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On behalf of the Committee and members of

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and a really great 2023

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

MOHAIR AUSTRALIA—AGM

There are big changes anticipated for Mohair Australia Ltd which includes many changes to the Constitution as we know it.

The Mohair Australia Annual Report as recently posted to members contains the draft MAL constitution and Rules and Regulations to replace the M & A’s and bylaws of the company.

Please take the time to look through these proposed changes. One of the many proposed changes will be the closing of Regions, which includes the Hunter Region.

We will know more about our future after the Annual General Meeting to be held in Narrandera on Friday 25th November. See back page for details.

AMMO Sale

The next sale of mohair at AMMO (Australian Mohair Marketing Organisation) will be held on the 25th November before the AGM. See Page 5.

If you have mohair to send from the Hunter Region to AMMO please contact Sandie Smith on 4938 7536 or email to inwood-s@bigpond.net.au.



MOHAIR CLASSING and PREPARATION

Classing Standards

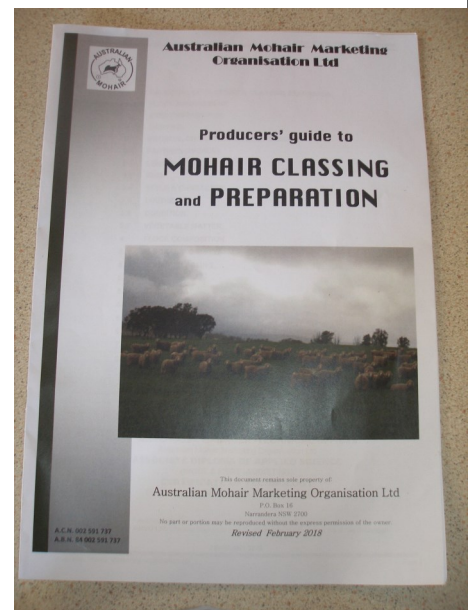
Please note changes have been made to:

- Page 5 Skirting description of FCOT is now FSCOT
- Page 12 Cots description of FCOT is now FSCOT
- Page 14 Out sorts description of FCOT is now FSCOT

A copy of the Standards can be downloaded from AMMO website

<http://ausmohair.com.au/mohair-preperation/mohair-classing/>

or AMMO can send you out a copy and a length card to use in the shed when you’re classing.



Mohair Australia Website
Head Office email:

www.mohair.com.au
mohair@mohair.org.au

Presidents Report

The last few months have been very busy on the farm, we have 39 new kids on the ground.

The rain has slowed for us here on the coast, not so for those further south and out west.

The AMMO Auction is being held on Friday November 25th at Narrandera. I do hope that a good price is achieved for all those that have fiber in the sale.

Mohair Australia and AMMO are also holding their AGMs after the Auction.

Mohair Australia Board have put a new Constitution forward to be voted on at the meeting. If you are unable to attend and wish to have your say, please put your proxy vote in through someone who is attending.

Wishing you all a very happy, safe and Merry Christmas, with family and friends.

Jennifer Readford



AMMO SALE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 25th November, 2022

Thursday 24th November	6.30pm Dinner at the Lazy Lizard Restaurant, Narrandera \$30.00 per person, (set menu)
Friday 25th November	Narrandera Depot, River Street, Narrandera
	10am Dr. M Playford, guest speaker on Parasites
	Narrandera Ex-Servicemen's Club, Bolton St, Narrandera
	11.30am B2022 mohair Auction
	12.30pm Lunch
	2.00 pm ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
	3.00pm Mohair Australia Ltd AGM

Enquires to admin@ausmohair.com.au

Phone: 02 6959 2988

SAYINGS “POP GOES THE WEASEL”

A “WEASEL” IS USED TO MEASURE YARN INTO SKEINS.

It is also called a clock reel.

Forty turns of the weasel’s wheel equalled a skein.

There was a notched metal disc in the wheel, and forty notches to save counting the revolutions.

On the fortieth turn a block fell into place, preventing the wheel from turning.

It is also called a spinners weazel.

Hence one of the many interpretations of

.... **“Pop goes the weasel”**.



MOHAIR REPORT

For more information

Visit AMMO website
www.ausmohair.com.au

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WEAVING TYPE MOHAIR

Mohair producers are now able to have their angora goats assessed for inclusion in a special line of weaving quality mohair.

This mohair will be handled through AMMO.

More information is available from AMMO or by contacting

G T Ferreira on fgtaus@bigpond.com

WATER CONSUMPTION FOR GOATS

Clean water should be readily accessible to goats.

The amount of water drunk depends upon the dry matter content of feed eaten and surface moisture available from rain or dew, body weight of goats and production level, especially of lactating goats. A goat in full lactation may consume up to 10 litres of water per day; this intake may double if the temperature exceeds 40°C.

Water quality (salinity, taste, temperature) can adversely affect intake. Goats may adapt to high salt levels (>5000 mg/L) but generally prefer saline levels less than 2000 mg/L.

Ref: “*Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals – The Goat*”

WATER SUPPLIES

It is important to provide weaners with the best water available, preferable in troughs. If you have a reticulated supply, the rate of flow is more important than the length of your trough.

The amount of water a goat will drink in one day depends on the temperature and the amount of shade available, the type of feed, the salinity of the water, and the class of goats.

Table 1 is a guide to the maximum salinity that different classes of goats can tolerate and the quantity of maximum salinity water needed each day.

Table 1. Water consumption and maximum salinity for drought feeding with hay, grain and dry pasture

Class of Goat	Consumption per Head per day* Litres	Maximum salinity (total salts in parts per million)
Weaners	4 – 6	7 000
Adult dry goat	5 – 7	14 000
Doe with kid	5 – 10	10 000

- This table relates to goats on a low salt diet such as hay, grain or dry pasture. Goats that have diets that consist largely of salty plant material such as saltbush (*Atriplex* spp.) blue bush (*Maireana* spp.) or copper burrs (*Scerolaena* spp.) require water that contains less than 10 000 parts per million of dissolved salts. Other classes of goats require water with correspondingly lower salinity.

Note:

If you are to have a successful drought feeding program you will need a reliable water supply. In past droughts many properties were affected by a shortage of water while ample grazing was still available.

CHILLING AT BIRTH

The problem

During very cold weather you may come across a new born kid curled upon the ground, almost frozen and obviously unsuckled. This situation can also arise in normal weather when a weak kid is born, or when a doe refuses to let the kid nurse, or if she has no milk.

The kid may look dead, but check carefully as it may only be in a coma. The reason for the rapid decline in unsuckled new born kids is hypoglycaemia. Until sucking milk the kid only has the energy reserve that it is born with, which is in the form of a small amount of glucose. This is the kid's only source of energy and body heat; so without its first feed of milk it eventually starts to shiver and arch the back, move slowly, then finally curl up, become comatose and die.

The treatment

Bring the kid inside to a warm position (not hot). Administer by mouth at least 25ml of 5% glucose solution (5mg glucose in 100mls water) using a syringe and a plastic stomach tube no more than 1cm in diameter. Your vet will show you how to administer this tube if you ask them. It is passed down the side of the goat's throat for several inches until well into the stomach. To check if the tube is in the stomach (and not going into the airway) blow through it. If the kid's stomach balloons out then the tube is safely in the correct place. Alternatively, the solution may be administered as a high enema by passing the tube at least 25cm into the rectum.

Warm the kid by placing it in a warming pen or immersing in warm water. A problem may occur here if the doe's odour is completely washed off the kid and she later rejects it. *(Ed. If this happens rub some of the mothers milk all over the kid)*

As soon as the kid is alert enough, administer 50ml of warm colostrum from a baby bottle or if necessary by a stomach tube, and return it to its natural environment with its mother as soon as possible.

New-born kid requires about 5 feeds a day, (say 7am, 11am, 3pm, 7pm and 10pm). Each feed should be about 4 ounces (125mls) for the first few days, and if possible, goats milk.

Colostrum recipe

1 egg
1 dessertspoon glucodin
1 teaspoon cod liver oil

Mix with
300mls water
56gms milk powder (2oz)
Feed this to one kid over 2 or 3 feeds, then use goats milk or milk powder

Another suggestion from Alma Bode's book

Don't try to make it suck, it is vitally necessary for the kid to have the first milk, the colostrum, for its future good health. For the weak kid, it is best to milk the colostrum off into a container. But first, with a doll's feeding bottle, squeeze some brandy and water (approximately one to four, brandy to water) gently down its throat. Then, after a little rest, while you prepare the next move, feed the colostrum gently squeezing the bottle. It may be very thick "condensed milk" and won't pour. So add a little milk from one of yesterday's kidded does. It is still colostrum. You may have to do this several times before it can suck its own mother.

Alma's Colostrum recipe

Take 1.5 pints milk (850 mls) goat milk or cows milk, or Denkavit or the like will do, add a beaten egg, a teaspoon of sugar, a dessertspoon cod liver oil or Hypol. Mix well and feed at blood heat, giving about 4oz (125mls) four to 5 times a day for a couple of days.

Denkavit

Some people find they can buy Denkavit, but can find no instructions for the strength of mixing etc. I find using the proportions of one (1) part of Denkavit to three (3) parts warm water is best. It is stronger than the makers advise, but it means smaller feed (by volume) can be given.

Part information taken from "Australian Angora Goat Husbandry" by Alma Bode.

What Does It Mean When a Goat Is Grinding Her Teeth?

By Kristi Waterwort

eHow Contributor

Goats are very expressive animals capable of displaying a wide range of emotions from joy to fear. This may be why goat enthusiasts love their caprine friends so very much. Fortunately, when goats are sick or in distress, they will make their keepers aware. A goat who is grinding her teeth may be in extreme pain and should be seen by a veterinarian as soon as possible.

Recognizing Pain

- Pain in goats is easy to recognize. They are likely listless, often stand with their heads hanging low and frequently grind their teeth or act irritated. Examine and observe any goat that is grinding her teeth. Details will make the diagnosis much less difficult and will help your goat get proper treatment sooner rather than later. Some pain is obvious, such as when a goat is cut or breaks a limb. Other kinds of pain caused by internal problems can be more difficult to diagnose. Several different internal problems can cause your goat to grind her teeth, including bloating, overeating disease, deficiencies and parasites.

Preventing Teeth Grinding

- Careful management is key to preventing serious illness and teeth grinding in goats. Prevent nutritional deficiencies by feeding concentrates that are designed for goats by animal nutritionists. Do not allow your goat free access to grains or high protein hays such as alfalfa to prevent bloat. Vaccinate your animals to prevent overeating disease and tetanus. Observe your animals often and respond with appropriate treatment when signs of parasites appear. When your goats are properly managed, it is easier to see the cause of teeth grinding.

Pre-Labor

- Teeth grinding is a part of early labour for many goat does. She may grind her teeth for days, in fact, prior to giving birth as her body begins to contort in new and unusual ways. You can spot a doe in early labour by the way she will stand, paw the ground and rearrange bedding, then lay back down. She may throw her head back and open her eyes widely when she experiences a contraction. Once your doe begins to push seriously (you'll know because she'll lay on her side with her legs sticking out straight in front of her), her kids should be delivered within the hour. If she does not deliver in this time frame and continues to grind her teeth, she may require assistance.

Boredom and Bad Habits

- Like people, goats can develop bad habits. Teeth grinding has been observed in goats who are irritated, bored or simply chewing tough cud. Watch your goat for other signs of pain. You should never assume that teeth grinding is related to bad habits, however. Check your goat's vital signs and call your veterinarian immediately whenever she begins grinding her teeth.

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

2022

November 25 **Mohair Australia Ltd—Annual General Meeting to be held in Narrandera. More details this newsletter.**

December 1 **Region Christmas BBQ to be held at “Inwood”, Lindsay Road North Rothbury. Enquiries to Sandie Smith 02 4938 7536**

2023

March ? **NATS (National Angora Trophy and Sale)
Enquiries to Nick Gorrie on 0409 129 123**

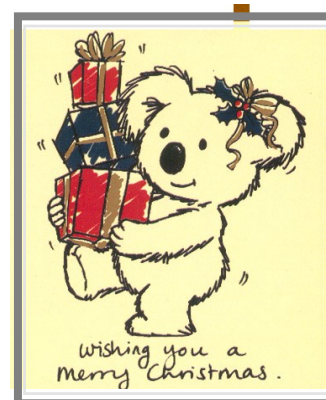
MOHAIR AUSTRALIA LTD Hunter Region Christmas Party

Date: Thursday 1st December, 2022

Venue: 200 Lindsay Road, North Rothbury 2335 (Inwood Angora Stud)

11am Region Meeting 12noon BBQ Lunch

**RSVP by 28th November, 2022 to Sandie Smith 02 4938 7536 or
email inwood-s@bigpond.net.au**



SIMPLE TIPS FOR TRAILER CRATES FOR GOATS

Basic requirements include

- ◆ Slatted floor either timber or mesh
- ◆ Sliding access gate—not swinging
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National Annual General Meeting

Friday, 25th November, 2022 at 3.00pm
Narrandera Ex-Servicemen's Club

Zoom link available by 21/11/22 at mohair@mohair.org.au
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