

HER COMMITTEE REPORT JANUARY, 2012

Report is prepared for the January, 2012 NPGA Board meeting.

Chair – Kay Orlando

Members –

Elaine Krieg – off 2012

Sarah Read – off 2012

Lynda Gredin – off 2012

Kim Shunney – off 2012

Accomplishments:

1. Health related questions are answered both by email and telephone for both NPGA members and non-members. Inquiries are still about one or two a week. Most are new NPGA members or non-members. Most owners with inquiries are urged to purchase the Basic Owner's Manual. Phone inquiries are usually of a medical nature and require immediate response. E-mail questions are split equally between medical problems and herd/health inquiries. Most of the calls or e-mails are still routed through the Central Office. Having contact information directly to HER from the NPGA website might relieve Dori from having to forward them on. It is important that members and non-members alike have access to sound medical information when they need it.
2. Articles relating to Pygmy Health are included in each issue of MEMO as well as a health tip. Topics are suggested by MEMO editor. Health related articles submitted to the Publications Committee for publication in MEMO are reviewed for medical accuracy and relevance to Pygmy goats. A notice printed in MEMO for topics for future articles received no suggestions.
3. Ray Hoyt is the currently keeping track of USDA Activities and will directly report to the NPGA Board on USDA Animal Disease Traceability updates and problems.

Goals: Input is still needed on topics that have not previously been addressed in MEMO articles or are a concern of NPGA members. HER will continue to help both members and non-members with any health/medical problems. It is hoped that, in the future, the HER Committee would be consulted on any health related problem considered by the NPGA Board or any of its committees. NPGA is very fortunate to have two veterinarians on the HER Committee and they can be a valuable resource.

Expenditures: None for the previous year

Kay Orlando, NPGA HER Chair