

New England North American Cashmere Goat Show
at the Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival
Tunbridge, Vermont
October 1–2, 2022

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHOW

Housing of Goats at the Festival

As you plan how many and which goats to bring, expect that the barn can generally house two doe/wether pens and two buck pens per farm. This number is flexible since we have not filled the barn to capacity in recent years. In most cases anticipate that two does will be comfortable in one pen, though some larger family groups may prefer to be together. Be prepared to tie bucks, aggressive does and/or “jumpers”—especially overnight. They should be accustomed to being tied before the show weekend.

Bedding hay will be provided (the cost is \$4 per bale), but entrants must supply feed stuffs, water buckets, tools for barn clean-up at the end of show, etc. Stalls should be broom-clean upon leaving on Sunday with bedding removed to a compost site near the barns.

Owner/entrants are responsible for appropriate care of their animals through the weekend.

Preparing for the Show

Preparation for show should begin in late winter with the setting aside of the prospective show entrant’s fleece from the past season. Combed fleeces should be reasonably free of excessive vegetative matter but otherwise not dehaired.

The second step is to begin now to bring your goats up to prime condition and to accustom them to walking on a lead. Kids should be weaned from does intended for show at least ten weeks before the show date. They may be housed with their mother at show time, but separation allows the mother to recover from the stress of nursing. Check for worm load and feed carefully to bring bucks and does into condition. Most judges penalize for poor conditioning, but under-conditioned animals may also pick up opportunistic infections under the stress of travel and being housed with other goats in an open barn. Hooves should be trimmed two or three weeks ahead of show to prevent the appearance of tender feet in the ring.

Vermont Health Requirements

All entrants must comply with the Vermont law concerning interstate transport of animals and will be inspected by the CGA Show Staff upon arrival at the fairgrounds. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) of herd and specific animals to be transported, dated within 30 days of the show, is required. The VT Department of Agriculture will provide a Permit to Transport document when your veterinarian registers the CVI with their office (802) 828-2421. The CVI should be brought with you and kept with your goats at the Tunbridge fairgrounds. Goats should be in good health and free of lice, hoof rot, or anything resembling sore mouth. Rabies vaccination is “strongly recommended” but is not required by Vermont Agriculture regulations or Festival organizers.

USDA Scrapie Identification

The CVI requirement includes conformity to rules regarding the unique identification of goats under the guidelines of your home state's scrapie eradication program. The USDA now requires approved animal-specific identification (official ear tag, registry or flock ID tattoo, or microchip associated with a breed registry and documented with a certificate and tattoo. If you have not received ear tags or an identification number for your herd, you should call the appropriate USDA APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) office in your state immediately. If you need assistance in contacting the scrapie eradication program in your state, call 866-873-2824. You may refer to the following link for more information: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/nvap/NVAP-Reference-Guide/Animal-Identification/Sheep-and-Goat-Identification>

You should also consult your veterinarian. Contact Loriann Fell or Elyse Perambo with questions.

Herd Codes

Note that Herd Codes used by CGA custom are different from USDA assigned scrapie numbers or ear tags. Animals are identified through CGA and other cashmere organizations by a three to five letter ID indicating the farm on which they were born. These letters generally precede the goat's name—for example, STC Lizzie. If you buy a cashmere goat and show her, she shows under her farm-of-origin Herd Code. Her children born on your farm show under your Herd Code.

General Information

The Festival website is <https://vtsheepandwoolfest.com/> and contains pertinent travel information, a map of the grounds, workshops offered by the Festival and other information. Festival gates open at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and CGA goats are on display to the public at the Riverside Barn until closing at 5 p.m. on Saturday and 4 p.m. on Sunday. General admission is \$8; children under 12—\$5.

CGA will have free weekend passes for show entrants.

Parking is free but limited to designated areas, with no movement of cars on the fairgrounds during Festival hours. Show Exhibitors may park near the Riverside Barn but may not move their cars while the public is moving about the grounds.

Accommodations

Unfortunately, we were not able to reserve a block of rooms at the Comfort Inn in White River Junction, VT as we have in the past. If you are planning to come to the show, it is important to act quickly, as accommodations are in demand due to the festival, as well as the fall foliage season. Check local directories or Air BnB. This link on the festival website has lodging suggestions: [Directions and Lodging](#). CGA has also reserved accommodations at the Stagecoach Hostel in Vershire, VT. Please contact Loriann if interested.

It is also possible to sleep on the fairgrounds in a tent or camper. Information about camping is available on the festival website, listed above.

Show Organizers

The 2022 show organizers are Loriann Fell and Elyse Perambo. If you have a question, they can be reached by email at [fell.loriann@gmail](mailto:fell.loriann@gmail.com) or by calling (609) 731-6783 (Loriann); (Elyse) [eastmeetswestfamilyfarm@gmail](mailto:eastmeetswestfamilyfarm@gmail.com) or 802-933-2998.