



Miniature Silky Fainting Goat Association

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Greetings Mini Silky Breeders,

Now that 2024 is winding down, it's time to look forward to a new and exciting year in 2025. Here are a few MSFGA facts, awards, rules, fee changes 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 significant with new as well as established exhibitors enthusiastically showing their Mini Silkies in record numbers.

Year-End Statistics: There are currently 13977 animals in the database along with 1083 registered herd names. We had 86 sanctioned shows in 2024 with many shows being scheduled now for 2025. We now have 635 Master Champions with 76 new Master Champions added to the records for 2024. Congratulations 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 as some of them will be changing this coming year.

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

Fee Changes: **There will be some registration 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 the registration fee to register the goat and then an additional \$5 to have that goat transferred into your name in the database. **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 **cannot 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 2025 is "T". All Mini Silky kids born on or after January 1, 2025, should have a left ear tattoo that begins with "T" 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. 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.**

The ideal size for our Mini Silkies may be implemented in 2026 at our shows. The allowed size may be eliminated for show goats. Are you working on reducing the height in your Herd? You still have another year to do it.

New Fee Changes for registrations

There will be some changes to the registration fees this coming year. **Registration fees for animals up to 1 year of age will cost \$15 per animal. Animals over 1 year to 2 years will cost \$20 and animals over 2 years will cost \$25.**

Foundation applications will be handled differently. We have nearly 14,000 registered animals in the database now. Foundation animals will still be considered by Renee Orr, Registrar, there is no foundation committee any longer. We are not encouraging foundation animals anymore but if you have an animal that you think is really good and represents the standard then you can submit that animal for an evaluation. If that animal accumulates enough points to qualify for registration, then it can be registered at an additional cost. It will cost \$50 to get your animal evaluated. This will include a score sheet and a report with observations and remarks on the animal. If that animal scores high enough to be registered, then you may have it registered with an additional fee of \$50. If your animal does not qualify, you will still get the score sheet with the observations and remarks but will not be able to register your animal. If you have questions, please contact me.

Transfer fees will remain at \$5 provided you have the transfer recorded with the MSFGA within a year of the transfer date. Once the transfer date is over a year the fee goes up to \$10. Transfer fees are required whether the animal is registered or not.

Priority mail will go up to \$15 with a tracking number. All other fees will remain unchanged.

Miniature Silky Fainting Goats New MSFGA Show Sanctioning fees and rules

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 fail to get the judges and their assigned show in before 60 days, you will have to pay an additional \$50 for that show in order to keep the sanctioning. If you should miss the 60-day deadline but still wish to host a set of shows, you may do so at \$100 per show if 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). All the judges' assignments must be in before the 45-day deadline or extra fees will be added. 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 no later than 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 concerns 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 within the deadline date for the show sanctioning fee you applied for. The show superintendent shall provide a \$25 sponsor fee for any judge that is not on the judges list. You can find these changes in sections 2.2.2 and 2.2.6 of the Show Rules and Regulations Version 1.8.

Renee R Orr
Registrar

The MSFGA would like to congratulate the 2024 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 the 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 2024
MCH Hill Co Mini's Bodacious



Eleven Best in Shows for a Total of 1045 points
Bred and owned by Hill Co Minis

The MSFGA would also like to congratulate the 2024 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 the 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 2024
Hootnanny Acres Chesterfield



Eight Best Wether in Shows for a total of 42 points
Bred by Hootnanny Acres and owned by Dry Dessert 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 2025 and having another great year. Happy Holidays to all.

Sincerely,

Renee R Orr
Registrar