

### Mastitis Herbal Recipe

1/4 tsp. Peppermint Essential Oil

(Medicinal Grade)

4 Tbs. carrier oil (almond, grape seed, olive)

Place Carrier Oil in a 4 oz. dark amber bottle, add Peppermint EO, roll the bottle around

between your palms to mix. Label and date your bottle.

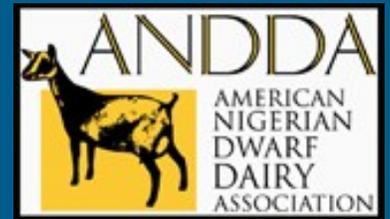
Massage on udder 2-3 times per day.

Fern Guyer

Joyful Hearts Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Goats  
Temecula, California

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## In Memory of Keith Harrell

By Dana Harrell

Over the years, I learned one thing from my dad that has

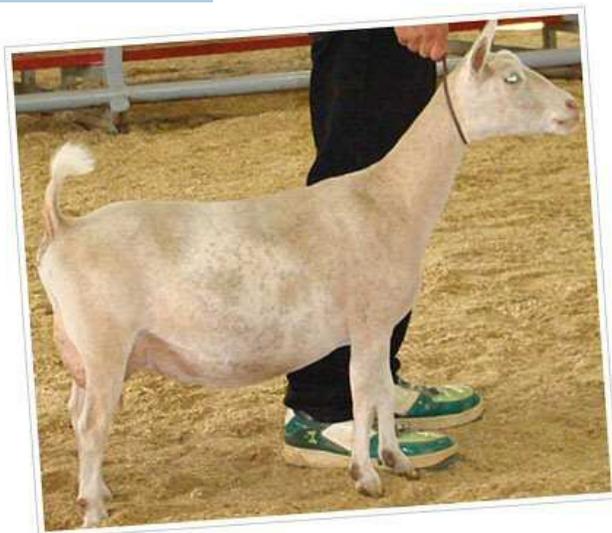
of animal, such as goats, macaws, ferrets, snakes, and the list keeps going. He never did anything small. During the past few years,, I saw that passion change. After judging a Senior Doe class in New Hampshire, my dad became very ill, leading to a life-changing heart attack. By surviving the heart attack, he got a second chance. Over the next few years, he used his second chance in life to help other people. He lived life to the fullest. At

first, Zumba was a way to improve his life, then it became a way to help others change their lives. All-in-all, my dad proved that he deserved the second chance that he had been blessed with. He left Lenoir County a better place and the "Zumba King" will be greatly missed.

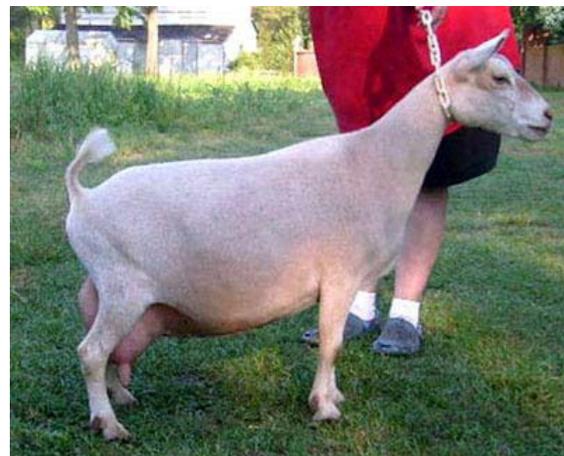


Zumba

stayed with me...a love of animals. He always had some type



**The 2008 ANDDA Total Performer**  
GCH AGS PromisedLand CP Lil' BoPeep \*M E92 (ADGA)  
ARMCH PromisedLand CP Lil' BoPeep \*D E90 (AGS)



**GCH NC PromisedLand Beau-Nita 2\*M E91 (ADGA)**  
**ARMCH NC PromisedLand Beau-Nita 3\*D E92.4 (AGS)**

Owned and Bred by Keith and Marie Harrell

+B NC PromisedLand MG Beau +\*S x GCH ARMCH PromisedLand GoodDay SunShine 2\*D \*M

# A Continuing Legacy

By Linda Powell

On November 19, 2012 Keith Harrell hung up his milk pail for the final time. Co-owner of NC PromisedLand dairy goats with his wife Marie, he started keeping and breeding goats in 1975. A purchase at the local sale barn for some brush goats with dairy traits had the Harrell's hooked. Within that first year they had replaced the brush goats with registered Nubians. The Nubian's were part of the herd for ten years, at which time they were sold to a newly established dairy on the coast. The Harrell's Nubians were very successful for their new owners and almost all of them became champions. A testament to the selection and breeding program of the Harrell's. It took them two years to get back into raising goats, but a decision to not have milk goats led them to Pygmy goats. Over the years they became serious competitors and had amassed 34 permanent champion pygmy's. In 1998 they had the National Champion. A purchase of their first Nigerian that same year was their foothold into the Nigerian Dwarfs. A year later they dispersed the Pygmy herd and were well on their way to being the successful Nigerian Breeders that everyone knows. One particular goat held a special place in Keith's heart and that was +B NC PromisedLand MG Beau. He was only in the Harrell herd for a year, before he died of Listeriosis, but his legacy marked the

NC PromisedLand herd and was never forgotten.

The Nigerian Dwarfs were good to the Harrell's. They competed in 5 National Shows with great success. A staggering 720 Champion and or Reserve Champion titles, 130 Best Of Breed awards, 120 Best Udders, along with numerous Best In Shows, Best Dairy Herd, Premier Breeder and Exhibitor Awards. They earned milking stars, and had animals qualify for Top Ten Recognition, including #1 does. Numerous animals achieved classification scores of "E". ANDDA awarded the Harrell's the 2007, 2008, and 2009 Total Performer awards. Also amassing several runners up, along with several All American awards. While attending the National shows the NC PromisedLand dairy herd was a dominating force as the following will attest to.

**2010 ADGA National Champion Junior Doe (owned by another)**

**2010 ADGA Reserve Best Udder**

**2010 ADGA 1st Udder Milking Yearling**

**2010 ADGA High Individual Milk**

**2010 ADGA High Individual Butterfat**

**2007 AGS Reserve National Champion Senior Doe**

**2007 AGS Reserve National Champion Junior Doe**

**2004 AGS National Champion Junior Doe**

**2000 NDGA National Show Premier Breeder**

**2000 NDGA National Champion Senior Doe**

**2000 NDGA National Best Udder**

**2000 NDGA Reserve National Champion Dry Doe**

**2000 NDGA National Champion Junior Doe**

**2000 NDGA Reserve National Champion Senior Buck**

**2000 NDGA National Champion Junior Buck**

**2000 NDGA Reserve National Champion Junior Buck**



So as you welcome new life into your barns this winter, and no doubt some will have the NC PromisedLand genetics flowing through their veins, take a moment to thank Keith for his love of the breed and for helping it become what it is today. And most of all, what it will become tomorrow.

# Letter From The President

Hello Members!

Right now, I've been working hard getting ready to celebrate the holidays with my family. For the second year in a row, I've dried off my does early in order to spend Christmas with my two little boys and my grandkids. They are at that age now, that they'll remember all of these wonderful times spent with family, celebrating with traditions they'll hang onto throughout their childhoods. My does are busy cooking up new life, and generally hanging out and enjoying their time

off as well!

We're looking forward to the upcoming kidding season...many of you have already started freshening does while I wait till the end of January to enjoy the new lives that will be added to our farm. The excitement is building while we wait to welcome that next star milker, herd sire, or a new champion. That's what keeps many of us going...the hopes and dreams we've tied into our little herds.

Remember to renew your memberships while we're at the dis-

counted rate! Don't forget to get your kids a youth membership! We're going to form a youth committee this year and hopefully they'll come up with some cool awards just for our youth and their goats! We want to recognize the kids achievements!

Merry Christmas everyone...and a very wonderful New Year!

*Ellen F. Dorsey*  
President



***“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.”***  
**C. S. Lewis**

## A Message From Your Director At Large

Hello members and Happy New year!

At the start of each year I like to look back and reflect on the year just past. This past year has been one of great accomplishments and a great change for me. The year started off well with one of my first



doe kid years ever. It was so wonderful to get so many nice doe kids! The next great moment of the year is when I finished a doe with my herd name! Not only did she carry the Elmwood herd name but her sire was an Elmwood goat as well. It is so exciting to see your breeding program and all your hard work come to fruition.

The great change last year came when I found out that I was being laid-off from work. What could have been very bad actually turned out to be a good thing. I had wanted to move east for a while and it just so happened that my company had an opening at a facility in Leavenworth, KS. Now not only did I have a job lined up in an area I wanted to live but it paid about 40% more than my last job. What a blessing in disguise. Because of the move I was forced to cut back quite a bit on my herd but that too has turned out to be a blessing in a way. I now find that my herd is better and stronger than ever before. The move forced me to make the tough culling decisions that I had long been putting off but needed to make. This year has reminded me that even when things look like they are going to turn out bad, with faith and patience things will work

out in the end.

Now I want to look forward. I am excited to see what this coming year will bring. I ask myself questions that I know are in the minds of all goat breeders. How will the yearlings freshen? Did I make the right breeding decisions? How will this show season go? This time of year I am always so hopeful and filled with anticipation of things yet to come.

I wish all of you the best in this new year. May you have a wonderful kidding season filled with lots of doe kids. May your show season be blessed with many new champions and may you; be filled with hope and anticipation as you pick out the perfect breeding to start it all over again!

Director at Large  
*Ray Stauffer*

# Meet Your Editor

I have procrastinated about what to say in my introduction to the ANDDA members. I am Linda Powell, mother of three children, Jayelynn 11, Garrison 8, and Trace 6. I am married to my wonderful husband Kent, and we own and operate Powell Ranch Inc. here in Kalvesta, Kansas. We raise registered Angus cattle and four years ago I talked my husband into letting me get some dairy goats. Our first purchase was a couple of Alpine does. However, my love for our caprine friends started out when I was young and in 4-H. I showed an Alpine doe named Pebbles. So when we bought the alpine does, I realized that I had truly missed having goats around. Our goats herd consists of Alpines, Nubians, Nigerian Dwarfs, Toggenburgs, LaManchas, and Boar goats that we rotational graze on a series of 10 acre paddocks during the year and as long as weather permits. With the extreme drought the last two summers, I found the need to dry lot the goats to protect their pastures from over grazing and then flash grazing from time to time to control unwanted plant growth. Our goats graze behind two hotwires and we have had a lot of success with this method.

We purchased our first Nigerian two years ago in October and bred her to a buck that we had bought at the same time. She later died with complications from the delivery of her kids. Never to be discouraged we bought three doeling's and a buckling and tried again, along with a doe in milk. My daughter Jayelynn was looking at goats that were for sale at the Pride of The Plains Show and found a black and white Nigerian doe that she had to have. A quick talk with the owner, Brandon Fay co-owner of Beards & Tales, and Jayelynn was the proud owner. Little did we know that she would become the Champion Junior Nigerian doe at that same show. Jayelynn also had entered her name in the doeling raffle and brought home Gravel-Ends Lemon Bianca.

Later that summer Jayelynn once again purchased two more doeling's from that breeder. One was second in her class at the Kansas State Fair. Then last spring she went on to win the Champion Nigerian Dwarf Junior doe, and was the Best Junior Doe in Show at the Land Of Oz Dairy Goat Show in ring two under Sara Steward. Brandon Fay took her to Nationals for my daughter where she was fifth in her class. She then came home and won her class at our county fair. At the Kansas State Fair this year she won her class, and was Reserve Champion Junior Nigerian Dwarf. Her name is Beards & Tales Farm Megan. We hope that she freshens with a super udder and can finish out her championship legs.

My background in journalism started in High School where I was first a sports writer, and later the editor for our High School Yearbook. During high school I competed in several Journalism competitions where I won several state awards for sports stories and my sports section also went on to win a national award for design and content. I went to college on a journalism scholarship where I wrote for our college paper. Now I help my husband with the design and content of the paper that he publishes to promote our cattle.

*Linda Powell*



## Meet The Guest Writer

Kat Drovdahl is located in the Siskiyou mountains of southern Oregon. Kat has her masters degree in herbology and Master Herbalist (MH) designation and is a Vitalist. Vitalism goes back to Hippocrates, which is cause oriented rather than just symptom oriented (allopathy). It is a small branch of herbalism, but a very effective one. Kat also is a Certified Reflexologist (CR) and a Holistic Iridologist (Dipl.H.Ir.). She has completed studies in Aromatherapy (essential oils) with two different schools, is taking continuing education from a third school and has international certification in that field. She also is a C.E.I.T which is a Certified Equine Iridology Techincian and researcher. She has several more book projects lined up. Her work is about evenly split up between human and creature herbalism and her training allows her to consult on any condition. For creatures she also is not limited but can assist people with livestock, horses, pets, exotics, reptiles, birds, poultry, ratites, bees, fish and more .

# Alternative Breeding and Pregnant Goat Nutritional Support

by Kat Drov Dahl MH CR DipHlr CEIT

Do you have names picked out for your kid crop yet? We'll be considering D names real soon for our Fir Meadow LaMonsters.

Alternative kidding starts out with healthy and happy sires and dams. I encourage people to keep their herd sires on advanced



nutritional support all year long so that they can have the healthiest sperm to create those healthy kids. That also holds true for their dams, not just focusing on the six weeks before you start breeding them. Liver and Kidney cleansing a few weeks after they kid until breeding them, will help you remove toxins from their systems that they've acquired from their feed, water, breathing air, grooming supplies, etc and allow nutrition to make a healthier animal. Dandelion, milk thistle, and raspberry are some favorites of mine for starters. Stinging nettle is

also a gentle cleanser. I here use a combination of products (of course, since I make them) and use Fresh Start for liver/kidney support, Better Daze and Kelp for additional super nutritional support. Nigerian dwarf dosages are usually 1 teaspoon of each herb or blend 2 to 3 times per day.



**Feed:** Pregnant dairy goats ought to have some alfalfa while pregnant. It is the most mineral dense land plant we are aware of, and it is all bioavailable. It will not build up toxicities in their system. Just try to avoid chemically treated and GMO hay types. I feed mine ½ grass hay and ½ alfalfa while dry, until I hit the last 6.5 weeks (third trimester) at which time I start increasing the alfalfa. By the time mine kid, they are on about 90 to 95% alfalfa hay. I will also serve some barley or oat hay/straw as bedding- but you know they also like to eat some. It too has calcium and supportive minerals. And a bit of grass hay if the pasture is not available. They stay on this during lactation as well as some whole grains. During the 3rd trimester, I also slowly begin to add grain back into their diet. I prefer a mix of whole oats and whole barley along with CLEAN un-moldy black oiled sunflower seeds. Just a tablespoon of the seeds will be plenty for a Nigerian doe. If mold



is a problem, then you can substitute that for a teaspoon of olive oil (not rancid) or expeller pressed sunflower oil. Work them up to a tablespoon over about 3 weeks and just put it right on their grain. Never give rancid oils as they will damage the liver. I also always keep kelp in the bottom of their feed dish, another very mineral rich plant. Supplements like Better Daze are also beneficial, as is raspberry leaves, stinging nettle, comfrey, carrots, and dandelions. Humble but faithful plants.

**Exercise:** Don't forget to get those barn potatoes up and moving. This accomplishes a few things. First, you get to personally observe that they don't have any injuries, lung or metabolic issues going on (like ketosis) or external parasite issues that could be weakening them over time. Two, walking really helps tone those uterine muscles so they are able to do a more efficient job not only with kid expulsion, but also with kid placement within the uterus. My barn spuds get to walk with me to the end of the pasture every day, then I let go of their collar and walk back with them, doing double duty by checking my fencing, watching for unusual or toxic plants, or things the goats could injure themselves on, etc. This also adds fresh air and some sunshine to their routine for me and them. Often most of the herd also comes out for the jaunt.

**Water:** When it is cold out they tend to drink enough to survive but not to thrive. I serve my goat's warm water with BLACK STRAP molasses in it every morning and they never tank up on that. Our climate is moderate. When it's below freezing a late afternoon or early evening warm refill will be welcomed. I put ¼ cup per 4 to 5 gallon bucket. Warm water also encourages aged animals that may have sensitive teeth to drink more. Don't forget your bucks! Even my horses get some hot water in a mash and my guardian dogs & poultry still get warm milk for as long as we have it.

Here's to a Happy and Healthy Start to your Kids!

# Champion Corner



## GCH Tiny Town S Luna

finished her ADGA championship with a Best In Show win in August 2012 .

Owned By: Jane Bailey

## Curry Goat

Recipe courtesy Gregory Jolliff

### Ingredients

2 pounds goat meat (or lamb) without bones	2 whole scallions, sliced
1 lime, juiced	1 onion, sliced
1 tablespoon salt	3 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper	1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 Scotch bonnet pepper (any color), seeded and minced	3 tomatoes, diced
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme	1/2 cup coconut milk (optional)
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice (dry pimento berries)	7 cups water
3 tablespoons curry powder	

**Directions:** Rinse goat meat well, rub lime juice over it (from 1/2 whole lime), place meat in a bowl, then add salt, black pepper, Scotch bonnet, thyme, allspice, curry powder, scallions, onion and garlic. Leave to marinate for at least 2 hours in the refrigerator, longer would be ideal. Heat the oil in a skillet until it is very hot, and saute the meat until golden brown. Then add the marinade, tomatoes and coconut milk, if using, and simmer for approximately 3 more minutes. Add water, reduce heat and allow to simmer for 2 to 3 hours stirring occasionally until meat is tender.

# At The Show Ring

## District 4

**May 10-11 2013**

Mid-Ohio Dairy Goat Association

Clark County Fairgrounds

Springfield, OH

Judge: Yvonne Blosser

Show Chair: Amy Gran

[ajgran12@yahoo.com](mailto:ajgran12@yahoo.com)

## District #1

**May 25, 2013**

Heart of Maine Dairy Goat Association

Windsor, Maine

Judge: to be announced

Show Chair: Deborah Orff

[alpines7@yahoo.com](mailto:alpines7@yahoo.com)

## District 4 AGS

**June 1, 2013**

Heartland Caprines

Weeping Water Nebraska

Judge: Todd Biddle

Show Chair: Sue Loftus

[GoatKeepers@q.com](mailto:GoatKeepers@q.com)

## District 4 ADGA, AGS

**June 1, 2013**

Chippewa Valley Dairy Goat Association

Ladysmith, WI

Judge: Jay Rudolph

Show Chair: Deb Macke

[raintreelamanchas@gmail.com](mailto:raintreelamanchas@gmail.com)

## District 5 ADGA

**June 7-9, 2013**

Land Of Oz Dairy Goat Show

Kansas State Fair Grounds

Hutchinson, KS

Judge: Karen Smith,

Show Chair: Linda Powell

[landofozdairyshow@yahoo.com](mailto:landofozdairyshow@yahoo.com)

## District 3 ADGA

**June 22, 2013**

Maryland Dairy Goat Association

Howard County Fairground West

Friendship, MD

Judge: Dan Laney

Show Chair: Jane Bailey

[tinytown@hughes.net](mailto:tinytown@hughes.net)

## Featured Youth Member : Riley Blomquist



Riley Blomquist and Dills F Firecracker

## RMA Dairy Goats

We live in Calhan, Colorado. We have had Nigerians for almost four years. They are the lifeblood of my 14 year old daughter, Riley. She started out doing 4-H and what started out as a hobby has turned into a passion. We have recently added LaManchas to our herd. This year was our first time competing at ADGA Nationals and we were thrilled to have three of our juniors in the grand champion line-up and both our seniors does got top 5 placings. The majority of our herd comes from Dill's aka: Ellen Dorsey. Our senior kid, Dills F Talk That Talk was first place senior kid at Nationals. Dills F Firecracker was 4th place senior kid at the 2012 ADGA Nationals.

Our website is <http://rmalliance.weebly.com/index.html>

# Tales From Black Oak Farm

By: Pat Christopher, Black Oak Farm, Guthrie, OK

We are located south of Guthrie, Oklahoma on 2 acres with lots of black oak trees. Our first goat was an unregistered Nigerian that came to live here about 4 years ago. She was patient with me and taught me a lot in a short amount of time.

I have wanted farm animals all my life and finally have the place and the time for them. I went with a friend to look at goats and you guessed it, one look was all it took. Right back home I went to start setting up a place for her. Now included was the challenge to convince my husband that goats would be a good thing. It took a bit but now he even helps show and thinks I don't see him talking to them and petting them. Last spring he was heard to say, "That one is a keeper," when an especially pretty doeling was born. Turns out she is polled and has blue eyes and is shaping up very nicely.



We started out with nothing. Over time we added to one dog house and some old fencing a shelter with pallets used for framing, an assorted lot of scrap wood, and a pile of mismatched shingles. The first two years I milked outside! One particularly rainy spring I used to take heavy towels out to use like blankets on the girls. Eventually we added a small barn. It is heaven. No more milking outside and trying to make a space in a corner of the garden shed for Mom's with new babies. We are all really spoiled now. Last spring John even ran electricity to the barn, so we are really up town now.

We now have 11 does of varying ages and 3 bucks. Our whole herd is now triple registered with ADGA, NDGA, and AGS. We have started winning at shows and feel like we are headed the right direction with our breeding program. My emphasis is on correct, healthy, happy, goats with good milk production. After completing our third year of showing, we are planning on getting into milk testing to really know how we are doing. We continue to learn every day and strive to give our little herd the best care possible. One friend says I have the most spoiled and well cared for goats in Oklahoma. I like to think she is right.

We were so happy this year to have several Championship wins and were very excited when at the Oklahoma State Fair in the NDGA show our Pipers Sacred Samson was the Grand Champion Senior Buck. Then High Hill Farm Sand Storm was the Reserve Grand Champion Senior Buck (State fair award). There was more excitement to come when High Hill Farm Breezy was named Reserve Grand Champion Senior Doe in Milk.

Our little herd is all spoiled rotten and I am sure great milk comes from Happy Goats. I have been experimenting with cheese making and entered my Chevre in the state fair and won first prize. The judge said it had a "delicate tang" which I thought was an interesting description. I would like to start trying my hand at soap making also.

My first life was nursing, my second accounting, and now in my retirement I am a goat farmer. I think I have found my niche. I also have a small flock of chickens and we plant gardens each year with lots of home grown food to eat and can for the winter. The goats help fertilize the gardens for me and when the plants are done producing they get a lovely salad.

I frequently get asked to take care of goat babies that need help. So far, my little goat ICU has a great survival rate. The picture attached is me with Ali (High Hill Farm Baked Alaska). She is one of my Goat ICU graduates. Her story will be in a future issue.

## Thinking Outside The Box

By Linda Powell



## Dr. Beth Wittenberg

### Degrees:

D.V.M Kansas State University 1997

M.S. Emporia State University 1992

### Family:

Husband: Chad

Sons: Cody, Zach, Levi

### Animals:

Cats: Tess, Codykat, Miles

Dogs: Herschel, Dillon

Horses: Blue

### Favorite Things:

Horseback riding, all sports, curling up

with my kids and watching a movie!

Goodnight butterfly kisses

With two injured goats in need of some advanced care of a different sort, Diane and Brandon Fay, co-owners of Beards & Tales Farm in Emporia, Kansas thought outside the box.

The first patient an injured doe, AGS Lost Valley KW Suri, aka. Siri, who was exhibiting signs of severe pain in her lower back and was having difficulty standing, and pregnant with a late February due date were forced to find her some relief. After a phone call to a friend, they sought the care of Dr. Beth Wittenberg at the Natural Pet Care Center, in El Dorado, Kansas. Along with Dr. Rodney Clements D.C.D.A.B.C.I. who is a Chiropractic Internist. A trip for the Fay's to El Dorado found Siri was out in her neck, mid, and lower back areas. Interesting enough one of the main signs was a drooped right ear. Dr. Clements did the adjustments and Dr. Wittenberg performed laser therapy on her spine. Siri will be a continuing patient of chiropractic care.

After the visit with Siri to the Natural Pet Care Center, the Fay's decided to take TX Twincreeks Visa Gold, aka Visa, to see if chiropractic care could help an injury that Visa had sustained while fighting with a herd mate. The Fay's had taken Visa to their veterinarian to have x-rays after the injury occurred, but no bones were broken. The injury left Visa unable to stand on his right leg.

Dr. Clements found Visa to have a locked atlas and orbit, and another cervical vertebrae was out. An adjustment on Visa, left him able to stand on his right leg for the first time in a long time. He does still suffer from a stretched tendon, but that should heal some over time. Visa is not a fan of the herbal medication that has been prescribed to him, and attempts to disguise it in marshmallows, and then in molasses, have both met with disaster as he is able to spit them out.

So sometimes you do have to get creative to help our caprine friends. If the conventional treatments don't help, than sometimes another way is possible as the Fay's have found. And thinking outside the box can offer a treatment that we all seek out for

## Dr. Clements

\*Dr. Clements received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City, Missouri in 1989, earning the credentials of "D.C."

\*He was employed as an associate doctor in Wichita, Kansas until early 1991, then began Chiropractic Health Center, Inc. in El Dorado, Kansas in March 1991.

\*Dr. Clements is a member of the Kansas Chiropractic Association, American Chiropractic Association, American Veterinary Chiropractic Association, American Board of Chiropractic Internists, and the Council on Diagnosis of Internal Disorders.

\*His specialty in chiropractic is Activator Methods Chiropractic Technique (AMCT), in which he holds advanced proficiency certification. He attends annual Activator Methods conferences to keep current with new research and to maintain proficiency rating status.

\*He has extensive knowledge in Diversified Technique, Sacro-Occipital Technique (SOT), Total Body Modification (TBM), Bio-Cranial Therapy (BCT), as well as Gonstead and Meric methods.

\*Dr. Clements is a Fellow of the International Academy of Clinical Acupuncture (FIACA) in 1991, and continues with conferences to keep abreast of new methods and research.

\*Dr. Clements has been a "Certified Animal Chiropractor" (CAC), through Options for Animals in Hillside, Illinois since 1999, and is in association with the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association. He was a post-graduate instructor in animal chiropractic from 2002 – 2008 at Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas, TX.

## *DHI: The Ins And Outs*

Becky Mathiot of Mathiot's Paradise, <http://www.mathiotsparadise.com/> uses Langston as her testing lab for her herd DHIA. Her herd is on a standard test, which she likes, being that she sees the results each month. She goes on to say, "It is a time commitment each month making sure that you get your tests done and keeping the goats in milk, but it has been well worth it." Langston returns a form called a DMS210 which has all of her does listed with their milk records for the current lactation. It will show us the pounds of milk, butterfat, and protein. Also along with the percent of butterfat. There is also a herd production summary report which gives you your herd totals. "I also get back a sheet for each doe that is dried off," she added. Langston charges her a flat fee for her herd and the fee is dependent on the number of does that you have in test. Her fee is \$6.00 as she has 20 or less. In addition to the flat fee she is charged \$0.08 per doe needing paperwork and \$1.15 for each test. "There is also the cost of sending the test to the lab each month," she recalled. "I highly recommend DHI. This was our first year and I have enjoyed seeing the test results each month and the change in butterfat through the girls lactation. Because of DHI we have added 6 stars and a plus to our buck herd. It is a great way to improve your herd."

Margie Dykstra, Blythmoor Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Goats and AKC Harriers, <http://www.blythmoor.com>, Independence, Oregon uses Willamette DHI in Salem, Oregon and her results come through Provo in Utah. Her herd is on an Owner/Sampler Advanced Registry. Margie said, "I like the plan I'm on. It's very easy on the scheduling." The results are sent from Provo via computer. A file with each doe's record is returned. She said, "While it takes some time to figure out the nuances, it isn't very hard." The plan that the Blythmoor herd is on costs about \$20 a month, more or less depending on the number of does are being tested that month. Generally 10-15 does are tested each month. "With owner-sampler, I don't have to pay a tester. I do generally have to pay someone to do my verification test and that can cost \$100-200 depending on who is available, how far they have to travel and what they charge to come three times for the verification," she added. "I would recommend the DHI testing. It is a really good way to know if your does are milking steadily, what butterfat they are producing, how long they will milk, etc. A very important component, for the herd owner, is the somatic cell count. A spike in SCC can be early warning to an owner that they need to watch for and test for mastitis in a particular doe. Over time, you can get to know what a doe's SCC pattern looks like -- so that you know what to look for in each doe. Maybe even more important, it adds to the database on what Nigerians are doing on the milk stand. It's good for the breed. Part of being a responsible breeder is using all the tools we have available to make sure we are producing a good dairy animal. Also, we can't have accurate averages or expectations if only a small minority of animals are being tested. While a one day milk test is interesting, it does not give a picture of milk production over a full lactation. Yes, an individual can keep accurate milk records on a daily basis without being on DHI, but that does not contribute to official data that is kept and available to all."

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