



Miniature Silky Fainting Goat Association

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Hello Mini Silky Breeders,

The year 2020 is coming to an end and as we prepare for 2021 here are a few MSFGA facts, awards, rules and regulations that you will want to know about in the coming year. We are consistently adding new farms and the numbers of registrations are growing steadily. 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 999 animals to the data base: 986 registered animals, 11 foundation approved animals and 2 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 9255 animals in the data base along with 634 registered herd names. In spite of the COVID-19 virus, we had 44 sanctioned shows in 2020: 6 shows in Ohio, 6 in Indiana, 6 in Arizona, 6 in Idaho, 6 in Kansas and 8 in Pennsylvania and 6 in Texas; with many more shows scheduled for 2021. We now have 347 Master Champions with 35 new Master Champions added to the records for 2020. 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. 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.** Transfer of ownership fee is \$5 whether the animal is registered or not.

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.

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. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter

The tattoo letter for 2021 is "N". All Mini Silky kids born on or after January 1, 2021 should have a left ear tattoo that begins with "N" 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. On the MSFGA website at the bottom of the home webpage I 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 'm here to help in any way that I can.

There is a change (clarification) to the rules and regulations for Sanctioned Shows for 2021. This change will affect those entering 2 simultaneous shows which is most of us. If you are entering 2 shows to be run simultaneously, you are obligated to show your goats through both shows. If you finish a doe or buck in the first set of Grand and Reserve Grand Championship competition, you still must compete in the second set of Grand and Reserve Grand Champion competition. You cannot pull your goat and move 2nd up to 1st to compete for you. You must stay in the show and compete as you did in the first show provided you won first place in your class for the second show. You can only pull your goat from that competition if your goat becomes ill or lame, otherwise you must compete. The wording in Section 6.6 has been changed to better explain the advanced competition and hopefully to clear up any confusion concerning this matter.

6.6. Advanced Competition Levels – An animal shall continue to compete at each consecutive level until it has been defeated. An animal that fails to compete at the next level will forfeit all previous wins and awards (Refer to **Section Error! Reference source not found.**). If the first-place animal in a class cannot compete due to illness or lameness in the Grand Champion class, the second-place animal will move up to first place and the third-place animal will move up to second place for Grand Champion competition. If a division Grand Champion cannot compete due to illness or lameness in the Best in Show class, it will forfeit its Grand Champion win and ribbons and the Reserve Grand Champion will move up to Grand Champion in that division and compete in its place in the Best in Show competition.

Information about payment to MSFGA for Canada Breeders. The Post Offices in Canada no longer issue money orders to the US. You can send money to Renee Orr in VA at either by MoneyGram or Western Union. You can send money online or you can do a search and find out which retail stores offer these services and send money from there. I will be able to pick the money up here from local retail stores here in VA. Let me know if you have any questions. US breeders can also use these payment methods if you would like to.

The MSFGA would like to congratulate the 2020 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 2020
MCH Hootnanny Acres Dr Zeuss



Photo courtesy of the Midway USA Mini Silky Shows
Twenty Best in Shows for a Total of 1880 points
Bred by Hootnanny Acres and owned by 5M Mini Farm

The MSFGA would also like to congratulate the 2020 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 2020
Flying J Magic Mike



Photo courtesy of the Midwest Mini Silky Shows

Eleven Best Wether in Shows for a total of 56 points
Bred by Flying J Fainters and owned by Full Circle.

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 2020 and having another great year. Happy Holidays to all.

Sincerely,

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