

GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING PYGMY GOATS

DOE	BUCK	NGPA BREED STANDARD - IDEAL TRAITS	REASONING & EVALUATION OF FAULTS RANGING FROM MODERATE TO VERY SERIOUS	DISQUALIFYING TRAITS	
GENERAL APPEARANCE	14	14	<p>BODY MEASUREMENTS meet specifications for age group Genetically HORNED (disbudding, dehorning permitted) BALANCED & well blended; showing style PROPORTIONS typically cobby; wide in relation to length & height CONDITION optimal for age & frame of animal; HEALTH PERFECT</p>	<p>See: BREED STANDARD - MEASUREMENTS chart Polled pairs produce high percentage of hermaphrodites & infertile males Consider degree of deviation from cobby (compact) type Extreme single characteristic that sacrifices the balance & proportion of the entire animal - VERY SERIOUS Evaluate extent of over- or under-conditioning: emaciated or obese - VERY SERIOUS; underweight (except for lactating does) or moderately overweight - MODERATE to SERIOUS depending on extent Check coat & skin condition; apparent health</p>	<p>NON-CONFORMITY TO SIZE NATURAL HORNLESSNESS GENETIC HERNIAS (scrotal, umbilical)</p>
HEAD & EXPRESSION	10	12	<p>HEAD short to medium long; profile somewhat dished JAWS broad, strong, well muscled, symmetrically aligned BITE even; neither overshot nor undershot EYES ; set well apart, bright, brown in color, prominent but not protruding EARS medium sized, firm, erect, alertly mobile MUZZLE broad, full, rounded, not snipey; nose short, wide, flat; chin & underjaw full EXPRESSION alert, animated</p>	<p>Long or level head is not true to Pygmy type - SERIOUS Weak, misaligned jaws are poor feed processors; check general condition In kids: undershot bites are common - MODERATE; overshot bites (rare) - VERY SERIOUS In adults: misalignment - SERIOUS; noticeably overshot or undershot - VERY SERIOUS Eyes protruding or set too close/far apart disturb facial balance - VERY SERIOUS Ear shape, size and carriage greatly contribute to overall alert appearance Snipey foreface is not harmonious with breed type See: EYES; EARS; HEALTH</p>	<p>ROMAN NOSE FACE CROOKED DISFIGURING MALOCCLUSION TOTAL BLINDNESS EYE COLOR OTHER THAN BROWN EARS PENDULOUS or HELICOPTER</p>
COAT	4	6	<p>COAT dense, hair straight; medium long; abundant in bucks</p>	<p>Coat too short & sparse provides poor insulation - MODERATE; Coat too long, curly or silky - VERY SERIOUS</p>	
BREED MARKINGS	8	12	<p>BREED SPECIFIC MARKINGS distinct: Solid Black: SEE BREED STANDARD FOR COMPLETE DESCRIPTION Black: SEE BREED STANDARD FOR COMPLETE DESCRIPTION Agouti: SEE BREED STANDARD FOR COMPLETE DESCRIPTION Caramel: SEE BREED STANDARD FOR COMPLETE DESCRIPTION</p>	<p>Weak or missing markings, or markings other than those specified, detract from pygmy type & challenge breed identity - MODERATE to VERY SERIOUS depending on extent of distraction</p>	<p>LACKING ALL BREED SPECIFIC MARKINGS OR HAVING NON-CONFORMING NPGA COLOR/PATTERN</p>
NECK	3	5	<p>NECK well muscled; short, round, full-throated, more refined in does than bucks</p>	<p>Weak, thin neck detracts from strong, balanced outline - VERY SERIOUS</p>	
SHOULDERS	5	5	<p>SHOULDERS muscular, well angulated and laid on, tightly attached WITHERS nearly level with but not lower than spine</p>	<p>Poorly articulated, poorly placed shoulders handicap locomotion & stamina - SERIOUS High withers with poor shoulder attachment - MODERATE to SERIOUS depending on severity</p>	
CHEST	10	10	<p>CHEST Well muscled brisket, wide floor, full at point of elbow; HEART GIRTH large RIBS – Wide apart, well sprung; rib bone long, wide, flat</p>	<p>Pinched, slab sided, shallow chest, confined by ribs that are short & close reduces heart & lung capacity/size (longevity) - SERIOUS. Ribs overly sprung handicap mobility & agility - SERIOUS</p>	
BARREL	8	8	<p>BARREL symmetrical, broad, deep, increasing in width & depth toward flanks</p>	<p>Disproportionately narrow, shallow barrel reduces capacity - SERIOUS; overly rotund barrel can be a burden - SERIOUS</p>	
BACK	8	8	<p>BACK strong, laterally straight; level along chine & loin</p>	<p>A weak, swayed or roached back correlates with early aging & prevents efficient motion - SERIOUS</p>	
RUMP	8	8	<p>RUMP medium long, medium wide, neither level nor steep HIPS wide, nearly level with back THURLS high & wide apart; PINBONES wide apart, lower than hips, pronounced TAIL set high, wide at base, symmetrical, carried high</p>	<p>Rump too short & steep, or too long, means less than optimal pelvic structure - SERIOUS Steep, narrow hips & closely spaced thurls reduce pelvic basin capacity for delivering kids - SERIOUS Wry or broken tail is mainly cosmetic - MODERATE</p>	
LEGS & FEET	10	12	<p>LEGS short, heavy bone, well muscled, wide apart, squarely set FORE LEGS straight, elbows close to ribs; CANNON BONE short HIND LEGS when viewed from the rear: hind legs straight, widely set to accommodate large barrel; stifle held tightly to body. When viewed from the side: femur and tibia angulated toward a pronounced stifle joint; CANNON BONE short, flat, flinty PASTERNS short, strong, resilient FEET well shaped, proportionate to goat's size; hoofs symmetrical, heels deep; soles level GAIT smooth, balanced, ground covering & effortless</p>	<p>See BREED STANDARD - MEASUREMENTS chart Considered separately & as a total assembly, any unsound component of limbs can SERIOUSLY affect activity level, grazing & browsing, breeding & carrying ability, skeletal normality & gait, general health & longevity. Leg shape, placement, muscling, angulation, foot shape & symmetry, resiliency of pasterns, & healthy joints all contribute to the appearance, agility, endurance and balance. Unbalanced, inefficient, labored, or stiff locomotion strains the entire system - VERY SERIOUS</p>	<p>FRONT CANNON OVER/UNDERSIZED</p>
REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM (Bucks)	No Points	No Points	<p>TESTICLES two normal, fairly equal in size; fully descended, healthy & firm</p>	<p>Cryptorchidism (un-descended testicle) is an inherited trait</p>	<p>FAILING TO DISPLAY TWO NORMAL, FULLY DESCENDED TESTICLES</p>
MAMMARY SYSTEM (Bucks)	No Points	No Points	<p>TEATS: Two, cylindrical, of uniform length and size, symmetrically placed, free of deformities or multiple orifices, non-functional</p>		<p>MULTIPLE/FUNCTIONAL TEATS, BIFURCAL TEATS, MULTIPLE ORIFICES</p>
MAMMARY SYSTEM (Does)	12	No Points	<p>TEATS: Two, cylindrical, symmetrically shaped & placed, milkable, functional; free of deformities, obstructions or multiple orifices UDDER functional, balanced, firm, rounded, small to medium sized, high in rear, well-attached & smoothly blended into body (front) & escutcheon (rear)</p>	<p>Deviations from normal set of teats may cause problems in hand milking & kid rearing; small, close, uneven teats - MODERATE; multiple teats & orifices - SERIOUS Poorly attached udder breaks down and pendulous, lumpy, unbalanced udder can cause health problems (mastitis) & proneness to injury - SERIOUS</p>	<p>NON-FUNCTIONAL, BLIND TEATS BIFURCAL TEATS NON- FUNCTIONAL, BLIND UDDER</p>
BUCK & DOES	No Points	No Points	<p>SEX CHARACTERISTICS pronounced, either masculine or feminine</p>		<p>HERMAPHRODITISM</p>
TOTAL POINTS	100	100			