



Miniature Silky Fainting Goat Association

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Greetings Mini Silky Breeders,

The year 2022 is ending and now we are looking forward to a new and exciting year in 2023. 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 remarkable with new as well as established exhibitors enthusiastically showing their Mini Silkies in record numbers.

Year-End Statistics: There are currently 11799 animals in the data base along with 957 registered herd names. We had 74 sanctioned shows in 2021: 6 shows in OH, 6 in IN, 12 in MD, 6 in AZ, 6 in ID, 14 in OK, 9 in KS, 2 in CA and 13 in Texas; with many shows being scheduled now for 2023. We now have 471 Master Champions with 64 new Master Champions added to the records for 2022. Congratulation to all 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 registration fee changes this year. There are some fee changes for Show Sanction applications but otherwise, 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 \$12 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 \$17 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 processed.**

If you want to email photos for registration: **Please send one goat's picture per email with the goat's registration 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.** Please email photos to msfgaregistry@gmail.com. This will help expedite everyone's paperwork. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter

The tattoo letter for 2023 is "R". All Mini Silky kids born on or after January 1, 2023 should have a left ear tattoo that begins with "R" 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 3 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.

Information about payment to MSFGA for Canada Breeders. The Post Offices in Canada no longer issue money orders to the US. But I understand that the Post Office will do a MoneyGram for you to the US. You can send money to Renee Orr in VA 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 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 now accepts PayPal please send payment to msfgaregistry@gmail.com.**

Miniature Silky Fainting Goats New MSFGA Show Sanctioning fees and rules

For those who have in the past and those who may be interested in the future hosting MSFGA sanctioned shows there has been a few changes in deadline requirements and fees.

For those who have been hosting and those who want to start hosting shows as long as you get your show sanction applications postmarked within 60 days of your proposed show date(s) along with your judges assignments and a class schedule there will be no changes in the fees, it will be \$50 per show. However, if you should miss the 60-day deadline but still wish to host a show, you may do so at \$100 per show as long as you have your show sanction applications along with judges assignments and a class schedule postmarked prior to 45 days of your proposed show date(s). Finally, if you miss the 45-day deadline, there is one more chance at getting MSFGA show sanctioning for your shows at \$150 per show provided you can get the show sanction application, judges assignments and a class schedule postmarked 30 days prior to your proposed show date(s). Those who miss the 45 day deadline must use judges from the judges list, new judges will not be accepted for these shows. There will be no MSFGA sanctions provided for shows after the 30-day deadline to have your show sanction applications postmarked.

Another change will concern the judges for the shows. If the show superintendents choose a judge from the MSFGA judges list, you will no longer need a signed contract from that judge but you will still need to provide the MSFGA office with Judge's information for your shows. You may still choose a judge, that has judging experience but is not on the judges list, but they must sign an MSFGA judge's contract and submit it to the MSFGA office at least 30 days prior to the show dates. The show superintendent shall provide a \$25 sponsor fee for any judge that is not on the judges list.

Renee R Orr
Registrar

The MSFGA would like to congratulate the 2022 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 2022
MCH Hootnanny Acres Juke Box



Photo courtesy of the Rocky Mountain Mini Silky Shows
Fourteen Best in Shows for a Total of 1180 points
Bred by Hootnanny Acres and owned by Cache Kids

The MSFGA would also like to congratulate the 2022 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 2022
Bells Goats Kashes Thor



Photo courtesy of the Rocky Mountain Mini Silky Show
Eight Best Wether in Shows for a total of 38 points
Bred by Bells Goats and owned by Dry Desert Silkies

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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