

GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING PYGMY GOAT WETHERS

POINTS	NPGA BREED STANDARD IDEAL TRAITS	UNACCEPTABLE TRAITS	REASONING & EVALUATION OF FAULTS RANGING FROM MODERATE TO VERY SERIOUS
GENERAL APPEARANCE 25 POINTS	<p>BALANCED & well-blended PROPORTIONS typically cobby (compact)</p> <p>BREED SPECIFIC MARKINGS distinct</p> <p>COAT dense, hair straight, medium-long</p> <p>EXPESSION alert, animated, ears erect</p> <p>HEAD typey, symmetrical, profile dished</p>	<p>Lacking all breed specific markings or having markings that challenge the breed identity.</p> <p>Ears pendulous, helicopter</p> <p>Roman nose, crooked face</p>	<p>Consider degree of deviation from cobby type. Extreme single characteristic that sacrifices the balance & proportion of the animal shall be regarded as <u>very serious</u>.</p> <p>Weak or missing markings detract from Pygmy type and may challenge breed identity. Evaluate extent of detracton as <u>moderate</u>, <u>serious</u>, <u>very serious</u>, or <u>unacceptable</u>. Random markings are <u>not faulted</u> on wethers.</p> <p>Coat too short or sparse provides poor insulation – <u>moderate</u> fault. Coat too long, curly, or silky <u>very seriously</u> contradicts breed type</p>
STRUCTURE (Conformation) 25 POINTS	<p>BODY PARTS functional & balanced</p> <p>Ribcage, chest, barrel broad, deep</p>	<p>Hermaphroditism</p>	<p>Close ribs, slab-sided chest, narrow, shallow barrel limit organ capacity; overly sprung ribs & barrel <u>seriously</u> handicaps mobility/agility.</p> <p>A weak, swayed, or roached back <u>seriously</u> correlates with early aging, inefficient motion.</p> <p>Poorly articulated limbs & loose joints <u>seriously</u> handicap locomotion & stamina; see also GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING PYGMY GOATS: legs, feet</p>
HEALTH & CONDITION 25 POINTS	<p>FREE OF DISEASE: displaying vigor</p> <p>FREE OF PARASITES, skin & coat clean</p> <p>IN GOOD FLESH AND MUSCLE</p>	<p>Diseased</p> <p>Total blindness</p> <p>Emaciation</p> <p>Disfiguring malocclusion</p>	<p>Check skin & coat condition, apparent health: hernias: <u>serious</u></p> <p>Evaluate extent of over or under conditioning</p> <p>Weak, misaligned jaws are poor processors; check general condition</p>
TRACTABLE/SHOWABILITY 25 POINTS	<p>BEHAVIOR tractable, alert, responsive, trusting confident, and cooperative</p>	<p>Aggressive behavior</p>	<p>Nipping, butting, challenging behavior reflects poor training and/or poor temperament</p>
TOTAL POINTS 100			

NPGA WETHER ORAL REASONS

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

- More balance, smoothly blended, well balanced
- More correct proportions, cobby compact
- More correct breed-specific markings
- More correct coat, less masculine coat, having a straighter coat, more correct coat length
- Displaying a more pleasing expression, more alert, more animation
- More alert upright head carriage
- More correct head, medium short head, more dish in the profile, more pleasing pygmy type head, shorter broader muzzle, more muscling/width in the jaw, more width between the eyes
- More correct set to the ears

STRUCTURE

(All reasons that are not gender specific and currently used for bucks and/or does are also applicable to wethers.)

- More functional or balanced body parts
- Showing more width in the chest, barrel broad, barrel deep, greater spring of rib, back strong, level topline, rump medium long, rump medium slope, fore and hindquarters well angulated, well aligned set to the legs, strong legs, straighter legs, well muscled throughout
- Gait smooth and effortless

HEALTH and CONDITION

- Free of disease, displaying vigor
- Free of parasites, having clean skin and coat
- Displaying good flesh and muscle
- More correct show conditioning, being over conditioned or under conditioned

BEHAVIOR

- More friendly, alert, responsible, trusting, confident, cooperative
- More desirable behavior
- More tractability, showability