

Welcome to the world of cashmere! This year marks the 1<sup>st</sup> year for the Eastern Cashmere Association's Goat Show at the VT Sheep and Wool Festival.

## **2010 Eastern Cashmere Association Goat Show**

### **Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival**

**Tunbridge, VT --- October 2 & 3**

*Wendy Pieh, Judge  
Springtide Farm Bremen, ME*



Our judge this year is Wendy Pieh from Springtide Farm in Bremen, ME. We're very excited to have Wendy judge this year's show as it's her first year judging an ECA's Show. Wendy Pieh and Peter Goth own and manage Springtide Farm. Wendy and Peter are outstanding breeders and amazing teachers. They conduct seminars in goat husbandry and specifically on Cashmere goat topics at their farm in Maine. Wendy is an approved judge of Cashmere Goats in the US, and she judges other Cashmere Goat Shows. She's also the current President of the Eastern Cashmere Association. She is an eager and committed learner, and brings great energy to all of her projects. **She'll be judging our show at Tunbridge on October 3, 2010 beginning at 10AM.**

When Napoleon returned to France from his exploits in Asia, he returned with a gift for his wife, Josephine: a cashmere shawl. The introduction of cashmere to Europe resulted in a demand by ladies of the court to provide them with similar shawls. These shawls were luxurious in design, soft, light and warm.

The fine, soft fibers we associate with expensive sweaters and scarves are the down under coat of cashmere producing goats.

The fleece begins growing near the summer solstice and continues till some time after winter solstice when it can be harvested by combing or shearing for an average yield of four to six ounces.

Cashmere producing goats have traditionally been found in Asian countries, however in the 1970's Australians realized their feral goats produced cashmere down, as well. When the Spanish conquistadors arrived in America they brought with them their Spanish meat goats, which have subsequently been bred in America with the imported

Australian goats. The Spanish and Australian goats, in combination or separately, have resulted in high quality cashmere along with excellent meat production.



The Cashmere Goat Show at the VT Sheep and Wool Festival showcases goats from the Northeast and Central Atlantic states. Wendy Pieh is an expert in breeding, raising, evaluating and showing cashmeres. She'll judge our cashmere show **Sunday, October 3rd at 10 AM**. She will evaluate the cashmere goats on a list of characteristics related to fiber and conformation.

The festival offers you a unique opportunity to speak with cashmere breeders and see the many different cashmere goats in a central location.

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## **RULES OF THE SHOW**

- 1. All animals being presented for show must be in good health.**
- 2. To that end the following are necessary:**
  - a. Certificate of health filled out and signed by veterinarian including, Rabies vaccination recommended within 1 year of show date.**
  - b. Scrapie tags MUST be in place for all animals attending this show. This includes animals within VT State. Any questions please check with your vet. The VT State Vet is often at this show checking animals for proper ID.**
  - c. Herd code plus number must be entered on entry form. The herd code is that of the farm where goat was born.**
  - d. Good goat grooming for a show includes hoof trimming and the removal of stained hair. **REMEMBER to bring your goat's fleeces, if available.****
  - e. People showing goats for the first time, sometimes have questions pertaining to proper handling of the animal while being presented to the judge. Please feel free to contact us with questions: [802-684-2293](tel:802-684-2293), [tanneryfarm@gmail.com](mailto:tanneryfarm@gmail.com).**
- 3. All animals shall be inspected upon penning or as soon thereafter as possible. For your convenience the fairgrounds are open until very late**

**(10pm) on Friday Oct. 1st. For your animals' comfort and safety, you may unload your animals into the pens designated for your farm when you arrive.**

**If it is after 6PM on Friday, review of health records will be deferred to Saturday AM. If animals are arriving Saturday, they **MUST** be unloaded and all vehicles removed from the goat area by **9:30 AM**. Please make every effort to meet this deadline.**

**4. We request that animals remain in the pens, on display, until the close of the show on Sunday at 4:00PM. This will provide for a full display on both days, and a better presentation overall. Most shows have this time frame requirement.**

**5. Straw bedding will be provided for the pens.**

**6. Please try and plan to spend some time in the goat area to answer questions the general public may have about Cashmere goats.**

**7. PLEASE DISASSEMBLE PENS AND STACK ON INSIDE OF BUILDING ONCE ANIMALS ARE REMOVED FROM PENS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FESTIVAL. THANK YOU.**

**OTHER THINGS TO KNOW**

**There is the availability of both tent camping and camper hook up at the**

**fairgrounds. There is a charge for RV hook-ups, and **NEW RULES** as follows:**

- 1. No pets**
- 2. No dumping facilities are provided.**
- 3. Camping spaces are ten (10) feet wide. If you have camper or RV with slide outs, you must rent two spaces.**
- 4. Awnings must be five (5) feet away from neighboring awning or camper. If not enough room, you cannot put awnings out all the way or not at all.**
- 5. No liquids of any kind are to be dumped or poured on the ground. Please make sure all hose fittings are tight to prevent leaks or sprays.**
- 6. No open flames (including candles), barbeque or gas grills are allowed.**

**An important item is to secure lodging reservations early as the autumn is a very popular time in the Northeast for "leaf peepers". Hotels and motels book up early.**

**Please make your registration check payable to Eastern Cashmere**

**Association and send with entry form by **September 20th to:****

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**EASTERN CASHMERE ASSOCIATION**  
**Schedule of Events**  
**at the**  
**VERMONT SHEEP AND GOAT FESTIVAL**  
**OCTOBER 2 & 3, 2010**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2nd: Sheep Barn**

1:00 PM Cashmere Fleece Judging with Wendy Pieh

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2nd: Rm. under the Grand Stand**

5:00 PM Eastern Cashmere Association Annual Meeting

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd: Judging Arena**

10:00 AM Cashmere Buck & Wether Show/Judging

1:00 PM Cashmere Doe Show/Judging