

HOW TO TRANSFER & REGISTER YOUR CASHMERE GOATS

Should I transfer ownership and register my goat?

This decision is up to you! There are three good reasons to transfer and register your goat. 1) If you plan to breed cashmere goats, 2) If you plan to enter in competitions, 3) If you will do any interstate travel a registration certificate is sometimes required.



You will need:

- Membership with the Cashmere Goat Association (CGA)
- Herd Code Assignment
- A sample of cashmere for fiber testing OR;
- All the fiber you brushed from your goat

How to transfer ownership:

1. **Complete the Membership Application** found on cashmeregoatassociation.org
2. **Ask for a herd code** by emailing CGA (see instructions on the next page).
3. **Receive your login information** for CGA's registration site which is found at cashmeregoatassociation.info. This is referred to as 'the database' on their website.
4. **If you purchased a goat from us, it is already entered and listed on the website.** Email us with your herd code & farm name and we will make the transfer. There is no transfer fee at this time.
5. Under Goat Maintenance, click on "Update a Goat" to see all the goats you own.

How to complete registration of your goat:

6. **Complete all the above steps first.**
7. **Wait.** Your goat needs to grow cashmere first! Full registration can only be achieved through verification of cashmere quality in one of two ways:
 - Send a sample of the cashmere to Texas A&M Bill Sims Wool & Mohair Research Laboratory.
 - Mail the cashmere as an entry to the biennial Cashmere Goat Association fleece competition.
8. **Upload the evaluation.** Click on "Add Evaluation for Registry Candidate" and select the show or lab. You will need to upload a copy of the scorecard or lab report. CGA will then certify the information and assign a registration number. Under the heading "For Farmers" there is a link to retrieve the certificate of registration.

Detailed Information

You may have additional questions about the above steps and this section provides additional details. We are happy to answer any additional questions through email.

Herd Codes

Herd codes are unique codes, 2 to 5 characters long, that identify cashmere goat farms. Herd codes, along with a name or number assigned by the breeder when a goat is born, uniquely identify a goat throughout its life. Even if a goat is sold to another farm, it retains the herd code from its farm of origin. Herd codes are required when a goat is entered in a show or competition and they are required for goats submitted to the Cashmere Goat Database. On the CGA Cashmere Goat Database site you may display the list of herd codes, search for information on a specific code or farm, add a new herd code, and make changes to your own farm information. CGA is happy to receive your requests for new herd codes, and we will add them to the list. If you wish to get a new herd code, please email Pam Haendle at hermitpond@gmail.com with the following information:

- Proposed herd code:
- Farm name:
- Farm address:
- Farm owner(s):
- Phone numbers – land line and mobile:
- Email address for each farm owner :
- Farm website:

For example, Nordic Horn has a herd code of NORH and when a goat is bred by us or is born on our farm its name is NORH [GOAT NAME], such as NORH Redhar.

Competitions

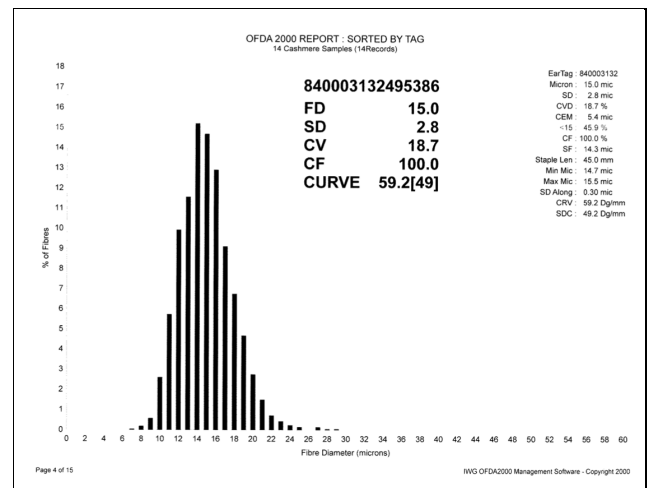
Competitions are a great way to receive feedback on your cashmere and qualify for registration. For the purposes of registration we currently only recommend entering fleeces into the Cashmere Goat Association competition, which is currently only held every other year. The opposite year is hosted by the NWCA and historically has not met the requirements for CGA registration.

Entering is simple! You must complete steps 1 - 5 from the previous page. When the competition is announced you will

be able to fill out a form, put all the cashmere you brushed from your goat in a 2 gallon ziplock bag, and mail it to the competition. You shouldn't do anything to what you collected. Don't wash it, remove guard hairs, or skirt it (skirting means to take out what you believe is lower quality areas/fiber). But do take out debris such as a little bits of bedding or feed. Entrance fees are reasonable at about \$10 per goat and includes your cashmere being shipped back to you. Competitions are usually in October and you will receive your cashmere back in November. When you receive your cashmere back it will have a scorecard which can be uploaded to the CGA database, and after review your goat will be registered.

Fiber Testing

Fiber testing involves cutting or shaving a small square of hair and cashmere from the goat and mailing that sample to a laboratory. You will want to do this between December and March when the cashmere is fully grown out. At the present time there is only one lab in the U.S. You will want to submit your sample to Texas A&M Bill Sims Wool & Mohair Research Laboratory. The cost is minimal, under \$10. Results will be sent back to you with a diagram and data points.



To understand if your goat will qualify for registration you can read through the North American Cashmere Goat Standard on CGA's website.

After you have received this report you can submit it to CGA for certification.

Texas A&M Bill Sims Wool & Mohair Research Laboratory

<https://sanangelo.tamu.edu/bsl/cashmere/>

This information was last updated on April 15, 2021. The registration of cashmere goats is a new process and information may change. For the latest information always check the Cashmere Goat Association website or email us to see if there is an updated version of this article.