, 6 shows in Ohio, 6 in Indiana, 4 in MD, 4 in PA, 3 in California, 4 in Iowa, 6 in Utah and 6 in Texas; with more shows scheduled for 2019. We now have 266 Master Champions with 35 new Master Champions added to the records for 2018. 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 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.** The website address is [msfgaregistry.org](http://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 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.

**Fee Changes:** There will be no fee changes this year. 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. Giving buyers an application for registration does not qualify as registering an animal, so it will not keep you on the breeders list... you must register a goat yourself to remain on the breeders' webpage.

**Applications for Registration:** If you buy an animal from a breeder and you are given an application for registration you must pay \$10 to register the goat and then an additional \$5 to have that goat transferred into your name in the data base, for a total of \$15 per animal. Applications for registration without the proper fees included or that does not include a picture of the goat to be registered **will be** returned to sender, no exceptions.

**If you want to email photos for registration:** Please email one goat's picture per email with the goat's registered name in the subject line of the email. This will help simplify what picture goes with each application. Plus, if you are sending multiple applications in to be processed having the name in the subject line of the email helps me easily find the picture for that application. **Your photos should be emailed to me the day that you put your applications in the mail so that the photos are in the office when your applications arrive.** This will help expedite everyone's paperwork. I will no longer be emailing or calling to prompt you to send a picture. **Applications sent in with no pictures will be returned to sender, no exceptions.** Thank you in advance for your help in this matter

**The tattoo letter for 2019 is "L".** All Mini Silky kids born on or after January 1, 2019 should have a left ear tattoo that begins with "L" followed by a number. If you are using a microchip or scrapie tag for identification instead of tattooing, PLEASE assign tattoo information too in case your animal is sold to someone who prefers to use tattoos. If you are using microchips it's your responsibility, not the state vets, to have a reader to identify your goats. At the bottom of the home webpage 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. If you have other questions please feel free to contact me either by email or phone, I will help in anyway that I can.

The MSFGA would like to congratulate the 2018 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 2018**  
**MCH Flying J Dream Weaver**



*Photo courtesy of Yellow Rose of Texas Mini Silky Shows*  
**Eight Best in Shows for a Total of 825 points**  
**Bred and owned by Flying J Fainters**

The MSFGA would also like to congratulate the 2018 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 2018 Signature's Thomas



Photo courtesy of Midwest Mini Silky Shows

**Eleven Best Wether in Shows for a total of 57 points  
Bred by Signature and owned by KE Paradys.**

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 2019 and having another great year. Happy Holidays to all.

Sincerely,

Renee R Orr  
Registrar