



Myotonic Goat Registry  
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## Explanation of Registration Form & Fee Schedule

Goats are registered on the basis of trusting the truthfulness and high ethics of goat owners and goat breeders. Each breeder is responsible for his or her own reputation, and the reputation of the goats. Please read through this explanation of the registration form so that the registry gets the information it needs in order to safeguard the treasure that this breed is.

Current owners name (this is generally the one applying for the registration) and address, etc. are self-explanatory. The Myotonic Goat Registry issues the Breeder ID number so that breeders can be easily tracked. Make sure you sign the application.

The animal's name needs to include the animal's unique name and/or number followed by the breeder's MGR herd suffix. Example: Mr. Big Stuff ABC. The breeder's farm/ranch name may be included before the animal's unique name and/or number if one so chooses. Please note: the owner of the Dam at the time of breeding will be considered the breeder of the offspring.

Date of Birth (if known), Number in Birth along with Number of Bucks and/or Does (if known) and Sex are self-explanatory. Date of Birth and Number in Birth can be listed as "unk" for unknown.

The Purebred or Percent Myotonic sections allow for the tracking of goats that are known to have a percentage of outside breeding. This allows these goats to be identified, and prevents their being sold as purebreds. Goats must be at least 50% or more myotonic to be registered with the MGR in the crossbred section of the registry. The pedigree on crossbred goats should show a progressive upward trend in the purebred percentage thereafter. Goats that are 15/16<sup>th</sup> or more purebred are considered purebred.

USDA Premises ID #, USDA Scrapie tag #, Microchip #, General Ear Tag #, and/or tattoos should be filled in as applicable to the goat. The Myotonic Goat Registry does not require either a tattoo or scrapie tag, nor does it require a USDA Premises ID, microchip, or general ear tag. However, the USDA has mandated that all goats that are moved from the owner's property have a scrapie tag, or in the case that the animal is registered a tattoo with a copy of the registration papers accompanying the animal.

The myotonic condition this breed carries relates to its *myotonia congenita*, which is an essential portion of the breed type. The myotonic condition varies by degree; use the following guide to fill in the Degree of Myotonia line using the numbers 1 through 6:

1. Never observed to stiffen, but other type traits are consistent as is pedigree.
2. Very rarely stiffens, never falls.
3. Stiffens only occasionally, and rarely falls.
4. Walks normally with no swivel. The rear limbs lock up readily, the forelimbs less so, and goats with this degree of stiffness rarely fall to the ground.
5. Animal walks relatively normally, although somewhat stiff in rear and with a swivel at the hip. Readily stiffens when startled or stepping over a barrier.
6. Animal always moves stiffly to some degree, and readily becomes "locked up" when startled or stepping over a low barrier.

The Myotonic Line helps to identify the main different branches of the Myotonic goat family tree. If a goat is known to have only Tennessee breeding, then this should be listed as "Tennessee." If a goat has only Texas breeding, then this should also be listed. Goats that are bred specifically for small size should be listed as "mini." Many goats are a combination of these branches of the family tree, and in that case leave these blank unless the animal is predominantly only one of the types of breeding.

Goats are born either horned or polled (hornless), and horned goats can be disbudded, which means they've had their horns removed, please complete this section as it applies to the goat. When describing Eye Color be precise but not fancy. Use words like marbled or specked only when needed.

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While it may seem like a minor issue to some, receipt of non-sufficient fund (NSF) checks is a time consuming and costly issue. To manage this process the MGR will begin using FARS (Federal Automated Recovery System) immediately. FARS utilizes the federal and state laws allowing the electronic recovery process of NSF checks. When you provide a check as payment, you authorize the MGR either to use information from the check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. You authorize the collection of a fee through an electronic fund transfer from your account if your payment is returned unpaid. Checks must include: Drivers License #, Full Name, Street Address, Phone Numbers.



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Hair Length can vary greatly within the breed and though this is an optional section it helps better identify the goat within the breed. Short hair is short in length, generally laying flat against the body producing a sleek and smooth coat. Medium hair is medium in length, generally flows from the body as opposed to lying flat, and often gives the goat a shaggy looking appearance. Long hair is long in length, hair flows downward from the body; it is so long that it does not give the animal a shaggy appearance, and often times the hair nears the ground. Skirting is used to describe normal shorthaired goats that have much longer haired areas, generally around the back and/or front legs.

Color and Description helps to identify the goat. Be complete but not too detailed. It is useful to list the colors present somewhat in the order of their amount. A goat that is "black, tan, and white" and a goat that is "white, red, and black" are both tri-colored goats, but look very different. The goal is to try to reflect the goat's overall color. If the goat has a peculiar marking then that can be listed as well.

Sire's Registered Name and Dam's Registered name are self-explanatory. The sire and dam's MGR registration numbers must be filled in along with their name. If applicable don't forget to include the completed Breeding Memo or AI memo.

Listing the bloodline or source of animals that are not from a registered background helps to track the source and origin of the breed for future generations. If a breeder and town or county are known, then please list these. If your goat's heritage is known and you'd like to preserve its existing lineage within the MGR database please feel free to do so by submitting any pertinent information you would like to have recorded.

The photograph helps to identify the goat in the event that the goat ends up separated from its registration papers. The goat being registered should appear clearly visible in the photo with the most identifiable side of the goat shown. Photo should be approximately 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" in order to fit on the registration certificate. **If using digital photography and printing them yourself use quality photo paper in gloss or semi gloss so as to retain image clarity for many years.**

**Deceased goats.** When you have a MGR registered goat pass away, please e-mail, call, or write the MGR to let us know, this will help us to maintain a more accurate database. Please include the goat's registration number and date of death with your correspondence; we do not need you to return your registration paper.

#### **Schedule of Fees (January 1, 2008):**

##### **Annual Assessment Fee - \$24.00**

There is no fee to list your herd suffix. It will remain with you as long as your annual assessment of \$24 (twenty four dollars) is met on January 1st each year. To figure your fee if applying after February 1st of any year, multiply \$2.00 by the number of months left in the year. You will be invoiced in November for the next year's breeder fee.

**Registration Fee - \$8.00 per goat      Correction Fee - \$7.00      Extended Pedigree - \$7.00**

You must have an active Breeder Number with the Myotonic Goat Registry to register a goat or obtain a replacement registration.

##### **Replacement Registrations due to loss - \$7.00**

Replacement registrations must include a signed statement by the registered owner of the goat explaining why a replacement is required, two photos, one of each side, along with replacement fee.

##### **Transfer Fee - \$6.00**

Parties must have active Breeder Numbers with the Myotonic Goat Registry to transfer a goat.

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