

## **Keystone Goat Producers Adopt-a-Kid Program:**

The KGPA Adopt-a-Kid program is open to youth in Pennsylvania and will be based on availability of animals and eligibility of youth. The intent of this program is to encourage children in Pennsylvania to become involved with Boer Goats by offering sound, disease free animals which will be raised under the supervision of a Mentor.

### **Program Overview:**

Donated Boer doe kids are awarded to KGPA youth members based upon the submission of a 100 word essay. The essay should explain why the youth wants to receive a kid. Essays may be submitted to the association secretary anytime from January through August. The number of youth selected is based on doe kids available that year.

A doe kid is to be “donated” by a Donor who is a member of the KGPA. A Mentor will be assigned to each doeling recipient. The Donor is not obligated to be a Mentor in the program. He or she may elect to be the Mentor, or choose to allow another member of the KGPA to volunteer as a Mentor. The purpose of a Mentor is to provide support in the form of animal husbandry knowledge to the qualifying child. The Mentor is responsible for monitoring the welfare of the doe kid (and offspring) for at least one year. A Mentor may not sponsor more than five children at any one time.

Registered (full blood or purebred) Boer doe kids under 6 months of age may be donated. The kid must be free of CAE, CL and sore mouth. The kid should be vaccinated for Clostridium Perfringens types C&D tetanus toxoid and should be de-wormed.

The donated doe is to be bred no earlier than 1 year (approximately 100 lbs.) of age. A doe kid resulting from this breeding is to be returned to the program to be donated to another qualifying child and the process is started again. You must notify the coordinator upon breeding your doe to keep this program going. If the doe is bred and does not produce a live birth or a doe kid after two consecutive breeding seasons, there is no obligation to return a doe kid to the program. The donor is not obligated to be a mentor in the program.

A member of the KGPA may volunteer to be a mentor to provide support in the form of animal husbandry knowledge to the qualifying child. A mentor is responsible for monitoring the welfare of the doe kid (and offspring) for at least one year. A mentor may not sponsor more than five children at any one time. It is preferred that mentors live close by their sponsored children.

When showing the doe, the recipient will place a sign provided by the KGPA over the donated doe's pen. The sign will indicate that the doe was provided by the KGPA Adopt-a-Kid Program.

### **Information and requirements to receive a donated Boer goat:**

**I.** For a youth to receive a donated Boer goat they must agree to abide by the following donation requirements:

- A.** Be actively enrolled in 4-H, FFA or any approved alternative youth project.
- B.** Carry the Boer goat project and complete standard project records.
- C.** Understand that preference is given to youth who do not already own a goat.

- D.** Properly care for the donated animal.
- E.** Attend at least 50% of club meetings (4-H only) or have regular attendance in other youth groups.
- F.** Exhibit the animal in at least one Boer goat show or fair during the original project year.
- G.** Write a report on how the animal did at the show. This report is to be sent to the Adopt-a-Kid committee no later than October 1st of the donation year.
- H.** Agree to the following rules:
  1. Join the Keystone Goat Producers Association as a junior member. Annual dues are waived for junior members.
  2. Join a Boer Breed Association which the goat can be registered.
  3. Register the animal that you receive from the Adopt-a-Kid program with that Boer Breed Association...Donator will tattoo and register the animal. Recipient is responsible to pay the transfer fee.
  4. Breed the doe to a full blood or purebred registered Boer buck.
  5. Donate a registered doe kid back to the program by the end of the 2nd year of ownership. (NOTE: If no animal is needed for the program, the kid may be purchased for \$50.00 from the committee by the recipient.)
  6. Remain in contact with your assigned Mentor (at least once every 3 months) to obtain guidance on animal care practices & update the Mentor on the donated doelings health & progress.

**II.** Parents must agree to supervise the animal's care and provide adequate housing for the animals. They understand and agree to the following:

- A.** A goat will consume from 1/2 to 4 pounds of grain per day plus hay depending on age and state of lactation and available pasture.
- B.** Parents must arrange transportation for the youth to the project meetings, fair or goat show.
- C.** Parents are encouraged and invited to attend project meetings and learn along with their child.

**III.** The committee to place the donated animals shall consist of the following:

- A.** Club co-chairpersons (each responsible for their home county as well as adjacent counties) appointed from the KGPA as well as volunteer county 4-H/FFA representatives.
- B.** All the breeders that are donating animals into the program.
- C.** The committee agrees to the following:
  1. They agree to readopt any goats no longer wanted at the end of the project year.
  2. A representative of the committee may visit the youth's home to check on the condition any time within the project year. If they find the animal not properly cared for, they have the right to take the animal back.
  3. They reserve the right to repossess any donated animal if the committee feels the animal is not being adequately cared for or if other rules have been blatantly violated. These animals will be placed with another youth or slaughtered at the discretion of the committee.

I agree to the above written rules and regulations:

Youth signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the original signed copy of these rules/regulations, the application and a 100 word essay on why you want to receive an adopt-a-kid to the KGPA Secretary: Lois Zeigler, 106 Carlisle Road, Newville PA, 17241. For questions please call (717) 776-7583 or email [rizeigler@comcast.net](mailto:rizeigler@comcast.net)

Animals will not be placed if all papers are not returned

**Application for Keystone Goat Producers Association**

**Adopt-a-Kid Program:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date of youth \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club or FFA Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Leader or Advisor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Agent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own any goats? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Does your family own any goats? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

What is the deadline that you need to have the animal in your ownership? (Many counties have deadlines for ownership in order to show) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have shelter? \_\_\_\_\_ Pasture? \_\_\_\_\_ Hay? \_\_\_\_\_ Grain? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, are you willing to get them? \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if I receive an adopt-a-kid, I must be willing to abide by all of the rules set forth above.

Youth's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_