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MEAT GOAT  
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## About the CMGA

In 1992, an enterprising group of Canadian entrepreneurs was instrumental in the importation of Boer goat embryos into Canada from New Zealand and France, and later directly from South Africa. On November 27, 1993, the Canadian Boer Goat Association was formed through an ad hoc process involving 7 charter members. On October 10, 1995, this Association was officially incorporated by Agriculture Canada under the Animal Pedigree Act, with official by-law approval coming on January 3, 1996. This approval provided sole authority as the only association approved to register Boer and Boer cross goats in Canada. The newly incorporated association, which had begun its registration process under the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, moved to Canadian Beef Improvement Inc., and eventually began self-registry out of the Association office in Glenwood, AB, Canada.

From the very incorporation of the Association, the requirement was put in place for mandatory DNA sampling on every purebred registration. The purpose of this was to build a data bank of DNA from which a program of random parentage verification testing could

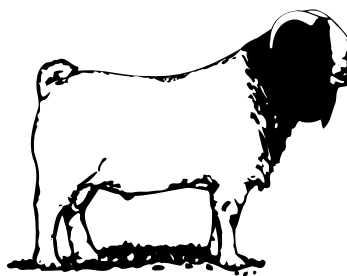
be based. Presently, random testing is done on 1% of all purebred registrations submitted. The Canadian Boer Goat Association is the only Boer goat association in the world to have such a program, which is designed to maintain the integrity of Canadian Boer goat pedigrees.

The first CBGA-sponsored Boer Goat Sale was held in November of 1998 in connection with the Boer Goat Show at the Canadian Western Agribition in Regina, SK. Sanctioned shows with Canadian Boer Goat approved judges were started in 1999 with the first in July 1999 at Yorkton, SK. The Association has a judges training program to develop Canadian judges across the country.

In 2001, the Association office was relocated to eastern Ontario, and bilingual services became available to Francophone producers. Since then, the Association has been working hard to offer all of its written materials, including the quarterly Canadian Meat Goat Journal and the

web site, in both official languages.

In 2004, the membership of the CBGA voted to change its name to the Canadian Meat Goat Association and to expand its mandate to the broader meat goat industry in Canada. Since then, the Association has



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been developing educational and marketing tools for both commercial meat goat and purebred seed stock producers.

Other activities include: a youth program, a buck test station, and representation at agricultural events across the country. The Association's Annual General Meeting is held early in the calendar year, and alternates between western and eastern Canada.

The Association owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the early pioneers of the Boer goat industry in Canada. Untold hours of volunteer labor and expense were donated to establish an organization and structure upon which to build the future industry. To this day, the Association depends on the commitment of its volunteer Board and committee members, who keep its many programs running.

### MISSION

The Canadian Meat Goat Association supports the development of a profitable meat goat breeding stock and meat industry in Canada by providing animal registration, member education and industry promotion for the membership and by partnering in research and market expansion.

### VISION

A long term profitable Canadian meat goat industry where dairy, fibre and meat interests work together locally, provincially and nationally for the growth and development of the meat goat industry.

### PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Association is the establishment of breeding standards, the keeping of pedigree records and the registration of Boer goats in Canada.

Further purposes of the Association shall be:

- to promote Boer goats as a long term, stable source of income in a diversified farming and ranching economy
- to improve Boer goat genetics by identifying superior performance
- to encourage the improvement of meat goats in general
- to enhance consumer demand for chevon (goat meat) at the retail level



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