

**Alternate Proposal To
The Sable Breed Proposal
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It is proposed to the American Dairy Goat Association that the population of Sable Dairy Goats, currently recognized as a color variation of the Saanen breed, be extracted from the Experimental and Grade Experimental herdbooks and be placed in a new set of herdbooks, developed along lines parallel to those currently in use for the LaMancha breed. Procedures and rules for population and maintenance of the proposed herdbooks are outlined below.

Since the proposed extraction into the Sable herdbooks will yield primarily Grade and American Sables with a limited Purebred population, an open Purebred herdbook was chosen as the method to populate that herdbook, similar to the method used by the LaMancha breed. Since Sables stem from and are in fact a colored variation of Saanens, colored animals of Saanen heritage will always be accepted into the the Sable herdbooks by identifying those colored Saanen animals and tracking them and their offspring through the Experimental and Grade Experimental herdbooks. Their ancestors will be accepted into the various Sable herdbooks if and when they meet Sable Breed standards and percentages of known ancestry for the appropriate number of consecutive generations. It is further proposed that white offspring of Sable parents be likewise identified and tracked through the Experimental and Grade Experimental herdbooks, thus allowing a migration path from Saanen to Sable and back to Saanen, or the reverse provided that sufficient generations and breed standards have been met for the breed in question.

The proposal for structure of the Sable herdbooks is as follows: 1. The Sable Breed Standard shall be as follows:

The Sable Dairy Goat originated as a color variety of the Saanen breed. The Sable is medium to large in size with rugged bone and plenty of vigor. Does should be feminine, however, and not coarse. Mature does must be at least 30 inches (76cm) in height and weigh at least 135 pounds (61.36 kg). Mature bucks must be at least 32 inches (81cm) in height and weigh at least 170 pounds (77.27kg). Their hairs is short; ears should be erect and alertly carried, preferably pointing forward. The face should be straight or dished. The Sable Dairy Goat, either Purebred or American, must be the offspring of Purebred or American Sables or the ancestral offspring of Purebred or American Saanens or Experimental (when identified as colored offspring of Purebred or American Saanen bloodlines). The Sable must also meet the color requirements for the breed: a Sable may be any color or combinations of color, solid or patterned, EXCEPT solid white or light cream. This would include goats who are basically white but have dark spots, ticking, etc., which would preclude them from entry into the Saanen herdbooks.

2. Current registry status: Sables are currently registered/recorded as Experimental or Grade Experimental with at least 50% Saanen heritage. 3. The Sable registry shall consist

of Recorded Grade, American and Purebred herdbooks. Rules for acceptance into each of these herdbooks is outlined below.

4. Extraction of animals from existing herdbooks:

A. Foundation animals for the Sable herdbooks are those animals in the Experimental and/or Grade Experimental herdbooks and which meet the color standard for the Sable breed. The number of consecutive generations meeting Sable breed standard shall be identified and stored with each animal.

B. Such identified and coded does which are at least 50% Saanen heritage but less than 87.5% Saanen heritage, which meet the color requirement of the Sable breed may be extracted from the Grade Experimental and/or Experimental herdbooks at the direction of their breeders or owners and placed in the Grade Sable Herdbook.

C. Such identified and coded does which are at least 87.5% Saanen heritage and have met the required three generations of Sable coloring may be extracted from the Experimental and/or Grade Experimental herdbooks at the direction of their breeders or owners and placed in the American Sable herdbook.

D. Such identified and coded bucks which are at least 92.75% Saanen heritage, which meet the color requirement of the Sable breed AND are offspring of does identified and coded in paragraph 4C. above may be extracted from the Experimental and/or Grade Experimental herdbooks at the direction of their breeders or owners and placed in the American Sable herdbook.

E. Such does identified and coded which are registered as 100% Saanen heritage, are the offspring of does in section 4C. above, meet the color requirements of the Sable breed AND have met at least six generations of Sable coloring may be extracted from the Experimental herdbook at the direction of their breeders or owners and placed in the Purebred Sable herdbook.

F. Such bucks identified and coded which are registered as 100% Saanen heritage, are the offspring of does in section 4C. above AND meet the the color requirements of the Sable breed may be extracted from the Experimental herdbook at the direction of their breeders or owners and placed in the Purebred Sable herdbook.

G. This extraction process will be continuous and ongoing. As additional generations of Experimental animals are born, they will be evaluated and extracted into the Grade Sable, American Sable or Purebred Sable herdbooks as appropriate, according to the rules as defined in 4 A. through 4F. above.

5. After the initial extraction process, which will establish functional entry into the Purebred Sable herdbook the following shall be used: Animals may be registered in this section of the herdbook when they qualify under any of the following provisions:

A. The continuing extraction of Purebred Sable animals from the Experimental herdbook as noted and defined in 4A. through 4G. above.

B. All Sable dairy Goats born after 1/01/2004 which meet breed standards and have three generations of American Sable ancestors, each generation in turn meeting breed standards, will be entered into an open Purebred Sable Herdbook.

C. Animals meeting breed standards and whose sire and dam are both registered as Purebred Sables will also be registered as Purebred Sables.

D. Rules 2 through 9 for registration of Purebred dairy goats shall apply.

6. Rules for entry into the American Sable Herdbook are as follows: Animals may be registered in this section of the herdbook when they qualify under any of the following provisions:

A. The continuing extraction of American Sable animals from the Experimental and Grade Experimental herdbooks as noted and defined in 4A. through 4G. above. B. When the sire and the dam are registered as American Sables. C. When one parent is an American Sable and the other is a purebred Sable. D. Females only can be registered as American Sable and the other is a purebred Sable, American or Purebred Sable and the dam is a 3/4 or higher Sable in the Grade, Grade Experimental or Experimental herdbook. The doe to be registered, as well as her sire, dam and her paternal and maternal grandparents must meet correct Sable breed standards.

E. Females only can be registered as American Sables when the sire is an American or Purebred Sable and the dam is a 3/4 or higher Sable, or 3/4 or higher total of the combination of Sable and Saanen heritage in the Experimental or Grade Experimental herdbooks. The doe to be registered, as well as her sire, dam and her paternal and maternal grandparents must meet correct Sable breed standards.

7. Rules for entry into the Grade Sable herdbook are the same as those for the LaMancha breed, substituting the word Sable for the word LaMancha. In addition to these rules, Grade Sables can be recorded from the continuing extraction of Grade Sables from the Grade Experimental and/or Experimental herdbooks as defined in rules 4A through 4G above. 8. Under Registration of American Saanens (Section VIII F5e) VIII F5.f Females only can be registered when the sire is an American or Purebred Saanen and the dam is a 3/4 or higher Saanen, or 3/4 or higher total of the combination of Saanen and Sable Heritage in the Experimental or Grade Experimental herdbooks and whose parents and grandparents are of correct Saanen type, white in color (dark ticking and cream cast allowed) (See Note 1) 9. In addition, the following additions need to be made for completeness after the acceptance of the Sable breed:

A. In section VIII A1., add and Purebred Sable after the words Purebred LaMancha. B. A list of breed specific defects and disqualification's for Sable bucks and does need to be developed prior to allowing Sables to show in other than Grade Classes (Experimental). C. Information on the Sable breed standard needs to be inserted between VIII A9e and f., Rules for Registration of Purebred Dairy Goats.

D. The word Sable needs to be inserted as appropriate throughout the Guidebook. Unless it can be shown that AGS rules and/or individual animals conform to ADGA rules for entry into the American or Purebred Sable Herdbooks, including color and generation requirements, Sables registered with AGS should not be automatically accepted for registry by ADGA.