

2002 Proposal (from ISBA) (was defeated and rewritten)

**The International Sable Breeders Association ( ISBA) proposes to the American Dairy Goat Association that the Sable Dairy Goat population be extracted from the Experimental and Grade Experimental registries and placed in a new herdbook developed along the same lines as those currently in use by the LaMancha Dairy Goat.**

**Exact procedures and rules for this herdbook will be outlined later in this proposal.**

**An open herdbook has been chosen for the same reason that an open herdbook was chosen for the LaManchas: Since the herdbook begins with only Americans and with a minimal Purebred Population, a means for developing a Purebred population in a relatively short time is necessary. The open herdbook provides that means without unduly sacrificing the purity of the bloodlines. Since Sables stem from and are a colored variety of Saanens, colored animals of Saanen heritage will always be accepted into the Sable herdbook.**

**However, they will be accepted *only* if (a) they meet the Sable breed standard, and (b) their breeding is entirely Saanen , as evidenced by patents which are either American or Purebred Saanen. These animals will be placed in the Sable herdbook with regard as to which their Saanen parents are Purebreds or Americans, American Sables being designated by generation conforming to Sable Standard in order to breed up to Purebred Status.**

**The proposal for a Sable Herdbook is as follows:**

**1. The Sable herdbook shall consist of Recorded Grade, American and Purebred registries. Rules for acceptance into each of these registries are outline below. 2. Definition of a Sable for purposes of registry [ Breed Standard ]: The Sable Dairy Goat, a color variation of the Saanen breed, either Purebred or American, is the offspring of purebred or American Saanens, Sables, or Experimental ( when wholly purebred or American Saanen bloodlines) The Sable coat and/or markings may vary from solid tan to darker colors, patterns, or combinations, including white where such is not the only color. The minimum height and weight standards are: does- height 30", weight 135 lb.; bucks- height 32", weight 170 lb. Their hair is short; ears should be erect and alertly carried, preferably pointing forward. The face should be straight or dished. 3. Current registries: Sables are currently registered/recorded as Experimental or Grade Experimental.**

**Experimental are of 100% AS or 100% S parentage, but many have been regulated to 50% AS\* status, with higher percentages occurring on ADGA registration papers with the breeding of Experimental Sables to each other. Grade Experimental Sables have less than 87.5% documented Saanen heritage. Sables are also registered with AGS as Sable Saanens when Purebred. (\* Clarification: In the 1950's, ADGA made the decision to put Sables into the Grade Herdbook and automatically relegate their percentage of Saanen blood to 50%, which was recorded on registrations as 50% AS regardless of whether they were actually Purebred or American Saanen heritage. Currently the blood percentage can easily be determined on the Sables' pedigrees by the "S" or "AS" on the Saanen ancestors' registration numbers.) 4. Designation: The coded designation for Sables shall be a "C"**

preceding the registration number.5. Extraction: These animals will be the foundation animals for the Sable herdbook:

a. In the current Experimental registry, any Sables recorded as "50% AS" or higher percentage born out of purebred Saanens will be designated as "100% C".b. In the Experimental registry, Sables currently recorded as "50%AS" born out of American Saanens will be designated as "100% AC."c. Animals meeting both (1) the breed standard for Sables and (2) the breeding up standard for ADGA with 87.5% for does and 93.75% for bucks of Saanen and/or Sable heritage and that are currently registered with ADGA as Experimental or Grade Experimental but are not Purebreds, will be extracted from the Experimental and Grade Experimental registries and placed in the American Sable herdbook.d. Animals which are registered as Grade Experimental and are at least 50% but less than 87.5% Saanen and which meet the Sable breed standard shall be designated as Sable, and their percentage designation shall be changed from 50% Saanen to indicate the correct percentage Sable.

e. Sables which are currently registered as Experimental and are actually less than 87.5% Saanen heritage will remain in the Experimental herdbook as Grade Sable, but their offspring may be "upgraded" into the American Sable herdbook by the correct number of consecutive generations of breeding to American or Purebred Sable or Saanen bucks or does.

6. After the initial extraction and change over which established the foundation animals for the Sable herdbook, the following rules for registration shall be used:

a. Colored offspring of two Purebred Saanen goats can be registered as Purebred Sables.b. Colored offspring of two Purebred Sable goats can be registered as Purebred Sables.c. Colored offspring of two American Saanen goats can be registered as first-generation American Sablesd.

Colored offspring of a Purebred Saanen and an American Saanen goat can be registered as first generation American Sable.e. Colored offspring of two first generation American Sables or first generation American Sable and a purebred Sable can be registered as a second-generation American Sable.f. Colored offspring of 2 second generation American Sables can be registered as third generation American Sables.g. Succeeding colored offspring will have the generation recorded until colored offspring of 2 ( both) American Sables or an American Sable and a Purebred Sable can be registered as Purebred Sables if all animals in their pedigree for six (6) generations back are Saanen or Sable ONLY.h.

Colored offspring of two different generations of American Sables can be registered as one more than the smaller of the two parental generations.i. White offspring of Purebred or American Sables will be put into the Experimental registry and be registered with the percentage of their breed indicated.j. Colored offspring of a white offspring of an American Sable with an "E" on its pedigree and designated as 100% American Sable can be registered as a Purebred Sable.k. Colored offspring of a white offspring of an American Sable with an "E" on its pedigree and designated as 100% American Sable can be registered as a first generation Sable with the generation in parentheses following the registration number.

l. A Saanen that has been registered as a Purebred or American Saanen but that develops noticeable color or patterns after initial registry can be reregistered as a Sable with the appropriate color description and the age of the animal when color changed.

**m. A Sable that is less than the required height and weight will not be admitted into the registry.**